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CHAMBER VOTES IN OPPOSITION TO MAIL DELIVERY

Sees Loss to Business Concerns if People Not Required to Come Downtown for Mail

U. S. TO MAKE SURVEY

Despite the fact that a referendum conducted a few years ago on the subject of city delivery of mail in Southern Pines showed an overwhelming majority against it, the matter is up again. Word was received by Postmaster Frank Buchan recently that a Postoffice Department inspector would be here soon to make a survey of the town to determine the need and cost of house to house delivery of mail.

As it did on the previous occasion when the subject was up, the Chamber of Commerce went on record at a meeting of directors held Tuesday at Jack's Grill as opposed to city delivery. The Chamber takes the stand that business is aided by the necessary trip to the postoffice once or twice a day by residents of Southern Pines. In many instances the procuring of the mail is the only thing that brings people to the business district. Once downtown they do a little shopping which, were their mail delivered to their homes, they would not do. It is also maintained that the postoffice is a general meeting place for "the folks," a wholesome forum for general discussion and chat when they are awaiting their mail.

The opposition to mail delivery is not carried into the express package field, however. There appears to be strong sentiment in the city for express deliveries, but to date all efforts to bring this about have met with the statement on the part of the express company that business here does not warrant the maintenance of the necessary trucks and the employment of the necessary carriers to install the system. Winter business might warrant the cost of express delivery, but the budget would necessarily have to be based on year 'round business.

Chamber directors heard a financial report of the Spring Blossom Festival which revealed a small deficit still existing after giving effect to the benefit performance at the Carolina Theatre last week. Plans for raising this money were made.

V. F. Tarlton, Aberdeen Jeweler, Dies Suddenly

Resident Here for 20 Years Leaves Large Family and Wide Circle of Friends

V. F. Tarlton, one of Aberdeen's most beloved citizens, a resident there for some 20 years, died last Friday night at his home. Apparently in good health at noon, he suffered an acute attack of angina pectoris in his jewelry store in the afternoon and passed away about 8 o'clock that evening.

Mr. Tarlton and his family came to Aberdeen from Anson county, and had endeared themselves to a wide circle of friends. Evidence of the esteem in which he was held was seen in the throng which attended the funeral services at the Aberdeen Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. E. O. Kellar of Cameron was the officiating clergyman, and the following served as active bearers: H. T. Morgan, Gordon Keith, Jack Taylor, William Maurer, Malcolm Pleasants and Charlie Pleasants. Thirty-two prominent residents of the section served as honorary bearers.

Mr. Tarlton is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Ed Helms of Sanford, Mrs. E. H. Pickler and Mrs. W. K. Carpenter of Pinebluff, James Tarlton of Portland, Indiana, Richard Tarlton of Southern Pines and Sam and T. J. Tarlton of Aberdeen.

ALFRED MOORE CHAPTER TO MEET TUESDAY, MAY 14

The Alfred Moore Chapter, D. A. R., will meet Tuesday, May 14, at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. J. L. McGraw in Carthage with Mrs. J. A. Davis assisting. All visiting Daughters are invited to attend.

Vass Election "On"

Town Gets Copy of Charter and Will Elect Mayor and Board Monday

Vass is all set for the election of a mayor and three commissioners on next Monday, May 6. A copy of the town charter has been procured from Raleigh to take the place of the missing one, and notices stating that Ben H. Wood, Registrar, would be in his office on April 27 to May 4 to register new voters were posted several days ago.

The present officers are H. A. Borst, Mayor, and A. M. Cameron, L. H. Furr and W. D. Smith, Commissioners. Mayor Borst declines to run for another term.

CHAPIN HOUSE IN PINEHURST SOLD TO G. H. BETTS

Important Transaction Tops Off Active Season in Real Estate Here

MID-PINES BUYS LAND

One of the largest real estate transactions in Pinehurst this season was consummated this week by the L. L. Biddle, II agency, the sale of "Tassel Pines," attractive residence built some three years ago for S. B. Chapin of New York and Pinehurst, to Mr. and Mrs. George H. Betts of New York and Spring Lake, N. J.

This house, situated near the Carolina Hotel, contains five master bedrooms, with four baths, and three servants room and bath. Mr. and Mrs. Betts, who have been spending winters in Pinehurst for some time, though always in the past leasing cottages for their stay here, will take immediate possession.

A sale of property was also reported this week by the Town of Southern Pines to the Homeland Investment Company of Durham of the town's old water site, part of the former Von Herff land near the Mid-Pines Club, which the Homeland company owns. The deal, consummated through Mr. Biddle, involves about 14 acres of land. It is understood the Mid-Pines Club plans to make a lake development of the property.

Active Realty Market

Pinehurst and vicinity have had an active winter season in the realty market. Early in the season Francis Rober'son purchased the Merrill house for a winter home, and J. P. Stockton of New York acquired from the James Barber estate the house known as "Morganton," one of the attractive homes of Pinehurst. Mr. (Please turn to page 4)

School Music Festival Wednesday Afternoon

All Grades and Combined Clubs to Take Part in Southern Pines Program

The annual Music Festival of the Southern Pines public school will take place in the high school auditorium next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The program will consist of songs by all the grades, rounds of three and four parts, singing games, costume songs, and choruses by the boys' glee club, girls' glee club, and the combined glee clubs. There will also be several piano solos by pupils of Frederick Stanley Smith.

An added feature will be the singing of several numbers by the Lyric Club, an organization of ten high school girls, whose recent concert at the Highland Pines Inn elicited much favorable comment. The entire program will be given under the direction of Mr. Smith, public school music supervisor, recently elected president of the Music Division of the N. C. State Educational Association. Mr. Smith will be assisted by Miss Selma Stegall.

The concert is free to the public and the parents and friends of the school children are urged to attend. The program will begin precisely at 3:30 p. m.

3 CAUGHT AFTER ATTEMPT TO ROB ABERDEEN STORE

Capture of Gang Believed to Have Solved Series of Re- cent Burglaries

ESCAPED CONVICT LEADER

Theodore Coleman, escaped convict and reputed leader of a band of Negro desperadoes who have been committing a series of hold-ups and robberies in the Fayetteville section for around two months and who have twice visited Aberdeen in connection with their unlawful business, was jailed in Carthage on Monday along with Lonnie Williams, another member of the gang, James Anderson, a third member, was placed in the Hoke county jail at Raeford.

The men were captured after they had fled from the vicinity of the Standard Store in Aberdeen where they were discovered loading merchandise into a new Ford V-8 which they are alleged to have stolen from Rose Hill.

The smashing of plate glass aroused the suspicions of Operator Elvyn Capps at the Seaboard station in Aberdeen about 4 o'clock Monday morning, and he ran out of his office in time to see three Negroes emerging from the entrance to the Standard Store across the street. Capps turned in the police alarm, but the robbers, evidently frightened by the noise of the falling glass, hurriedly drove away in their car.

Officer Opens Fire

When they returned later for their loot, the men were fired upon by Officer Dees. They fled, but the officer and a hastily summoned posse succeeded in capturing two of the men and the third was later taken at Montrose, where he was hunting a doctor to dress his hands which he confessed had been injured in breaking into the store. A large number of dresses, hats and men's trousers were among the goods taken from the Standard Store.

More than a week ago the gang, it is alleged, stole a Chevrolet car from the Chevrolet sales room in Aberdeen. On Saturday night they are thought to have robbed a wholesale house in Fayetteville. Sheriff McDonald with other officers visited Fayetteville and a number of other towns in that section on Monday in order to check up on the gang's operations.

From information received it appears that the gang formerly numbered five or six men. Two are in jail in Lumberton and it is said that one member was slain in Red Springs in a filling station robbery by a member of his own gang.

Sheriff McDonald plans to have the men tried in Superior Court in this county at the May term for the Moore county offenses before they face the murder, highway robber and breaking and entering charges that await them in other counties.

13 Officers Capture Alleged Bank Bandit

Man Believed to Have Robbed Mail Carrier and Biscoe Bank is Jailed

Bill King, alias Jack Nelson, alias Howard King, wanted for the robbery with firearms of John Monroe, Eagle Springs mail carrier, and for robbing the bank at Biscoe, is in jail in Troy, the combination of thirteen officers and Friday, the "double-thirtieth" day of April, being too much for him.

King was surrounded in the woods some five miles east of Seagrove last Friday by Sheriff C. J. McDonald, Officers Grimm, Slack and Lambert of Moore, Deputy Marshal Stevens, Sheriff Bruton and the members of his force from Montgomery county, Sheriff King of Randolph and a couple of policemen from Asheboro. King was armed with a pistol, but no shots were fired.

Sheriff McDonald plans to bring the men to this county soon for a preliminary hearing and they will be tried in the May term of Superior court.

Southern Pines Mayoralty Candidates



DORSEY G. STUTZ



GEORGE W. CASE

Trouble Maker, Famed Sandhills Trained Steeplechaser, is Killed

Sales Taxes

Moore County Paid in Total of \$34,800 First Nine Months of Year

A total of \$34,800.09 in sales tax was collected in Moore county the first nine months of the current fiscal year, figures from the State Department of Revenue reveal. Figures for nearby counties show Lee as paying the highest toll, \$52,687.07.

SPENCE ON NEW BOARD TO CONTROL STATE SANATORIA

One of Five Members of General Assembly Named by Gov. Ehringhaus

Five members of the General Assembly, three physicians, one banker and a woman were named on the combined board to control the North Carolina Sanatorium and the Western North Carolina Sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis, by Governor Ehringhaus.

In the executive session Monday afternoon the Senate confirmed the appointments of 10 members of the board of 12 and granted the Governor power to appoint the remaining two members later, after the site for the new sanatorium in Western North Carolina has been selected. The Governor explained that he wished to select members close to the site.

Those named by the Governor were Senator L. Lee Gravely of Rocky Mount, Representative E. A. Rasberry of Snow Hill, Robert M. Hanes, Winston-Salem banker and a former member of the General Assembly, and Representative R. L. Harris of Roxboro, for six year terms; Dr. Thuman Kitchen of Wake Forest, Representative Laurie McEachern of Raeford, Dr. J. W. McGee of Reidsville, and Senator U. L. Spence of Carthage, for four year terms; and Dr. J. R. Terry of Lexington and Mrs. Max Payne of Greensboro, for two year terms.

Of the new board, Senator Spence and Mrs. Payne are members of the present board of directors of the State Sanatorium. The Western North Carolina Sanatorium was created by legislative act at this session of the General Assembly, which authorized a \$250,000 bond issue for its construction, and by subsequent act, the bonds of the two institutions were consolidated.

Senator Gravely and Representative Rasberry were leaders in the fight for the enactment of legislation creating a new sanatorium. Representative Rasberry was co-author with Representative W. R. Clegg of Carthage of the measure.

The site for the new sanatorium will be selected early this summer by a committee of three members.

Turns Somersault and Suffers Broken Neck in Maryland Hunt Cup Race, Laing Unhurt

Trouble Maker, most distinguished equine winter resident of the Sandhills, was killed in the annual running of the Maryland Hunt Cup steeplechase, on the outskirts of Baltimore, last Saturday. Striking a timber fence solidly with both front legs, old "Trouble" turned a complete somersault and suffered a broken neck. His rider and trainer, Noel Laing of Southern Pines, was thrown clear and uninjured.

Mrs. T. H. Somerville's famous steeplechaser won the event which eventually proved his nemesis, in 1932, establishing the record for the Maryland Hunt course, stiffest in America. His time was 8 minutes, 51.6 seconds for the four mile, 22-jump course. Mrs. W. Austin Wadsworth's Hotspur II won last Saturday in 9 minutes, 12.3 seconds, with Captain Kettle, winner in 1933 and 1934 a close second. In the running of the Maryland a year ago Trouble Maker was spiked by an upright post at one of the jumps and finished with a deep open wound in his chest.

Young Laing had Trouble Maker in training here all this winter, and he was in fine condition for last week's classic. At the time of the mishap he was running third, going strong and still well in the race. The famous animal is one of the few American-bred horses ever to finish in England's most important steeplechase event, the Grand National, Laing riding him to 11th position at Aintree in 1933.

In his day he had won practically every leading timber race in America, among them The Carolina Cup at Camden, S. C., the Meadowbrook on Long Island and the Jersey Cup which he captured last season in a close race with Chariteer, the horse which won the Sandhills Cup here this spring. Of Trouble Maker Murray Tynan, writing in Monday's New York Herald Tribune, said:

"Trouble Maker, perhaps the best timber horse ever developed in America, is gone. He was an outstanding horse for the last five years."

One of the sad things about Saturday's tragic event was that this was to be Trouble Maker's last race. Mrs. Somerville planned to present him to Laing after the race, to be honorably retired from racing after a memorable career. Trouble Maker was 12 years old.

HIGH SCHOOL HI-Y CLUB TO HOLD UNION SERVICES

The local chapter of the Southern Pines High School Hi-Y Club will conduct Union Services at the Southern Pines Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. They will be assisted by the High School Glee Club under the direction of Frederick Stanley Smith.

The local Hi-Y has planned to make the conducting of church services a major part of its yearly program. This year the services will be conducted by David Prillaman, Harold Fowler and William Winter with R. B. Freeman as director.

Case Out For Mayor Against Dorsey Stutz

Contest Develops on Eve of To- night's Caucus; Eleven Men- tioned for Town Board

EXCITEMENT ANTICIPATED

On the eve of Southern Pines caucus for the nomination of a ticket for next Tuesday's municipal election report was current on the streets yesterday afternoon that the name of George W. Case, one of the present members of the Board of Commissioners, would be presented for Mayor. Up to yesterday no opposition to the present incumbent, Dorsey G. Stutz, had been reported. It is understood Mr. Case granted permission yesterday for the presenting of his names before the caucus.

With rival candidates in the field for Mayor and the possibility of eleven candidates for the board of five commissioners, tonight's meeting in the High School Auditorium, scheduled for 8 o'clock, bids fair to attract a full house and develop some real excitement. Early in the week The Pilot received the following communication signed by Mayor Stutz and the present commission, comprising L. V. O'Callaghan, Charles S. Patch, George W. Case, A. B. Yeomans and Frank Welch, Jr.:

"Friday, May 3d, the voters of Southern Pines will meet at the School Auditorium to name their candidates for Mayor and five commissioners to serve the next two years. It is the duty of every voter interested in the welfare of Southern Pines to attend this meeting and express his choice of the commissioners who will govern Southern Pines.

"If the present administration has met with your approval it is your duty to express it at the caucus and we urge every voter to be present Friday evening."

Numerous Candidates

From this it is assumed, and generally understood, that the names of all five present commissioners will be presented for renomination. How Mr. Case's decision to stand for the mayoralty nomination will affect this remains to be seen. In addition to these five, The Pilot hears of the following names that will be offered for the board: E. C. Stevens, insurance and real estate man and a former commissioner; Harry A. Lewis, merchant and a former president of the Chamber of Commerce; Dr. L. M. Daniels, dentist; Herbert Cameron, Sinclair Oil distributor; W. L. Baker, grocer, and possibly Dr. William C. Mudgett, former commissioner.

The caucus will officially nominate a complete ticket which in all probability will be the ticket elected at the polls next Tuesday. Seldom are tickets thrown together at the eleventh hour in opposition to the caucus ticket victorious at the polls. So tonight's caucus will see the real battle rather than the election Tuesday.

Street gossip has it that there will be some changes made in the present commission, but no ones dares predict with any degree of certainty which of the present board will be shunted aside or who will be the chosen successors.

Mr. Case has been active in the Chamber of Commerce during the past year, serving as a director and as chairman of its finance committee. He was also treasurer of the Sp. Pig Blossom Festival this year. He has been a member of the Board of Commissioners for the past two terms. In the last county election he was the Republican candidate for judge of the (Please turn to page 5)

PHYSICIANS AND BANKERS CONVENE HERE THIS WEEK

Two leading State organizations will hold their annual conventions in Pinehurst this week, making the Carolina Hotel their headquarters. The North Carolina Medical Society will meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; the N. C. Bankers Association on Thursday and Friday. Extensive plans have been made for the entertainment of the visitors.