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COMMISSIONERS SET TENTATIVE BUDGET, 1936-37

Rates Slightly Increased To
Take Care of Added Nec-
essary Expenditures

TAX SALE IN SEPTEMBER

After a lengthy discussion and a thorough consideration of the county's various requirements, the county commissioners on Monday at their regular meeting ordered the publication of a tentative budget of 79 cents for the year 1936-37. This is an increase of six cents over the present tax rate.

On account of the tremendous demand for aid for the poor and needy of the county and the necessary increase in the appropriation for the schools, it was found by the commissioners that this rate was as small as it was possible to make it even with the lowering of the administrative costs which was decided upon.

Some enlargements to school buildings must be made and termmites have gotten in their destructive work in at least one school building in the county making it imperative that a sizeable sum be spent in reflooring the damaged part.

W. T. Huntley, tax collector, was authorized to advertise all unpaid taxes for the year 1935 to be sold on the first Monday in September.

Other Business Transacted

The Board authorized a committee composed of W. H. Currie, John Muse and S. R. Hoyle to arrange with U. L. Spence to present Moore County's claims to the State Highway Commission for a refund of highway equipment and road improvement money or bonds advanced by the county.

Rev. L. M. Hall presented to the Board a deed from Mrs. Anna O. McClachlin of a tract of lots in Pinebluff for use by scouts, 4-H clubs, and work of that type for Moore county. The deed was accepted as presented and the following scout masters, the Rev. E. L. Barber, W. E. Hardison and the Rev. L. M. Hall, and their successors in office as scout masters were appointed trustees with full authority to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the handling and conduct of said property.

Reports of Miss Flora McDonald, home demonstration agent, and Mrs. Lessie Brown, welfare worker, were heard and approved.

The clerk was instructed to request *(Please turn to page 5)*

Aberdeen Announces School Opening Dates

Several New Teachers For Faculty for Next Term; Opening September 7th

Aberdeen schools will open for the 1936 Fall term on Monday September 7th, according to a report this week from R. C. Zimmerman, principal. The first day will be run on regular schedule for the full day and children are asked to be prepared for a full day's work.

A list of the teachers is as follows: Mrs. Ralph M. Caldwell, Sr., Aberdeen, first grade; Miss Laivora Sally, Pinehurst, second grade; Miss Rebecca Cook, Boston, Ga., third grade; Miss Estelle Johnson, Cumnock, fourth grade; Miss Mary Ellen Yelverton, Farmville, fifth grade; Miss Nettie Allen Latta, S. C., sixth grade; Mrs. Kate Charles, Aberdeen, sixth grade; and Miss Vanessa McLean, Aberdeen, seventh grade. In the High School are J. C. Robbins, Jamestown, English and athletic directors; Miss Cliffe Williams, Henderson, Mathematics and French; Miss Anne Coppedge, Spring Hope, Science; and R. C. Zimmerman, principal.

In the grammar grades Miss Johnson will have charge of Music appreciation; Miss Yelverton of art in addition to their regular grade work. Both have had experience in teaching public school music.

Whatever changes that may have been made by the State Department Surveyor of truck routes has not yet been announced. It is hoped that little or no changes is contemplated as the trucks are running on minimum mileage.

Chas. R. Capps, 65, S. A. L. Official Retired, Passes Away in Virginia

President's Menu?

Roosevelt Recipient of Bushel
Sandhills Finest Peaches
from State Representative

It wouldn't be hard to guess what President Roosevelt has been having for breakfast these last few mornings—or luncheon or dinner, either. For, he was the recipient this week of a bushel of the Sandhills finest peaches— from none other than Moore County's next Representative at the State Legislature, Hawley Poole, who is also one of the largest peach growers anywhere in this section.

The peaches were expertly selected, wrapped in cellophane and made a noteworthy package from the Peach Paradise to our nation's leader.

TOWN'S OLDEST CITIZEN, AGE 83, PASSES TUESDAY

Richard Salter Marks, with Family Settled in Southern Pines in the Early Eighties

FUNERAL YESTERDAY

Funeral services conducted by the Rev. L. H. Hall, of Aberdeen, and assisted by the Rev. J. Fred Stimson were held at his late residence, 7 West Vermont avenue, at 11:00 o'clock yesterday morning for Richard Salter Marks, aged 83 years, who died at noon Tuesday. With his death passed the oldest settler and citizen of Southern Pines, a man noted for his honesty, attention to business, and unassuming friendliness. Descended from a long line of Colonial ancestors long settled in Bladen county, he was born on his father's plantation in Chatham county on the north side of the Cape Fear river just above the confluence of the Deep and Haw rivers, on November 30, 1843, the son of Richard Salter Marks and Eliza Jane Brown Marks.

Mr. Marks with his wife and infant son came to Shaw's Ridge, as the site of Southern Pines was then known, in the winter of 1881-2, and became a foreman for the firm of Buchan and Bland who were then engaged in lumbering off the forest of long leaf pines on a tract extending from the Seaboard tracks to the old Peedee road. With the advent of John T. Patrick and the beginnings of the village, he was the owner of a plot extending from the present Rhode Island avenue down West Broad street as far as Hayes' store, and westward to Bennett street and beyond. He was then living in a small house, now a part of the C. T. Patch residence, but soon began farming on an extensive acreage now comprised in the Mid Pines club and Judge Way's property.

As Southern Pines began to grow he operated one of the first general stores in a small structure located on Bennett street but his real vocation was farming and fruit culture, and the raspberries and strawberries raised in his gardens were always eagerly sought, as were the products of his farm at the head of the Rockfish.

He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Miss Genevive, a graduate of Salem College and a son by his first wife, Durward Marks, who for a number of years has been a resident of Trenton, N. J.; one sister Mrs. Ora Utley, of Corinth; a brother, A. H. Marks, and a half brother, C. C. Harrington.

Following the services at the home members of the family and many friends attended the last ceremonies at the grave at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. Frank Darling of Los Angeles, California, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Thos. B. Smith on Illinois Ave.

Veteran Railroad Man Well-Known in Sandhills; Member S. A. L. Golf Ass'n. for Years

FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Norfolk, Va., for Charles R. Capps who died at his home in Norfolk last Friday, July 31st. The Rev. E. Ruffin Jones officiated at the services.

Mr. Capps was born in Princess Anne county, March 4th, 1871, the son of Leonard O. and Mary D. James Capps. Educated at Roanoke College he entered the service of the Seaboard and Roanoke railroad, then the Seaboard Air Line as messenger and in the space of seven years rose to the position of general freight agent.

Ill health led to his retirement on July 16th as chief traffic officer of the Seaboard Air Line railroad, a position next to the receivers. He had served this line for 48 years, his entire railroad career rising from the position of messenger to first vice-president.

Mr. Capps in his official capacity, and as an officer of the Seaboard Golf Association made many friends in the Sandhills territory and the news of his passing was received with much regret.

He is survived by one sister, Miss Fannie M. Capps of Portsmouth, Va., two half sisters, Mrs. Victor Boatwright, Portsmouth and Miss Adele Walker, Montclair, N. J.; and three half brothers, Harry S. Walker, Omaha, Neb., James L. Walker, Norfolk, Va., and Robert S. Walker, Atlanta, Ga.

Veterans Future Wars Hold Initial Meeting

Sandhills Post Meeting Opened by Cadwallader Benedict. Rev. Stimson Speaks

The first meeting of the Veterans of Future Wars, Sandhills Post, was held at the home of Stuart Cameron last Tuesday night at which time several new members were signed up.

The meeting opened with Cadwallader Benedict of Pinebluff giving a short talk explaining the aims and objectives of the organization to the members, after which there was open discussion and questioning by those present in doubt as to various points. These were duly explained and answered by Mr. Benedict. Copies of the Manifesto were distributed and commented upon with the observation made that it was written before the bonus was paid. Mr. Benedict again pointed out that the present objectives of the organization is the getting of a more and reasonable pension from the government for the widows and orphans of the last war.

The speaker of the evening was the Rev. J. Fred Stimson who gave a talk on the horrors and unreasonableness of war and the fact that the next war will undoubtedly go a long way towards wiping out civilization. Mr. Stimson said he was greatly in favor of any movement to promote peace without pacifism, and that we had in our hands a great opportunity for sane and clear thinking for the good of the world.

The meeting shortly afterwards adjourned to be held two weeks from Tuesday, August 18. There was a general spirit of enthusiasm among the members for the new organization and the hope expressed that it may continue its growth and purpose.

JIM PLEASANTS HERE TUESDAY

Friends of James Pleasants, merrily known as "Jim," were delighted to see him in town the first of this week, accompanied by Mrs. Pleasants. Mr. Pleasants was seriously injured in an automobile accident in April and, after his dismissal from the Moore County Hospital, has been recuperating at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Frank Blue of Burlington. He expects to return to his duties in the Resettlement Administration at Hoffman in the near future.

ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT FOR SCHOOLS IN PINEHURST

Entire School District to be Run Separately from State Department. Morton Superintendent

TEACHERS NAMED

Along with an increasing number of other schools in the State, the Pinehurst Public Schools have been set up as an Administrative Unit by the State School Commission, according to W. P. Morton, principal of the Pinehurst Schools for a number of years. Mr. Morton has been elected Superintendent of the new unit and he will have direct supervision of the Pinehurst White Schools, the Academy Heights Colored School and the Eastwood Colored School. All three of these schools are in the Pinehurst District.

The opening date for the Fall term has been set for Monday, September 7th with practically the same faculty as last year. The increased average attendance gives the Pinehurst white school an additional teacher. Lacy Adcox of Pinebluff, a Davidson graduate of two years experience, has been elected to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of A. C. Hall, who has accepted a position in the Lexington, Ky., high school. The services of Miss Elmer May of Boone have been acquired for the Opportunity department. She comes highly recommended.

The complete teacher list follows: Miss Sara Cobb, first grade; Miss Evelyn Gillam, first and second grades; Miss Lillian Moore, second grade; Miss Velma Smith, third grade; Miss Elmer May, Opportunity room, Miss Vesta Young, fourth grade; Miss Eunice Gibson, fifth grade; Miss Edna Best, sixth grade. Departmental work will be done in the seventh grade by the seventh grade teacher and the high school teachers. In the high school are Lacy Adcox, Mathematics and Science; W. L. Cunningham, English and History; Miss Virginia Simkins, English, French and Latin; Miss Callie Jones, English and Science; Mrs. Robert Shaw, Jr., Home Economics and Living. *(Please turn to page 4)*

Legion to Meet at Hut Next Tuesday

Rassie Wicker, New Commander, to be Installed; Other Business Transactions

The Sandhills Post No. 134 of the American Legion will hold its meeting in the new clubhouse next Thursday evening, August 13 at eight o'clock. The new Commander, Rassie E. Wicker of Pinehurst and other officers elected will be installed at that time. All veterans are cordially invited to attend.

All members of the post and the Auxiliary were pleased at the news that an officer from both organizations was elected to head the 12th District, during the State Convention at Asheville last week. U. S. Marshall John Stephenson of Southern Pines was elected District Commander and Mrs. F. M. Dwight of Lakeview, president of the Legion Auxiliary. Both Mrs. Dwight and Stephenson are active and very popular members of the local posts and their election was regarded favorably by all members.

The 12th District includes the towns of Southern Pines, Carthage, Wadesboro, Asheboro, Hamlet, Mt. Gilead, Troy and Hemp. The Sandhill Post, with the Hut at Southern Pines, covers the nearby towns of Aberdeen, Pinehurst, West End, Lakeview, Pinebluff, Ashley Heights, Vass and several smaller places.

Other than the installation of officers, reports will be heard from Convention delegates and various projects of the Legion will be discussed. The Junior Baseball committee expects the various teams to resume the ball games, as the peach season is at an end and the boys will be through with their work.

It is also the plan of the local post to organize in the near future, the Sons of the Legion Post in this section. *(Please turn to page 4)*

Peach Season Nears End at Close to Million Dollar Crop

"Thanks!"

Men Hold Up Guard at Local Orchard at Point of Gun and Make Way with Peaches

There have been hold-ups and hold-ups—since Adam sneaked in the Garden of Eden—but to our knowledge it's the first time in history that a peach orchard has been the target of a regular first-class hold-up. But, that's exactly what happened Monday afternoon at the Chapin Orchard, located not far from Pinehurst on the Aberdeen-Pinehurst highway. The managers of the large orchard had a guard installed in the orchard to prevent petty stealing, but alas, this sad Monday he didn't have his gun handy and was completely—or almost—knocked off his feet when along came two men in a truck, one white, one colored. While the white man held a large doubled gun in the guard's face, the darkly striped two trees of the finest quality Elbertas and loaded them in the truck.

After a very polite "thanks" they hurriedly drove away and that's the last that's been heard of them.

ABERDEEN NEGRO BOY CONFESSES TO BRUTAL MURDER

Parents of Frank Briggs, 14, Now Serving Sentences in Prison for Lucky's Death

BOY IN JAIL

Frank Briggs, fourteen year old colored boy of Aberdeen, this week confessed to the kerosene murder of Robert Lucky, colored, on the night of last November 13th, according to Policeman J. F. Deaton to whom the confession was made last Sunday, and for which Ed and Mamie Briggs are now confined in the State penitentiary.

Last January when the case came up in Superior Court in Carthage, a jury rendered a verdict of guilty of second degree murder against Ed Briggs and Mamie Briggs, parents of the child. It was one of the most sensational murder cases tried in the county in recent years. Briggs was sentenced to serve from 15 to 25 years in State Prison at hard labor for the burning to death of Robert Lucky. Mamie Briggs plead guilty of the felony of accessory after the fact of murder, which plea was accepted by the State and she was sentenced to serve from three to five years in State's Prison.

Lucky, who is said to have been drinking, was fatally burned in the yard of the Briggs home in Aberdeen last November, and when officers reached the scene there was the odor of kerosene on his clothing and on the ground where the burning took place. Officers Dees found an oil can in the closet of the bedroom of Ed and Mamie Briggs, with oil on the can and on the floor. Lucky succumbed in a hospital a short while later.

As it now appears, the boy has been worrying about the murder for some time and this week, on his own accord, made a complete confession. He has already served three times in a training school for delinquent and wayward boys. Officers took him to Carthage, where he is now placed in jail, pending convening of the next term of court.

Sheriff Charlie McDonald stated yesterday that he did not know what action the State would take in releasing the Briggs couple from State's Prison. It will be entirely in the hands of the judge, before whom the boy will appear.

Following is the boy's confession in full: "George Ross and Nubby Thomas came to my father's house (Ed Briggs) about nine or nine-thirty *(Please turn to page 4)*"

Yield Estimated at 80% of Last Year's Figure; Excellent Quality and High Prices Prevail

GROWERS WELL PLEASED

Another peach season in the Sandhills has come and gone, and with only one break in the market price and this drop immediately followed by rapidly ascending quotations and increasing demand, the peach growers of the Sandhills belt of North Carolina now see the end of a most profitable season approaching.

For the past month, the peach has been living in all the excitement of its day. Everything centered around the harvest of the handsome fruit. Prominent peach men from various points of the country, railroads, packhouses, a horde of experienced people, on down the line to the quiet mule teams, all had a share in the busy activities that have been surrounding the peach.

The appeal of fine quality, extra size and beautiful appearance of the local product this year, brought a well merited reward for the excellent standard enforced by universal consent. Average prices ran fifty per cent over the 1935 market, and for some orchardists who were fortunate enough to escape shipping during the drop in price, seventy per cent. Growers estimate that there was about 80 per cent of last year's crop.

Approximately 1000 cars have been shipped over the rails of the Norfolk and Southern, the Seaboard Air Line and A. & R. railways. It is impossible to state the number of truck loads, but the figures would be well over those shipped by rail.

Albert Burkner, member of the firm of Burkner and Company, well-known commission merchants with offices in Pinehurst, stated this week that he was very pleased with this year's results. "It's the finest we've had in a number of years and has been a good money crop," he said. According to his figures, he estimated the total crop would run around \$750,000. Other peach men were of the opinion that it was nearer \$1,000,000.

Average prices received for car lot shipments, F. O. B. were Early Rose and Red Birds, \$2.50; Carnems, \$1.25; Hileys, \$1.75 to \$2.50; Belles, \$1.50; and Elbertas, \$1.50 to \$2.00. While these are average prices, many growers were able to catch the market at a very handsome advance over the above figures.

S. P. Schools to Have New Athletic Coach

J. S. Baumgarner of Hickory Replaces Phillip J. Weaver, Resigned

Faced with an unexpected resignation from the faculty of the Southern Pines School, Superintendent Frank Webster was called from his studies at Columbia University, New York and arrived in town early last week for the purpose of filling the vacancy left open by the resignation of Phillip J. Weaver, who has accepted a very flattering offer from the University of North Carolina. Mr. Weaver, for the past two years an instructor in history and supervisor of boys' athletics, was a valued member of the teaching staff of the school, and his resignation was received with regret coupled with a fine consideration for promotion which will also enable him to obtain his Master's Degree.

Mr. Webster, confronted by the near approach of the opening of the schools for the Fall term, was fortunately able to secure the services of J. S. Baumgarner of Hickory. Mr. Baumgarner is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College and a three-letter man in sports, including baseball, football and basketball. He comes highly recommended.

GEORGIA MARKETS OPENED

The first 1936 tobacco auctions in the nation began on Monday in South Georgia and growers reported prices good. Opening prices ranged from five cents a pound for trash grades to more than 50 cents a pound for choice tobacco.