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## COUNTY FINANCES IN FINE SHAPE, AUDITOR REPORTS

John C. Muse Pays Tribute to Commissioners at Kiwanis Meeting

### HIGH RANK IN STATE

Citizens and tax payers of Moore county need have no qualms about their county finances, John C. Muse, county auditor, told members of the Kiwanis Club at their weekly meeting Wednesday in the Pinehurst Community church. In fact, they have just cause for pride.

Stating that Moore has a debt of less than two per cent of its assessed valuation, Mr. Muse told the Kiwanians their county ranked 11th among the 100 counties of the state in ratio of debt to valuation and that as a result its bonds are in good demand on a 3 1-4 per cent basis. He told how the county had weathered the storm of depression by being prepared. It was one of the few counties in this section of North Carolina which did not find itself in default on its bonds after the crisis, due to sound financial policies and proper bookkeeping methods. For all of which he paid tribute to the Board of County Commissioners.

"You have been extremely fortunate for a number of years in the selection of your board," he said.

Mr. Muse went into the history of Moore county finances from the early days when Pinehurst property was carried at a valuation of only \$2.72 an acre and the total valuation of real estate in the county was only 4 and one-half millions. Today's valuation is \$20,268,000. The rate today is also much lower than in the early days, and the county's bonded indebtedness is being steadily reduced. It stood on June 30 last, at \$55,6425 (since reduced) and the sinking fund at that time had a balance of \$82,569.

The Kiwanis Club inducted one new member Wednesday, Attorney Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst. J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen, in introducing him to the club, paid him high tribute.

The club passed a resolution offered by J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen, endorsing U. L. Spence of Carthage for membership on the State Highway Commission when and if the commission is revamped as expected. It is understood that Moore county will be headquarters for one of the new divisions in the redistricting of the state and Mr. Spence has been prominently mentioned as the commissioner in charge of this division. Should Anson county be included in this district, however, it is quite likely that James Hardison, a present member of the commission will be reappointed.

## To Plan Dedication Ceremonies at Airport

Celebration of Completion of Work at Knollwood Expected Early in April

With the work of grading, enlarging and improvement of the facilities at Knollwood airport within a month of completion, and with regular through airplane passenger service to and from cities through the county already inaugurated, a committee especially appointed by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, and consisting of Herbert Cameron, Preston T. Kelsey, Ralph Chandler and Frank Buchan, will meet today with Howard Burns, City Clerk of Southern Pines and Richard S. Tufts of Pinehurst, County Airport Commissioners, to complete the final plans for appropriate dedication ceremonies at the airport sometime around April 1st.

These plans have been under discussion for several weeks and letters have been sent to the Aeronautical Division of the Department of Commerce and to public officials throughout the state inviting their participation. Efforts are also being made to secure the participation of the military from Fort Bragg and all of the ingredients of a gala air show and celebration are under consideration.

## Need Help?

Income Tax Expert Will Be at Southern Pines Postoffice All Day Monday

A representative of the Income Tax division of the U. S. Treasury Department will be at the Southern Pines postoffice all day on Monday, March 1st, to assist those desiring information or aid in making out their annual returns.

## 10-YEAR OLD BOY DIES AFTER FALL OFF HIS BICYCLE

Funeral Services Held Yesterday in Aberdeen for Victim of Accident Friday

### CLASSMATES BEARERS

Ten-year old Charles Bunyan Creel died at his home in Aberdeen Tuesday night, the result of a fall from his bicycle. Internal hemorrhages followed the accident which occurred last Friday. "Charlie" was the son of Charles Creel of Aberdeen and Mrs. Zula Creel of Boston, Mass., and was in the fifth grade of Aberdeen school.

Funeral services were held at the Page Memorial Church yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, with the children of his grade taking charge. The little girls acted as flower bearers and the boys as pallbearers. The class furnished the music. The Rev. E. M. Hall officiated, assisted by the Rev. E. L. Barber and the Rev. E. M. Harris. Active bearers were John Fiddner, Chris Shamburger, Junior Dees, L. B. Monroe, Jr., Billy Bullard and Clayton Brasington. They laid their young friend at rest in Old Bethesda.

Besides his parents, he is survived by three sisters, Letha Creel of Keza Falls, Maine, Betty Elizabeth of Boston, and Eudora of Aberdeen.

## Horse Show Ball To Feature Pinehurst Show

Show Dates March 30 and 31 with Hospital Benefit Dance First Night

Plans for the annual Pinehurst Horse Show were discussed at a meeting held in the office of Secretary Charles W. Picquet in Pinehurst last Saturday morning. The show this year will be on March 30th and 31st, with the usual number of classes for all types of horses. Prominent judges have been invited to judge the hunters, jumpers, saddle classes, trotters, runners and polo ponies.

The show will be for the benefit of the Moore County Hospital, and an added feature this year will also benefit the hospital, a Horse Show Ball to be held on Tuesday night, the 30th at the Pinehurst Country Club.

## Southern Pines High In Tourney Today

Will Meet Elise Five in County Events; Pinehurst Faces West End

Boys and girls basket ball teams of nine Moore County high schools opened play yesterday in the annual county tournament. Games will be played in Carthage High gym. Starting times for the preliminaries are 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 o'clock.

Schools represented are Carthage, Cameron, Elise, High Falls, Farm Life, Vass-Lakeview, Southern Pines, Pinehurst and West End.

Pairings in the first round of the girls' division: Southern Pines vs. High Falls; Cameron vs. Elise; Pinehurst vs. High Falls or Farm Life; Vass-Lakeview vs. Carthage; West End vs. Farm Life.

Construction will be advertised for the new Southern Pines postoffice on April 1st, according to word received this week by Postmaster Frank Buchan from Congressman Walter Lambeth.

## ALTERNATE ROUTE THRU BUSINESS SECTION SOUGHT

Plan For New Approach at North End of Southern Pines Discussed by Chamber

### VOTE STEEPLECHASE AID

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday noon in the Highland Pines Inn, directors discussed the advisability of reviving the project to construct an alternate No. 1 route through the business section of town. The plan as previously proposed was to connect West Broad street with Route 1 near Manly, through the medium of an underpass where the Seaboard railroad transects the route. There is already an optional entrance to town at the southern city limits.

Robert L. Hart and others spoke in favor of the proposal, stating that we were not making the most of our sole industry—the tourist trade by permitting motorists to pass through town without even having an opportunity to patronize its stores. "If we help the merchants, we help everyone," said Mr. Hart. The matter was referred to the Public Affairs committee.

Mr. Hart and C. W. Picquet, president of the Kiwanis Club, were appointed a committee of two to work for the appointment of a resident of this section on the proposed new State Highway Commission.

Dr. G. G. Herr reported for the Planting committee, making the recommendation that all future planting be done under the supervision of the Chamber of Commerce or Town Board, to obtain uniformity. The question of asking for federal aid in beautifying the highway entrances to town was discussed.

The Chamber passed a resolution of appreciation for what the Sandhills Steeplechase and Racing Association is accomplishing for the community, and pledged its cooperation.

## Novelty Gymkhana Is Planned Here Today

"Loose Horse" Polo to Feature Program; Hunter Trials Over 3-4 Mile Route

Strictly in keeping with the spirit of the occasion—for what is a gymkhana but "horseplay on horseback," J. Fred Stimson chairman of the Southern Pines Gymkhana committee, has devised a new and ingenious program of events to beguile the spectators at the Southern Pines riding ring, today, Friday.

Several weeks ago the modified Olympic course of jumps was inaugurated at the Southern Pines ring and those who were fortunate enough to be on hand to see many of the horses in this section try their first wingless jumps remember the thrills and spills that dominated the occasion.

This week the feature event will be Hunter trials over a new 3-4 mile course in the fields adjacent to the ring. Entries to the hunter trials will be closed to all but "green" hunters—that means horses that have never won first, second or third over the barriers in show ring—and there will be classes for the best hunter; the best pair of hunters and the best team of hunters. The entries will be judged on performance only.

Inside the ring over the modified Olympic course, all of the jumping events will likewise be limited to "green" entries. This time the designation refers to horses who have never before jumped in a show ring and when these unschooled horses go at the wingless jumps almost anything can, and probably will happen.

There will be a new and different program of games to provide the customary amount of comedy relief for the affair and, if time permits, the most thrilling of all gymkhana events—"loose horse" polo—will afford the piece de resistance of the day.

## Struthers Burt Nominated For Trustee of Princeton University

Southern Pines Author One of Six Named To Be Chosen by Alumni Body in June

Struthers Burt, author and winter resident of Southern Pines, is one of six Princeton university graduates nominated this week to represent the alumni body on the University board of trustees. One of the six will be chosen a trustee-at-large for a four-year term by a vote of the alumni body in June.

Mr. Burt, a member of the class of 1904 and an instructor in English at Princeton from 1906 until 1908, was nominated by an alumni committee at the annual mid-winter meeting of the National Alumni association in Nassau hall on Monday.

As a novelist, essayist and poet, he has gained a wide reputation and has been made a member of the American Institute of Arts and Letters. His published works include "The Interpreter's House," "Diary of a Dude Wrangler," "The Delectable Mountains," "Entering the Islanders," and "Escape from America."

At Princeton, he was prominent in undergraduate literary circles, and became a close friend of the late Dr. Henry Van Dyke. He was named by Dr. Van Dyke as one of the literary executors of his estate. After graduation from Princeton, Mr. Burt continued his studies at Merton college, Oxford, and at the University of Munich.

## Drama and Comedy by Pine-Maskers March 3

Southern Pines School Actors To Present To One-Act Plays Wednesday

The Pine-Maskers of Southern Pines High School will present a program of one-act plays at the School auditorium on Wednesday evening, March 3, at 9:15. The drama, "Two Crooks and A Lady," shows how Mrs. Simms-Vane, an invalid, is able through her trained intelligence and spiritual poise, to play two young crooks against each other so that they not only fail to steal her jewels but are taken in the net of their own device. The cast producing this gripping drama is: Mrs. Simms-Vane, Dorothy Doub; Lucille, Catherine Hilderman; Miller, James Spring, Mrs. Simms - Vane's companion, Edith Blake; Officers, Joe O'Callaghan and Harry Adams.

The comedy, "Poor Aubrey," by George Kelly, is the Pine-Maskers' entry in the State Dramatic tournament. Poor Aubrey is a hilarious domestic comedy that tells of the thwarted efforts of the pompous Aubrey to present an appearance of self-importance and prosperity to his wife's guest. Poor Aubrey, the show-off, will be played by Tom Hardwick; Amy, the long-suffering wife, by Winifred Kelly; the visitor, by Catherine Hilderman, and the garrulous, ever-present mother-in-law by Peggie Graves.

Two members of the "Poor Aubrey" cast, Winifred Kelley and Tom Hardwick were also members of Southern Pines' winning play of last year's tournament.

The Pine-Maskers will compete with Wilmington, Fayetteville and Lumberton, March 12 for district honors. District winners will contest at Chapel Hill on March 26 for State honors.

## MRS. LAMB, RESIDENT HERE MANY YEARS, DIES

Mrs. Cynthia E. Lamb, aged 76 years, died in her home on Ashe street Thursday noon. Born in Jefferson, Me., April 17th, 1861, the daughter of W. J. Witham and Emily Jane Ames Witham, she married Joseph Lamb July 29th, 1900. They came from Binghamton, N. Y., to Manly in 1912, and to Southern Pines in 1918. Long a member of the Baptist church, funeral services conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson, will be held in the church at 3:00 o'clock tomorrow—Saturday afternoon. Burial will be in Portland, Me.

## Princeton Nominee



STRUTHERS BURT

## AUTO ACCIDENTS LEAD TO FILING OF \$15,000 IN SUITS

Dr. Raymond Brings Counter-suit Against Buckminsters for Collision in December

### A. J. CLOW BRINGS ACTION

The Rev. Dr. C. Rexford Raymond, pastor of the Church of Wide Fellowship in Southern Pines, has filed suit against Harold C. Buckminster and Elizabeth Buckminster, his wife, as a result of an automobile collision in Southern Pines early in December. He asks relief in the amount of \$6,000 for injury to his person and \$1,000 for damages to his car.

Mr. Raymond sets forth that he was driving at a cautious rate of speed; that Mrs. Buckminster, driving at a dangerous rate, did not seek to avoid hitting his car until she was within twenty-six feet of him at which time she applied her brakes with such force as to skid the remaining distance.

Mrs. Buckminster had previously filed suit against Dr. Raymond to recover \$5,000 for personal injury and \$500 for damage to her car. She charged that the defendant negligently, carelessly and recklessly, without keeping a proper lookout and without observing the rules of the road in wanton disregard for others upon the avenue darted out on the cross street known as Bennett street and directly into and against the front end of her automobile.

In a suit filed Saturday in Moore county Superior Court, A. J. Clow of Pinehurst is asking damages against O. T. Park and O. T. Park, Jr., in the sum of \$3,000 of which \$2,800 is for personal injuries and \$200 for damages to his automobile.

Mr. Clow complains that on December 26 at the Village Green street and North Carolina Highway 2 intersection, his car was struck as it was almost across the highway and knocked about 75 feet by a car driven by O. T. Parks, Jr., who was riding with two others on the front seat with him. Mr. Clow alleges that Park was under the influence of liquor and that the car contained at least one bottle of liquor. He was knocked unconscious, he states, and as a result of the alleged negligent acts of the defendant, has suffered from serious internal injury and dizziness and nervousness so that his ability as an engraver has been seriously impaired.

## ABERDEEN TOWN CAUCUS SET FOR MARCH 22D

The Board of Commissioners of Aberdeen has set Monday, March 22 as the date for the town caucus to name candidates for the offices of Mayor and Commissioners. The caucus will be held in the High School building at 8:00 o'clock that evening.

## NEW STABLES AT RACE COURSE FOR STEEPLECHASERS

Construction Under Way To Provide Stalls for 20 Horses For Meeting March 13

### SEASON OPENS AT CAMDEN

Construction of two new stables at the Barber Estate course of the Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association was started on Monday of this week, to provide stabling for horses coming here for the race meeting. Each stable will have ten box stalls. They are located near the paddock, on property loaned the association by Jackson H. Boyd. J. D. Arey of Southern Pines is in charge of the erection of the building.

Prospects for a big entry list in all five events on the card for the association's third annual meet are bright, according to Richard Wallach, racing secretary. Mr. Wallach saw many leading owners of hunt race horses during the Washington Birthday races at Camden last Monday and reports that most of them plan to send horses here for the 13th.

A large and representative crowd from the Sandhills witnessed the opening of the 1937 hunt racing season in America Monday afternoon on the historic and picturesque Springdale course at Camden, S. C., and saw seven fine races, featured by Escape III's victory of Fugitive in the two and one-half mile Washington Birthday timber event.

It was a glorious day for the sport, and the large crowd, made up mostly of sportsmen and sportswomen from Alken, Camden, Pinehurst and Southern Pines, saw some thrilling finishes and no casualties. Mrs. Randolph Scott's Macroome lost its rider at the first fence in the maiden brush race, but without resultant injury, and her fine Night Retreat pulled up lame after the other brush event. Otherwise the day was marked by perfect performances and no trouble. The incomparable and tireless Harry Kirkover was able to wear his contagious smile throughout the afternoon.

Seen at the races from the Sandhills were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson H. Boyd, Ernest L. White, the Misses Ann and Carol Hotchkiss, Miss Joyce Smith, Leland McKeithen, Mrs. W. C. Arkell, Miss Arkell, Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Hara, Miss Phyllis Lovering, Mrs. Richard Tufts, Mrs. George Vail, Mrs. Herbert Vail, Miss Helen Kohler, Miss Jean Willetts, Nelson C. Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Laing, William A. Laing, Richard Wallach, James L. J. Townsend, P. S. P. Randolph, Jr.; Dion Kerr, Mrs. Lawrence B. Smith, Mrs. John R. Drexel, Edgar Ewing, Miss Ida Kerr, V. B. Johnson, Clifton Cameron, Will J. Stratton, Mrs. Donald Herring, Homer Grey, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Moss, Miss Caroline Page, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McMahon, F. B. Wilmhurst and William F. Baker.

## On "Wyoming" When Big Gun Exploded

"Bill" Bethune of Aberdeen and Holland Shaw of Pinehurst Escape Injury

Two Moore county young men were aboard the U. S. S. "Wyoming," oldest battleship in the Navy, when a five-inch gun exploded last Thursday afternoon, killing six and injuring eleven.

"Bill" Bethune of Aberdeen, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bethune, is a sailor on the Wyoming, and Holland Shaw of Pinehurst is a member of a Marine Corps detachment serving on board the vessel. Neither was injured, but two other young men from North Carolina were among those hurt.

The explosion occurred during secret maneuvers of the fleet at San Clements Island, 60 miles off San Pedro, Cal. Twenty Marines were grouped about the gun when it exploded.