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## ON THE EVE OF ELECTION

The qualified voters of Southern Pines nominate candidates for Mayor and the Board of Commissioners tonight, Friday, and from these nominees elect those who are to serve them for the next two years. It therefore seems a good time to review your city's condition, that you may be fully acquainted when you cast your ballots with what those in administrative capacities have to administer for you in that period.

The total expense of operating the city, including retirement bonds, interest payments and the operation and maintenance of the water plant and distribution system, from July 1st, 1936 to June 30th, this year, will be \$107,678.36. We have these figures from City Clerk Howard Burns. Itemized, they show payments of \$23,000 for retirement of town bonds, \$31,110 for interest on town bonds. The general operating expense of the town—maintenance of streets, sewers, lighting, planting of parkways, the Fire, Police and Administrative departments, is \$37,735.35. Maintenance of municipal parks, including the building which houses the city administrative offices, is \$1,273; the maintenance of Mount Hope Cemetery, \$560; the fire department building account \$1,000, the operation of the water plant and maintenance of the distribution system, \$13,000. These make up the \$107,678.36 total.

The town holds in investments \$16,000 of its own bonds for sinking fund purposes, bonds which were bought for \$12,642 and therefore show considerable appreciation. Southern Pines bonds are selling above par on today's market. The town owns a building which cost \$3,080 and is leased for \$1,500 a year—not a bad investment.

Southern Pines appears to be in excellent financial condition. In fact it may be justly proud of the fact that last year, for the first time in 12 years, it did not have to borrow funds against uncollected taxes to carry it through the summer. It is living within its budget.

The town also owns in sinking fund investments \$18,100 in paid-up Southern Pines Building & Loan Association stock. The earnings on all of its investments help in meeting the interest and principal on the town bonds. If it was not for this it would not be possible to maintain the present \$2.65 tax rate, based on 50 percent property valuation. The rate has now been the same for three years, and continuance of a policy of living within the annual budget will keep it there.

There is much talk of the acquisition by the town of property for a civic center. Other improvements are sought by various factions. It would seem that the only issue before the voters in the forthcoming election is the advisability of increasing the budget to provide for such expansions and improvements. The old question, Conservatism or Progressivism? There are candidates for the commission from both factions. The voter must decide.

## TOMATO CANS AND YESTERDAY'S GRAPEFRUIT

A condition detrimental to the best interests of Southern Pines and community was unfolded at a meeting of directors of the local Chamber of Commerce this week. The directors had invited a group interested in the riding and hunting activities here to meet with them and suggest any ways in which the Chamber might aid in solving any problems confronting this important part of our winter life.

It seems that there is one de-

# CARO-GRAPHICS by MURRAY JONES JR

**LAWMAKERS**  
"ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE!"

IN 1897 IT WAS NECESSARY TO CALL IN THE POLICE TO KEEP ORDER IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

**DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE?**

THE EDITORS OF CARO-GRAPHICS INVITE YOU TO SEND IN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY

**NEW BERN**

GEORGE ISAAC HUGHES LIVES HERE. HE IS THE OLDEST "POPPA" IN THE U.S.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT**  
IN 1760 RESIDENTS OF PASQUOTANK & PERQUIMANS COUNTIES WERE REQUIRED BY LAW TO KILL 10 SQUIRRELS PER YEAR OR PAY A FINE OF 2 PENCE FOR EACH SQUIRREL

**LAWYER BREAKERS**

IN 1769 THE PEOPLE OF ANSON ORANGE & ROWAN CO'S ASKED THAT ALL DEBTS ABOVE \$5 & UNDER \$50 BE SETTLED BY A JURY WITHOUT LAWYERS

**DID YOU KNOW THAT**  
AS EARLY AS 1803 THE N.C. LEGISLATURE PROPOSED THAT THE NATIONAL CONGRESS BE GIVEN POWER TO PROHIBIT SLAVE TRADE

cid grievance, and it is one not only affecting those who ride and hunt, but in a more directly material way, the entire community. Jackson Boyd and others of the so-called "hunting crowd" brought out the vast extent to which the promiscuous dumping of garbage and trash has gone. The picturesque bridle trails through the woods are being ruined for the horsemen and horsewomen by the accumulation of yesterday's groceries, yesterday's ABC bottles, yesterday's housecleaning results. It is difficult, they say, to ride in any direction outside of town without stumbling onto, or into, heaps of unsightly and unhealthy trash.

It is improbable that residents of Southern Pines proper are responsible for this condition, for within the city limits the town authorities gather up the garbage and trash once a week. Those living outside the limits either hire a man to haul away their accumulations, or take it out in the woods themselves. But few, apparently, take the trouble to bury it and cover the plot.

It was brought out that real estate sales have fallen through because of the condition. Prospective buyers have found sites which appealed to them, only to find great heaps of unsightly, unsanitary stuff on or surrounding the property. Horses and hounds have been badly cut by broken glass.

"We are advertising the community as ideal for riding," said one spokesman. "There is nothing idealistic or beautiful about a tomato can, a used grapefruit or a broken whiskey bottle."

The remedy! Appeal to civic pride; policing by county authorities, possibly under the health department; a general clean-up of present eye-sores; enactment of an ordinance requiring the licensing of all dump trucks, making it a misdemeanor to dump garbage, etc. anywhere except in the city dump.

No extensive campaign should be necessary to put an end to the condition cited. Lovers of the horse are one of this community's greatest assets. Equestrianism has been the prime factor in our growth during the past decade. Every property owner here, every shop, every professional man, is directly or indirectly benefited by the presence here each winter of so many horsemen and horsewomen.

Strewing garbage in their path won't keep them here.

## E. G. FITZGERALD TO MANAGE HOTEL AT LAKE PLACID

The Stevens House at Lake Placid, N. Y., has announced the appointment of E. G. Fitzgerald as manager of that famous hostelry for the summer season. Mr. Fitzgerald has been the manager of the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst for many years and has held executive positions with Pinehurst, Inc., for nearly 30 years.

The Stevens House is one of the oldest and best known hotels in the Adirondacks and Mr. Fitzgerald will take over the management on June 30th, at the close of the Carolina season.

It is rumored that Mr. Fitzgerald will not return to the Carolina Hotel next fall, but will take over the management of a resort hotel further south.

## GRAINS OF SAND

Ruth Burr Sanborn has an originality all her own and the faculty of assembling words in pleasing fashion. Her interesting variations have found their way into two of the late Reader's Digest's department of Picturesque Speech, where only clever diversity wins a place.

Very often a story comes to your ear of a stranger arriving for a brief stay, and then making a prolonged visit. A carrier pigeon off on a business trip changed his schedule entirely after he dropped down to rest at a Sandhills home. Utterly indifferent to official work, he hasn't even intimated his plans for return and as his hostess is too polite to ask questions, they don't know how long the visitor will be around, and the stay is watched with interest. If the government has a check against one of its employees lost in oblivion it might clear things up somewhat by looking over a certain winter territory and prodding up a guest who seems to be thoroughly enjoying some of the things we advertise.

The tax-appraiser held open house last week when property owners flocked to his place of business ready to "give in." In the vernacular that means that you merely make a list of your real estate and some other belongings for the county to determine the tax you will pay later. You really don't succumb or acknowledge yourself vanquished as the uninitiated might infer, although there are some who think we still have that chance.

Frank Buchan took out of his safe some ancient tax receipts to show some friends not long ago. In comparison to present conditions they offered something of a jolt. The amounts for collection ranged from 25 cents to the high figure of a \$1.50. No acreage was specified so you could not make a guess as to the extent of the holdings. But it was interesting to know that one day a few cents paid a man's taxes. It seems as if a quarter at one time in its history traveled considerable distance and a dollar and a half had real power.

Last week The Pilot had a picture of Lena Stewart, a promising young woman of the county who has won by ability and persistent work the title of Flora Macdonald's outstanding student of music. The dean of the conservatory paid her a graceful compliment in his tribute to her as one of his most talented pupils.

Lena Stewart prepared for college in the Southern Pines High School and ever since she was a small girl has had a friendly contact with the village people, hence there is a local interest in the young woman's success. Lena is a cordial and affable girl who is not only familiar with harmonies and overtones but she also possesses harmonious combination of character that are about as agreeable as the musical sounds she is capable of producing on a piano.

Her future will be watched with enthusiasm and interest.

One of our business institutions that grows and gains in popularity with its growth is Mrs. Chandler's greenhouses, a needed and appreciated addition to the town's requirement and demands. Mrs. Chandler started out with a small garden and an admiration for flowers, coupled with a skill and intelligence in handling them. Her efforts expanded and she put up a greenhouse for her own amusement. A second unit was added and now she needs the third, as the hobby turned into a business enter-

prise, very much as Judge Way's orchid greenhouses.

When petunias fail to come up and the rabbits harvest the pansy crop and the moles do away with the tulips and various other calamities upset the hopes of the amateur, he turns to Mrs. Chandler who minimizes his griefs and woes and supplies thrifty plants with good measure and competent advice thrown in. Just now she is busy filling such wants, after a season where orders ran more to cut flowers and potted plants.

A business that encourages the neatness and beauty of a town should be cultivated with all the enthusiasm it deserves. It's worth a trip to the Chandler gardens to see the collection of tulips and varieties of iris now in bloom.

## SEES TOWNSEND PLAN "VICTORIOUS IN THE END"

At a meeting of the Sandhills residents interested in the Townsend Recovery Plan, attended by 63 persons on Monday night in Boy Scout Hall, Southern Pines, a resolution was adopted subscribing to sentiments expressed in a letter written by Albert E. Russell of Ogdenburg, N. Y., and printed in the Watertown (N. Y.) Daily Times. The letter reads:

The most irresistible force in the world is public opinion. An aroused public opinion put Franklin D. Roosevelt in the white House in 1932. This public opinion when aroused, has made and unmade presidents. Dr. Francis E. Townsend has launched a program which will arouse America. It matters not whether certain men in high office endorse or oppose the Townsend Act, Dr. Francis E. Townsend will be victorious in the end. When people as a whole become informed of the need of this act public opinion will force congress to act. The nationwide program which Dr. Townsend has laid out will carry this recovery plan to victory.

America needs a program which will create wealth. This is the only way to create prosperity and pay back the money borrowed. To create wealth and prosperity people must be employed. Wealth can not be created by unemployment, by taxing those who have wealth, to maintain others in idleness. To create wealth and prosperity, our idle millions must be made self sustaining. With an abundance of money, raw materials, modern machinery, and power, there is no need of unemployment in America. There is no need of borrowing money to keep people in idleness and want. Realizing this America need only to be informed of the principles outlined in the Townsend act of 1937, now before congress. With this information before them, public opinion will become an irresistible force which no political group will be able to deny.

## OLD CLOTHES SOLICITED FOR CROSSNORE SCHOOL

The Alfred Moore Chapter, D. A. R., is soliciting old clothing for the Crossnore School, up in the mountains of North Carolina and a long beneficiary of numerous residents here. Those desiring to make contributions may leave them at the home of E. C. Loomis in Southern Pines, or with Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson in Aberdeen.

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## TOWNSEND CLUB MEETING

The next regular Townsend Club meeting will be held on Monday night, May 3rd at 8:00 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Haines on Vermont avenue, corner Ashe street, Southern Pines. After the regular meeting program cards and games will be indulged in, and light refreshments will be served. All club members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

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