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## CAUCUS VOTES FOR PURCHASE OF LAND FOR CIVIC CENTER

Asks Favorable Action on Acquisition of Site Adjoining New Postoffice

ASKING PRICE, \$14,000

Assembled in town caucus Tuesday night the voters of Southern Pines passed along to Mayor D. G. Stutz and the newly elected Board of Commissioners their opinion that the Town of Southern Pines should immediately acquire the remaining 122-foot frontage on West Broad street from the new postoffice property to the Mudgett Building line for a Civic Center.

The price set on this property is \$14,000.00 net to the town and that figure met with considerable opposition in the caucus, but the question was eventually passed to be referred to the new Board of Commissioners with instructions to secure, if possible, a reduction in the purchase price of the property.

Alfred B. Yeomans presented before the meeting a landscaped chart of the Civic Center in its proposed completed form and pointed out the various steps that will constitute the project. The first step will be the erection of a new Public Library and it is hoped that this building can be built by popular subscription. Future plans call for a new Municipal Building to be built adjoining the Library. It is estimated that each of these buildings will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000.00.

James Boyd led the discussion in favor of the project and told the assemblage that, in his opinion, it was vital to Southern Pines as a resort area. Resort towns all over the country are beautifying their communities and leaving no stone unturned to cater to the convenience of their guests, he told the caucus, and the proposed Civic Center would be a tremendous step in that direction. With the postoffice, the Library and the Municipal Building all located together and with the proposed landscaping and beautification completed the property would become a valuable and useful addition to the town's holdings, now and for years to come. And as such Mr. Boyd earnestly recommended the immediate acquisition of the property.

It is expected that the Board of Commissioners will take up the matter in its first meeting.

## Collegiate Golfers in Conference Battle Here

Duke, Defending Champion, Seeking Third Consecutive Title in Big Field

Today and tomorrow at Pinehurst Country Club the cream of the collegiate golfers in the Southern Conference will face the starter in a two-day tournament to decide the conference championship.

Duke University, defending champion, will seek its third consecutive team title but will have to face much sterner opposition than when it triumphed over North Carolina, Washington and Lee and Virginia last year at Hot Springs. Additional entries year, who will complicate Duke's defense of its title, are Richmond, Wake Forest, South Carolina, North Carolina State and Davidson. The University of Virginia is not competing here.

Captain Spence Kerkow, of Covington, Ky., will lead the Washington and Lee contingent which includes Bill Brown, Toledo, Ohio, Jack Bear, Montgomery, Ala. and Jack Simmons, Richmond, Va.

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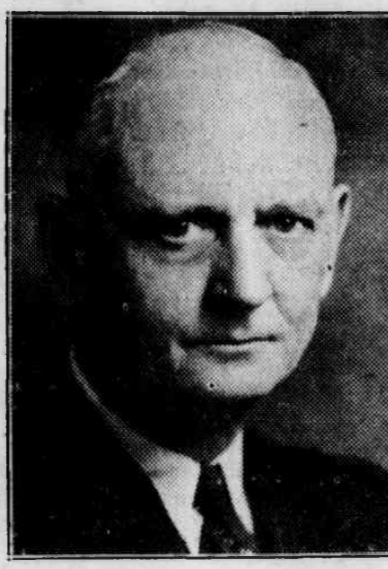
## RABIES INOCULATION PERIOD IS EXTENDED

Extending the time limit one week for the inoculation of dogs against rabies, Dr. J. I. Neal wishes it known that he will be at Swinnerton's Stables in Southern Pines this afternoon, Friday, from 4:00 to 6:00 and will inoculate all dogs brought to him there at that time.

## Two New Commissioners



HUGH J. BETTERLEY



ROBERT LEE HART

## KERR SCOTT TELLS KIWANIS OF PLANS FOR AGRICULTURE

State Commissioner Says State Has Lagged in Farm Development

HAWLEY POOLE ON BOARD

W. Kerr Scott, State Commissioner of Agriculture, was the guest of honor of the Kiwanis Club at its weekly meeting held Wednesday noon in the Aberdeen Community House and gave a most interesting talk on the work of his department, its plans for the development of North Carolina's agriculture.

"North Carolina has been rapidly progressing in industry in the last ten years, but it has not kept pace in agriculture," he said. "When one realizes that two-thirds of the population of the state is rural, the importance of development along agricultural lines is appreciated. And it is my aim to guide this necessary work in the right direction so far as I am able."

Mr. Scott outlined the functions of the various branches of his department, the inspection and regulatory work, the prevention of plant diseases and epidemics, eradication of bugs, prevention of livestock diseases, especially hog cholera which has, he states, cost the farmers of the state millions of dollars in the past. He told of the work of the experimental station, and said that North Carolina would soon have the third best seed laboratory in the country, ranking next to the government station in Washington and New York state's station.

### Inaccurate Scales

He mentioned the importance of the work of the Weights and Measures division of his department, telling the Kiwanians that a check-up of dairy scales in the state had

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## TO ASK BIDS FOR NEW POSTOFFICE THIS MONTH

Postmaster P. Frank Buchan has just received word from Congressman J. Walter Lambeth to the effect that the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department has advised him that advertisement for bids on the new Southern Pines postoffice building will be made some time during the month of May.

That information amounts to virtual assurance that construction will start this summer and that the building will be completed and ready for occupancy before the end of the year.

## HIGHLAND LODGE REMAINS OPEN UNTIL JUNE 1ST

Reporting the closing dates of the hotels of Southern Pines The Pilot last week included the name of Highland Lodge among those reported closing on May 1st. Mrs. M. H. Greerson states that her bookings for May are heavier than usual and that the Lodge will remain open until June 1st.

## LESS THAN HALF OF FUND RAISED FOR BALL TEAM

Southern Pines Only Town Near Its Quota For Support of Legion Juniors

GAME ON SATURDAY

By BEN BOWDEN

In spite of the fact that less than one-half of the \$1,000 necessary to insure the financial security of the proposed American Legion Junior Baseball team has been subscribed, the committee of representatives of the various Sandhills civic organizations working in conjunction with the American Legion are going ahead with plans for the organization of such a team in the hopes that the necessary amount will be raised by the time it is needed, and have scheduled a practice game between two teams of eligible youngsters to be played this Saturday afternoon at the high school baseball field at 3:00 o'clock. At that time a team composed of boys from Southern Pines and Lakeview will oppose a team made up of aspirants from Pinehurst and West End and at the conclusion of the game the committee expects to have some sort of a line on the calibre of the candidates for the Sandhills team.

To date approximately \$400.00 has been subscribed and paid in to Treasurer E. Levis Prizer and, of that amount, Southern Pines has been responsible for about \$350.00. At the last meeting of the committee that matter was brought up for discussion and the representatives from Pinehurst, West End, Aberdeen and Vass were urged to get behind the movement in an effort to contribute their proportionate share of the amount necessary to equip the team and provide a margin for travelling expenses.

### Expect \$500 Here

Southern Pines, it was pointed out, expected to contribute a larger proportionate share than any of the

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## Southern Pines Defeats Rockingham, Sanford

High School Baseball Team Breaks Losing Streak Behind Parker's Pitching

The Southern Pines High School baseball team finally put an end to its prolonged losing streak with two brilliant, one-sided victories in their last two home games of the season.

Last Friday, behind Edgar Parker's shut-out pitching, they whitewashed Sanford High School, 12-0. Parker allowed only three scattered hits and Southern Pines collected 15 safeties off Stout of Sanford. Parker led the hitting for Southern Pines with three hits out of four trips to the plate. Hall was Sanford's leading hitter with two out of three.

On Tuesday Southern Pines avenged their recent 6-1 defeat at the hands of Rockingham when they jumped on pitcher McChuson and

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## DRUNKEN DRIVING IN MOORE COUNTY SERIOUS PROBLEM

Recklessness on Highways Increasing; Nine Offenders in Court This Week

OFFICIALS SEEKING CURE

The situation in Moore county with regard to reckless driving of automobiles is becoming acute.

The Recorder's Court docket each week shows a preponderance of cases involving dangerous operation of vehicles on the public highways, more often than not with liquor playing a prominent part. No less than nine offenders faced Judge J. Vance Rowe this week, and one case was the result of an accident in which a colored driver, mixing alcohol and gasoline, ran into and fatally injured a pedestrian.

The drunken and reckless driving cases in the county are on the increase, and what can be done about the situation is worrying officials of county and towns. Whether offenders are getting off with too light sentences, or with fines when they should be jailed, or whether the time has come when the county must employ motorcycle police to patrol the roads are questions which both the officials and the citizens of the county are turning over in their minds. That something needs to be done to curtail the recklessness on the highways is certain.

In Recorder's Court this week D. I. Allred and T. N. Clark, white, of Aberdeen, were charged with drunken driving and unlawful possession of liquor, and Clark with driving without license to operate a car. Allred was sick and unable to attend court. Clark was found guilty of drunken driving and driving without license, but not guilty of unlawful possession or transporting. His sentence was 60 days on the roads, to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and the costs, and he is not to drive for twelve months.

### License is Revoked

J. R. Bumgardner, white, of Raleigh, was found guilty of drunken driving and driving without license. His license was revoked for twelve months, and his three months' road sentence was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$75 and the costs.

Grady Covington, white, was given a 30-day sentence, to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and the costs, for careless and reckless driving in Southern Pines. S. E. Hanon, who was charged by Grady Covington with careless and reckless driving and with running into his car, was found not guilty.

Luke Preston, colored, of Sanford, was charged with careless and reckless driving and manslaughter as a result of an accident occurring in Vass in which Douglad Murchison was fatally injured. Probable cause of guilt was found, and he was bound to Superior court under bond of \$200.

For careless and reckless driving (Please turn to page eight)

## State Medical Society Honors Dr. McBrayer

Silver Service Presented at Testimonial Dinner to Retired Secretary

Dr. L. B. McBrayer of Southern Pines was given a testimonial dinner by the North Carolina Medical Society at its annual meeting held this week in Winston-Salem, in appreciation of his long service as secretary and treasurer of the organization. Dr. McBrayer retired from the post last April due to ill health, having served 21 years.

As a token of their appreciation for his years of service the members of the society presented him a silver serving set at the conclusion of four laudatory addresses by friends of the honored guest. The speakers were Dr. A. Brenzen of Charlotte, Dr. Grady Dixon of Ayden, Dr. W. H. Smith of Goldsboro and R. W. M. Coppridge of Durham.

## Stutz Re-elected Mayor of Southern Pines, Hart New Commissioners

High Man



E. C. STEVENS  
Who led in the balloting in the Southern Pines election on Tuesday.

## Miss Margaret Gifford Bride of J. D. Hobbs

Marriage of Young Southern Pines Couple Solemnized Here Last Sunday

The wedding of Margaret Etta Gifford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gifford of Southern Pines, to James Daniel Hobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hobbs of Fayetteville, was solemnized Sunday afternoon, May 2nd, at 4:00 o'clock at the Congregational church in Southern Pines. Dr. C. Rexford Raymond performed the ceremony and Mrs. Charles Gray was at the organ.

The bride wore a travelling suit of blue faille with white accessories and carried a corsage of orchids, and her matron of honor, Mrs. Harold McAllister of Florence, S. C., wore purple with white accessories and carried a corsage of talisman roses and valley lilies.

Harold McAllister, of Florence, S. C., and Gordon Gifford of Southern Pines were the ushers. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with pine, magnolias and Easter lilies. Following the ceremony there was a reception at the Gifford home for the families and attendants, immediately afterwards the couple left on their wedding trip for Florence, S. C., and Augusta, Ga.

When they return to Southern Pines they will be at home at The Beverly.

## TWO MURDER CASES ON SUPERIOR COURT CALENDAR

Superior Court will convene in Carthage May 17th for a week's term of criminal court, to be followed by a second term for the trial of civil cases beginning the 25th.

Among the cases of outstanding interest for the first week are the McCormick and Freeman murder cases. McCormick is charged with murdering his wife, Effie Watson McCormick, at Cameron in 1921. He was apprehended in Oklahoma a few months ago, where he had accumulated a small fortune.

Freeman is charged with the murder of Lena Scarboro at her home in upper Moore county.

## WANT HIGHWAY OFFICE LOCATED IN CARTHAGE

Political leaders of Moore county have started an aggressive campaign to have the sixth district office of the new State Highway and Public Works Commission located in Carthage, the county seat.

D. B. McCrary, of Asheboro, is the sixth district's representative on the highway commission. A large delegation of Moore county leaders are slated to call on him within a short time and discuss the proposal.

## Record Turn-Out of Voters, with Wholesale Cutting of Caucus Nominees

STEVENS LEADS TICKET

In one of the most hotly contested elections within recent memory the voters of Southern Pines supported the caucus-nominated town ticket for Mayor and Board of Commissioners last Tuesday and re-elected Mayor D. G. Stutz and Commissioners E. C. Stevens, L. V. O'Callaghan and Charles S. Patch. The new Commissioners are Hugh J. Betterley and Robert L. Hart.

Although the caucus-nominated ticket went into office without a casualty there was considerable opposition to the slate. There were 344 registered voters eligible to ballot in the election and 227 of them turned out last Tuesday to exercise their franchise—along with about 50 other would-be voters who were turned away for failure to register. No one could remember when a larger vote had ever been polled in a town election.

The principal opposition to the caucus ticket was furnished by supporters of George W. Case and Dr. L. M. Daniels, the two retiring Commissioners, who were replaced on the ticket by Betterley and Hart. Of the 227 votes cast only 62 were for the straight ticket and the remaining 165 were split in favor of other candidates.

The final result of the balloting was as follows:

FOR MAYOR:  
D. G. Stutz ..... 177  
S. B. Richardson ..... 22  
E. C. Stevens ..... 2  
R. L. Chandler ..... 1

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

E. C. Stevens ..... 199  
L. V. O'Callaghan ..... 197  
Charles S. Patch ..... 165  
H. J. Betterley ..... 139  
Robert L. Hart ..... 137  
George W. Case ..... 99  
L. M. Daniels ..... 55  
Paul T. Barnum ..... 31  
Alfred B. Yeomans ..... 1

Several votes were incomplete for final computation when the voters wrote in new names on the ballots but neglected to check them as required, and 12 votes were thrown out completely.

Mayor Stutz has called a meeting of the new Board of City Commissioners for this evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Municipal Building, at which time the members will be sworn into office. No business will be transacted until the following meeting.

A gathering of about 200 evenly

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## Bankers, Rotarians, Dentists Meet Here

Convention Follows Convention at Carolina Hotel.—Gurney Hood Speaker

North Carolina bankers, who opened their annual convention at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst on Wednesday immediately following the closing of the North Carolina Dentists' three-day convention, likewise wind up their affairs today to make way for the district convention of Rotarians that opens there tomorrow morning.

One of the high spots of the bankers convention came when Gurney P. Hood, State bank commissioner, produced before the body figures showing that the resources of the State banks on December 31, last, were \$344,008,321.40, "the highest for State banks in history" and that commercial banks had earnings in 1936 of 26.9 per cent on common stock after deducting preferred stock dividends.

Today Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell and Robinson Griswood, Maryland banker and vice-chairman of the trust division of the American Banker's Association, will speak at the general closing session