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B. B. Saunders Sells Tobacco Warehouse, Ends 20 Years Activity in Local Field

C. W. Covington Acquires Property; Aberdeen Warehouse Leased to "Tom" Smith

SEASON PROSPECTS BRIGHT

With tobacco markets in the Border Belt already under way, plans are progressing rapidly for the opening of the Aberdeen market on September 16th, with changes in the management of both of the warehouses there and entirely new setups in the personnels that will operate the two establishments.

First and foremost from the standpoint of local interest comes the news that B. B. Saunders, who pioneered the tobacco business in this locality some 20 years ago and who has been actively and continuously identified with the business here ever since, has sold his warehouse interests outright to C. W. Covington who, for the past two years, has operated the Aberdeen Warehouse and who will operate the former Saunders house under the name of Covington's Warehouse. Associated with him in his new venture in Aberdeen, Mr. Covington will have the Crutchfield interests of Reidsville, N. C., but the complete personnel that will operate the warehouse has not yet been announced. It is understood that Mr. Covington will permanently move his family to Aberdeen.

Enter "Tom" Smith

Simultaneously, it has been announced that the Aberdeen Warehouse has been re-leased to T. J. "Tom" Smith, a warehouseman of the first rank who also operates the Smith Warehouse and the Carlyle Warehouse, both in Lumberton, and who is presently the president of the Lumberton Tobacco Board of Trade. Associated with Mr. Smith will be Gene Maynard and Bill Maurer, both of Aberdeen, two former employes of B. B. Saunders. Maynard will auctioneer and Maurer will keep the books and Mr. Smith will send as operating manager of the house Tom Woods, a veteran in the tobacco business. Woods now resides at Clarkton, but was raised on the tobacco market at Oxford. Mr. Smith will divide his time between his interests at Aberdeen and Lumberton.

Mr. Saunders' withdrawal from Aberdeen recalls his long and interesting career in the tobacco deal in this locality since first he came to Hoke county and started to grow tobacco there near Raeford in 1914.

After one year there he moved his scene of operations to Ashley Heights and in 1915 set out upon the career that earned him the designation of the pioneer of the tobacco industry in the area. Besides growing large crops himself, Mr. Saunders secured options on good tracts of tobacco land and then took it upon himself to interest outside farmers to

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FIRE THREATENS VASS FURNITURE FACTORY

A fire that started early Wednesday evening when sparks from the boiler room of the Morrilstown Manufacturing Company in Vass dropped through the funnel atop the adjacent shaving house and ignited the wood shaving contents, threatened for a time to spread to adjoining buildings, and Vass and Southern Pines firemen battled the smoldering blaze for more than half an hour before they were able to pronounce the fire under control.

At the Morrilstown Manufacturing Company the shaving house, into which the wood shavings and sawdust from both the furniture company and the nearby Vaughn Lumber Company are blown under air pressure, is located in the same building with the boiler room and thus the shavings and sawdust can be used to fire the boilers. The fire started when sparks from the boiler room smoke stack dropped into the open funnel at the terminus of the two blower lines carrying the shavings from the two factories, and ignited the tinder-like shavings.

Here on Tuesday



JAMES A. FARLEY

Postmaster Buchan, Southern Pines, To Entertain For Visiting Cabinet Officer

Word was received in Southern Pines early this week to the effect that Postmaster General James A. Farley will be in Southern Pines this coming Tuesday morning to inspect the new Southern Pines postoffice site while enroute to Fayetteville for the annual convention of North and South Carolina postmasters, where Mr. Farley is scheduled to speak on Tuesday afternoon.

With Mr. Farley will be Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Smith Purdham and a party of ten North Carolina postmasters.

Postmaster Frank Buchan of Southern Pines will be host to the party at breakfast here and will accompany them to Fayetteville.

Sub-Committee Favors Promotion of McCloskey

Votes For Reynolds-Clark Bill To Retire Fort Bragg "C. O." as Major General

By a two to one vote, a sub-committee of the Senate military affairs committee, of which Senator Robert R. Reynolds is a member, Wednesday reported favorably the Reynolds-Clark bill to permit General Manus McCloskey, commanding general at Fort Bragg, to retire as a major general when he retires for age next April.

General McCloskey appeared before the committee and will remain in Washington for a meeting of the full committee today.

However, the War Department is strongly opposed to the bill on the grounds of McCloskey's eligibility for promotion and final favorable action is regarded as most doubtful.

4-H Club Girls Gather Next Week in Pinebluff

Classes in Foods, Home Improvements and Basketry To Be Taught at Camp

Next week, August 16th to 20th, will be Camp Week in Moore county and 4-H club girls from the various organizations will gather at Pinebluff, where the firemen have kindly consented to allow their hall to be used as a camp. The cost will be \$2.50 in cash of 50 cents in cash and a specified amount of food. Any 4-H club girl, home economics student, girl scout or any mother may attend the encampment.

Classes in foods, home improvement and basketry will be taught. Elwood Snipes, Red Cross Life Saver, will teach swimming and Harold P.

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WALL, WOOTEN, EDMONDS HELD IN HEAVY BAIL

Arraigned in Recorder's Court on Charge of Robbery After Beer Truck Hold-Up

HEAVY DOCKET MONDAY

George W. Wooten, Curtis Wall and Fred Edmonds were in Recorder's Court on Monday bound to Superior Court under bonds of \$2,500 as to Wooten and \$1,000 as to Wall and Edmonds on a charge of robbery with firearms as a result of the hold-up of Hayden Horne, driver of the Atlantic beer truck out of Fayetteville, and his colored helper three miles out from Cameron near Beaver Creek on Monday evening of last week. Bond had not been arranged up to noon-time Tuesday.

Thomas Peace, white traveler from Potts, Pa., was sent to the Moore county roads for four months for the larceny of a bicycle, property of a Bailey boy in Southern Pines.

J. P. Penny, white of the Eagle Springs section, was fined \$50 and the costs for drunken driving and had his license revoked for a year.

Lynn Foster, white of Glendon, pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He paid his costs and was given a little time in which to raise the \$50 fine.

The fact that he had a round dozen children to support caused John Hampton to get by with prayer for judgment continued when he was before the court on a charge of assaulting his wife. The conditions are that he be good to his wife and children and provide for them and not violate any law during the next two years.

Clyde Martin and Herbert Williams, white of the Pinehurst section, were given 60-day road sentences for drunken driving, to be suspended upon payment of \$50 fines and one-half the costs, each. Their licenses were revoked for twelve months.

Ross Beal, white, of Haw Branch, pleaded guilty to an assault on his wife and abandonment and non-support. He was given six months on the roads, to be suspended upon condition that he pay the costs and pay to the clerk of the court \$2.50 a week for the support of his wife and upon the further condition that he take and care for his three children, his wife to have the privilege of visiting the children.

Charlie Hunter, Herbert Worthy, Curtis Shaw and Rooker Hunter, colored of Pinehurst, were found guilty of engaging in an affray wherein a deadly weapon was used, and Worthy was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. All were fined.

Charlie Freeman, white of Carthage, found guilty of violating the conditions of a judgment in a case in which he was charged with abandoning and failing to support his wife and children, was ordered to serve his six months on the roads, commitment to issue immediately but defendant not to be assigned to work until after being examined by a physician as to his physical condition, the doctor's advice to be followed. He was found not guilty of an assault charge.

Willie Cole, colored of Eagle Springs, was sent to the roads for four months for assaulting his wife.

LIGHTNING CALLS OUT SOUTHERN PINES FIREMEN

The Southern Pines Fire Department answered a fire alarm early yesterday afternoon, lightning having struck the home of Andy Turner, a small house west of U. S. Highway No. 1 about midway between Southern Pines and Aberdeen. The loss was slight.

This was the second fire alarm turned in during the absence this week of most of the members of the local department at the State convention in Greensboro.

A number of residents of the Sandhills plan to drive to Roanoke Island next Wednesday when President Roosevelt attends the celebration there.

COURT HOLDS UP LAND SALE FOR COUNTY TAXES

Judge Williams Issues Restraining Order Until Hearing on August 17

SALE NOW "A CALAMITY"

An order was signed by Judge Clawson L. Williams of Sanford on August 7th restraining the Moore county commissioners from selling lands of delinquent taxpayers for taxes until a further hearing in the cause in Carthage on August 17th, at which time they shall appear and show cause, if any, why this injunction shall not be continued.

Suit was started by D. A. McDonald and K. W. McLeod in behalf of themselves and all other taxpayers of the county who make themselves parties, and the commissioners and tax collector were named as defendants.

They set forth that there are several thousands of taxpayers who are poor people who have been unable through crop failures due to drouth, general business depression and the scarcity of work, to pay their taxes, but who can pay some if given time to market their crops, and that a sale the first Monday in September will amount to a public calamity.

They further state the belief that the defendants have no right to sell for several reasons, among them being that the tax collector has not levied upon the personal property and exhausted the same before advertising and proceeding to sell their real estate as is expressly required by law; that the defendants are attempting to charge and collect unjust and unreasonable penalties, which are illegal as well as exorbitant, and illegal costs and charges; that Section 1 of Chapter 114 of the Public Laws of the General Assembly of North Carolina of 1937 is not clear as to the meaning of said section in that it says:

"All actions and proceedings required by such provisions to be taken in the months of May, June and July of the years 1935 and 1936 shall be taken in the months of August, September and October, respectively, in the years 1937 and 1938."

They allege that it is not clear in that it does not say what the commissioners or other officers are required to do in the months of August, September and October.

Firemen in Races at Greensboro Convention

Southern Pines Contingent Enjoying Golden Jubilee of State Association

Although a chosen few of the Southern Pines Fire Department are having the benefit this week of a trip to Greensboro to attend the Golden Jubilee convention of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, those that stayed at home at least had the excitement of a ride to Vass Wednesday when they were called out to assist in the fighting of the fire at the Morrilstown Manufacturing Company there. It wasn't much of a fire but at least the boys had a ride.

Meanwhile, the Southern Pines contingent at Greensboro, consisting of Chief L. V. O'Callaghan, Tom Vann, E. J. Davis, O. D. Michael, J. H. Cashion, John Cameron, J. D. Gregory, Harold Fowler and Harold Maples, saw Jerome B. Flora of Elizabeth City elected president of the association and heard him advocate the abolition of the State tax on gasoline used by fire departments. They also heard Mayor Thomas E. Cooper of Wilmington attack the so-called centralization of power in Raleigh with particular reference to the State highway and State school systems.

Yesterday afternoon the convention wound up with the reel, grab, hose and chemical races, in which the Southern Pines department had teams entered.

No confirmation could be obtained at Hemp yesterday of the reported death by fire of two young men in an automobile accident there.

J. E. Carraway, Proprietor of Connecticut Road Camp, Found Brutally Murdered

Soil Saver



E. H. GARRISON, JR.

Farm Agent Tells of Work in County Under Soil Erosion Program

Soil savers and a soil saver featured the all-star bill at this week's meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, held Wednesday in the Pinehurst Community Church. The soil savers sang and one of them talked, and the soil saver told of the soil erosion program in the county.

The preachers turned out four-strong in compliment to the Rev. Dr. Murdoch McLeod, now on vacation in the Sandhills from his church at Nashville, Tenn. Incidentally, the "Dr." in front of his name is new since he left the pastorate of the Community Church in Pinehurst a few years ago, having been bestowed upon him this spring. Sitting with him at the meeting were the Rev. E. L. Barber of Aberdeen, the Rev. A. J. McKelway of Pinehurst and the Rev. J. Fred Stimson of Southern Pines, and the quartet was called upon for a song at the start of the meeting. Dr. McLeod also spoke of his pleasure at being back in the Sandhills which he still considers the finest year-round place to live, and with his former Kiwanis mates.

County Agent E. H. Garrison, Jr. was the soil saver speaker and made an interesting talk on what he and his associates are trying to do in the upper end of the county in preventing fields from washing away and increasing per acre production. One point he emphasized in favor of the erosion program was that \$14,770,000 now goes annually out of the state for fertilizer, a goodly part of which could be saved by proper terracing and care of topsoil.

Want Danger Spots Removed From Roads

Kiwanis Club Launches Move For More Highway Safety in Moore County

A move to remove hazards from Moore county highways was launched at the meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club on Wednesday by Col. George P. Hawes of the club's Roads Committee. With funds from the State Highway Commission available for work throughout the state the club went on record as approving the spending of some of this money in the interest of safer driving, and President C. W. Picquet asked the Sandhills Committee, made up of representatives of all towns represented in the club, to investigate dangerous crossings and turns and other highway hazards. The club will then appeal to the Highway Commission for allocation of funds to make the needed changes.

The Sandhills Committee comprises Ralph Chandler, chairman; Herbert F. Seawell, O. Leon Seymour and Willard Dunlop.

Mrs. H. A. Page, Jr., of Aberdeen left early in the week for Colorado where her mother is reported ill.

Missing Since Last Friday, Body Found in Woods Bordering Midland Road

TWO SOUGHT FOR SLAYING

By BEN BOWDEN

Culminating a three-day search that started when friends became alarmed for his safety after he had been absent for two days from his home at Connecticut Camp, located on U. S. Route 1 about 13 miles south of Southern Pines, the beaten, stabbed and badly decomposed body of J. E. Carraway, aged about 50, was found at 7:00 o'clock Wednesday morning lying in the woods off the Midland road about one mile north of Southern Pines, by J. G. Riley of Aberdeen, when he went to bring in Carraway's car which had been discovered abandoned Tuesday evening on the shore of Swan Lake, about one-half mile from where the body was found.

The car, when found, was minus the right front tire and rim. The tire was lying in the road close to where Carraway's body had been dragged into the woods, but the rim was missing and it was during the search for the rim that Riley ventured further into the woods and came upon the body.

County Coroner D. Carl Fry, who examined the body at the scene, stated that death had been the result of a beating about the head and body which had undoubtedly stunned Carraway and that he had been dragged into the woods where he had been stabbed in the heart. There was a deep knife wound in the left chest that would have proved fatal, and a heavy sandbag and a bone-handled knife with a five-inch blade were found beside the body. Coroner Fry said that the condition of the body indicated that it had been lying in the spot where it was found for at least five days and set the time of death at approximately 9:30 a. m. on Friday.

Left Camp on Friday

County officers were informed that two men, who had stopped at Connecticut Camp for several days last week had become friendly with Carraway and that they had prevailed upon him to drive them to an as yet undiscovered destination last Friday morning. Mrs. Carraway stated that Carraway and the two men left Connecticut Camp at around 6:30 o'clock Friday morning. Attendants at Mack's Filling Station in Aberdeen, saw Carraway at approximately 9:00 o'clock when he stopped there to buy gasoline and oil, but they were not able to state whether there was anyone with him at the time. That was the last that was seen of Carraway until his body was discovered Wednesday morning. Friends informed the authorities that Carraway always carried large amounts of money on his person and that on this occasion he was thought to have had between \$200.00 and \$300.00 in his possession. Mrs. Carraway was quoted as having stated that she thought the amount nearer \$1,000.00. At the time the body was found the pockets of Carraway's clothing yielded less than \$2.00, all in change.

On the road opposite the point where marks indicated to officers that the body had been dragged into the woods, automobile tracks left the road and cut across the parkway to the left, cutting down shrubbery in its course. The marks continued down the wrong side of the road for about ten feet and then cut back across the parkway to the right side. At one point on its trip back across to the right, a large tree was badly scraped and it was at this point, officers assume, that the tire and rim were ripped from the right front wheel.

Sandbagged and Stabbed

Reconstruction of the crime points to the assumption that Carraway was driving the car at this point (friends state that he had repeatedly said that no one but himself would ever drive his car) and that he was

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