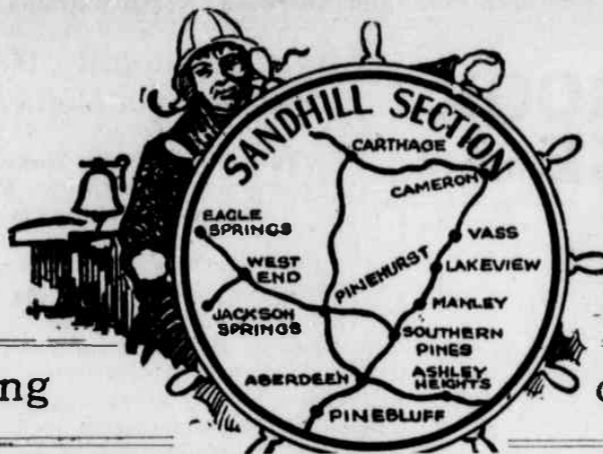


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## SOUTHERN PINES OPENS BASEBALL SEASON A LOSER

Legion Juniors Shut Out By Pitcher James of Hamlet in Premiere

### FEEL LOSS OF VETERANS

By BEN BOWDEN

The Peaches, the Sandhills American Legion junior baseball team, opened their season Wednesday afternoon at Hamlet and succumbed to the pitching wizardry of Lefty James, the Hamlet portside, by a score of 2-0. James gave up only four hits during the course of the proceedings and was never in danger.

Howard Auman, on the mound for the Sandhills aggregation, was equally effective, but errors in the field, three in succession in the sixth inning, gave Hamlet their two run advantage—one that was good throughout the remainder of the game. The disappointment of the afternoon was heavy-hitter Author Pate's hitless day. In the two practice games that the Peaches played prior to Wednesday's official opener, Pate had been hitting to all corners of the ball park, but Wednesday, with the chips down and official averages in the balance, Arthur whiffed ingloriously on all three trips to the plate.

This year's Sandhills outfit has but five veterans on the roster; Pate, Buchan, Neil Melvin, Clyde Alexander, and Auman. Sorely missed are Ed Newton, star catcher and first baseman of last year, who made history at Lenoir-Rhyne College this spring when, in his freshman year, he beat out the team captain for the first base post and led the team in batting averages; "June" Williams, last year's star third baseman, who is presently debating with himself the wisdom of signing a proffered contract with the Philadelphia Athletics or taking advantage of an offer of a college education at Duke University, and Pitcher Buss Thomas, now too old to play in the league.

The present roster, however, includes several new stars who figure to make local fans forget last year's luminaries. Chief among them are right fielder and clean-up hitter Ed Shields of High Falls and second baseman Charley Cole, of Carthage; 15-year old Harold Upchurch, pitching star, and short-stop Junior Kidd, both of High Falls.

#### Catcher Needed

The one weakness of the team this year, as last year, is the absence of a first rate regular catcher. In the two practice games the team played prior to Wednesday's league opener, Graham Hussey was behind the plate and turned in a fine performance except for an alarming weakness in his legs to second base in attempts to cut off base runners stealing from first. To try to remedy this situation, the team is looking for a catcher who can play in the league.

## Leaves \$1,000 To Aid in Educating Youth

Mrs. Weed's Will Establishes Loan Fund, Episcopal Church Bequeathed \$200

In the will of Flinda V. Weed, late of Southern Pines, which has been filed for probate in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Moore county, it is directed that \$1,000 from her estate be deposited in the Bank of Pinehurst in a special account to be known as "The Weed Fund" to be used exclusively as a loan fund to aid worthy children in obtaining an education. The executive committee of the bank is empowered to lend from said fund "to any worthy children of good character and merit who would otherwise be denied the opportunity of attending boarding school or college" at an interest rate not to exceed five per cent per annum, and it was the intention of Mrs. Weed that the fund be perpetual.

The Emmanuel Episcopal Church was remembered with a gift of \$200 and the remainder of the estate, the whole of which was valued at about \$5,300, was bequeathed to relatives and friends. J. Talbot Johnson was named executor.

## Rassie Wicker Launches Move To Save Jackson's Covered Bridge

New Structure Threatens Doom of One of Few Remaining Old Time Bridges

Join the "Association to Save Jackson's Bridge."

Rassie E. Wicker of Pinehurst is temporary chairman and calls upon all those of the community interested in preserving one of America's few remaining covered bridges for posterity to use their influence with the powers that be. In a letter to The Pilot Mr. Wicker says:

"Many residents of the Sandhills have explored the hills and valleys of upper Moore county, and remember with pleasure the rugged and picturesque covered bridge across Deep River, between McConnell and High Falls.

"It appears that the State Highway Commission is preparing to rebuild, or relocate the High Falls Road, and will construct a modern concrete bridge across the river at another point. As a result of the proposal, our County Commissioners have been asked to authorize the removal of the old bridge.

"One of our New England states has formed an association for the purpose of preserving the few remaining covered bridges in that state, and to expedite matters, the writer of this letter appoints himself temporary Chairman of the 'Association to Save Jackson's Bridge.'

"Fortunately, we have a Board of Commissioners composed of discerning men, and I am sure that if there is sufficient interest shown in the matter, they will take the steps necessary to preserve it. If any readers are interested in this matter, which incidentally, shouldn't cost anything, they should immediately write either the undersigned, or Wilbur Currie, Chairman of the Board, Carthage, expressing their views.

"The writer also expects to appear before the board at its next meeting, relative to this proposal, and would appreciate the presence and support of others who may be able to be present."

## Payne and Turner Pay Death Penalty July 1

Penn Murderers Lose Their Appeal to Supreme Court; Only Governor Can Save Them

Bill Payne and Wash Turner heard with no show of emotion Wednesday night, that they had lost their appeal to the Supreme Court and were facing death by asphyxiation on Friday, July 1, for the murder of George Penn of Carthage, State Highway Patrolman, near Asheville last August.

"Don't reckon there's anything to say," tersely remarked Turner, also known as Jack Borden, as he stared through the bars of his death cell at Warden Hugh Wilson who informed him of the Supreme Court decision.

"I'm not surprised," Bill Payne, sligher of the two, said calmly. "It's no more than I expected."

Unless Governor Hoyer intervenes the two men, who successfully evaded a series of police traps from the time they made a spectacular escape from Caledonia Prison camp in February, 1937, until cornered and captured by G-men in Sanford January 3, will pay for their greatest crime by inhaling lethal gas in the State's death chamber on the first of July, nearly six months from the date of their capture.

## STATE SENATOR INGRAM SEEKS LEGION COMMAND

State Senator Henry L. Ingram of the Moore, Randolph, Hoke and Harnett district, is a candidate for 12th district commander of the American Legion. Ingram is a wholesale distributor of petroleum products in Asheboro, has long been active in Legion affairs, and is a former president of the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce. He was an infantry captain in the World War and wounded in the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

## It's June!

You Can Tell By the Activity at the Marriage License Bureau

That June is really "the month of brides" is brought to mind by the increased activity in the marriage license office in Carthage. During the past week licenses have been issued from the office of Miss Bess McCaskill, Register of Deeds, to the following white couples: W. R. Kennedy, Jr., of Hemp and Wylene Stutts of Glendon; J. V. Cole of Pinehurst and Blennie Mae Martin of Carthage Route 3; M. L. Owen of Steeds and Marie Garner of Hemp; J. W. Phillips of Glendon and Ola King Cowing of Carthage; Walter James Wyatt, Jr., of Wake Forest and Ethel Kathryn Day of Southern Pines; M. A. Ray and Virginia Stevick, both of Southern Pines; Paul C. Michaux and Geneva Cooper, both of Sanford; Walter Jerome Smith of Schenectady, N. Y., and Helen Elizabeth Packard of Southern Pines.

## MAIN BUILDINGS OF FELIX ADDOR PLACE BURNED

Fire Sweeps Through Log Cabins Containing Family Relics and Mementos

The main structures of the quaint old Felix Addor place, notable in the annals of Moore county, were destroyed by fire Saturday morning, Mr. Addor suffering the loss of many cherished family relics and mementos, as well as personal effects and money.

Flames communicated from a lamp in the kitchen shortly before 11:00 o'clock, swept rapidly through the old original log cabin built some 25 years ago, and from this structure to the adjoining building. Mr. Addor, notified by a colored boy, the only attendant about the place, was unable to enter his office or bedroom in the old building, being driven back by the suffocating smoke.

The Pinebluff Fire Company answered an alarm and was able by using water from the lake to keep the flames away from adjoining buildings, including the picture gallery and dance hall. Among the furnishings of the razed building were two fine pianos, a grand and a modern upright, the pride of Mr. Addor, long noted as a fine musician.

Located to the left of U. S. Highway No. 1, about two miles below Pinebluff and one and one-half miles west of the Seaboard station of Addor, (formerly the village of Keyser), the home place of Felix Addor is a survival of the now almost forgotten colonists, once refugees from the battlefields of the Franco-Prussian war, who came into the Sandhills of North Carolina to establish a grape culture more than a half century ago.

## TOBACCO HARVEST SOON TO GET UNDER WAY

Harvest of North Carolina's principal cash crop—flue-cured tobacco—will begin within the next week on the southeastern, or border belt, section of the state.

Meanwhile, farmers anxiously are awaiting the opening of the marketing season to determine the effect on prices of the new crop control law. Border belt markets will open early in August, with other belts following at intervals of two or three weeks.

W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist for the State Agriculture department says prospects are "bright for an excellent quality leaf" in the Border belt. E. Y. Floyd, State AAA officer, said the quality of tobacco was unusually good throughout North Carolina. It looks good in the Sandhills section.

## 117-ACRE TRACT ON YOUNGS ROAD SOLD TO SICARD

New Yorker To Improve Property for Country Estate. Barnum Builds on Bethesda Rd.

### 2 SADLER HOUSES SOLD

A number of real estate deals which were started during the winter season in Southern Pines have been closed during the past week or two, principal among which is the sale of the former Goodwill property on Youngs Road to Hugh Sicard of New York City. Mr. Sicard, through the E. C. Stevens agency, has purchased 117 acres of the Goodwill and old Scott farm property from the Moore County Company, which acquired it several years ago.

Mr. Sicard spent some time here last winter and visualized the Goodwill property as having great possibilities for a country estate. The property has both woodland, arable farm land, small lake and a log house, in addition to a few farm buildings. The main house burned to the ground about two years ago. The new owner is rebuilding the log house on the lake for a winter home, with C. L. Austin as the contractor and Miss Catherine Pierson the interior decorator. James Swett is in charge of improving the grounds, and has laid out a new entrance road from Youngs Road in to the log house. Much new post and rail fence has been placed here and there about the property. The dwelling known as "the high house" on the Scott farm is also being renovated.

Mr. Sicard has contracted for extensive lines carrying electricity to his new home, as well as for a telephone connection.

#### To Build Winter Home

W. H. Barnum of New York, who with his family spent a large part of the winter at the Pine Needles Inn, is starting construction within the next few weeks on a winter home on the four acres of land he recently acquired on Bethesda Road, situated between The Ark School and The Paddock. The Barnums occupied the Skinner house in the Weymouth Heights section one winter. The property was sold through E. C. Stevens.

The R. F. Potts agency informs The Pilot of two interesting transactions in the sale of dwellings for the Sadler estate. Chan page, proprietor of the Page Motor Company, bought No. 108 South Ridge street, the former home of the late C. J. Sadler. This large dwelling of ten rooms and basement is located just south of Illinois avenue, facing the extensive property now under development.

## Burns Calls Second Primary For Solicitor

Carthage Attorney, Runner-Up to McKeithen on June 4, To Try Again

Edward J. Burns of Carthage, second man in the Democratic primary race for Prosecuting Attorney of the Recorder's Court, announced this week his decision to call a second primary. Mr. Burns polled 1,103 votes to 1,735 for Leland McKeithen of Aberdeen and Pinehurst in the June 4th primary, with J. H. Scott trailing with 878 votes.

In a statement to The Pilot Mr. Burns said: "I wish to let the Democrats of Moore county know that I have decided to enter a second primary for the office of Prosecutor of the Recorder's Court. To do so will not put our county to any additional expense in view of the fact that a second primary has been called by the second high man in the Congressional race. I appreciate the support given my candidacy in the first primary and shall be deeply grateful to my friends for their votes, and assistance on the 2d day of July."

This contest will be the only county one in the second primary, but the race for Congress between C. B. Deane of Rockingham and W. O. Burgin of Lexington is expected to get the voters out a second time.

## Police Chief Week

Gargis of Southern Pines Sprains Ankle in Chase; Carthage Chief in Toils

This was not a good week for Chiefs of Police of Moore county. Chief J. A. Gargis of Southern Pines stumbled and severely sprained his ankle while pursuing a suspected chicken thief in West Southern Pines last Saturday morning. He had to be taken to the Moore County Hospital for treatment.

Seen being assisted into a car by two stalwart men, the colored gentrity of "Jintown" spread the rumor "the J-men got Gargis." What got him was an obstruction in his path while chasing his prey.

The Carthage Chief of Police is in more serious trouble. He, Jesse L. Caviness, was arrested in Raleigh on a charge of reckless driving following an automobile accident near Cary. Ben S. McKeel, a Raleigh insurance agent, was injured in the accident. Caviness had a taste of the medicine he frequently administers. He spent a few hours in jail.

## FURNITURE PLANT ADDITION, OTHER BUILDING IN VASS

Morristown Mfg. Co. Adding 14,000 Square Feet—New Standard Service Station

### BEASLEY REMODELS BLOCK

More building activity is in evidence in Vass at present than at any time within the past several months.

Work was begun the first of the week on a modern brick building to be used as a Standard service station, on the site which until last week was occupied by the Keith Motor Company on Highway 1. The old building has been razed to make way for the new.

A. M. Cameron, local Standard oil distributor, and H. R. Down of Fayetteville are having the building erected and it is expected to be completed within about six weeks.

The brick building opposite Hotel Charmella, originally the Ford Sales place, which was recently purchased by R. P. Beasley, has been completely remodeled and is now having the finishing touches added. Partitions have been built, dividing the interior into spaces suitable for various kinds of business, and Mr. Beasley hopes to see an up-to-date furniture store located in the building in the near future.

An addition of 14,000 square feet of floor space is being made to the Morristown Manufacturing Company's furniture plant here to take care of the increased business of the firm. The new part will be used as a finishing room, Herman Meiselman stated. The company has already opened a warehouse in Boston and plans are underway for opening several more in other northern cities.

J. H. Abernathy, who a couple of years or so ago purchased the old Devereau Johnson farm just outside the town limits out the Byrd's Bridge way, last week moved into his attractive new six-room bungalow which overlooks the old Johnson home, one of the oldest houses in the community, near which stands the grave of Colonel Matthews of Revolutionary prominence.

Mrs. Bertie L. Matthews and the W. C. Leslie family have recently completed additions to their residences and numerous homes in the village and community have been improved by new coats of paint.

### R. S. TUFTS A DIRECTOR

At the annual meeting of the Southern Golf Association held Wednesday at Ponte Verda Beach in Florida Richard Tufts of Pinehurst was one of two North Carolinians elected to the board of directors, the other being John M. Scott of Charlotte.

### WINS GOLF NUMERALS

George W. Pottle of Southern Pines has been awarded his freshman numerals at Cornell University as a member of the Freshman Golf team this past year.

## SOUTHERN PINES, ABERDEEN HOSTS TO FIRE FIGHTERS

18 Departments Represented at Convention of Sandhills Association

### BROCKWELL IS SPEAKER

Southern Pines and Aberdeen played host to firemen from 18 North Carolina cities on Wednesday, spending the day in the two Sandhills towns transacting such business as needed it, listening to fine talks by fire leaders of the state, enjoying contests, a supper at the Aberdeen Lake, and the annual ball of the Sandhills Firemen's Association in the evening at the Southern Pines Country Club.

There were representatives here from the following departments: Durham, Concord, Elizabeth City, Red Springs, Pinehurst, Hamlet, Hamlet Shops, Rockingham, Raleigh, Charlotte, Sanford, Biscoe, St. Pauls, Carthage, Pittsboro and Pinebluff. And also present were Sherwood Brockwell, State Fire Marshal, J. B. Flora of Elizabeth City, president of the State Firemen's Association, and John L. Miller, secretary of the State Association. From Charlotte came Chief W. H. Palmer, and from Raleigh, Chief W. E. Holland, though the Charlotte and Raleigh departments are not members of the Sandhills association.

Fire Marshal Brockwell made a fine talk at the morning gathering in the Southern Pines High School auditorium. His audience was particularly interested in his story of the greatest school disaster in the history of fire fighting in the country, that at Texas about a year ago, and of the recent hotel fire in Atlanta which cost so many lives. Mr. Brockwell had personally investigated these disasters.

#### Program at School

The ceremonies at the school started with a prayer by the Rev. J. Fred Stimson, after which Mayor D. G. Stutz of Southern Pines and Mayor Frank Shamburger of Aberdeen welcomed the visitors. Addresses were made by J. Talbot Johnson and J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen and Eugene C. Stevens, member of the Board of Commissioners of Southern Pines, followed by talks by Mr. Flora, Mr. Brockwell, Mr. Miller, and by L. S. Rowell, of the Southern Pines department, president of the Sandhills Firemen's Association. (Please turn to page four)

## Put the Money Into a Town Hall, Jayme Says

Pilot Correspondent Calls Civic Center Idea Artistic But Not Practical

"Attention, Mr. Potts and Taxpayers," writes John Jayme of Southern Pines to The Pilot.

"Why buy the \$9,000 lot? It will cost you, to carry the vacant lot, \$1,000 for nine years, plus average interest \$217.75, a total of \$1,217.75, plus loss of tax on the lot now being paid, \$166.75, or a grand total yearly cost of \$1,384.50 for nine years.

"A building to house the Town offices and a building to house the library, such as Mr. Yeomans' sketch in The Pilot shows would probably mean \$10,000 to \$12,000 and add probably enough to above charge to run the cost of yearly payments, plus interest, plus loss of tax, up to \$3,000 or more, plus upkeep.

"What Southern Pines needs badly, and at once, is a Town Hall, with seating capacity of 500 to 1,000, on the design of the Pinehurst Carolina Theatre. This would give Southern Pines a chance to bid for conventions, etc., and the Town Hall could be used for concerts, community singings, dances, basketball and other high school activities. The school hall could easily be converted into much needed classrooms.

"The library could use the old City Building, or combine its activities with the Civic Club, as both appeal to the tourists and home people. The Library Association has a case of 'lot buying,' having \$2,000 sunk in (Please turn to page four)