

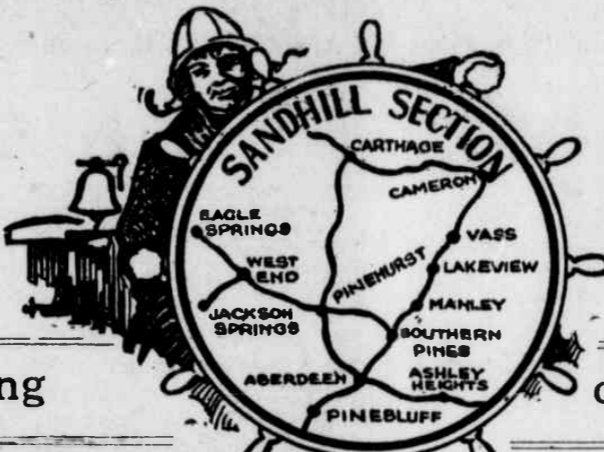
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## STATE BOARD TO PROBE ELECTION IRREGULARITIES

Meets Today at Raleigh To Hear  
Charges Concerning Deane-  
Burgin Race

### BURGIN LEAD CUT

Today, Friday, at 10:00 a. m., probably in the Hall of the House of Representatives at Raleigh, the State Board of Elections will convene to hear specific charges of irregularities arising out of the balloting, particularly with reference to the polling of absentee ballots, in the Congressional race in the Eighth District, between C. B. Deane of Rockingham and W. C. Burgin of Lexington, for the seat soon to be vacated by Representative Walter Lambeth.

Since the second Democratic primary, held on July 2nd, and in which the official results as certified by the various county election boards have cut Burgin's lead to 72 votes, there have been charges and counter-charges of fraud and other irregularities in connection with the balloting. Recounts have been petitioned for and made in many of the counties and workers for C. B. Deane have been assaulted and intimidated in their efforts to secure affidavits as to irregularities in the voting of absentee ballots in Davidson, Burgin's home county.

In Richmond, Deane's home county, Burgin workers unearthed irregularities and Deane has admitted them and repudiated the actions of the persons responsible. In Davidson county, Burgin has repudiated the tactics used on the Deane workers attempting to check the Davidson county ballots and the alleged stealing of the records of their findings before they were assaulted and told to get out of town.

Nevertheless, Deane will present to the State Board of elections today 222 affidavits secured concerning irregularities in absentee balloting and his specific charges will include Union and Montgomery counties as well as Davidson.

Burgin's lead of 152 votes was cut down considerably last Saturday when the Union County Board of Elections, acting under orders of the State Board, recounted the ballots alleged to have been cast for Deane, but were tossed in the wrong box. The Board contends that there were 670 votes in the box whereas the poll books showed only 610. According to the ruling handed down last week by Attorney-General Harry McMullen, the votes must be counted.

A recount of the Montgomery Board last Friday night showed Deane to have 11 more votes than was tallied for him on election night. Close supporters say that Deane will appeal to the State Board to disallow 42 votes which were counted for Burgin on the grounds of certain irregularities. This matter will be heard by the Board today.

The State Board, however, will not concern itself with the assault and intimidation charges, as they are matters to be taken to the criminal courts.

### P.-T. A. INSTITUTE AT CHAPEL HILL AUG. 8-12

Several hundred men and women, who are cast for leading roles in North Carolina Parent-Teacher Association work during the coming school year, will assemble at Chapel Hill for the 11th annual training school from August 8th to 12th.

Arranged by Mrs. J. Buren Sidbury, past president of P.-T. A., and R. M. Grumman, University Extension Director, the program offers last-minute information on educational trends for old as well as new leaders.

Outstanding speakers are Sanford Bates, national Boys' Club executive; Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, R. Mayne Albright, Dr. Carl Reynolds, and Miss Clarice Wade, national P.-T. A. publicity chairman.

Taxes will be increased by the next Congress—even beyond the President's present demands. The big hole in the U. S. Treasury must be filled to keep up with expenses.

## Kiwanians Hear Norris Russell on Miracle of Modern Telephony

### Misses Bonanza

Cliff Johnson Nearly Has  
\$110.00 In Grasp, Then  
Walks Away

Cliff Johnson of Southern Pines had a tough break Wednesday night and he hasn't quite gotten over it yet.

Every Wednesday night is Cash Night at the Aberdeen Theatre and Cliff has his name in the box from which the lucky winners of the prize are drawn. No one had taken the prize for the past 22 weeks—in fact, no one has yet—and therein lies the story.

Wednesday evening there was \$110.00 up for the drawing and Cliff, knowing a Will Rogers picture was being shown, decided to take in the show. He drove to Aberdeen, saw that the picture was one he had seen, and drove away again.

And not more than five minutes after he left the front of the theater his name was called as the winner of the prize—if he'd been there.

## J. D. Sitterson, Jr., Is Sworn In at West Point

### Local Youth Assigned To 2nd Company, New Cadet Class, For Preliminary Training

John D. Sitterson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Sitterson, Sr., of Southern Pines, who was sworn in as Cadet in the United States Military Academy on July 1st, has been assigned to the 2nd Company, New Cadet Class, by Brigadier General Jay L. Benedict, Superintendent. He is one of a group of 432 new Cadets who have just been enrolled in the 1942 class.

For the next three weeks, Cadet Sitterson and his classmates will receive an intensive course of instruction in military subjects designed to fit them for formal entrance into the Corps of Cadets. Today (Friday) the class will be absorbed into the Corps and will participate with the upper classes in routine activities, including the impressive parades for which the Military Academy is so famous. During the month of August the entire Corps, less the second class, which is on furlough, will be encamped in the tent camp in Fort Clinton.

The last week in August will be devoted to a dismantled practice march through the mountains southwest of West Point. The New Cadets will be required to live in shelter tents during this period, and will receive their initiation to meals served from the Army rolling kitchen.

September 1st will see the entire Corps commencing its academic work for the year, having moved into barracks upon the return from the practice march. Classroom work will extend from 8:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m., with an hour's intermission for lunch. Drills and compulsory intramural athletics will take up another hour in the afternoon.

The new class will be divided into sections of from ten to fourteen men for the academic work in conformity to the Military Academy system of instruction, and each Cadet will be required to recite in each subject every day.

### CONSIDERING LANDSCAPING FOR POSTOFFICE PROPERTY

Southern Pines Postmaster P. Frank Buchan was advised by the Postoffice Department on Thursday that some time within the next ten days a representative of the Treasury Department will visit the local postoffice to consult with A. B. Yeomans relative to planting a landscaped lawn around the building.

Recent bids received here for seeding the lawn have been rejected by the Treasury Department.

In the meantime, it is intended to build a temporary fence around the grounds to keep persons coming to the Postoffice off the grass plots and on the sidewalk.

Southern Bell Telephone Co. Executive Traces Progress of Communication System

### U. S. LEADS WORLD

"If you think our modern telephone service and equipment represents the ultimate in invention and engineering, you should visit the American Telephone and Telegraph Company's ten-story building in New York City, where a staff of engineers and technical experts are constantly engaged in devising and developing new methods and equipment to enable 'the telephone of today to talk with the telephone of tomorrow.'"

So stated Norris Russell, Division Sales Manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, with offices at Charlotte, in a talk before the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at the meeting held Wednesday noon at the Southern Pines Baptist Church.

Mr. Russell, flanked by displays of equipment dating from a replica of the first instrument invented by Alexander Graham Bell to examples of the latest engineering marvels of the A. T. and T. laboratories, entertained the members of the club for a half an hour or so with an interesting and informative talk on "The Miracle of Modern Telephony," and then devoted an additional period to the demonstration of some of the unusual appliances he had on display.

He traced the development of telephone communication from the first crude instrument over which Mr. Bell talked with an associate, in another room two stories above him in the same building, to the present day marvel of communication, by means of which persons may talk completely around the world over a system combining the use of wires, radio and submarine cable and over which voice impulses are transmitted over the complete circuit of the globe in one-quarter of a second.

So thorough was Mr. Russell's knowledge of his subject that he was able to translate the highly technical subject matter of his talk into easily understandable comparisons as he showed the similarity of the mouth-piece and ear-phone of the telephone to a mechanical ear and a mechanical mouth, respectively, and explained the manner in which electrical impulses, corresponding to sounds of the voice, are carried over the communication system, and the manner in which they are boosted in volume at periodic stages in order that they may be heard at the other end of the line. As an example, he stated that trans-Pacific messages are started on their journey with an 800 horsepower charge behind them. When they reach their destination they have dwindled to less than "one flea power" and are "boosted" by equipment there so that the voice is as strong to the listener as when it left California. In transit, he explained, messages are "scrambled" to maintain secrecy. The necessity for this arises out of the fact that, while conversations sent over wires can be kept secret by isolating the wire, when radio and the air is used anyone with a radio set can listen in on a conversation unless something is done to make it unintelligible. There are several methods such as sending the impulses of the conversation over the air in reverse, upside-down or with the high impulses lowered and the low one stepped up, and the method is changed every 20 seconds in order that no one listening in may have time to keep up with it. Of course the receiving apparatus at the other end of the conversation is synchronized with the sending apparatus and the conversation is straightened out again before it goes on the wires to its ultimate destination.

Mr. Russell displayed and demonstrated two relatively new materials that have been responsible for some of the greatest advances in telephony; Permalloy, a magnetic alloy that has revolutionized the transmission of messages by submarine cable, and cobalt steel, an alloy with magnetic properties that made possible the practical use of the mod-

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## BLUE FAMILY REUNION HELD AT LAKEVIEW

Meet On Land Granted Ancestor  
in 1770 By King George,  
III; Many Present

### BRIEF HISTORY READ

On land granted to their ancestor, Duncan Blue, of Argyllshire, Scotland, in 1770, by King George, III, land which has been in the family continuously since that time, members of the Blue family gathered in Duncan's Park in Lakeview Sunday for their annual family reunion.

At the noon hour they assembled around a long table in the grove and enjoyed a sumptuous picnic dinner. The invocation was spoken by A. B. Cameron of Carthage.

After the election of officers for the coming year, which resulted in the choosing of D. Al Blue of Southern Pines as president and Pauline Blue of Lakeview as secretary to succeed Duncan C. Blue of Lakeview and H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, the older members of the group formed a circle beneath a huge tree in Duncan Blue's yard to talk over old times while the younger members of the clan enjoyed the occasion in other ways.

A brief history of the Blue family, compiled by D. Al Blue, was of especial interest to the older members.

The first Blue family to come over, according to D. Al Blue, came about the year 1748 and settled at Longstreet Church in Cumberland county. This old Blue homestead is now a part of the Fort Bragg reservation.

The next was the Duncan Blue family, which came about 1763 with the McNeill colony to Wilmington, thence to Fayetteville, and then up Little River to what is now Lakeview. Duncan's wife was Margaret Campbell and at least one of their six children was born before they left the mother country. Their children were John, Patrick, Duncan Campbell, Catherine, Sarah and Effie. A land grant with the signature of King George III is still in possession of descendants of this early settler.

In 1800, the next family of Blues came over and settled at Pinebluff, where their old mill pond is still kept up and used as a swimming pool. This family later moved farther south.

Three years later, Daniel Blue's family settled on Drowning Creek near Blue's Bridge, and in 1804 Donald Blue and family came to this country to make their home.

All of the Blue families that came to America and settled in North Carolina from 1748 to 1804 were from the same part of Scotland, as far as the Blue historian knows, and are thought to have been related.

The record of the original will of Duncan Blue, whose descendants were in reunion Sunday, was found a short time ago in Book "A" of wills in the Moore county court house. This record was thought to have been destroyed when the court house burned about 50 years ago.

The oldest son was bequeathed the sum of "Three Hundred and Fifty Spanish Milled Dollars;" to each of the other sons was willed large tracts of land and "movable effects," which included six negroes, Edmond, Big Tom, Hagor, Hannah, Little Tom and Jude; horses, cattle, hogs and household furniture. To each daughter was bequeathed four cows and calves or forty dollars.

This will was ordered recorded at the February term of court in 1815.

Among those from a distance present for the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. J. Shelton Blue and son of Rocky Mount, Carl Blue of Charleston, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Bethea and children of Dillon, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Buchan of Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sharpe, Mrs. Florence Gillis and Miss Myrtle Gillis, all of Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Autrey and family and Mrs. Martin Autrey of Varina; Will Keith of Lakeland, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Garland Thompson and family of Durham, and Mrs. Cashville and family of Whitefield. Numerous members of the family from Hoke and Moore counties attended.

## Voters of Southern Pines Favor Civic Center Bond Issue at Special Election

### Price Accepted

J. J. Harrington, Present Owner,  
Confirms \$9,000 Civic  
Center Price

In a telegram received here Wednesday afternoon from Littlejohn, N. H., J. J. Harrington, the present owner of the property adjacent to the postoffice, informed Southern Pines City Clerk Howard Burns of his acceptance of the \$9,000 purchase price of the property, as voted in the special election held on Tuesday.

Earlier in the day Mr. Burns had notified Mr. Harrington of the outcome of the election and Mr. Harrington's wire was in the nature of a confirmation of previous discussions held on the matter.

## Rotarians To Celebrate Charter Night Thursday

### Newly Organized Club Will Receive Charter From District Governor

Next Thursday evening, July 28th, the newly organized Rotary Club of Southern Pines will observe its "Charter Night" at the Highland Pines Inn in Southern Pines, on which occasion District Rotary Governor J. Mack Hatch, of Belmont, will be present to present the club with its newly issued charter.

An interesting program, including several notable speakers, has been arranged and Rotarians and Rotary Anns from all of the surrounding clubs in this district, which comprises the southern part of the State, have been invited to attend.

President June A. Phillips anticipates that the local club will be host to some 150 guests that evening.

## Jobless Compensation Helps, Press Is Told

### State Commissioner of Labor Addresses North Carolina Press Association

"I, for one, can testify that the present Unemployment Compensation laws helps and I am not prepared now to join with those who oppose the 'pooled plan.' After all, we are our brothers' keepers and while it may hurt to contribute as the law requires, it may be the best for the community and, in the end, best for the individuals who contribute."

This is a statement from the address of Major A. L. Fletcher, member of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Commission and State Commissioner of Labor, at the annual meeting of the N. C. Press Association at Blowing Rock last Saturday. Major Fletcher was referring to the problem of whether or not the North Carolina law should be changed from its present "pooled plan" to the "reserve account" and "merit rating" provisions under which the stable employers would pay less and the unstable ones more under the Unemployment Compensation Act.

Many of the publishers have taken the position, as expressed by their attorney, William C. Lassiter, of Raleigh, that the "individual employer account" or "reserve account" plan, with "merit rating" provisions, should be adopted, on the ground that the publishers head a stable employment and their rates should be reduced, while other forms of industry are not stable and rates for those should be increased, to take care of their unemployment.

Major Fletcher said that for generations people have talked, but none had done anything until President Roosevelt electrified the world in 1933 with his program of recovery, not the least important of which was embraced in the Social Security Act. "Nothing even remotely approaching it in sheer drama had ever taken place in this nation of ours," he said.

\$9,000 Issue For Purchase of  
Property Next To Postoffice  
Passed by 321-182 Vote

### ORDINANCE PASSED

Passing the proposal by an official vote of 321 to 182, the voters of Southern Pines went on record at the polls Tuesday as being in favor of the issuance of the proposed \$9,000 municipal bond issue for the purchase of the property adjacent to the new Postoffice as a possible future site for a Civic Center. The majority in favor of the bond issue was 49 votes.

Of the 417 names on the registration books, poll holders on Tuesday found three cases of duplicate registrations which cut the official registration down to 414. Of this number 231 voted in favor of the bond issue, 84 cast ballots against the bond issue and 1 spoiled ballot was found for a total of 316 votes cast. According to the rules of the election all persons who registered and who failed to vote were counted as being opposed to the bond issue, and thus an additional 98 ballots were added to the opposition total. This brought the official count to 231 to 182.

Members of the Citizen's Civic Center Committee, who worked so industriously for the passage of the issue, on Wednesday expressed gratification over the outcome of the balloting and lauded the progressive attitude of the voters in connection with the proposition before them. They were unanimous in their conviction that the property adjacent to the Postoffice will be a distinct asset to the Town of Southern Pines and that the completed project will be a great step forward in the beautification of the town, already nationally famous in this respect.

On Wednesday evening, at their regular monthly meeting, the Southern Pines Board of Commissioners passed the bond ordinance and the matter now will be passed on to the Local Government Commission at Raleigh for final disposition. They will issue and sell the bonds and the proceeds will be turned over to the Town of Southern Pines within the next six weeks to two months for consumation of the purchase.

### DR. W. E. OVERCASH ADDRESSES WAKE COUNTY MEDICAL MEN

Dr. W. E. Overcash, director of the Pine Crest Manor sanatorium, read a paper last Thursday evening in Raleigh, before the Wake County Medical Society, on the treatment of tuberculosis by artificial pneumothorax. The lecture was illustrated by a motion picture, made by Dr. Overcash, showing the technique, and by a series of X-ray films showing the results of this type of treatment.

Recently Dr. Overcash gave a similar lecture in Tarboro.

### ROTARY CLUB MEETS TODAY

The Rotary Club of Southern Pines will hold their regular weekly luncheon meeting today at 12:15 at Jack's Grill on West Broad street. The Rotary Club will meet regularly every Friday, at the same place.

### JUNIOR ORDER MEETS

The Junior Order of United American Mechanics had its regular monthly supper in the home of A. C. McDonald in Aberdeen on Tuesday night.

About a dozen members of the local council were present and the fried chicken supper was enjoyed by all members present.

After supper the council discussed the needs of the local lodge and then adjourned until the next regular meeting in the Lodge Hall on Tuesday night, July 28th.

"If the New Deal embarks upon a course of foreign meddling, it is no longer the New Deal," is a sample Maury Maverick epigram. He is Congressman from Texas, serving his first term.