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### WHAT MORE CAN WE ASK?

The first reaction to the news that the qualified voters of Southern Pines must vote again on the question of acquiring the property adjoining the postoffice for a Civic Center was one of discouragement on the part of the sizeable majority which had favored the project. These good citizens had waged a winning fight for something which seemed distinctly worth while.

But on sober second thought it seems to The Pilot that the legal technicality that forces another vote may well have helped matters. It clarifies the situation in this respect: there were many who opposed the proposition in the previous election on the ground that no one knew if, or when, any building might be erected on the site. And without a building it seemed to them unnecessary, with a park directly opposite, for the town to acquire another park.

Now comes the glad news from the Public Works Administration of a gift of \$11,250 from federal funds for a library building on the site. This is an outright gift of 45 per cent of the cost of land and building. It leaves 55 per cent to be raised locally, of which the \$9,000 plot of land is a part.

By tacking \$3,000 on to the proposed bond issue, on which the citizens will vote next month, it now becomes possible for Southern Pines to acquire land and library building worth in the neighborhood of \$29,000 for the sum of \$12,000. The difference between the \$12,000 raised by the bond issue, if approved, and the \$29,000 is entirely provided for by gifts. There's the gift of \$11,250 from the government; there's an offer of \$2,000 from the treasury of the Southern Pines Library Association, and there's a guarantee of \$4,000 from friends of the library.

It would appear as if Southern Pines would be biting off its nose to spite its face should it fail to take advantage of such a proposition. The gift of 45 per cent of the cost of a library building is predicated upon the town's providing a site. Voters have once approved the purchase of a site for \$9,000. They are now asked to add \$3,000 to this, for which they get a landscaped park surrounding a handsome and adequate structure for one of Southern Pines' vital assets, the public library. What more can we ask?

### SILVER LININGS IN ABERDEEN

Aberdeen is well pleased with the way things are going. Right on top of securing a full fashioned hosiery mill which will employ upwards of 60 residents of the community, comes a tobacco market opening which breaks all records in Aberdeen's long history in this field.

The president of the new textile plant was in town during the week and cast aside any doubt of the ability of the mill to keep the wheels of its big hosiery machines turning. He told local citizens his company's annual sales were far in excess of its manufactured output, and expressed the confident belief that the plant here would operate 24 hours a day, with three shifts. Machinery is to be shipped in at an early date.

As for tobacco, the market opening brought hundreds to town from near and far, and the sales loosed in excess of 50,000 to the farmers. The average price of close to 22 cents a pound was satisfactory to most of the growers, and there is no

# THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

MAWMOOT DISHES WERE ONCE THE VOGUE IN EARLY ROME. MANY FAMILIES OWNED SAVER DISHES WEIGHING OVER 100 POUNDS APIECE!

A RUSSIAN TODAY MUST WORK ALMOST TEN TIMES AS LONG AS AN AMERICAN TO EARN ENOUGH TO BUY A PACK OF CIGARETTES

24% OF OUR TOTAL POPULATION ATTENDS SCHOOL IN ENGLAND THE FIGURE IS ONLY 16% IN FRANCE, 13% IN GERMANY, 13% IN ITALY, 12%.

THE JAPANESE GROW TREES IN FLOWER POTS. THE DWARF TREES OF JAPAN ARE PERFECTLY FORMED MATURE TREES WHICH HAVE BEEN SO CULTIVATED THROUGH THE CENTURIES THAT THEY ARE NOW SMALL ENOUGH TO GROW IN FLOWER POTS!

TAXES \$103,924,000 TAX BILL OF ONE LARGE OIL COMPANY IN 1937 WAS 50% GREATER THAN THE WAGES PAID ITS 32,000 EMPLOYEES

## GRAINS OF SAND

News travels far, and fast. Postmaster Frank Buchan has a request from the postmistress at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin for a sketch of the Southern Pines postoffice because she'd heard we have a particularly beautiful building here.

When a prominent resident of Southern Pines returned from the Aberdeen tobacco market the other day with a \$50 bill to show for a sale of some leaf, his friends took a picture of it, they hadn't seen one in so long.

Those who want to get the "low-down" on the Czechoslovakian situation can do so the last half of this week at Charley Picquet's theatre. The current "March of Time" goes into it pretty thoroughly.

Congratulations to Messrs. Blue and Worsham on the first anniversary of their new grocery store on East Broad street, Southern Pines.

There was a vast difference in the looks of the Aberdeen Warehouse on last Friday night and on Tuesday morning. On the former occasion it was full of Lions and their friends gathered around a huge banquet table celebrating installation of the Lions Club in Aberdeen. On Tuesday morning you couldn't see the floor for tobacco.

A good boys' preparatory school would bring a lot of business to the Sandhills section. The move to establish one here merits support.

Pinehurst trained trotters were big money winners on northern tracks this summer. It's only a question of time before this will be one of the leading winter training headquarters in the country. It's among the first now.

They started laying the brick at the new Nurses Home for the Moore County Hospital this week. And the new building for Aberdeen's hosiery plant is ahead of schedule, in fact

reason to believe they won't keep their leaf coming this way. The stores did a good business Tuesday, so the merchants are happy.

Of course, despite all these silver linings, the principal subject of conversation around Aberdeen is, who's going to win that \$150 that's been accumulating for months in one particular spot in town?

### WE MUST KEEP OUR SKIRTS CLEAR

The foreign situation is too muddled at this stage for any intelligent comment.

It is but to be hoped that the visit of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain to Germany's Adolph Hitler may lead to some peaceful solution of Europe's problems.

Whatever may betide, America must so act to keep its skirts clear of entanglements that may lead to a war in which we can but lose, victorious or no.

should be completed by October 1st. We gather the people of the state want federal funds but don't want the federal government telling 'em how to vote.

The Sandhills resort section is expanding. That's getting to be quite a hotel at Lakeview.

## Correspondence

### OLD UNION CHURCH

Union Presbyterian Church was organized in 1797 with the following elders: Walter Macbeth, Zachariah Graham, Duncan Patterson, John Blue, and Col. A. McDonald. The present elders are: J. S. McLaughlin, D. B. Kelly, M. D. McLean, and J. F. Swett. The first Church building was erected by the congregation in 1798, and was located where the Big Wagon Road leading from Fayetteville to Carthage crossed the old Pee Dee Road leading from Cheraw, S. C. to Raleigh, N. C. Only a few years previous to this time, these roads had been used extensively by the Whigs and Tories during the Revolutionary War. Three Church buildings have been erected by the Union congregation. The present structure was built a few years after the Civil War.

Tradition tells us that burials were made at Union prior to the organization of the first Church in 1797. Services have been continued since this early date; and the cemetery has continued to grow. In most of our 48 states can be found persons who have relatives buried in Old Union Cemetery, especially in the Western and Southern States.

For nearly 150 years there has been a fine Christian spirit of fellowship at Union. It still exists. I saw it the other day and felt its great power when friends, neighbors, and relatives gathered there on an appointed day to clean off the Church grounds and improve the appearance of the cemetery. Several ladies cleaned up inside the Church, while sixty or more men worked in the Cemetery. Some persons who could not be there for the occasion sent other men to work there until the job was finished. Others sent money to help defray expenses. Even to the place in the lower end of the Cemetery where colored people were buried in the days of slavery, everything was made to look neat and clean. Special attention was given not to just a few graves, but to every grave.

May this fine Christian spirit of fellowship and brotherhood of Old Union Church continue to live on for many years to come.

—PAUL BLUE, Southern Pines, Sept. 10, 1938.

### LIGHTNING STRIKES NEAR VASS AND KILLS TWO COWS

Two cows belonging to Wes Hennings, who resides between Vass and the Clay Road farm, were killed by lightning during a storm on Thursday afternoon of last week. Two mules in a stable adjoining that occupied by the cows were not harmed, and the barn was not damaged.

## The Week in Aberdeen

Miss Julia Brown of Charlotte was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Seymour.

Garland Farrell, who underwent a serious operation at Mary Elizabeth Hospital in Raleigh last Tuesday, is doing as well as can be expected.

Miss Frances Wimberly is returning home this week after spending the summer months at The Balsams, Dixville Notch, N. H., where she held a position, and after a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. Julia Wimberly, will leave for Flora Macdonald College to enter the Senior year.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector McMillan of Lumberton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blue. They were accompanied by Miss Mabel Bethune, who is a student nurse at the Thompson Memorial Hospital in Lumberton.

Mrs. A. F. Dees and son are leaving this week for Pinehurst to make their future home. Mr. Dees is night policeman there. The Dees boarding house has been taken over by Mrs. D. H. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hurley have returned home after spending a week with their sons, Ed Hurley and Will Hurley in Fayetteville and Hope Mills.

Charlton Huntley has returned to Presbyterian College in Clinton, S. C., following the summer holidays. He will join the Senior Class.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Britt of Troy were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kellis visited relatives in Star last Sunday afternoon.

Ralph Stowell of Oakland, Maine and James Hafley of Atlanta, Ga., were week-end guests of their classmate, Charlton Huntley, before returning to their college at Clinton, S. C.

Bill Burns and J. Vance Rowe, Jr., returned to the University at Chapel Hill Monday to resume their school work. They were accompanied by Lawrence Howe, who enters the Freshman class.

Mrs. Mary Pierce of Camden, S. C., was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Weaver.

Miss Charlotte Miller has returned from Greensboro where she has been the guest of her aunt.

Misses Kathryn Charles and Margaret McLeod left Monday for Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs to

enter the Freshman class.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Blue attended the Mosier-Hinnant wedding in Beaufort last Thursday. Their daughter, Miss Lida Duke Blue, was maid of honor.

Miss Susan McLean has returned to Nashville where she will resume her work at teacher in the schools.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Monroe and sons, Frances and Clifford visited in Clinton over the past week-end.

Mrs. Jack Asbury returned Friday after a two weeks visit in Miami Beach, Fla.

Miss Betsy Jean Johnson left Monday for Chapel Hill where she will attend school this fall and winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and sons, Jack and Joe, and Scott Russell motored to Statesville on last Sunday, bringing back with them Mrs. S. E. Sloan, who has been visiting there for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Earl Parker spent the past week-end in Wiggate. Little Betty McLean returned to her home in Raeford this week after a visit with her cousin, Joyce McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fletcher spent last Sunday in West End where they were guests of Mrs. T. J. Fletcher.

Mrs. J. L. Rhyne and daughter, Miss Mae Rhyne, Mrs. A. B. Freeman and Mrs. T. C. Baldwin visited Mrs. Jack Clark at Jonesboro last Friday.

Misses Theresa and Roberta Zimmerman left Monday for Greensboro, where Miss Theresa is entering her Sophomore year, and Miss Roberta joining the Freshman class.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hannon and sons, Billy and Stencil of Washington, D. C., spent last week-end in Aberdeen as guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bobbitt.

Miss Carol Bowman attended the Brown-Clark wedding in Hamlet last Friday evening.

Mrs. W. A. McInnis and family are moving into the house on Main street recently vacated by Mrs. Mary L. David and family.

Mrs. E. M. Medlin and daughter, Gloria Gray, have arrived from a visit with relatives at Davis.

Mrs. Jack Clark of Jonesboro announces the arrival of twins, a son and a daughter, Jack and Jerry, on

## Mrs. James Cameron of Near Timberland Dies

### Large Family of Sons and Daughters Survives Cumberland County Native

Mrs. Mary Jane Cameron, wife of James Cameron, died at her home on Blue's farm, near Timberland, last Friday night at 8:00 o'clock. She has been in failing health for some time. Death was attributed to angina pectoris.

She was born May 5, 1878, a daughter of William Alexander Rice and Mary Ann Shelby Rice of Mecklenburg county.

Funeral services were held at White Hill Presbyterian Church, near Cameron, Sunday morning.

She is survived by her husband, the following children, Mrs. Herbert Brown of Star, Mrs. W. N. Fields of Sanford, Mrs. D. B. Herring and Mrs. K. G. Deaton of Aberdeen, Misses Annis and Elizabeth Cameron of the home, Clyde Cameron of Star, Albert Cameron of Timberland, and three brothers, Frank and Luther Rice of Lanham, Md., and Arthur Rice of Pinebluff.

September 8th. Until Mr. Clark's recent death Mrs. Clark made her home in Aberdeen.

Mrs. E. M. Harris was hostess to the Walter Hines Page Book Club at her home last Thursday afternoon, with an interesting program of study during which Mrs. J. W. Graham gave a paper on the Hawaiian Islands, and Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson reviewed a book on New York state. At this meeting it was learned with regret that Mrs. S. E. Sloan had tendered her resignation, after 13 years faithful attendance and work in this club, and the club voted unanimously to make her an honorary member.

Mrs. E. B. Maynard entertained her Afternoon Club last Thursday with four tables of bridge. Mrs. Colin Osborne of Southern Pines was presented with club prize, and Miss Edna Maurer with guest prize.

Miss Jeanette Leach was hostess to her bridge club at her home last Thursday evening. Mrs. Gordon Keith was the winner of high score prize and Mrs. Robert Farrell guest prize.

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