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FIVE CENTS

NEWELL, JONES, TO OPEN REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN HERE

State Chairman and Congressional Candidate To Speak in Carthage Next Friday

JONAS AT SANFORD

Jake Newell of Charlotte, Republican State Chairman, and John R. Jones of Lexington, Republican candidate for Representative in Congress from the 8th district, will be principal speakers at a rally to be held next Friday night, October 21st, in the courthouse at Carthage.

Mr. Jones, the only Republican solicitor in the state, is a former law partner of Judge Hayes and is reputedly a brilliant lawyer and speaker.

Charles R. Jones, Rejuvenated candidate for the United States Senate against Senator "Bob" Reynolds, is speaking tonight, Friday, in Sanford, the nearest he will get to Moore county during the campaign.

Install New Legion Officers Here Oct. 20

Francis M. Dwight Commander of Sandhill Post for 1939.—To Hear About Los Angeles

The October meeting of Sandhills Post, American Legion will be held at the Legion clubhouse in Southern Pines on Thursday night, October 20th for the purpose of installing the post officers for 1939.

Prior to the installation ceremony the retiring commander has asked that all retiring officers submit a report of activities during the past year with recommendations for the incoming officers.

Invitation has been extended to various Legion officials in this section of the state to attend the installation ceremony. Also the members of the newly organized Sons of the Legion under command of their leader, Captain A. R. McDaniels are expected to attend as an organization, and watch their daddies inducted into office.

Invitation is extended to all visiting ex-servicemen and members of the Spanish War Veterans Camp to attend the installation.

A report from District Commander John H. Stephenson, who attended the national convention at Los Angeles, Col., is looked forward to with interest.

The officers to be installed are Francis M. Dwight, as commander; E. L. McBryde, E. D. Andrews and Charles V. Fields, as first, second and third vice-commanders respectively; L. L. Wooley, chaplain; Harry R. Zirkle, sergeant-at-arms; Rassic Wicker, historian; J. Vance Rowe, guardianship officer; J. F. Sinclair, athletic officer; A. R. McDaniels, child welfare; D. C. Phillips, publicity officer; L. V. O'Callaghan, employment officer; John H. Stephenson, captain of boy's squadron. The adjutant and finance officer are to be appointed at this meeting by the new commander and will be formally installed along with the above named.

Commander Cameron requests all members to be at the clubhouse by 8:00 p. m., October 20th and that all having Legion caps or uniform to wear same in honor of the incoming officers.

DEANE-BURGIN CONTEST HOPELESSLY DEADLOCKED

As The Pilot went to press the Deane-Burgin contest for the Democratic nomination for Representative in Congress from this 8th district was still deadlocked, so tangled up in legal proceedings that it appeared evident, unless a compromise candidate is rushed in at the last moment, there will be no Democratic nominee on the ticket. In which case the Republican candidate, John R. Jones of North Wilkesboro, will be the district's next Congressman.

Here Next Week



JAKE NEWELL



THAD EURE

THAD EURE, LANG SPEAK TUESDAY AT DEMOCRAT RALLY

Secretary of State, National Youth Administrator on Program at Courthouse

OPEN COUNTY CAMPAIGN

Democrats will open their campaign in Moore county this coming week with a rally in the courthouse at Carthage on Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Secretary of State Thad Eure of Raleigh, and John A. Lang of Carthage, head of the National Youth Administration, will be the principal speakers on the program. Others prominent in county affairs will make brief talks. The public is invited.

From now until election Democratic meetings will be held in various parts of the county in the interest of the candidacy of Robert R. Reynolds for re-election to the United States Senate, for the 8th District Representative in Congress if the Deane-Burgin case is determined in time for one or the other to get on the ticket, and for county offices.

TWO NEW "MEMBERS" ARE WELCOMED BY KIWANIANS

John Leon Seymour, son of O. Leon Seymour of Aberdeen, and William Earl Overcash, Jr., son of Dr. Overcash of Southern Pines, were presented as "new members" of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at the club's meeting Wednesday in the Southern Pines Baptist Church. Not yet out of the Moore County Hospital where the two young men were born during the past week, they were represented at the meeting by dolls, and were welcomed by Dr. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst. Their papas are Kiwanians.

"BLACK-OUT" IN SANDHILLS DUE AT PILOT PRESS TIME

The Pilot went to press last night in anticipation of the imminent shriek of the Southern Pines fire siren, the warning to citizens to darken the city against an "air raid" by enemy bombers from Langley Field, Va. The "black-out" ordered as one feature of the Army Air Corps maneuvers here was scheduled for some time between sunset and 10:00 p. m.

FRANK SCHIRMER BELIEVED BURNED TO DEATH IN FIRE

No Trace Found of Well Known Manly Resident After House Is Destroyed

HAD THREATENED SUICIDE

The body of Frank Schirmer, well known resident of Manly, is believed to be in the ashes of his home which burned to the ground at an early hour yesterday morning. Though no trace of his remains had been found at the time The Pilot went to press, neither had Mr. Schirmer put in an appearance at the scene of the fire, and he is reported as having threatened, at various times, to kill himself.

Bruce Cameron, who resides on the old road leading from Southern Pines to Manly, discovered the fire shortly after 4:00 o'clock yesterday, Thursday morning. The house was then beyond saving, but Mr. Cameron drove to Southern Pines and turned in an alarm, the department here responding promptly.

Search Ruins for Body

Mr. Schirmer, known here as an eccentric character, had resided alone in the house for some 15 years. He owned several houses nearby, and an 80-foot well and pumping plant under his own house supplied water to the adjacent buildings. He was born in New Orleans, La., on February 13, 1852. He had served a number of years as chef on one of the western railroads before coming here to live upon retirement in 1891. His father was William Schirmer, mother Louisa Marahn, both natives of Germany. Two sisters and a nephew, A. M. Schirmer, live in New York.

Coroner Fry and Southern Pines firemen spent much of yesterday at the ruins waiting for them to cool sufficiently for a thorough search for Mr. Schirmer's body.

Stunt Night To Offer Variety Bill Oct. 21

A Little Bit of Everything on Program at Southern Pines School Auditorium

A variety bill of entertainment will be offered the public by the Southern Pines school in the High School auditorium at 8:00 o'clock Friday, October 21st. The range of program numbers is from first grade to senior songsters, from the gay nineties to the ultra present, from New York's World's Fair grounds to the Munich Conference table, from a day at the races to a trip to the movies. There will be dialogue and dancing, rollicking and romancing, playlets and pantomime, banter and burlesque.

One feature that will afford amusement especially for alumni and parents is the faculty take-off.

Proceeds will be used to buy athletic equipment to supplement the present supply for the tennis, basketball and baseball groups, and to furnish material for new sports which the directors, Miss Aline Todd and A. C. Dawson, plan to introduce this year. Children of all departments will share the use of this material.

The following is a complete program for the occasion:

- Songs, First Grade; Songs, Second Grade; The World's Fair, Third Grade; The Dude's Backset, Fourth Grade; A Grave Situation, Fifth Grade; A Family at the Movies, Sixth Grade; The Munich Conference, Seventh Grade; Bicycle For Two, Eighth Grade; Faculty Take-Off, Ninth Grade; Track Meet, Tenth Grade; Voiceless Vaderville, Eleventh Grade, Grade.

PROPERTY IN PINEHURST SOLD TO NEW YORKERS

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. White of New York City have purchased property at the corner of Linden Road and McKenzie Road in Pinehurst on which they propose to build a winter residence. Their lot is located diagonally across the street from the Henry Hornblower and Daniel Wing homes. The sale was consummated through the L. L. Biddle, II agency in Pinehurst.

Grinnells Have Narrow Escape In Hurricane at Providence, R. I.

Parking Lot Under Water Few Minutes After They Left.—Floating Bed Saves Dog

Roy A. Grinnell, manager of the Southern Pines Country Club, told fellow members of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club on Wednesday at their weekly meeting some of the tragedies of the hurricane along the Rhode Island coast, in which he and his family narrowly escaped death.

The Grinnells have just returned from their summer house at Sakonet Point, R. I. The day the hurricane struck they were shopping in Providence, their car parked in a parking lot. When a building collapsed near the store in which they were making a purchase they started for their car. The wind was of such velocity it took them 15 minutes to traverse a distance to their car which ordinarily would have taken about two minutes, and during this time one of the children was blown out of his father's hand and down the street where he was rescued by a policeman.

Once in the parking lot Mr. Grinnell at first thought it would be wise, in the face of such wind, to remain there in the car. But when water began to rise over the sidewalk he made a quick getaway to higher parts of town, dodging trees, live wires and falling debris. Within a few minutes after they had left the parking lot it was under 15 feet of water, and persons who remained there were drowned in their cars. They also narrowly escaped death on their drive attempting to get out of town. A bridge which they planned to cross was completely covered by water just a few minutes before they reached it, and 37 persons were drowned.

The wind, Mr. Grinnell stated, reached a velocity of 187 miles per hour at one time. Water in Providence rose 16 feet above normal high tide before the 26-foot tidal wave hit. Sakonet Point, was completely inundated, many houses washed away, the coast line so altered as to require re-surveying by the government. There was nine feet of water in his house, and his desk was found one-quarter of a mile away on the golf course. His dog rode out the storm on a bed floating in the water. He has 10,000 square feet of land that doesn't belong to him except by right of possession—land which washed on his property, piling up against the house. Anybody can have it who'll take it away, he said.

Aberdeen "Over Top" in Boys' School Quota

First Town in County To Raise Amount Assigned; Campaign Going Nicely

Toward the \$10,000 expected of Moore county to purchase 100 acres of Midland Farms property on Midland Road, halfway between Pinehurst and Southern Pines, for the site of the proposed North Carolina Preparatory School for Boys, the people of Aberdeen have pledged their quota of \$1,000, thus taking the lead in this county. Of the several organizations participating in Aberdeen G. C. Seymour, appointed by the Sandhills Kiwanis Club from Aberdeen, took charge and with characteristic promptness soon had the town's quota assured.

Work in other parts of the county is progressing satisfactorily in charge of a joint committee from all the civic and service organizations, headed by the Rev. J. Fred Stimson of Southern Pines as general chairman. The following quotas were agreed upon by the committee: Southern Pines, \$3,000; Pinehurst, \$3,000; Aberdeen, \$1,000; Carthage, \$1,000; Hemp, \$1,000; West End, Vass, etc., \$1,000.

When Moore county has completed its quota, an additional \$10,000 will be raised in counties adjoining this, toward purchase of other property needed for the school, Dr. Osborne states.

VILLAGE CHAPEL RESUMES

The Village Chapel in Pinehurst, closed during the summer months, resumes services this Sunday morning, Dr. T. A. Cheatham, the rector announces.

Heads Kiwanis



J. VANCE ROWE

J. VANCE ROWE 16TH PRESIDENT OF KIWANIS CLUB

Judge of Recorder's Court Elected at Annual Meeting; Judge Seawell Vice-President

J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen, judge of the Moore county Recorder's Court, was elected president of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at its annual meeting held on Wednesday in the Southern Pines Baptist Church. Judge Rowe takes office next month, for a one year term.

Another judge, Herbert F. Seawell, Sr. of Carthage, former member of the United States Board of Tax Appeals in Washington, was elected vice-president, Richard F. Tarlton re-elected treasurer, and the following chosen to the board of directors: F. Shelby Cullum and Paul Dana of Pinehurst, John Howarth, Glenn McElroy and Dr. W. E. Overcash of Southern Pines, and Talbot Johnson and G. C. Seymour of Aberdeen.

Judge Rowe becomes the 16th president of the Kiwanis Club here. Dr. William C. Mudgett was the first president, and others serving during the past 15 years have been J. Talbot Johnson, Edwin T. McKeithen, Frank Shamburger and Dr. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen, Richard Tufts, Paul Dana, Herbert Vail, C. W. Picquet and Willard Dunlop of Pinehurst, the late Dr. J. W. Dickie, Nelson C. Hyde, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson and Ralph Chandler of Southern Pines.

The club plans to stress its support of the Moore County Hospital, its vocational guidance work, its underprivileged child work and good citizenship during the coming year. It will present its annual Builder's Cup to a citizen of the county adjudged to have done outstanding work in the community at a meeting early in December. This cup was awarded last year to Mrs. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst, the year before to Dr. H. E. Bowman of Aberdeen, and other recipients in the past have been Leonard Tufts, Bion H. Butler, John R. McQueen, Simeon B. Chapman and Frank Buchan.

No Such Thing As Old Age Pension in County

And Only 290 Can Be Helped From State Aid Allotment, Says Mrs. Brown

"How can I get it across to the people that North Carolina does not have old age pensions?" Mrs. Leslie Brown inquired of us, almost frantically. "I can't make them understand."

She went on to explain that some states do have pensions for the aged citizens, but that North Carolina has only old age assistance and that Moore county can assist from these funds, according to the State allotment, only 290 persons. Up to (Please turn to page eight)

TO SELL ONLY 30 IN BONDS FOR LIBRARY SITE

Three Thousand Cut Off Project on Which Citizens Vote on October 24

LAST DAYS TO REGISTER

Tomorrow, Saturday, is the final day for registration for the special Southern Pines election to authorize a bond issue for purchase by the city of the property on West Broad street adjoining the postoffice as a site for a new library building. The election will be held on Monday, October 24. Only those especially registered for this election will be eligible to vote. The books are open at the Municipal Building, with Hiram Westbrook as registrar.

Meanwhile, the amount to be raised by this bond issue, if approved by the voters, has been reduced from the advertised total of \$12,000 to the original price of the property, \$9,000, Mayor D. G. Sutz explained this action in a statement given The Pilot yesterday, which reads as follows:

Statement by Mayor

"The public's attention is called to the fact that, although the advertisement appearing in this paper called for a bond issue of \$12,000, of which \$9,000 is for the purchase of the site on which is to be built a public library and \$3,000 to go toward the construction of building and improvement of grounds, the bond attorneys have ruled that a municipality cannot issue bonds for construction of the proposed building.

"The Town Board of Commissioners has, therefore, authorized the sale of \$9,000 only, of the proposed bond issue, instead of \$12,000 as originally stated, and all these funds will be used solely for the purchase of lot on which it is proposed to erect a library building for which we have received a grant of \$11,250 from the Public Works Administration. The advertisements will remain the same, but only \$9,000 of the bonds will be sold."

The approval of the bond issue and the subsequent issue of \$9,000 in bonds will give to Southern Pines a new park, or civic center, a new library building, plans for which have been sketched by Aymar Embury, architect of the postoffice, and land on which at some later date a municipal office building could be erected. Funds for the library building, in addition to the government grant of \$11,250, have been subscribed by the Library Association and its friends. In short, approval of a \$9,000 loan will mean a \$25,000 investment for Southern Pines.

Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson To Celebrate 25th Anniversary Next Friday

Mr. and Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen have issued invitations for a reception celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on Friday evening, October 21st from 8:00 until 11:00 o'clock. Miss Kate Halcombe and Mr. Johnson were married in Southern Pines on that date in 1913, with 20 relatives and friends of bride and groom in their wedding party. Every one of the twenty is living today and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are hopeful and expectant that all will be present at their silver wedding.

Among those who will be here for the celebration, which will be at the Johnson home, are Mr. Johnson's brother, Lieut. Commander Leslie Felix Johnson, U. S. N. who is en route from Brazil; his sister, Mrs. Nell Mizelle of New Orleans, La., and his brother Jack of Kansas.