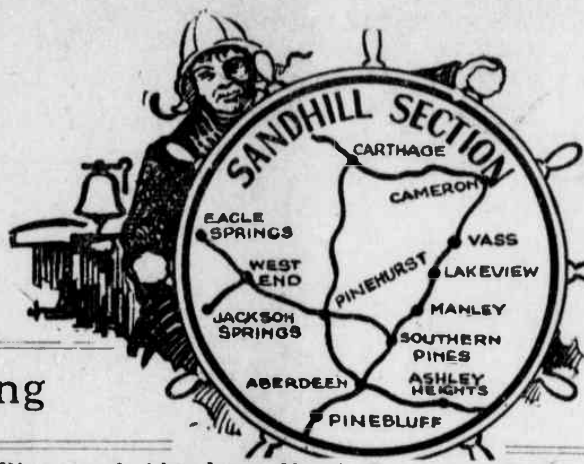


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FIVE CENTS

\$50,000 CHECK HANDS COUNTY BY ABC BOARD

Commissioners Vote Approval of
Management and Appor-
tations Funds

HEALTH, SCHOOLS, NEEDY

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on Monday, the group accepted \$50,000 from the ABC Board and voiced its commendation of the Board for the way in which it had handled the ABC stores.

The money was ordered turned over to the county accountant for distribution. Of the amount, \$30,000 was placed in the county general fund; \$5,000 in the health fund; \$10,000 for the poor, and the remaining \$5,000 was placed with the school fund for capital outlay.

Mrs. J. R. Page was re-elected to the Welfare Board for a term of three years, and sincere appreciation of her loyal and unselfish service on this board was expressed.

The Board voted to recommend that the State Highway and Public Works Commission regrade and surface treat a county road now leading from Richmond county line at Markham's bridge in an easterly direction by Addor to the Hoke county line at a point near Buchan's farm.

It was ordered that \$1,000 be transferred from the county general to the county poor fund.

Small amounts were voted for the relief of several needy residents of the county, and beer licenses were approved for O. W. Baker, T. J. Seawell, Alton Scott, G. C. Whitaker, H. J. and Roscoe Myrick, The Great A. & P. Tea Co., at Southern Pines and Pinehurst, James Katsos, L. L. Biddle, II, Jessie Claude Frye, Pinehurst, Inc., for Pinehurst Country Club and Carolina Hotel.

In attendance at the meeting were Wilbur H. Currie, chairman, W. J. Dunlap, L. R. Reynolds, T. Frank Cameron and Gordon Cameron.

ABERDEEN ELECTS McLEAN MAYOR, WITH NEW BOARD

Taylor, Lockey, Edwards, Medlin and McNeill High of Dozen Candidate s

John Duncan McLean was unanimously elected Mayor of Aberdeen in Tuesday's election, succeeding Frank D. Shamburger.

With twelve candidates in the field, there was spirited voting for the five places on the Board of Commissioners, with the following receiving the highest number of votes:

John M. Taylor, orest Lockey, J. B. Edwards, Dr. Erbie M. Medlin and W. H. McNeill. Mr. McNeill is the sole survivor of the previous board.

Borst Reelected Vass Mayor For 5th Term

Heavy Voting With Two Tickets in Field.—Smith, Beasley Again on Board

In an election in which interest was so keen that more than the usual number of citizens cast their votes, H. A. Borst was reelected Mayor of Vass on Monday for his fifth consecutive term. R. P. Beasley and S. R. Smith, who had served two years, and A. M. Cameron were elected commissioners. These four composed the ticket that was officially nominated at the town caucus in April and their votes were as follows: Borst, 73; Beasley, 71; Smith, 70; Cameron, 77.

A second ticket polled votes as follows: For Mayor, F. L. Taylor, 23; for commissioners, J. J. Parker, 14; W. D. McCraney, 22; Charlie Gschwind, 22.

One vote was cast for J. E. Byrd for mayor and three for J. M. Tyson for commissioner.

Re-elected to Southern Pines Board



H. J. BETTERLEY



L. V. O'CALLAGHAN



ROBERT L. HART



EUGENE C. STEVENS

Yes, 'Twas May 2d, But Br-r-r!

The Pilot, Upholding the Freedom of the Press, Breaks Rule One of the Book of Etiquette to Report on Tuesday's Weather

Rule No. 1 in the Book of Etiquette for resort towns reads something like this:

"Under no circumstances shall there be any publicity about inclement weather."

Well, we stuck by the rule through a long winter season, and now that it's over, we refuse to be suppressed any longer. After all, America is supposed to have a free press.

We took Monday morning off to pack the winter clothes away in mothballs. The week-end had been warm enough to don white ducks and sit out of doors. Walter Ives had driven up to the mountains to escape the heat, and Mr. Chandler was delivering more than the usual amount of ice here and there, mebbe for mint juleps, mebbe just because.

Early Tuesday morning—very early—a storm broke over the Sandhills. There was lightning and thunder. A house was struck in Pinehurst which routed out the firemen to say nothing of the family. Came the dawn, and Br-r-r! Mothballs rolled all over the closet floor when we extricated the winter suit.

We must be crazy; this is May 2d, we said as we ventured forth to work. But we weren't. After returning for an overcoat, we strolled down Broad street. Doc Hart's thermometer was down around the freezing point. We peeked inside the door and saw a huge electric fan on display. It hurt to look at it. Folks joshed about possible snow, only to learn in a few minutes, via radio, that Raleigh had awakened that morning to find itself clad in a coat of white.

They shoveled hailstones off the streets of Sanford. Hemp had a sleet storm that was almost snow, and just as bad. The peach growers up Candor and West End way tore their hair for the third or fourth time this Spring, and we fear, for the last Moore county's crop is going to be a pretty sorry one this year. Hawley Poole and "Mose" McDonald were making inquiries up in Carthage how to get on relief rolls. (We couldn't confirm this.)

Well, to sum up in a few words how bad it was around here: Even the real estate salesmen were wearing overcoats!

Charleston Had Golf 144 Years Ago, Richard Tufts Tells Kiwanis

Richard Tufts of Pinehurst told the Sandhills Kiwanis Club on Wednesday all about the origin and growth of the game of golf, a sport which dates back to the 15th century, though no one knows just where or when it was started.

The first reference to the game goes back to 1457, Mr. Tufts said, at which time it was looked upon and officially condemned as a menace. It seemed that the governing powers of England frowned upon the growing popularity of the game because it was detracting from archery. Even the churches opposed and fought the new game.

The earliest clubs, or sticks, were all wood and it is not known just when irons came into the picture, but it was not until some time in the 19th century. In 1850, he said, a set of clubs, comprised seven woods

and four irons, among them a driver, a grass club, a long spoon, a middle spoon, a short spoon, or baffle, a wooden niblick and a putter. Balls were originally of leather stuffed with feathers. The gutta percha ball was introduced in 1850, and these were called "gutties." It was some time later before the introduction of the rubber-cored ball.

Played Here in 1795
St. Andrews in Scotland is the oldest known golfing organization, and the first rules for the game were drawn up in 1754. The first reference to golf in the United States mentions the game in Charleston, S. C., in 1795, but the first organization of a club was in 1888, at St. Andrews, near New York city, a club which is still operating. It originally had three holes. Golf was introduced in
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ECONOMY IN CITY AFFAIRS PROMISED NEXT TWO YEARS

Expenditures "For Municipal Needs Only," Mayor Stutz Tells Board

BASEBALL FENCE "OUT"

"We are going to confine our expenditures strictly to the budget, and for municipal needs only."

This was the statement which greeted the Board of Commissioners of Southern Pines at its first meeting since election, held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal building. The speaker was Mayor D. G. Stutz, re-elected on Tuesday for his eleventh year.

"Hew strictly to the line," was the platform he advocated for the next two years.

The first project to feel the blow of the new economy program in Southern Pines affairs was the proposed fence for the baseball field, for which \$500 had been asked from the City treasury. The board appeared to agree with the Mayor that this was not a municipal need, and a number of the Commissioners could not agree with the proponents of the proposal that it would prove of particular value to the town. The motion to appropriate the money, made by one Commissioner, was not even seconded, so the matter did not come to a vote.

The board did approve improvements at the Southern Pines Country Club, to include grass greens for the short nine-hole course and enlarged tees for the 18-hole course, but the work is to be done by club employes without expense to the town. Play was so heavy during the peak of the season this year that it was considered a profitable move to improve the short course.

This "Joker" Puts Joke on Assembly's Joker

Tom Bost Writes of Something That Slipped By Our Mr. Clegg

One of the best jokers of the 1939 general assembly was Representative W. R. Clegg, of Moore county, who the first discovered legislative joke was on him, writes W. T. Bost in the Greensboro Daily News.

Moore is one of the two counties in the state which have a mixed ABC system. There are two townships in Moore well populated with northerners who probably drink less than their Tar Heel neighbors, but think better of the legal traffic in alcohol. Since 1935 these townships have had their township system. The county as a whole never has voted.

Nor will it have any such opportunity unless the general assembly of 1941, or some special session earlier than that, should undertake to repeal a Senate bill postponing any county-wide expression for three years. It was this bill of Senator M. G. Boyette which got by Watchman Clegg, an innocent little proviso in it deferring all polls until 1942. Under the 1937 act counties could avail themselves of a vote on either side at any time unless there had been within certain limits a vote on the same subject. Senator Boyette seems to have fixed Moore so that it need not worry for another three years.

Mr. Clegg and his senator did no Jonathan and David, Damon and Pythias acts and did some neat blocking on several occasions. On the Moore poll the representative was taken out of the play, according to the findings of Moore citizens.

In most of the ABC counties there has been no agitation for a new vote. The stores are fixed to the moment. But Moore as a whole might not vote to retain its township system.

HEAVY DAMAGE TO PEACHES

One hundred thousand dollars damage is the estimate for the peach crop of Moore, Richmond and other counties in the Sandhills peach belt, according to T. A. Haywood of Rockingham.

Stutz Re-elected Mayor of Southern Pines; Board of Commissioners Retained

Executive



DORSEY G. STUTZ

ROTARIANS HERE FOR CONVENTION OF 188TH DISTRICT

Talk Business, Hear Able Addresses, Play Golf and Enjoy Governor's Ball

Rotarians, hundreds of them, with their Rotary-Anns, flocked into the Sandhills yesterday from the two Carolinas for the second annual conference of the 188th district of Rotary International. They were registering all morning at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst, after which the Rotary members settled down to a business session, their wives and ladies to getting acquainted with each other and the Sandhills.

Cleveland Thayer, conference chairman, called the convention to order in the ballroom at the Carolina yesterday morning, and was followed by June A. Phillips, retiring president of the host organization, the Southern Pines Rotary Club, and Richard Tufts of Pinehurst in words of welcome to the assembled delegates. James C. Williams of Wilmington responded. J. Mack Hatch of Belmont, Governor of the district, made his annual report, past governors and honor guests were presented, and the various convention committees announced.

Karl Miller of Dodge City, Kansas, director of Rotary International, brought a message from the parent body and John A. Park of Raleigh, editor of the Raleigh Times, spoke on "The Binding Tie of Rotary" at the morning session. There was a recess following Mr. Park's talk, for lunch for the Rotarians in the main dining room at the Carolina, at the Highland Pines Inn, Southern Pines, for the Rotary-Anns. At the men's luncheon Dr. Hornell Hart, professor of Sociology at Duke University, made an able address on "The World Crisis."

The Rotarians played golf at the Pinehurst Country Club yesterday afternoon, the ladies at Southern Pines, and those who don't play the game enjoyed sightseeing or bridge. The Governor's Ball, feature of the convention, was enjoyed in the Carolina ballroom last night. The convention continues through today.

WORLD'S FAIR OPENS

The New York World's Fair opened on Sunday, though many of the exhibits are not yet in place and a few of the buildings still to be completed. Miss Miriam Johnson of Aberdeen, chief hostess of the North Carolina exhibit, reports everything shipshape in her department, and ready to receive visitors.

Only 70 Votes Cast in Municipal Election Tuesday, With Caucus Nominees "Walking In"

STUTZ ON BOARD 20 YEARS

Mayor Dorsey G. Stutz was re-elected Mayor of Southern Pines in Tuesday's mild election here. Only 70 voters cast their ballots, and only four failed to endorse the ticket nominated at the town caucus held in the High School auditorium last Friday night. The entire Board of Commissioners was returned to office: L. V. O'Callaghan, Charles S. Patch, Eugene C. Stevens, Robert L. Hart and Hugh J. Betterley.

Though the total vote was 70, no candidate received that many votes. The tabulation shows the following:

Mr. Stutz for Mayor, 67; for Commissioners, O'Callaghan, 69; Patch, 68; Stevens, 68; Hart, 67, and Betterley, 67. The name of George W. Case, former Commissioner, was written in on four ballots for Commissioner.

The absence of any "fight" this year, and the inclement weather of Tuesday was responsible for the small turnout of voters.

Caucus Quiet

There was a sizeable attendance at the caucus on Friday night, but this ran off as smoothly as the election. Frank Buchan presided, and Howard Burns acted as secretary of the meeting. Mr. Stutz was the sole nominee for Mayor, with the following names being submitted for Commissioners: Charles S. Patch, H. J. Betterley, L. V. O'Callaghan, R. L. Hart, Eugene C. Stevens, George W. Case and W. Duncan Matthews. Mr. Betterley was high man with 64; Stevens and O'Callaghan each received 63 votes, Hart 53 and Patch 52, Matthews 39 and Case 37.

The Mayor made a brief talk about municipal finances, the operation of the Southern Pines Country Club by the town, and the new Civic Center and library. Commissioner O'Callaghan, who has been a member of the town board since 1926, spoke briefly, urging the citizens who have complaints to make to present them at board meetings rather than on street corners.

Country Club, Baseball

Former Mayor S. B. Richardson asked for a rising vote of the citizens present endorsing the Mayor and Commissioners for their management of the Country Club, and everyone stood up. There was a brief discussion of the project to fence in the baseball park, to provide a playing field where admissions can be charged, and the gathering voted approval of this provided funds can be found to finance it.

Mr. Stutz, as a result of the election, begins his eleventh year as Mayor. He has been Mayor or Commissioner without surcease since 1919, or 20 years of service to Southern Pines. Asked by The Pilot after the meeting what he considered the outstanding achievements of his long term of office, he said:

"Weathering the depression without defaulting on bonds or interest.

"Finding that streets could be hard-surfaced without a cement base, and paving and paying for these streets. The old cement-treated streets are still being paid for, with ten years yet to run.

"The extension of our sewer system."

CARTHAGE REELECTS MAYOR SHAW AND COMMISSIONERS

Carthage re-elected its present Board of Commissioners in Tuesday's election, and Mayor Clyde B. Shaw, who was unopposed, was returned to office with 268 votes.

Out of a total of 304 votes cast for commissioners, C. F. Barnes received 239; J. M. Morgan, 238; George P. Thomas, 258; D. Carl Fry, 149; H. F. Seawell, Jr., 227; and S. R. Hoyle, 234.