

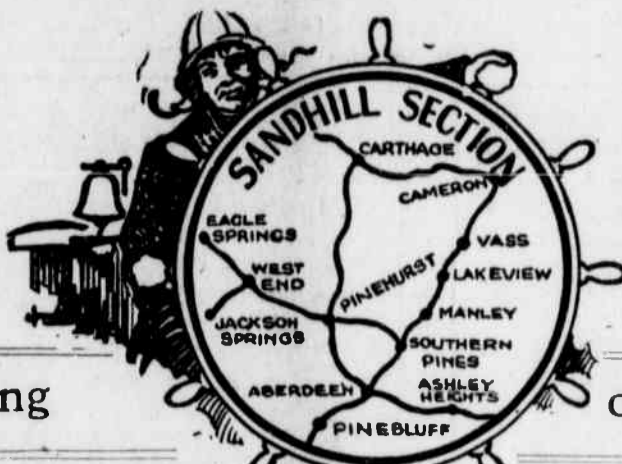
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## "ALL STAR CAST" FOR BANQUET OF CHAMBERS FEB. 7

WBIG Radio Orchestra Added To Program at Carolina Hotel Next Friday

### BROADCAST TO FOLLOW

"All-Star Cast" may well be applied to the program for the third annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce of Moore county, to be held next Friday night, February 7th, in the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst. Another feature was added during the past week and announced by Charles W. Picquet and Dr. George G. Herr, who are responsible for it, viz:

The Ensemble of WBIG, Greensboro broadcasting station, will furnish the music for the dinner. Not only that, but WBIG will record the proceedings of the banquet and broadcast the entire event at 2:00 o'clock the following afternoon.

The "All-Star Cast," in addition to the WBIG orchestra, will include the chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Washington; Col. Charles F. H. Johnson, president of the Botany Worsted Mills, and Governor J. M. Broughton, making his first visit to the Sandhills since becoming North Carolina's chief executive. The Governor will present the speaker, Mr. Schram.

Incidentally, the WBIG Ensemble, under the direction of Margaret Banks, was recently honored by being selected to play at the Governor's official luncheon had inaugural reception at the Mansion in Raleigh.

With only 500 tickets on sale for the banquet—the seating capacity of the Carolina's banquet hall—the demand already indicates that those those who do not acquire their tickets early are likely to be disappointed. Chairman J. Talbot Johnson of the Banquet committee said yesterday.

Tickets can be obtained in Aberdeen from O. Leon Seymour; in Southern Pines from Dr. Robert Lee Hart or Lloyd Clark; in Pinehurst from I. C. Sledge; in Carthage from Bill Sabiston; in Vass from Bob Easley. The tickets are only \$1.25 each. The occasion bids fair to be one of the outstanding events of the year. It is not to be considered merely as a social event but a general meeting of the outstanding people in the section interested in the welfare, wealth and prosperity of the community. All are invited, ladies as well as men.

Col. Johnson is accompanying Mr. Schram here from Washington. As is generally known in the community, Col. Johnson has for some time been considering locating a factory (Please turn to page four)

## 100 More Questionnaires Mailed by Draft Board

W. E. Cox, Jr., E. N. Stirewalt, Horace Burt Riley on List From Southern Pines

Questionnaires have been sent out to 100 more Moore county registrants under the Military Selective Service Act, preparatory to sending forth another group for their year of military training. On the new list, released this week by the County Draft Board, are the following from the Aberdeen-Pinehurst-Southern Pines sector:

Aberdeen—Hezekiah C. McRae, Woodrow Wilson Batchelor, John Russell McCrimmon, John Hudson, Ardell Swain Nickens, John William Kimbrough, Charlton Ellerbe Huntley, Roy Dees Ward, Alvin Cummings. Pinehurst: Eugene Kenneth McKenzie, John Allen, Herbert Turner Williams, Clifton Mason Quick, Roy Columbus Swink, Craten Walter Richardson.

Southern Pines — James Patrick Mullally, Johnnie Little, William Edward Cox, Jr., Edward Neale Stirewalt, James Edward Moore, James Winfred Hasty, Currie Daniel Davis, Horace Burt Riley, Almon Thomas Cruce.

## Honor Guest at Chambers Banquet



COL. CHARLES F. H. JOHNSON  
President, Botany Worsted Mills

## JOHN HINTON PAGE DIES AT 19, SON OF THAD S. PAGE

University Sophomore Victim of Dread Form of Pneumonia at Chapel Hill

Funeral services attended by a crowd which overflowed the Page Memorial Church in Aberdeen were held last Sunday afternoon for John Hinton Page, 19-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thad S. Page of Aberdeen and Washington, D. C., who died of a rare type of pneumonia in the Chapel Hill Infirmary last Saturday morning. Ill but a few days, every effort of man and medicine was made to save the life of the popular young student.

Upon word of the critical condition of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Page, with Mrs. Rose McMullen, famed blood donor of Washington, flew to Raleigh last Friday and were whisked behind a State Highway Patrol escort to Chapel Hill where their son, a University Sophomore, was stricken last week. It had been hoped that Mrs. McMullen's blood, typed as especially effective in combatting the dread form of pneumonia, could be used, but it failed to match that of young Page. Blood donated by fellow students failed to serve the purpose. The infection was diagnosed as the staphylococcus form of pneumonia.

A music major, Page, who was known to his classmates as "Jack," had attained a wide reputation in Chapel Hill as a song writer. Last year, he and two other students won the ASCAP award for music written for the musical comedy, "One More Spring," produced at the University by a student organization, Sounds and Fury.

Young Page's father for several years secretary to U. S. Senator Bailey, is administrative secretary of the National Archives in Washington. His grandfather was the late Robert N. Page, former Congressman from this district, and his great uncles included former Ambassador Walter Hines Page and former State Highway Commission Chairman Frank Page. His mother was the former Miss Patsy Hinton of Raleigh. The boy was born in Southern Pines.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are one brother, Thad Page, Jr. (Please turn to page eight)

## MINTON IS FREED AFTER TRIAL FOR UPCHURCH DEATH

Sharecropper Cleared of Murder Charge on Evidence Other Fired First

"Not guilty" was the verdict reached Friday afternoon after less than three hours deliberation by the jury in the case of State versus Nathan Minton, in which the sharecropper was charged with the first degree murder of Carl E. Upchurch, farm superintendent and brother-in-law of Miss Claudia Thomas, owner of the 355-acre farm near Vass upon which all parties resided.

One of four murder cases heard in this term of Moore county Superior Court, the Minton case attracted much interest, and satisfaction over the jury's verdict appeared to be almost universal.

Minton was arraigned Tuesday afternoon and tendered a plea of not guilty. A special venire of 50 citizens was ordered to appear at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday, and the trial got under way Thursday morning. At 9:30 Thursday night court adjourned, following an after-supper session in which M. G. Boyette and Solicitor Pruette were heard in their speeches to the jury, Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., and J. H. Scott having addressed the jury earlier in the evening. Friday morning the Judge charged the jury, speaking around two and one-half hours, and by the middle of the afternoon, Minton was a free man.

"Upchurch Shot First" Minton, who was perhaps as composed a person as ever went on trial for his life, acknowledged shooting Upchurch on the night of October 14th when he, his wife, two sons, two daughters and a daughter-in-law drove to the Upchurch yard to investigate after seeing a light at the shed where Minton's and Miss Thomas' tobacco was packed. However, he testified that Upchurch shot him first, and that Upchurch ran after he shot him.

This came after several weeks in which there had been dissatisfaction about the marketing of the crop and after Minton's tobacco had been locked up by the landlord, it was brought out.

Three members of the Upchurch (Please turn to page five)

## BOYD ORGANIZES WRITERS IN FIGHT ON PROPAGANDA

To Use National Radio Hook-Up To Counter-Attack Alien Influences in U. S.

### ENLISTS NOTED AUTHORS

Formation of the Free Company, a group of the leading American writers and playwrights, for the purpose of counter-attacking foreign propaganda in this country, was announced in New York this week by James Boyd, writer and chairman of the group.

Members of the company are preparing to use a nation-wide hook-up for a series of dramatic broadcasts presenting the principles of American freedom. Each play will be a free contribution by a different member.

"This is a proposal to present the bases of our freedom, not as paid propaganda, but as voluntary statements of faith by a group of Americans qualified to give them eloquent expression," Mr. Boyd said. "What we are doing," he said, "is to express in action what millions of American feel; that we have in this country a way of life that is unique and precious and something to be infinitely proud of."

Members of the Free Company to date are:

- Robert E. Sherwood
- Marc Connelly
- William Saroyan
- Maxwell Anderson
- Orson Welles
- Stephen Vincent Benet
- Paul Green
- Ameheld MacLeish
- Sherwood Anderson
- George M. Cohan
- Elmer Rice
- James Boyd.

The opening statement for the Free Company reads, "The effectiveness of hostile propaganda, so tragically demonstrated in various European countries, is greater here than generally realized. It may be expected to increase rather than otherwise, especially if favored by self-doubt and confusion in the nation's mind.

"So far most effort in this country has been directed to attacks on that propaganda. But the best defense would be the positive restatement in moving terms of our own beliefs.

"They will be presented not as abstractions but as a living spectacle made actual to the mind by color, drama, and passion."

The Free Company project will be guided by a voluntary committee of Robert E. Sherwood, representing writers; Burgess Meredith, representing actors; W. B. Lewis, CBS vice-president, representing radio, and James Boyd as chairman.

Mr. Boyd said that writers will have the greatest possible freedom of expression. The only requirements will be that the scripts shall represent a definitely dramatic treatment (Please turn to page four)

## Entry Blanks Out For Horse Show Here Feb. 21

Fifteen Classes For Hunters, Jumpers, Horsemanship. — Committee Chairmen

Entry blanks were mailed out this week for the second annual Southern Pines Horse Show, to be held at the Country Club showing on Friday, February 21st, both morning and afternoon. There are 15 classes for hunters, jumpers and horsemanship. No entry fees are charged, and the entries close on February 10th. Post entries will be accepted up to 10:00 o'clock on the morning of the show, at a fee of \$3.00.

Committee chairmen were named at a meeting of the General committee for the show, held last Friday afternoon. Nelson C. Hyde is general chairman, Eugene C. Stevens vice-chairman, Heading the Trophy committee is Mrs. George W. Johnson. (Please turn to page eight)

## State Highway Commission to Spend \$300,000 Re-routing U.S. No. 1 Through Aberdeen

### To Aid in War Relief



JAMES BOYD

## CHINA AIDED BY INVASION OF JAPS, SAYS LINEBARGER

Pioneering Spirit Awakened with Resulting Development of Rich West Country

The Japanese invasion of China has advanced the civilization and progress of the Chinese by half a century. The coast of China has gone forward with the rest of the world, but has existed side by side with an inland, a western China rich in undeveloped resources—minerals, coal, iron, tungsten, manganese, gold and silver, some petroleum.

"When Japan struck, it moved modernity inland with the people, inland to this rich country, inland with a feeling of pioneering which the Chinese had lacked. They are now filled with hope, with courage, anger and ambition. They are getting down to business. Trucks are now moving through country which had never before seen a four-wheeled vehicle. Kai Shek is leading the modernization and construction of a new China despite the Japanese, despite disease, despite famine—a country three times the size of the domain now ruled by Hitler, two and one-half the size of the United States, twice that of the Soviet Union."

Dr. Paul Linebarger, associate professor of Political Science at Duke University, told members of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, and the Rotary Clubs of Carthage and Southern Pines, about "Modern China and Its Relation to the World Scene" at a joint luncheon of civic clubs held Wednesday at the Southern Pines Country Club under sponsorship of the Kiwanians. It was one of the most instructive and interesting addresses ever delivered here.

Dr. Linebarger reviewed the history of apan and China leading up to the present casus belli. He gave Japan's side of the picture, a country living "at the end of the world, no windows on three sides, China in view out the other." He told of earlier Japanese efforts to gain a foothold there, of the development of hatred for the Chinese in their frustrations, the development of an inferiority complex until they turned toward copying the Europeans. The World War helped. They fought with the British, they helped win the war, they felt themselves coming into their own as a world power, when they received another jolt to their pride. Race equality was left out of the Versailles treaty. The U. S. Congress passed the Exclusion Act.

### Bitter Against Us

Then Japan became as bitter against the whites as they had been against China. Today they are united. There is no prospect of an overthrow of their government by their (Please turn to page five)

## Road To Become Part of New Pershing National Defense Highway to Coast and South

### ROUTES ART SURVEYED

Three hundred thousand dollars is a large sum, but this is the amount which will be spent by the Highway Commission in Aberdeen and immediate vicinity in converting U. S. No. 1 into a strategic connection for the new Pershing National Defense Highway, it was announced this week.

L. E. Whitfield, district engineer, with his chief assistant and with Mr. Croome, Right of Way expert for the commission, met with the Board of Town Commissioners of Aberdeen Wednesday afternoon and explained in detail the proposed development. He explained that in connection with the new National Defense Program, the Pershing Highway, which will be an arterial route between forts, cantonments, and army posts, would follow U. S. No. 1 to Aberdeen and from this point would head in the direction of Laurinburg so as to connect with the ports of Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah and Army posts in the coastal area.

The new road will be constructed of concrete, of three lanes eleven feet each in width, exclusive of shoulders, and of the most modern construction.

Mr. Whitfield pointed out that in the desire of the Commission to cooperate with the officials of the Town of Aberdeen, who had heretofore designated Poplar street as their preference, a complete and thorough survey had been made of the entire town; that in the beginning they made four proposed routes through the town—the first being Poplar street, the second one block east of Poplar street, the third running by the Aberdeen Lake, and the fourth east of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, running direct from May street in Southern Pines to intersect with the Laurinburg Road on South street.

### Town Has Two Choices

Mr. Whitfield announced that their detailed study of the proposed routes disclosed that only two of these routes were feasible or practical, namely, that east of the Seaboard Air Line, which would approach Aberdeen near the Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad shops and follow Bethesda Road between the Seymour and the John Blue residence, intersecting South street at the Laurinburg Road from which point No. 1 would go over the Seaboard Air Line Railway just below the warehouses; or the route running one block West of Poplar street, which latter route would cross Wolfpit street of the Grammar School and intersect South street between The Pilot Service Station and the Ford Garage, with an overpass over the railroad near the Gulf Oil Bulk Plant, while No. 1 would cross the Aberdeen Creek and intersect the present road South of the corporate limits of the town. Mr. Whitfield explained that if this route is adopted they would include an underpass on Wolfpit street for the safety of the school children.

Mr. Whitfield stated that either of these proposed routes would be agreeable to the Highway Commission and explained considerable pressure was being brought to bear by several towns to the north and the south of Aberdeen to keep the proposed highway on the east side of the Seaboard Railway track so as to avoid the overpass at Southern Pines and likewise avoid an overpass at Aberdeen. He likewise explained that this route could be constructed more cheaply than the route one block west of Poplar street.

The Town Commissioners of Aberdeen have taken the position that while they had personally preferred holding the route on Poplar street, they naturally wanted to comply with the wishes of the majority of the (Please turn to page eight)