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## COUNTY FINANCES HEALTHY, CURRIE TELLS KIWANIAN

### Bonds Command Top Rating, Debt to Valuation Ratio Among Lowest in State

#### CITES TEN YEAR GAINS

The chairman of the Moore county's Board of Commissioners, Wilbur H. Currie, told members of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club on Wednesday that their county is as well organized and well financed as any in North Carolina, that its bonds now have a top rating with investment bankers, that its ratio of net debt to valuation is one of the lowest in the state.

Mr. Currie showed by comparative figures over a period of ten years what had been accomplished in the way of debt reduction in the county. The total gross debt in 1930 was \$712,000, which included courthouse and county bonds, school and road bonds. The Sinking Fund reduced this to a net debt of \$638,775. In the ten years \$347,000 has been paid off which, with new bonds issued for school buildings, leaves a gross debt today of \$433,550 or, with \$78,000 in the Sinking Fund, a net debt of \$355,550, a decrease in the decade of \$283,225.

#### Revenues Decrease

Tax revenue ten years ago was \$254,937. Today it is \$240,018. The levy has decreased \$14,919. The decrease comes from levies for school support, largely taken over by the State, and roads, also now State-maintained. The levy for cost of government has increased due to hospital support, welfare work, increased aid to poor, and loss of revenues formerly collected by the county, now going to the State.

In addition to the decrease in taxes levied, ABC money is being applied principally to new school buildings, vocational education and the repair of old buildings, Mr. Currie said.

A total of \$67,275 of bond maturities will be paid off during this fiscal year, including \$47,000 of courthouse and county bonds. This will leave only \$47,000 unpaid of the original \$150,000 bond issues for the courthouse.

The net debt to valuation in 1930 was 2.35 percent; today it is 1.69 percent, which really means, in the light of the 20 percent flat reduction in real estate values of 20 percent made a few years ago, an adjusted percentage of 1.35 percent, one of the lowest in the state.

Chairman Currie was presented to the Kiwanis Club by Howard F. Burns of the Program committee.

#### ELEVEN MORE FROM MOORE CALLED UP FOR SERVICE

Eleven Moore county young men are off for their year of Army training next Friday, reporting to the Draft board at Carthage and going on to Fort Bragg for induction. They are Lelia James Hinson, West End; James Joseph Wallace, Route 1, Cameron; Ray Morris Bobbitt, Manley; Odia Lee Morgan, Eagle Springs; Elsie Elbert Brown, Route 1, Eagle Springs; James Walker Williams, Route 1, Carthage; Henry Edison Callahan, Vass; Charlie Egbert Cole, Route 1, Sanford; George Alton Mancess, Route 2, Hemp; Dennis Howard Garner, Hemp, and Coker Debs Blue, transferred from New York.

#### ELIZABETH FLETCHER IS BRIDE OF CHAS. A. YOUNG

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Belton Fletcher of Pinebluff this week announced the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Lydia, to Charles Arthur Young of Southern Pines on Sunday, April 20th at Cheraw, S. C. Mrs. Young has been associated with the Agnes Dorothy Beauty Shop in Southern Pines for five years, and Mr. Young has been with the Carolina Power & Light Co. here for about three years. They will reside in Spartanburg, S. C., after July 1st.

A mass meeting to sign up rural property for Army use in Fall maneuvers was held last night in Aberdeen.

## Portrait of Judge Wm. J. Adams Presented to N. C. Supreme Court

### Dies at 102

#### "Aunt Mary" Letterlow, Colored, Recalled Civil War Days, Seaboard's Coming

"Aunt Mary" Letterlow, believed to be the oldest resident of Moore county, died at the home of her great granddaughter near Aberdeen last week and was buried in the colored cemetery near Niagara on Wednesday afternoon.

"Aunt Mary's" age was not definitely known but she was supposed to be 102 years old. Friends recall her stories of exciting adventures of Civil War days when she was already "grewed up," of how she drove "ole master's hosses" to the swamp left them tied while she helped carry hams and side meat and corn to safe hiding places so that Sherman's men could not get them.

"Aunt Mary" lived on a little farm near Niagara and recalls cooking for the "hands" that laid the first rails for the Seaboard railroad when it came to the county, and she liked to tell of the thrill of seeing the first train with its small wood-burning engine on its initial trip over the road. She remembers when Manley was the principal trading center of Moore county and Southern Pines "hadn't even been thought of."

Her wants were few and simple; she was an honest soul and rendered faithful service to her white friends for more than three-quarters of a century.

## Baccalaureate Sunday, Graduation Tuesday

### Southern Pines High School To Graduate Class of 41 Next Week

School closes in Southern Pines next Tuesday, and one of the largest Senior classes in the High School's history will receive its diploma Tuesday evening in the school auditorium. The following will receive diplomas:

William Alexander, Charles Wesley Austin, Harold Stanley Austin, Robert Elwyn Bailey, Elizabeth St. George Barnum, Kathryn Cloanina Boney, William Boney, Peggy Izlar Broome, Raymond Cameron, Susan Harriette Chatfield, Francis Council, Clyde Thomas Dunn, Robert Warwick DuRant, Alice Crosby Eddy, Paul Jeanette Greene, Mary Grey, June Holt, Gertrude Agnes Jacobs, Robert B. Kelis, Harry Klabbotz, Warren D. Matthews, Lillian Irene McCain, Ruth Beverly McFarland, Lois Morrison, John Scott Newton, Norma Jean Palmer, Margaret Ellen Pierce, Marie Louise Porter, Catherine Porter, Catherine Prizer, James Franklin Ross, Myra Ellen Scott, Marjorie Anne Shepard, Gladys Melita Snipes, Boyd Starnes, Albert Kellogg Stebbins, III, Josiah Allen Swett, Anna Bertha Tobin, Gene Ruth Van Camp, Vivian Elizabeth Wilson, Jessie Louise Windham.

The commencement sermon will be delivered this Sunday night at the Church of Wide Fellowship by the Rev. Dr. C. C. Weaver of Winston-Salem, former president of Emery and Henry Collegiate for many years pastor of one of Charlotte's leading Methodist churches. Dr. Weaver is the father of Superintendent Philip Weaver of the Southern Pines Schools. The service opens at 8:15 o'clock.

Monday will be Honors Day, with exercises at the school auditorium at 11:15 a. m. and with class day exercises that evening at 8:15 o'clock. On Tuesday morning the Seniors will present a new flag and staff to the school with suitable exercises on the campus at 11:15. The program for Tuesday night's graduation exercises: Processional, Miss Selma Stegall; Invocation, the Rev. F. Craighill Brown; Song, Glee Club; Presentation of Speaker, County Chairman Wilbur Currie; Commencement Address, Dr. Kenneth Joseph Foreman; Song, Glee Club; Presentation of Diplomas, Dr. George G. Herr, School Board Chairman; Song, Glee Club, and Benediction, the Rev. Volgt Taylor.

## TEN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS IN COUNTY IN '41

### Mrs. Delia M. Lyon of Pinebluff Latest Victim as Cars Collide on Corner

#### SANATORIUM NURSES HURT

Bringing to ten the deaths from automobile accidents in Moore county thus far this year,

Mrs. Delia M. Lyon of Pinebluff and Staten Island, N. Y., was fatally injured in Pinebluff last Saturday afternoon. She died in the Moore County Hospital on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Lyon and Mrs. Katherine Brooks of Pinebluff entering New England avenue from Plum street just as a car driven by McDonald Whitlock and containing the Misses Brown and Strickland of the Pinebluff Sanatorium nurses' staff approached from the direction of the lake, the cars colliding. Mrs. Lyon suffered a punctured lung, broken collarbone and ribs. Mrs. Brooks, who was driving her car, was cut about the head, and the Misses Strickland and Brown received head injuries. Only Whitlock escaped without damage.

Mrs. Whitlock was the daughter of Cyrenius F. and Harriet Botsford Mason of Rushford, N. Y., and was a graduate of Rushford High School and State Teachers' College at Albany, N. Y. She was married to Alonzo G. Lyon in 1909, the couple making their home in Staten Island. Mrs. Lyon taught school in New York City for 30 years until her retirement due to ill health, at which time she came to Pinebluff. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Two sisters survive, Miss Marion C. Mason of Alfred, N. Y., and Mrs. C. Huber Watson of Andover, N. Y.

## ABERDEEN'S FIRST 12TH GRADE IS GIVEN DIPLOMAS

### Lieut. Col. H. R. Pierce of Fort Bragg Speaker at High School Graduation

Aberdeen High School graduated its first 12th grade this week with fitting exercises on Monday night featured by an address by Lieut. Col. H. R. Pierce of Fort Bragg and the presentation of awards and diplomas. This term ending the first year of 12 grades in the school, the coveted pigskins were given to both the 11th and 12th grade graduates.

Those awarded 11th grade diplomas were Louise Caviness, Lucille Davis, Becky Deaton, Mary Spencer Harrington, Ciara Kirk, Erwin Kirk, Jennings Kirk, Sara Smith, Louise Thompson, Ann Warner. Twelfth grade diplomas went to Patricia Berg, Clayton Brooks, Frances Hearn, Ernestine Marks, Louise Martin, Gayle Mearnor, Emma Jane Melvin, Virginia Paris, John Patrick, Walter Patrick, Gwendolyn Pickler, Belk Troutman and Marie Tyson.

Medals for various honors won by the students during their school careers were awarded to Teensie Shamburger, Martha Lou Bryan, Mary Spencer Harrington, Patricia Berg, Becky Deaton, Margaret McNeill, Louise Martin and Emma VaVn Boskerck. County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas presented the medals and diplomas. J. Talbot Johnson introduced Col. Pierce at the graduating exercises.

Dr. A. C. Reid of Wake Forest College preached the commencement sermon at impressive exercises last Sunday night.

Class marshals were Mary Page, Catherine Rowe, Hazel Melvin, Margaret McNeill, Clifton Wilson, Martha Lou Bryan and Ruth Rarden, with Evelyn Garner, Sandy McLeod, Ruth Lawhon and Sara McLeod as alternates. Janet Farrell and John Clifton Blue were Senior Class mascots.

Seventh grade exercises were held last Friday night, with songs by the Grammar School Glee Club, directed by Miss Mildred Reed, and recitations and declamations by Gene Morgan, Doris Garner, Sandy McLeod, Peggy Pennington, Teensie Shamburger, Max Wicker, Ruth Rarden, Martha Lou Bryan, Sara McLeod and Lillian Maxwell.

#### DOG VACCINATIONS

It's dog vaccination time. A new rabies vaccine developed by the U. S. Public Health Service and being used here has necessitated an increase from 50 to 75 cents in the charge. All dogs must be vaccinated, under the law.

## MOORE COUNTY ORGANIZES SERVICE UNIT TO PROMOTE ARMY AND CIVILIAN MORALE

### Speed Sign-Up Rural Property Owners Urged to Return Cards For Land Use in Maneuvers

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The following unsecured claims were recorded: Donald J. Ross, \$1,500; Emmett French, \$394; Citizens Bank & Trust Company, \$840.

The Court decreed that the above constituted all of the claims against the property, other claimants being barred from collecting as they had neglected to file their claims within the time prescribed by law, and the sales of the property to Mrs. Nichols were confirmed.

It was ordered that Mrs. Nichols be paid the full sum of \$1,000 from the sale of the 46.9-acre tract and that other moneys be paid the creditors pro-rata.

#### Other Judgments

In the case of Marion C. McNeill and other members of the Pinebluff Maternal Welfare Committee versus Aaron Little, a permanent injunction was signed, restraining the defendants from interfering with the plaintiff's use of the premises leased from her for the welfare work.

The case of Preston Blue and Wade Mitchell, charged with manslaughter, was continued, Mitchell to give bond of \$500, and the case to be tried first at the August term.

#### HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI TO GIVE DANCE FOR SENIORS

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