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## COUNTY TO HAVE A TAX COLLECTOR

J. D. McLean Appointed by  
Board of Com-  
missioners

For some time the county commissioners have been considering the appointment of a county tax collector who should have no other work than collecting the taxes, and that proposition came to a head Monday in the appointment of J. D. McLean, of Cameron. The reason for the appointment of a collector is that it will reduce the cost, as the county is paying now around nine thousand dollars a year for collecting the taxes, and the commissioners decided that to place the work in the hands of a man engaged for that purpose would cut the price of collection by several thousand dollars.

The subject has been discussed from both view points since it was first proposed, which has been a considerable time, and it was finally decided that with the big total which the county taxes have reached in recent years the collection could be accomplished for less than the amount paid, and the steps were set on foot to bring about this reduction in cost. At a previous meeting the board concluded to create the office of tax collector, but left the time of appointment and the selection of the officer to a later day. But not long ago the members decided to install the new system with the taxes of the present year, and to have the new man appointed by the time the new books would be ready. So the meeting Monday was (Continued on page 8)

## ANNUAL PARADE AT THE SANDHILL FAIR

This Year Bids Fair to Far Sur-  
pass any Previous  
Efforts

A big increase in prizes over any previous years assures the biggest and best parade that has ever passed the Grandstand.

Voting contest to be held for the most popular young lady in the Sandhills to represent "Miss America."

The Annual Parade at the Sandhill Fair is an institution which has been getting "bigger, better and more interesting than ever" since the first Parade of ten years ago which traversed the winding roads of Pinehurst and dispersed in front of the Country Club where the Fair was held. Every year has seen a steady growth both in quantity and quality and this year bids fair to far surpass any previous efforts. There are two big events of the Fair which are strictly Moore County's offering. One of them is the Annual Pageant and the other is the Annual Parade and in both events Moore County has a wonderful opportunity to show the world that it is progressive, wide awake, up and coming, and in neither event can Moore County afford to fall down. Because these are strictly local events and are absolutely along the lines of Mr. Tufts' ideal of what a Sandhill Fair should be, he is offering larger prizes each year for the one and spending more money on the other. The "Parade of All Nations" offers great opportunities for beautiful floats which are well, instructive and educational, for every nation has many things for which they are world famous which are easy to represent vividly by means of floral floats. There are nations enough to make a parade which would reach from Southern Pines to Pinehurst but a selection of even the great nations is sufficient to make the greatest parade that has ever graced the Fair Grounds.

Aside from the fact that this Parade gives Moore County its great opportunity to advertise to the visitors that we are a live community, the prizes offered are bound to create keen interest and competition. A glance at this (Continued on page 8)

## MRS. W. H. GOLDSMITH DIES AT SOUTHERN PINES

Mrs. W. H. Goldsmith died at her home in Southern Pines Sunday after being in an unconscious condition from Thursday night, due to a stroke of apoplexy. Mrs. Goldsmith has been an invalid and a sufferer of heart trouble for a number of years. The Goldsmith family came to Southern Pines over twenty years ago and are numbered among the early prominent settlers. Funeral services were held at the home Sunday night, conducted by Rev. Park Fisher, pastor of the Congregational church. The interment will be made in the family plot in New Jersey among all her old friends and relatives. Mrs. Goldsmith is survived by her husband, and one daughter, Ruth, and three sons, Wallace of West Virginia, Robert, of New York City and Harry Goldsmith of Southern Pines.

### COMMUNICATION

Wake Forest, N. C.  
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Gentlemen:-

I note from the papers this morning that a special term of court is asked for the trial of Mr. Cole in Rockingham. This, under the circumstances, may be the best course to pursue. But the naming of a special judge to preside shows how good, sensible men may do a foolish thing. There is no advantage to anybody who has a trial in court to have Judge Shaw preside. And, on the other hand, there is certainly no disadvantage to anybody when Judge Shaw is running the Court. The asking for any special man is not fair to the judge asked for, not fair to the Governor. And it may suggest to some that the court is a sort of "Trick Horse," whose findings may not always be in accordance with the law and the evidence. None of these things were thought of by the men making the suggestion, but it was evidently a mistake.  
J. C. CADDELL.

## MUSIC AND EXPRESSION AT PINEHURST SCHOOLS

Miss Caryl Brigham of Brenau College will direct the Music and Expression Departments of the Pinehurst Public Schools during the term of 1925-26. Miss Brigham not only is a graduate in both of these departments, but she has had some very successful experiences in teaching both music and expression. As she will teach pupils in both of these, her number of pupils in each will necessarily be limited.

The patrons of the Pinehurst School who wish their children to study either Music or Expression should communicate at once with Miss Brigham or with the superintendent of the Pinehurst Schools.

## SEABOARD TAKES OFF TWO TRAINS

Withdrawal of Train No. 31 and  
34 Between Wilmington and  
Hamlet

The following letter was received from John T. West, Division Passenger Agent, which explains changes of schedules:

Mr. Stacy Brewer,  
Care Vass Pilot,  
Vass, N. C.

Dear sir:-

"I have written the Agents in my territory, giving them the following information:

"I want to call your special attention to the withdrawal of trains 31 and 34, last train Number 34 leaving Hamlet Friday, August 28th, and the last train Number 31, will leave Wilmington, Saturday, August 29th.

"With the withdrawal of these trains, trains 41-31, 44-34 will be operated through between Raleigh and Charlotte. This manner of operating (Continued on page eight)

## A WELCOME TO A NATIVE



On Sunday, at the Vass Presbyterian church a home-coming son, Dr. D. N. McLaughlin will conduct services. He is at present pastor of the second Presbyterian church in Norfolk, Virginia, and he has made himself a place in the world.

Dr. McLaughlin, well known to all but the younger residents of the township, was raised down the Lobelia road on the McLaughlin farm, where his kinsfolks are among the oldest of the settlers of this neighborhood. His inclination led him to the ministry, and his ability soon called him to a wider field than existed in his home vicinity, and today he is one of the strong forces in the Presbyterian church in the neighbor state of Virginia, and the big city of Norfolk. He has been in the community two or three weeks on his annual vacation, and will soon return to Virginia.

## PETE PENDER TELLS OF TRIP ABROAD

Says France Thrives Because  
People are In-  
dustrious

At the Kiwanis club dinner Wednesday John Bloxham and Pete Pender, (that is not what his mother called him) were called on to tell the crowd something about their recent wanderings. John said he had been traveling over North Carolina, over bridges, roads, hills, and one thing or another, as an insurance agent with the state as his territory, and that most of the talk that greets him is questions about the Sandhills. Folks want to know what it costs to live in Moore county, where he got his automobile, if he thinks a red necktie harmonizes with his color of hair and whiskers, but all are interested in the Sandhill country, and John says he is too. His address made a hit, and he was welcomed to the dinner for the prodigals who had been away and come back. John is so welcome when he comes back that all the fatted calves in the township shiver when they hear that he is figuring on a few days around Southern Pines.

Pete Pender is an imitation of a bashful man, and he said that his first impulse when called on to talk to the crowd was to move to adjourn, but on second thought he said that since he went away he had been at London, Oxford, Cambridge, and other places in England and that he was impressed by the fact that over there they are not all the time tearing up things and building new ones in the place, for they build right at the start. Neither did he see upset Fords and waste paper and trash everywhere. They keep things trimmer over in England.

France made a hit with Mr. Pender, for he says they are recovering from the war, and are working and thriving. In England a million and a half of the people are living on doles from the government, while in France everybody is working and caring for themselves, and the result is that France is taking a lead of England and promises to be a more desirable place to live. However, in neither country are outsiders invited who want to stay, for both countries have people enough. He took an aeroplane (Continued on page 8)

## PAGE TURNS RAIDER; TAKES 120 GALS. BRANDY

"I have got to go to church with my wife, and I can't sit around in the woods all day with a shotgun guarding a liquor still while you hunt a revenue officer, but if you want somebody to go get the liquor and take it to the revenue officer, I'll get a truck and we'll go after it," said State Highway Commissioner Frank Page to the Mayor of Aberdeen Sunday morning when the mayor appealed to him to volunteer for guard duty.

With no further ceremony Mr. Page rounded up a truck and went in search of the cached liquor. In ample time to accompany Mrs. Page to church he was back in Aberdeen with 120 gallons of the finest peach brandy that has ever been made in the Sandhills. It was turned over to the local revenue officer who had been found in the meantime, and it was poured into Aberdeen Creek—below the intake of the town's water supply.

Dave Knight, the chief of police in Aberdeen, got word early in the day Sunday that a cache of brandy had been discovered two miles beyond the town limits, and well beyond the jurisdiction of the town officers. He reported the find to the mayor and together they set out to find an officer who had authority to seize it. Knight went later back to keep watch over the brandy until officers of authority could be located to take charge of the situation. Rumors of the discovery of the brandy got into circulation, and following hard upon the heels of this report were reports that the proprietors of the liquor had armed themselves and left the town to defend their property. Grave fears were felt for the safety of Chief Knight, who was alone with the brandy and beyond his legal parish. It was at this juncture that Mr. Page drove in town to get his morning paper out of the post-office. He was sitting in his car reading it at the time the mayor approached him.

"But we have got no authority to seize it," protested the mayor.

"Got as much to seize it as we have to watch it," said Mr. Page, "and it is a darned sight safer. Let's get a truck an go after it. How much do you think there is of it?"

Twelve ten-gallon kegs were located by Mr. Page, the mayor and Dave Knight, scattered about in the brush. They were loaded onto the truck and headed toward Aberdeen, observed by most of the population. The revenue agent was located and the brandy turned over to him. Mr. Page reached church just in time to join his wife for the morning service. There was no clue as to the ownership of the liquor.

## S. C. GROWERS ARE APPEALING TO N. C.

A "Grape Vine" Message Comes  
Through in Advance of Open-  
ing Next Week

South Carolina tobacco growers by scores and hundreds have employed the oldest known means of communication to send along an appeal to members of the Tobacco Growers' Association urging them to stand by their guns and save the bumper crop of 1925 for a profit to the men who produce it. It has been widely circulated in advance of the opening of twenty-five association warehouses in Eastern North Carolina next Tuesday.

It has been a word-of-mouth message which has reached the Eastern Carolina belt from the association members in the South Carolina belt, according to reports which have been received at association headquarters and verified by association men in the field.

The South Carolinians are righteously elated over the sixty five per cent advance which they have received and compared with auction floor averages. Loyal members have appealed (Continued on page eight)

## PINEBLUFF HOTEL MAKES FINE SHOW

Handsome Picture From the  
Highway Not Far  
Distant

The new hotel at Pinebluff stands out against the sky line as it is seen from the highway a few hundred feet distant, and it will be in another month one of the most striking buildings seen by the traveler going through Moore county. The building has progressed so far that the general character of the hotel is now apparent. When the house is ready to occupy it is going to be a place that will appeal to people, and it can accommodate a large number. Two full stories will take care of the office, dining room, and other large public conveniences, and about 75 sleeping rooms with their baths, halls, porches and similar adjuncts. Golf facilities will be on the lower floor and basement, and the plans indicate the usual inside and outside nooks and pavements and other trimmings to accommodate the patrons.

The house is a brick veneer, with its two stories of full size, the basement, and the steep roof over the big structure the effect of so large a building in brick is that of massiveness. That is one thing that gives it a commanding appearance when seen from the highway, for a ravine lies between the highway and the building, which throws the big house in clear relief among the scattering pines, and lets the world see what has been created there during the summer. (Continued on page 8)

## PINEHURST SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPT. 2nd

Superintendent W. P. Morton  
Makes Announcements in  
Regard to Opening

Wednesday, September the second will witness the opening of the series of the Pinehurst Public Schools. This year's faculty is perhaps the strongest in the history of the school in both training and experience. Basing success upon these factors the year is very promising. To contribute to the success of this year's work all parents should enter their children promptly the first day of school.

A Certificate of Perfect Attendance will be offered by the school committee to all children who are not absent or tardy for the entire session. To compete for this honor it will be necessary to be present the very first day of school. The school committee have asked the superintendent to order enough certificates to supply at least twenty-five percent of the total enrollment.

It was recently announced in one of our state papers that North Carolina is far behind among state school systems. It ranks forty-second among the school systems of the forty eight states, and it ranks ninth among the school systems of the sixteen southern states.

This state paper stated that this comparison was made on the basis of ten factors. Average attendance was one of these factors. This year it is to be hoped that the Pinehurst schools will lead in the average attendance in Moore county.

All parents who have children who will be six years on or before January the first are requested to enter these children the first day of school. Children whose sixth birthday falls after January the first will not be permitted to enter school until the following year. By following this plan all children who enter school will have an opportunity for a full year's work. The confusion which results from entering a child any time during the year will thus be avoided. All beginners must enter school on or before October the fifteenth.

All patrons and friends of the Pinehurst Schools have a most cordial invitation to be present for the opening