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ROAD AND SCHOOL TAKE OUR MONEY

These Two Demands Account for Ninety Per Cent of Our Taxes

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One of the most enlightening and encouraging county documents ever issued in Moore is the recent audit that shows what the county is getting in the way of taxes and what it is doing with its money. The audit shows as follows:

County General	\$ 29,606.71	
Schools	\$106,094.21	
Operating and Equipment	29,982.19	
Repayment of Loans	4,934.58	
Local Tax District	26,262.12	167,275.10
Charter Schools		
Aberdeen	16,897.33	
Carthage	14,318.75	
Cameron	5,048.08	
Vass-Lakeview	7,769.55	44,034.71
Highway	61,656.67	
Highway Bonds	24,662.62	86,319.39
Court House Bonds		12,321.19
Total		339,556.00

This shows that the schools get nearly two-thirds of the county money, and that the roads get about a fourth, which along with the help that comes from the state in the building of state roads that are prominent in the county. We have three state roads traversing the county its entire width, one from above Cameron to the Richmond line or Drowning creek, one from Biscoe through Carthage to Sanford, and the third from the Hoke County line through Aberdeen, Pinehurst, and Candor into Montgomery county. In addition is the short state road from Carthage to Pinehurst, connecting at each end with the other state roads at those points. The county system supplements these state roads and gives us a good road layout in every part of the county in every direction. And the money that is coming in in taxes is expanding this road system and making it better and with increasing mileage. Moore is a county of good roads. That is one thing our money goes for, but only about a fourth of it.

The big item of taxes is the school system. That costs us over \$211,000 annually of our \$339,566 collected in taxes. Of this sum that is collected, \$106,000 goes to the teachers in salaries. The rest is for operation, equipment, loans, etc., which might be picked out of the statement by those who are interested in the detail, which I am not at the present minute. I am satisfied with the statement that of our taxes almost two-thirds goes into the school fund, and while I have no children in the Moore county schools and will never have another there, I am content that the money I pay in school taxes shall be taken from me and applied in that way, for an intelligent and educated community is worth more to the people of Moore county than all the money that could be stacked on the entire acreage of the county.

Then I find on looking into another section of the auditor's statement that we have in the county public property that is valued at a million and a half dollars, of which the schools total over \$686,000, the roads \$472,000 and the court house and other administrative buildings \$225,000. Or taking out the debt we owe, which is funded to run through a long period of years, and for which we are setting aside certain sums each year to pay the debt, we have an investment of the most substantial character in roads, fine school houses, court house, etc., worth above all we owe, more than half a million dollars.

As we look at the fine school houses throughout the county, and at the

good roads and bridges, and the marked change that has come about in the last ten years, it is not hard to see that we have been getting the value of the money that has been spent, and that we are each year to reap a big return in the use of those things. The good roads save us more each year in gasoline and repair bills than they cost, to say nothing of the service they afford us in quick and easy transportation. Ten years ago no one would have believed that a hard road from practically every town in the county would be possible as we have them now. But here they are, and we can spin about over Moore county now with all the comfort an ease that marks a trip through the wealthiest city of the continent. It is our road tax that does this job. And our children are going to schools that we would not ten years ago have suspected possible in the county. The fine schools for colored children at Southern Pines is one of the creditable achievements in village school facilities for the colored folks of all the South. If there is another community no larger that has so fine a school for its colored population I do not know of it, and one of the finest things of the whole business is that the colored people paid a large amount of money from their own pockets to bring about this excellent result.

As for the general county fund, which means the operation of the court, the general county affairs, etc.,

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BEST SEASON EVER IN THE SANDHILLS

Hotels Turning Away People and Florida Coming Strong

The season is the best the Sandhills have ever known, and it has been so practically from the time it opened. The hotels opened earlier last fall, with bigger registry lists and bigger bookings, and they have stayed that way to the present time. Their bookings will run farther into the spring this year than ever. The Carolina will close in May with almost seven months of open house, and the advance engagements show that the house will have practically its capacity patronage up to the middle of the closing month.

More interest is shown in inquiries for real estate investments for homes by the visitors. More inquiries are coming in also from residents of the state, and it is apparent that North Carolina people are beginning to realize the investment in Sandhill opportunities give promise of a good return on capital. More North Carolina people are seen at the resort towns this winter, and the whole trend of affairs indicates that the people of the state are taking an interest in the winter recreation as well as in the summer attractions here in the golf and polo belt.

Florida is contributing a humorous page to the Sandhills along with the serious one that comes from the migration from that quarter back toward the North. Some amusing letters are received by the hotel men and cottage agencies from those who went South but are now arranging to establish themselves up in this neighborhood. Florida is crowded, and the disappointed visitors there look north with regret that they did not stay here longer on their way down, and the desire now is to see if they can't advance their registry on the Sandhill books. Many declare they will stay here next winter all the season unless they take a short trip south for a variation.

The convention outlook at Pinehurst tells that public gatherings are giving the Carolina more consideration year by year. And incidentally the number of home owners who come from distant points has been increased materially so far although the winter is yet young, and many others are yet to come. It is a good season from all view points.

TO PRESENT BIBLE AND FLAGS

A Bible and Flag Presentation will be held at the School Auditorium, Sunday, February 21st, at two o'clock P. M.

Vass-Lakeview Jr. O. U. A. M. will present to the Vass-Lakeview school a Bible and Flag. Good speakers and everybody is cordially invited to be there.

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FEDERATED GROWERS HAVE OFFICE, CANDOR

Opened For the Convenience of Association's Growing Membership At Candor

George R. Foulke, Jr., North Carolina field agent for the Federated Fruit and Vegetable Growers, Inc., announces that following conferences between J. G. Welsh, of New York, general sales manager of the Federated, and Richard S. Lovering, manager of the Sandhill Fruit Growers Association, an office will be opened at Candor during the coming peach season to handle the increasing tonnage of the Sandhill Association in the Candor district.

The Federated Growers is the national co-operative marketing organization which has conducted the Sales for the Sandhill Association from the association headquarters at Aberdeen for the last two seasons. The local association is a member of the national organization.

The branch office at Candor will be opened for the convenience of the association's growing membership in the Candor district, and will at all times be in close communication with the headquarters, which as usual will be in the association's offices at Aberdeen.

BROTHERHOOD TO SPONSOR ELK'S MINSTREL

At Carolina Theatre, Saturday Night, February Twentieth

The Sandhill Brotherhood of Pinehurst has arranged to give you two hours of fun and amusement next Saturday night when the Elk's Variety Minstrel will be given at the Carolina Theatre, Pinehurst, by Lodge 602, of Greensboro. The profits accruing to the Brotherhood will be turned over to the Community House Association.

The show is written, staged and directed by members of B. P. O. E. (Continued on page 2)

ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC AT SANFORD, FEB. 19

Will Be Held in Sunday School Rooms of the New Baptist Church

Through the Rotary Orthopaedic Clinic at Sanford, which meets for the third time on Friday, February 19, in the Sunday school rooms of the new Baptist church, many cripples of this section of the state who have despaired of having their deformities corrected are being provided with an opportunity to secure treatment by an orthopaedic specialist that will remove a part if not all of their physical handicaps.

A number of cases are receiving treatment in the clinic through the application of plaster casts, orthopaedic shoes, and corrective exercises. These patients are able to remain at home and come into the clinic each month for observation and further treatment. Those requiring operations are being treated in free beds furnished by the Kiwanis club of Greensboro.

The Sanford Clinic is a link in the

chain of clinics established over the entire State of North Carolina by the State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation for the purpose of providing such treatment to all of the indigent cripples of the State. No one can estimate the value of this program, not only to these handicapped people themselves, but to the communities in which they reside and the commonwealth as a whole.

Orthopaedic treatment is but the first step in the program of the Rehabilitation Department. After the physical handicap has been removed as far as possible, the Department provides a course of vocational training to fit the disabled party for a vocation suited to any remaining handicap, and then aids him in securing suitable employment. Thus he is fitted for an active life of usefulness, supporting himself and dependents, and contributing to the production of his community. From a non-producer and a potential medicant is evolved a happy, independent and useful citizen.

It looks like a good year for those early Irish potato growers who will be ready for the market on June first, according to agricultural workers at State College.

The average farm yard has an accumulation of trash at the end of winter and odd times spent in clearing this away would add much to the beauty of the homestead.

ANNIVERSARY WEEK SOU. PINES THEATRE

Colleen Moore's Greatest Comedy, "Irene," Will Be the Attraction

Next Tuesday night, February 23, is the second anniversary of the opening of the Carolina theatre at Southern Pines. Last year, this event was celebrated with Douglas Fairbanks' "Thief of Bagdad" and it was a great night. This year the management has been even more fortunate in securing an attraction that will appeal to every man, woman and child in the Sandhills and it is a sure thing that the house will be sold out, even before the doors are open.

Colleen Moore's greatest comedy achievement, "Irene" is the attraction and a better one could not possibly have been secured. To enumerate the many good things contained in this picture would take more space than is at our command, but a few of them are the world's greatest fashion show in colors. A wealth of comedy for which the stage play was famous. A delightful story of a girl who came out of a shanty and went into a mansion—out of Heaven into your heart. A great cast consisting of Lloyd Hughes, Charlie Murray, Eva Novak, Kate Price, Lawrence Wheat and George K. Arthur and a lavishness in production that will dazzle the eyes.

Some of the delicious music for which the musical comedy was famous will also be played by Miss Erson at the organ.

Reserved seats for the Southern Pines performance are now on sale at the Broad Street Pharmacy and if you haven't bought them when you read this, you'd better hurry!

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN NEW SANDHILL BAND

The band instruments have arrived and the boys are putting in full time on them.

They have already mastered four or five pieces of easy grade and the noise they make in the band room gives promise of Vass having a band in a short time that our citizens can well feel proud of. The director speaks highly of them and says he never had a band to make as rapid progress on the various instruments.

Home demonstration club women in one county saved \$6 by making over old hats according to lessons given by the home demonstration agent.

GEN. BOWLEY TALKS ON WASHINGTON

Gives Kiwanis Club an Insight Into Constructive Character

Gen. J. A. Bowley, of Fort Bragg at the Kiwanis dinner at the Country club at Southern Pines Wednesday gave the members one of the most instructive talks on Washington that has ever been heard in this section. He referred to Washington's remarkable strategic ability as a soldier, and his ability in picking his subordinate commanders and in getting results from them, and then he turned his attention to the broad statesmanship of the man when it came to the creation of the republic. Gen. Bowley went into a somewhat detailed account of the convention that adopted the first articles of federation under which the government was formed and followed into the adoption of the present Federal constitution, with its remarkable foresight into the problems of government that have arisen. He showed the wisdom of Washington in meeting most of the difficulties that the budding republic was destined to encounter, and his skill in bringing others around to his courageous way of thinking and providing for grave contingencies.

Gen. Bowley deplored the tendency of the country to depart from the principles of the republican organization of the nation, and to make a democracy the ruling custom, for he argued that we must have leaders and that if a majority rule is to be a rule of minority interests, blocs and various separate influences working for personal gain instead of for general public good we are facing a serious danger. He held the attention of the club from start to finish, and was warmly and sincerely applauded when done.

Max Malini, of New York, gave the club a startling exhibition of his skill as a magician with cards, and some of his tricks were remarkable. He is a man of wide renown as a prestidigitateur, having given entertainments before people everywhere, from the White House and the palace to gatherings of every sort. He also made a great hit when he said the Kiwanis club could call on him for a subscription of \$100 to the new hospital when it is on foot, and that he wanted that check called for at the earliest possible minute.

The committee which had been given the hospital program for attention reported that it was a perfectly feasible scheme, that a group of able financiers at Pinehurst were ready to provide the bulk of the money to build and endow it, but that they wanted the citizens of the Sandhills to back the movement with their encouragement and to some extent at least with their money, and that would bring a hospital that would rank with any in the state, and afford an institution that would be a great asset to the community. The club grew enthusiastic over the situation and practically every man present signed his name to a letter to the men who are sponsoring it assuring these men of the help and interest of the club, and of the willingness to help put the project over. Many brief talks were made on the subject, and the club went away from the dinner with the confidence that the people of this section will do everything they can to get this movement under way and secure one of the best hospitals of the South. A series of meetings will be held in the different towns of the Sandhills to awaken the highest possible enthusiasm and when those meetings are called Kiwanis members urge the people to turn out and help to swell the enthusiasm. The club is thoroughly in earnest in the movement, and the opinion of those present was that the half million dollar hospital will speedily follow.

Tom Tarheel says that a farmer may not mean much individually to the business man but collectively he is the foundation stone of the State