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OPPOSITION TO TOWN MANAGER PLAN IS STRONG

Business of So. Pines Does Not
Warrant Outlay, Says
D. G. Stutz.

CITES FIXED EXPENSES.

The plan advocated by Dr. W. C. Mudgett for a town manager for Southern Pines, as announced in last week's Pilot, has been running the gamut of discussion during the past week, and that there is "much to be said on both sides" seems to have been proven. Vigorous opposition appeared from several quarters.

Interviewed by the paper early in the week, D. G. Stutz stated that he is opposed to the plan for the striking reason that the town has not the money to pay a man the salary required, and that the business of the town is not sufficient to warrant the outlay if the money could be obtained. Mr. Stutz says the greatest outlay of town money is in the payment of fixed sums, such as interest charges, sinking fund, police and fire expenses, and things of that sort that cannot be changed by the most skillful manager in the world, for the corporation operates on a budget system, and the big task is to make the income of the town equal the demands on it.

Until the bonded debt is reduced materially the amount that must be paid at certain dates in the future are fixed irrevocably by the amounts of the bonds and the fixed charges for such current operations as must be carried on, and on which small saving could be made if any at all. On most of these no saving could be made by the most efficient manager in the world, for nothing can change the figures on the bonds, Mr. Stutz says.

The current expenses of the town could be reduced in so few cases that it would be impractical, according to Mr. Stutz, to incur any great cost in the hope of securing greater efficiency or greater economy. He seems to think that the only way management can be secured is as now, through the free service of the mayor and the council, and he fears that it will be some time in the future before the town can grow up to an income that will meet comfortably the demands that are always increasing in any growing community.

Opposes Fund for Park.

Mr. Stutz' attitude toward a park is about the same, as he says he can see no place from which to procure the funds necessary to either buy the property or to maintain it, and he does not favor bonds for the purpose as he says the town is so near the limit of the bond maximum allowed by law that it would be dangerous to incur at this time any increase, for a case of emergency might arise that would call for a bond increase more pressing than anything does now.

Other members of the Board of Commissioners talk in the same tone, and indicate that they would prefer to do what work they are doing now at no cost to the town than to hire some one to do it for a salary which might be embarrassing to the town when the money to pay has to be dug up. And the argument that the opponents in either case boil down to is, "Where is the money to come from?"

Prominent Citizens Sign

Petition for Purchase of Land for Park Purposes.

There is strong sentiment on both sides of the question of acquiring the site for the proposed park between Manley and Knollwood. The petition to the Board of Town Commissioners carries the names of many prominent citizens of Southern Pines, and reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned property owners and tax payers of the town of Southern Pines having great confidence in the future growth and expansion of the town, and realizing the advantages and benefits that would accrue from the establishment of a public park, and believing that section of land around Boiling Springs and the new Knollwood lake to be an ideal location for the establishment of such municipal park, do respectfully petition the Honorable Board of the Town Commissioners to call a special vote, with respect to purchasing approximately thirty acres of land to include the said Boiling Springs, the

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N. York Congressman Opens Highland Pines

Empire State's Representative
Rests in Sandhills After
Hoover Campaign.

The Highland Pines Inn had somewhat more of an "official" opening than it realized. Not scheduled to receive guests until Tuesday, the 20th, a young man entered the hotel Sunday morning the 18th and asked if he might have a room.

"We can give you a room if you don't mind going downtown to your meals for two days," he was informed. He didn't mind, and was comfortably provided with a suite on the second floor. He thought things seemed pretty quiet, and soon learned that he and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett French comprised the entire patronage of the inn.

He was a quiet, unassuming young man of about 40 summers, and he spent most of his time sitting about reading, with an occasional golf game in the afternoon. No one knew anything about him, but when there are three guests in a hotel, there is a natural curiosity as to who they are.

And it developed that this particular young gentleman was the youngest member of Congress from New York, a leader of the Republican party in the state, and prominently talked of as the Republican candidate for Governor in the last election. His name was Clarence E. Hancock; his home, Syracuse, N. Y. He came to Southern Pines for a rest after the strenuous campaign for Mr. Hoover in the Empire State.

NEW HOSPITAL FOR MOORE CO. IS UNDER WAY

Contractors Break Ground for
Building on Carthage-Pinehurst Road.

FUND CAMPAIGN ON.

No time was lost by the contractors, the Jewell-Riddle Company, of Sanford, in starting work on the new Moore County Hospital after the letting of the contract a week ago. Excavation work has already started on the site on the Carthage-Pinehurst highway, and there is feverish activity about the scene.

Simeon D. Chapin, President of the Hospital Board, James Boyd, Richard Tufts, Peter Pender and Paul Dana went over the ground on Tuesday and definitely decided upon the location for the building, after which the stakes were put in place to prepare the way for the excavation gang. The above, with G. C. Seymour, of Aberdeen, George Maurice and R. N. Page constitute the board which has the affairs of the new hospital in charge. Churches to Co-operate.

Meetings of those responsible for raising the necessary additional funds for the completion of the building and for providing the necessary equipment have had frequent meetings during the past ten days and the campaign is well under way. S. B. Richardson announced on Tuesday that he had arranged for a speaker in every church in Moore County next Sunday, November 24th. These men will tell the various congregations of the need of the hospital in the county, explaining that it is an institution to serve the entire county and not just Pine-

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PICQUET TO PROTEST NATIONAL CENSORSHIP.

Charles W. Picquet, manager of the Carolina Theatres and vice president of the National Theatre Owners association, leaves Sunday to attend hearings before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington on a proposed bill to establish national censorship of motion pictures. Mr. Picquet stated that his association and all moving picture interests in the country were opposed to any national censorship of pictures, as it means the injecting of politics into the industry and because they do not feel that there is any need of such a censorship.

Mr. Picquet will appear before the committee on Tuesday and give his views on the subject.

FIRE CAUSES DAMAGE TO FOUR HOMES

Two Residences in County Burned
to Ground; Others
Threatened.

SPARKS START EPIDEMIC.

Due principally to the starting of furnaces during the cold spell which hit the section during the past week, an epidemic of fires broke out which did considerable damage in various parts of the county.

Two houses were burned to the ground and two others were damaged to a considerable extent. There was also a heavy cotton loss.

The home of Clem Everett just north of Lakeview was burned to the ground last Friday afternoon. After getting their six children safely out of the burning building, there was no time left for Mr. and Mrs. Everett to save any of their personal belongings and theirs was a total property loss. Outside of the fact that the fire started upstairs, nothing is known of its origin. The Everett family are temporarily making their home with Mrs. Everett's father, Dunk McInnis.

On Tuesday afternoon the old Daniel McNeill home on the Vass-Carriage road was burned to the ground. The occupants of the house, Calvin Caddell and his family, were unable to save anything except a few pieces of furniture. The Caddells have been running the farm for Mrs. McNeill for some time, Mrs. McNeill making her home with her son, William McNeill at Lakeview.

Fownes Home Threatened.

The day after the family of William C. Fownes had moved their furniture into the newly acquired home they are to occupy this winter on the Pinehurst-Southern Pines road, fire of unknown origin broke out in the south side of the house near the fireplace chimney and before it could be gotten under control by the departments from Pinehurst and Southern Pines, much damage was done to the building and new furnishings. The roof was burned through but fortunately no other outside damage suffered. Some of the members of Mr. Fownes' family had just arrived in the Sandhills and were preparing to move into the house the day of the fire. Mr. Fownes is from Pittsburgh, Pa., former president of the United States Golf association, and is the father of Mrs. Halbert J. Blue.

The home of Charles Whitaker on New Hampshire avenue, Southern Pines, suffered a loss when sparks from the chimney started a fire which did damage estimated around \$100.

Henry Blue lost his yield of cotton when fire broke out in his gin at Montrose. The crop was covered by insurance.

FOREST PROTECTIVE ASS'N. TO MEET ON TUESDAY.

The meeting of the Moore County Forest Protective association will be held at the Pinehurst Community House on Tuesday, Nov. 27th, at 2:30 o'clock. It is sincerely hoped that all landowners in Moore county will attend. The first meeting was postponed until this date because C. H. Flory, the State Supervisor, was unable to be present on the date of the first meeting, L. L. Biddle, 2d, announced.

FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT ON PINEHURST-ABERDEEN ROAD

Henry Richardson, colored, was instantly killed in an automobile accident on the road between Pinehurst and Aberdeen last Sunday night. He was riding in a car with George Dockens, also colored, when the car left the road and after plunging into a field, turned over, pinning Richardson under it. Dockens has been ordered held by the Coroner's jury for trial.

COAL MAGNATE LEASES HOME IN PINEHURST.

W. B. Marion, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has leased the house known as "Afterglow" in Pinehurst for the season through L. L. Biddle, 2d. Mr. Marion is a coal mine operator, one of the independents who fought successfully through the recent strike at great personal loss, employing "scabs" to operate his mines and organizing his own police force for their protection.

Pinklewaite, Ab and Davy Seem Satisfied With the Election Results

Gin House Forum Holds Post-Mortem and Decides County's
All Right if Folks Don't Crowd the Commissioners'
Office on Budget Day.

The Gin House Forum held a social meeting Tuesday as the wagons were waiting their turn for the unloading chute, and the program was commenced when Pinklewaite Jukes asked Ab White how he liked the election.

"Suits me fine," said Ab. "Voted her straight all but Jim Johnson and Seawell and Hoover and the Indian. Didn't reckon Johnson or Seawell would git there, but I like old Jim Johnson and just gave him a shot because he is a good neighbor if he is a Republican. And Bert Seawell too. An' I swan if I can see it hurts your feelings much to vote the Republican ticket once in a while. Kind o' like taking a bath every so often. Gits something out o' your system. Still, I didn't vote the Republican ticket as you might say. I just voted agin Smith. I voted the straight ticket from George Humber down to some fellows I don't even remember the names of."

"I was glad to see that young chap McDonald elected sheriff," suggested Old Davy McGillicuddy, from Devil's creek ford. "Made a good road master, and I'm saying if we stand by him he'll make a good sheriff."

"Got to stand by. Got to," said White. "Aint no politician, that boy, and he just elected himself. Don't

owe nobody no political debts, and when he goes into office he can do what he pleases. He can appoint his own deputies, and his own force, and if we encourage him and stand by him and let him alone I think he is going to have some good officers and enforce the laws, and get the confidence of the people."

New Sheriff O. K.

"Got that confidence," said Jukes. "When a young fellow starts in about two months before election and runs away with the whole works he's got the confidence. Folks is looking for him to make a good sheriff, and we got to encourage him to go ahead and run things his way, and if he does as good with that as he does with the roads you know he'll be all right."

"I was plumb glad to see Dan McLaughlin and Mose McDonald and Vander Matheson come across," said Isham Pogue. "They got a new start now, and with the new law and a new slate if they want to make one they ought to give Moore County the best service it ever had. If anybody has anything to say about the way things runs in this county now's the time to say it, for when the old board of com-

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Murdock Johnson Elected President of Kiwanis Club

Citizens Urged to
Join Red Cross

Fund Depleted by Catastrophes
Must Be Swelled by
Generosity.

As a result of the terrible catastrophes during the past year, much of the existing fund of the Red Cross has been exhausted.

No one knows when or from where the next call for help may come, but we do know how necessary it is for this institution to be prepared to meet emergencies.

Until Saturday evening opportunity will be given to persons in Southern Pines to help swell the fund. All but 50 cents of any contribution stays in Moore County.

Any of the following women will gladly receive contributions or memberships:

Miss Margaret C. Arnold, Mrs. Myron G. Adams, Mrs. Hugh Betterly, Mrs. A. McN. Blair, Mrs. John C. Barron, Mrs. Halbert J. Blue, Mrs. Lucy Cameron, Mrs. Coursey, Miss Ruth M. Field, Mrs. E. E. Cady, Miss Doris Eddy, Mrs. Charles Grey, Miss Mary Dell Hayes, Mrs. Robert Montgomery, Mrs. W. C. Mudgett, Mrs. G. W. Munroe, Mrs. E. V. Perkinson, Mrs. Roy Pushee, Mrs. S. B. Richardson, Miss Mary Richardson, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. V. T. Wiley.

The work of these women and the courteous co-operation of *The Pilot* and of Charles Picquet in giving publicity to the cause is very genuinely appreciated by—

THE COMMITTEE.

JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE OF SOUTHERN PINES ELECTS.

At a meeting of the Junior Service League of Emmanuel Church, Southern Pines, the following officers were elected: President, Eleanor Barron; vice president, Clemson Wren; secretary, Mary Swett; treasurer, William Moultrie Moore.

The meetings are held on Sundays at 5:30 o'clock under the leadership of Mrs. James Swett, Mrs. Moultrie Moore and Mrs. Eugene Bariteau. The service program is based on the necessity of developing a feeling of friendship towards all people through prayer, study, work, gifts and fellowship. The first gift to the world takes the form of a Christmas box containing useful and fancy gifts for 30 adults in Porto Rico. The box will be dispatched by December 1st. Any donations towards the treasury for this box will be gratefully accepted. Boys and girls of 12 and over will be heartily welcomed as members of this league.

Officers and Directors Chosen and Reports Read at Annual Meeting.

Murdock Johnson, of Aberdeen, was elected President of the Aberdeen Kiwanis Club at the annual meeting of the organization held in the Manor Hotel, Pinehurst, on Wednesday night. The meeting was a most enthusiastic one attended by close to one hundred per cent of the membership. Mr. Johnson will succeed Paul A. Dana after the first of the year.

Jerry Healy, of Aberdeen, was elected vice president, Dan I. McKeithen, of Aberdeen, treasurer and Gordon Cameron, of Pinehurst, trustee.

The following were elected to the Board of Directors for the coming year: Robert N. Page, Aberdeen; Frank Buchan, Southern Pines; I. C. Sledge, Pinehurst; Moses McDonald, West End; James Tufts, Pinehurst; Dr. J. W. Dickie, Southern Pines, and the Rev. Murdock McLeod, Pinehurst.

Club Accomplishments

The retiring officers made their annual reports, Paul A. Dana thanking the club and his committees for their co-operation in the work done by the club during the past year. He enumerated the numerous campaigns successfully launched by the club during the year, among them the improvements to the Southern Pines-Pinehurst road, the traffic signal system at Aberdeen, the care of underprivileged children in the county, the trophy donated for school attendance, the club's loan fund to aid young people of the county in acquiring an education, the vocational training plan for the future guidance of young people in the schools, the fostering of savings plans by the youth of the county, planting along the highway through Southern Pines and Aberdeen, and the sponsoring of a State police force.

Frank Shamberger, retiring vice president, made a brief report covering the activities of the club's various committees, and Dan McKeithen reported on the fiscal affairs of the club as treasurer. Jerry Healy, retiring trustee, reported on Kiwanis affairs in general in this section.

Richard Tufts Retires.

The fly in the ointment of the annual meeting came in the form of the announcement by Richard Tufts that pressure of business would no longer permit his serving as secretary of the organization. The brunt of the work of Kiwanis here has fallen upon the shoulders of Mr. Tufts for several years, and his announcement fell as a distinct blow to the members. To his familiarity with the work and the enthusiasm which he has put into it has been attributed much of the club's

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NEW MILLION DOLLAR HOTEL IS PROJECTED

Need of Additional Facilities in
Southern Pines Cited by
Hotel Men.

CITIZENS BEHIND MOVE.

That there is immediate need for increased hotel facilities in Southern Pines was the consensus of opinion voiced at an informal meeting of prominent residents of the community held early in the week in the office of S. B. Richardson.

Just what the outcome of this discussion may be is problematical, but from the enthusiasm shown at the meeting there is every likelihood of a new million-dollar hotel in the village in the near future.

Last winter before the season at the Highland Pines Inn was near its finish, Andrew Creamer remarked frequently as to the need for another big hotel in the Sandhills. This fall as Creamer & Turner are opening the Inn for the winter just ahead they are realizing again that if increased facilities were available for handling more people, the people would be at hand. In discussing the matter with the group of active citizens in Mr. Richardson's office Mr. Creamer said that a two-hundred-room hotel, to cost probably a million dollars, properly built and equipped and with the proper management could find a patronage without much effort which would put it on a dividend basis in a short time and keep it there.

Another Hotel Needed.

"At certain seasons of the year," said Mr. Creamer, "every hotel in the Sandhills has to give every effort of which it is capable to care for the traffic that offers. The Sandhills have a resource that is not comprehended by very many people outside of the hotels. We cannot care for the numbers that would like to stop here, and who would stop if they could find room, and people who are willing to pay a price that will maintain another hotel of the highest type. We have two great assets not fully understood. These are the Seaboard Airline Railroad and Federal Highway No. 1. The Seaboard carries a large number of people to Florida. They bring those same people back North. As the Florida season is later in the fall and earlier in spring the migration to and from Florida wants a place to stop on its Southward or its Northward trip, and the Seaboard likes to find a place in the Sandhills where its patrons may break their stop. This gives us in early fall and early spring a big business, and one that could be much bigger if we could handle the crowds. The same is true of the highway traffic, and it will be bigger as the highways come to be better known to more people."

Prospective Sites.

On the Country Club grounds at Southern Pines a hotel site has been designated, and a road is graded out that way. Other prospective sites have been suggested along the Weymouth Ridge, and even on the ridge next beyond to the east. But of course nothing that is positive as to location has been done. The sentiment is that somewhere on that high territory, in easy reach of the Seaboard and in easy reach of the highway, a new hotel should be built, and at an early date. When Creamer & Turner say that further hotel capacity is needed in the Southern Pines section, it may be taken as a fact, for if they did not have sufficient business to keep their house full they would not be recommending the building of another house to take their trade. Some determined men are urging the need of such a new hotel, and their argument is that the Sandhills have become so well and so widely known, and so favorably received, that hotel capacity greater than the demand is a thing not likely to be seen for a long time. The increasing patronage, it is argued, will keep coming this way to fill every inn that can be built far into the future.

Much has been said about new hotels, and gradually new hotels have been building in the Sandhills area, but every one is filled as soon as it is open, and this talk seems to be serious enough to foreshadow what may be one of the foremost hotels of the Central South.