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## BANNER YEAR LOOKED FOR BY SEABOARD HEAD

No Section Developing Along  
More Substantial Lines Than  
Southeast, Says Powell

### TOURIST TRAVEL GAINS

"The outlook for 1929 in Seaboard territory is good, and substantial improvement in both gross revenues and net income is expected," says President L. R. Powell, Jr., of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad in his recent report to stockholders.

"There is no section of the country developing along more substantial lines than the southeastern territory served by the Seaboard in the states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida, where exceptional opportunities are offered in agriculture, in citrus fruit growing, in manufacturing and in almost every line of endeavor. It is believed the development that will take place in this territory during the next few years will exceed most optimistic forecasts of today."

Mr. Powell announced a gratifying upturn in revenue of the Seaboard during the last quarter of 1928, due to improvement in business conditions in the southeast territory. The report goes on to say:

#### Report to Stockholders

The company sustained a decrease in its gross revenues in 1928 due to the temporary recession in business in sections of the country and particularly the Southeast. This was augmented by unusual weather conditions in the early part of the year, affecting the later citrus fruit and spring vegetable shipments, and by unprecedented heavy rains and storms during August and September, by which practically the entire Southeastern section of the country was more or less affected. Passenger revenue showed a decrease largely as the result of bus competition and the more extended use of private automobiles. Some of the decrease is accounted for by the discontinuance of unremunerative passenger train service. The company is operating motor buses on a few selected routes, and the management is making studies with a view of determining the advisability of extending such service.

Gross revenues decreased \$4,544,932 or 7.4 per cent in 1928 compared with the preceding year. Operating expenses were reduced \$3,970,351 or 8.5 per cent and equipment and joint facility rents were reduced \$197,918 or 21.3 per cent. As the result of improved operating methods, careful supervision of all expenditures and costs and the elimination of unproductive overhead expense, the net railway operating income decreased only \$333,342 or 3.2 per cent. Net income before adjustment bond interest amounted to \$1,180,283, a decrease of \$101,293 or 7.9 per cent.

The decrease in business was largely compensated by corresponding decreases in operating expenses. In addition, substantial reductions of a permanent character, not influenced by such decrease in the volume of traffic, were effected.

Of the decrease of \$3,970,351 in operating expense only \$844,771 was in the maintenance accounts, of which \$759,834 was in maintenance of way. This decrease in maintenance of way resented deferred physical maintenance, resented deferred physical maintenance, savings of approximately \$200,000 having been made in overhead accounts not affecting the physical maintenance of the property, and the major portion of the balance resulted from savings effected by the purchase of materials of the same quality at lower prices. The savings in the lower unit cost of cross ties alone amounted to approximately \$300,000.

#### Savings Effected

Careful supervision of expenditures and economies effected resulted in improved physical condition of the

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#### TO NAME CABINET MONDAY

President-elect Herbert Hoover will announce his Cabinet at the time of his inauguration on Monday next. There is still a possibility, it is said, of his naming Stuart W. Cramer of Charlotte.

## Homer Rodeheaver and Dr. Rader Here Tomorrow

Famous Evangelist Accompanist of Billy Sunday,  
to Sing in Church of Good Fellowship,  
Southern Pines

For some time Mr. Searle at the Southern Pines Church of Good Fellowship, has been trying to arrange a date with Homer S. Rodeheaver, the famous singing evangelist, to sing in the church. Mr. Rodeheaver, who is widely known as the companion of Billy Sunday in evangelist work, is a busy man, and to secure an open date was difficult. But a new element entered into the affair when Dr. L. M. Rader, who is a friend of Rodeheaver, proposed to the latter that Rader would talk with him in Tennessee if Rodeheaver would come and sing with Rader in North Carolina, and Southern Pines was agreed on as the place. The only date that was available for the two to get together was Saturday, March 2, at 3 o'clock, and so tomorrow they will appear in the Congregational Church. Mr. Searle was visited last Saturday by Mr. Rodeheaver's representative who had come directly from Dr. Rader, and the date was fixed positively, and Mr. Searle at once announced the event.

The tidings of these two prominent men coming to Southern Pines together has aroused a lot of interest, and the predictions are made that although the date is for Saturday afternoon the church will be filled. It is understood that Dr. Rader will pay considerable attention to the Salvation Army and its work in this country, with some special emphasis on the work of the organization in Wilmington. While Dr. Rader is a scientist with many responsibilities on his shoulders he devotes a lot of his unoccupied time to work of this character, which interested him at first in New York, where the field for helping the down-and-out group is large.

#### Pussy Rader Scores Hit

An interesting little story comes from New York, where last Christmas Dr. Rader and his daughter-in-law, Pussy, and there in front of the

big Macy store she danced as she sang. Then she started around with her tambourine to take up a collection for the Salvation Army work, and it was a caution the way the Christmas shopping crowd in front of Macy's store poured money into the little girl's tambourine and filled it high in the kettle that hung close by. The story would be picturesque if allowed to stop there, but it did not. A policeman came along and saw the child, and said children were not allowed to do street work in New York, and little Pussy Rader retired from Salvation Army work after making one of the biggest hits ever recorded there on the streets of New York. But she had done enough. Pussy, with her mother, was a visitor at Bion Butler's Valhalla farm not long ago, and is a mighty attractive little girl.

This Saturday afternoon date does not interfere with the later engagement of Dr. Rader at the Episcopal church, as Dr. Drew is expecting him some Wednesday evening during the Lenten season, and if nothing comes up to interfere it is expected that this date will be announced soon. Dr. Rader says he can be caught only when he can be caught. He has made a new home near Pittsboro, where he has taken the old Milliken place, where Dr. Milliken, of Southern Pines, was reared. There Dr. Rader will live. His aim was to get out in the country away from the constant activities and calls on him, but close enough to things to keep in touch with his work, and to get back and forward to New York or wherever necessities may take him on short notice.

## Hospital Benefit Concert Will Be Gala Event Here

Advance Sale of Seats Forecasts  
Standing Room Only  
for March 14

One of the greatest assembly of artists ever seen and heard in the Sandhills will be greeted with an enthusiastic throng of people who are anxious to see their favorite broadcasting artists in person as well as to lend their whole-hearted support to the most worthy cause in the Sandhills, the Moore County Hospital.

Both the quality of the concert and the cause they are singing for are unquestionable.

The quartet of artists are Genia Zielinski, the brilliant coloratura soprano, who has delighted her millions every Sunday on the National Broadcasting Artists hour from WJZ, Giuseppe Di Benedetto, Tenor, formerly of the Chicago Civic Opera Company, who has been heard over the N. B. C. by every radio fan in America; Arcadie Birkenholz, violinist, known as the "ace of broadcasting violinists," who has won both critics and public in two fields—radio and concert; and Lolita Cabera Gainsborg, pianist, who made her debut, at the age of fourteen, at Mendelssohn Hall, New York, and has since gained fame in both concert and broadcasting.

Reserved seats are now on sale at the Carolina Hotel and Carolina Pharmacy at Pinehurst and the Broad Street Pharmacy at Southern Pines.

#### BEN LACY, STATE TREASURER SINCE 1901, DIES IN RALEIGH

Benjamin Rice Lacy, State Treasurer since 1901 when Aycock was Governor, died at his home in Raleigh last Thursday morning. He was 75 years of age. His son, Dr. Ben Lacy, Jr., president of Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, survives him. Governor Gardner has appointed Capt. Nathan O'Berry, Goldsboro lumberman, to fill out the unexpired term.

## Dr. von Herff Here; Founded Moore Co Nursery Years Ago

Came to Sandhills Originally in  
1885 to Study Fertilization  
of Sandy Soil

(By Bion H. Butler)  
Looking out from the window where I write, about forty feet from the house, is a sycamore tree about a foot in diameter at the ground, and nearly 50 feet high. It is one of a number that I planted there a quarter of a century ago, the small trees coming from the Moore county nurseries over at Manly. The tree is brought into notice just now because the man who originated the Moore county nursery, Dr. B. Von Herff, with his wife, is at the Southern Pines House for a stay of some duration, and he is one of the first of the pioneers of this section.

Dr. Von Herff came into the Sandhills about 1885 to aid in carrying on a study of the effect of fertilizers on the sandy soils of the Atlantic Coastal plain. A test farm was established on what is now Knollwood land, and there for a series of years under the direction of this skilled German chemist the farm studied fertilizers and working with the North Carolina state agricultural department, exerted a broad influence in the advancement of farming in the

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#### SANDHILLS RESORTS NOW AT HEIGHT OF SEASON

If there is any question about its being the height of the season in the Sandhills, one has but to drop in any of the large hotels or register for play on one of the local golf courses. There are crowds everywhere in Pinehurst and Southern Pines. More than 100 guests registered at the new Pine Needles Inn during the past week.

The annual Seniors' golf tournament at the Pinehurst Country Club attracted a large crowd during the week, and last Saturday the largest field of the season accompanied the Moore County Hounds on their drag hunt, fifty riders following the Boyd pack.

## OFFICER HALTS BURGLARY OF MELVIN STORE

R. H. Beck Surprises Negroes  
Prepared to Leave With  
\$400 Haul

### ONE SHOT THREE TIMES

On Tuesday night about 11:40 Night Policeman R. H. Beck, making his rounds in Aberdeen, surprised three negroes in the act of robbing the store of J. K. Melvin. One of the men, identified as Lynall Harper, was standing just outside the rear of the store, looking after several bundles of merchandise on the ground beside him. At sight of the policeman he ran, heedless of Beck's command to halt. The officer's police dog pulled him down as he passed Wiley's Lunch Room but he got away and continued around the corner.

As he passed the furniture store Beck's first shot sent him to the ground. Almost immediately he was on his feet and running again. A second shot put him down again and once more he got up and ran. Beck's third shot, fired as the robber passed Burney's, brought him down unable to travel any further and he was captured without further difficulty.

His two partners, whom he calls "Bo" and "Blessed," were inside the store gathering up merchandise and passing it out through the back door when Beck arrived on the scene. They had already gotten together about four hundred dollars' worth of goods, suits, overcoats, hose and other merchandise. At the first sign of trouble at the rear of the store "Bo" and "Blessed" immediately left via the front door without bothering to open it. Melvin says he doesn't believe they even saw the glass in it, just went right on through.

They were last seen crossing the street and disappeared into the woods in the direction of the dam. From there dogs trailed them several miles and finally lost the scent at the railroad near Southern Pines. The wounded negro was turned over to Sheriff McDonald and given medical attention. His wounds are not serious. The three men are said to have been released recently from the Richmond County chain gang.

#### Suggests Non-Partisan Board of Education

The Pilot Asked to Sound Out  
Public Opinion Before Filling  
Vacancies

In the last few days suggestions have come to The Pilot to the effect that in the appointment of the County Board of Education a place should be given on the board to persons of both political faiths. The Pilot has been asked to give expression to this suggestion, and the reasons urged is that conditions have made it wise to be less partisan in some of the functions of the county, and to follow the example of other counties of the neighborhood and give recognition to the large and creditable Republican sentiment in the county. It is necessary to fill two vacancies that occur in the board of education and Mr. Spence has been asked to favor a Republican membership. He would appreciate an inkling of public opinion from his constituency, that he may do as the folks at home may desire. Some discussion has been heard on the question, but no definite ideas have yet come before The Pilot, which, however, passes the matter along for the people to handle. It would not be amiss to write a note to Mr. Spence at Raleigh, and express an opinion on this subject.

Miss Mary Jones, of Glen Head, L. I., is visiting Mrs. Jackson Boyd in Southern Pines.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN IN NO DANGER, SAYS CAMERON



A. B. Cameron  
Superintendent of Schools

## Pupils Do Not Cross Dangerous Bridges, Says Supt. Cameron

Writes Letter to Pilot Explaining  
How Schools Have Met  
Flood Situation

### NO ACCIDENTS IN YEARS

Editor The Pilot,  
Vass, N. C.

Dear Sir:  
In a recent issue of The Pilot in the article, "Photographs Reveal Dangerous County Bridge Conditions," some erroneous statements were made which tend to create a very wrong impression, especially upon those not familiar with the facts.

In the head lines and body of the article appeared such statements as these, "School Children are Driven in Busses Over Spots Condemned for any Except Foot Traffic" and "School Children are Taken Across this Bridge (Hemp) in Busses, a Practice that Should not be Tolerated," and "The Pilot presents them that the people may realize the grave situation, and that the school children may be considered, if no others," etc. Any or all of these statements, if taken at face value, would create the impression that all the school officials, the teachers, the bus drivers and the parents of the children in question were individually and collectively guilty of the grossest criminal negligence.

We are quite sure the writer of the article did not mean to cast reflection on any one, but in his zeal to make out a strong case for the bridge program, assumed too much, or listened too readily to irresponsible rumor.

#### Inconvenience at Hemp

As a matter of fact, no school children have been taken across the dangerous bridge at Hemp. One bus and one or more cars carrying high school students had for several terms been crossing on the old covered bridge, but since it was carried away by the high water no busses or cars carrying school children have been allowed to cross. These students lost several days from school while there was no foot way. The bus and cars park on the other side of the creek, and the children walk in to school, and in the afternoon they walk back across the creek to the waiting bus or cars, get aboard and go home—safe, though somewhat inconvenienced.

The bus bringing children to Farm Life from the section beyond Thaggards was detoured for several weeks via the Southern Pines-Eureka road—a longer distance and more cost, but it was safe for the children.

As soon as the temporary structure was put in at Thaggards and pronounced safe by those who were supposed to know, and was so accepted by the parents of the children, the bus was allowed to resume the old schedule.

It is true that some half dozen children cross the bridge over Buffalo against the advice and recommendation of the County Superintendent. This bridge has been regarded as dangerous for quite a while, and the approach to the bridge is such that it would be a dangerous crossing even if the structure were sound. We took the matter up with the parents of the children who cross there, and advised against letting their children cross the bridge in a bus, and

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## NEW YORKERS TO BUILD CLUB ON HAMLIN FARM

Plans Now Being Prepared for  
Large House for Hunting  
Enthusiasts

### TO OCCUPY NEXT SEASON

Plans are being prepared by a New York architect for a clubhouse to be erected on the old Hamlin farm in Southern Pines for the group of New Yorkers who several years ago purchased this land to preserve it for hunting purposes. As soon as the plans are completed, estimates will be asked of local contractors, and the building is expected to be under way early in the spring.

The membership of the club comprises Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Tompkins, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Willetts, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Ecker and Mrs. Landon K. Thorne, all of New York, and Nelson C. Hyde of Southern Pines. Mr. Tompkins, vice president of Bankers Trust Company, New York, has been coming to the Sandhills for several winters with large parties, occupying one of the cottages of the Highland Pines Inn and hunting regularly with the Moore County Hounds. A few years ago the group purchased the Hamlin, Maples and Yeomans farms which adjoin each other and cover some 140 acres south of the Bethesda road back of the home of Mr. Lemons.

This winter the dairy barn which had been used for several seasons by the Milam Dairy farm was remodeled into stables for sixteen horses, and during the recent stay of Mr. Tompkins and his party in Southern Pines it was decided to build a clubhouse before next season, to be kept open the year 'round, to which members and their friends might come at any time for week-ends or longer stays, and to be occupied by the party when it is here for the February hunting.

#### Ready by Fall

A house large enough to accommodate some twelve persons besides servants and grooms will be built on the site of the present house, near the stables, and Mr. Hyde will make his home there, acting as resident manager of the club and stables. It is proposed to have the house completed by early fall so that the members and their friends may come down at any time after hunting begins. The house will be built overlooking a large field, with spacious verandas where the club members may sit and watch horses being schooled. The grounds will be attractively laid out, with the idea of making the farm the home center of the hunting section of Southern Pines.

The plans are being prepared by Bradley Delehanty of New York, who spent last week in Southern Pines looking the situation over.

This development carries further to the south that of the Southern Pines Country Club and the new, Weymouth Heights extension. James S. Wadsworth of Geneseo, N. Y., is also planning to build on his recently acquired land before the dawn of another hunting season. Mr. Wadsworth's property being close by that of the group who are building the clubhouse. It is rumored that other members of the hunting colony are considering sites in this neighborhood, and an active building campaign this coming summer is expected.

#### PENN. OFFICIAL HERE TELLS OF AIR SERVICE TO COAST

John J. Lyons, of Cleveland, Ohio, a Pennsylvania railroad official who recently retired, is in Southern Pines. He says his company will in a few weeks put on air and rail service schedules from New York to the Pacific coast. The movement will be a Pullman run out of New York, connecting with a flying machine in Ohio at daylight, and from there to Dodge City, Kansas, by daylight. There at night a Pullman is taken again for a run to a point in New Mexico, where in the morning another plane picks up the passenger and delivers him before night at San Francisco or Los Angeles. Two nights and two days on the road enable him to cross the continent. Mr. Lyons says he expects the service to start in April.