



A Paper Devoted to the Upbuilding

of the Sandhill Territory of North Carolina

Friday, February 7, 1930

Aberdeen, North Carolina

VOL. 10, NO. 10.

FIVE CENTS

J. H. CAMERON PAROLED FROM STATE PRISON

Clemency Hastened by Ill Health of Hoke County Man Who Once Escaped

ENDS INTERESTING CASE

John H. Cameron, Hoke County man who was brought back to the State Prison November 17, 1928, to complete a sentence for murder after an escape lasting 14 years, during which he accumulated a fortune at Sylacauga, Ala., was paroled Wednesday by Governor O. Max Gardner.

This action, which was taken without the knowledge of Cameron's attorneys, or any other interested parties, ended what the Governor had found to be one of the most troublesome cases of his entire administration.

The case aroused widespread attention and last October Governor Gardner turned down the most voluminous appeals ever collected from high sources for any prisoner, his principal reason being that he felt that clemency would have a bad effect on the other prisoners, both because Cameron had escaped and because he had secured the withdrawal of opposition to his parole on the part of the family of the man he murdered by a cash settlement of \$10,000.

Shortly after this action was taken it was necessary to remove Cameron, who is 59, from the Caledonia Prison Farm to the Central Prison at Raleigh on account of his health and Governor Gardner, some time ago, concluded to parole Cameron after six months, the time required by his office before a parole which has been declined can be reopened. When Governor Gardner's attention was called last night to an affidavit from Dr. J. R. Norman, prison physician, that Cameron's health had continued to deteriorate, the Governor determined to act immediately and instructed Executive Counsel O. M. Mull to draw the necessary papers.

Cameron escaped from the State prison on December 21, 1914, after serving less than one year of a 20-year sentence for the murder of P. C. Oakes, Raeford chief of police, who had previously arrested Cameron, member of a prominent family, for drunkenness.

Following his escape Cameron drifted for a while and finally settled in the little Alabama town. Here under the name of J. B. Davis, he acquired extensive turpentine holdings and other business interests, became the town's wealthiest and most respected citizen.

During his exile he established connection with his family, which remained at Raeford and carried three of his five sons to Alabama and associated them in his business. In 1928, he was arrested on information furnished by a resident of Mississippi in hope of securing the \$400 reward, which had expired and was not paid.

Governor McLean declined to act as had Governors Bickett and Morrison, to whom petitions had been presented while Cameron was still at large.

An exhaustive hearing was held in the case last June by Judge N. A. Townsend, then executive counsel, but the decision was deferred for several months.

The requests for clemency, many of which were unsolicited and whose signatures included practically all of officialdom in North Carolina and Alabama and many editors and ministers in both States, were all based on the fact that Cameron had "made good," it being admitted that the crime was a reprehensible one.

Radio Interference To Be Investigated

Town Commissioners of Southern Pines Paving Way for Federal Inspection

The Board of Commissioners of Southern Pines met in regular session Wednesday night, Mayor Stutz presiding, Commissioners Stevens, Case, O'Callaghan and C. Patch present. On recommendation of the Law and Ordinance Committee an Ordinance to control radio interference in the town of Southern Pines is to be drafted and passed at the next meeting of the Commissioners, February 19th. The enacting of this ordinance will enable our authorities to bring in a Federal Inspector and in this way to compel the elimination of much of the unnecessary interference so annoying to the radio owners.

A WARNING, AND MILD PROTEST

To our fine Governor; our splendid Legislators; our spotless County Commissioners; and all other Dignitaries in Command;

Permit me to point a finger at the precipice just in front of us all:

Don't you see, gentlemen, that you are driving our beloved state to certain ruin?

Don't you see that you have piled upon us a burden of Taxes that has destroyed nearly half the value of the landed property of the State?

Don't you see that a farm is no longer an asset, but a grievous liability?

Have you seen Mr. Boyd's fine sarcasm about the \$300,000.00 Courthouse, whose principal use seems to be to serve as a background for the stand of your officials to sell the peoples' land for Taxes? Have you digested that bit of sarcasm?

Have you noticed the costly farce of our present-day expensive schools?

Has it ever occurred to you that it is a colossal mistake to educate a boy by force?

Has it ever occurred to you that the boys who would be benefited by an education will secure his education by force of his own will?

Has it ever occurred to you that it is a colossal mistake to educate a forced education (?), and who, if let alone, would be happy and useful producers of the necessities of life, but who, under your school plan, are becoming an army of dead-beats and vagabonds?

Every word of this indictment is true and just.

J. McN. JOHNSON

MOORE COUNTY GETS QUOTA OF 8 FOR C. M. T. C.

Opportunity for Local Young Men to Spend Month at Government Expense

JUNE 13 TO JULY 12

Opportunity will again be presented this summer for eight young men of Moore county to spend a month at Uncle Sam's expense at the Citizens' Military Training Camp at Fort Bragg. The date has been set for the annual encampment from June 13th to July 12th. Col. Charles B. Clark of Greensboro will be in charge of Sub-District No. 5, which comprises the following counties:

Moore, Rockingham, Chatham, Guilford, Davidson, Randolph, Montgomery, Lee and Richmond.

The quota for this sub-district is 130, with Moore's quota eight. Nelson C. Hyde has been appointed by General Albert L. Cox, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War, as representative for Moore county in charge of enrollment, and will receive applications from eligible young men for the month's training and camp life.

The government pays all necessary expenses. It will take you to camp at its own expense and thirty days later, will bring you home again. It will provide you with excellent food. Name your favorite sport and the government will furnish expert instructors and the necessary equipment. The government will teach you to swim, drill, march, pitch camp and shoot with the best. You get all these advantages without any cost to yourself and without any obligation on your part.

The reasons for this generosity of the government?

To bring up good healthy young citizens who are able to carry on the nation's work and perpetuate its institutions; who can hold their heads high and take an honored place in the community; who can spread the gospel of a healthy, democratic Americanism by their every day life and dwell in harmony with their fellow-men.

Classification

There are four courses of instruction given at the Citizens' Military Training Camps. Each course covers thirty days. The first of the series is the Basic Course. After it, in succession, come the Red, White and Blue Courses, which give more advanced instruction in the various branches.

To attend any camp, the candidate must be a male citizen of the United States, physically qualified and of good moral character. He must have passed his seventeenth birthday and have at least average intelligence. A certificate of good character from reputable citizens in his community is required of every young man who is accepted. The different courses are:

BASIC COURSE: This course provides preliminary physical, mental and moral training, including bodily development, athletics, drill, rifle marksmanship, first aid, camp sanitation, personal hygiene, military courtesy, discipline and studies in citizenship. Candidates taking this course may qualify for the next higher, the Red Course.

QUALIFICATIONS for Basic

(Please Turn to Page Ten.)

COL. HARRELSON ADDRESSES LOCAL KIWANIS CLUB

Meeting Given Over to Discussion of Forest and Fish Protection Work

MEETING WELL ATTENDED

This week's meeting of the Kiwanis Club held in the Gehner & Johnson Building of Aberdeen was given over to discussion of the forestry situation and fire protection in this section. Col. Harrelson and Mr. England of the Department of Conservation and Development were present. A number of large landowners of the section were interested guests at this meeting.

The work of the department of Conservation and Development combating forest fires was explained. The cost of this service is borne proportionally by the Federal, State, and County Governments. It costs the landowner two cents per acre. A fire truck and watchman for this protection is kept on the look out at the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst at all times.

Col. Harrelson spoke interestingly about the oyster beds along the coast of North Carolina, and explained the work of his department in protecting fish during the raising season and its endeavors to improve the quantity as well as the quality of the oysters on our coast. He stated that North Carolina ranks lowest of the states on the Atlantic coast on revenue derived from its oyster bottoms, and that with proper care and protection it should rank first.

The meeting was largely attended and was one of the best of the season.

C. E. INSTITUTE TO BE HELD AT SOUTHERN PINES FEB 16

A one day Christian Endeavor Institute will be held at the Church of Wide Fellowship Sunday, February 16, beginning at 3:00 p. m. and ending with an address by Dr. Ira D. Landrith at 7:30 p. m.

A very interesting program is being prepared for the afternoon session. Mr. Roy Breg, All-South C. E. Secretary, from Atlanta, also State and District Christian Endeavor officers will be present. All who register will be entitled to a buffet supper. The institute is being conducted under the auspices of the Moore County Christian Endeavor Union.

NOTED FILIPINO ATTORNEY TO SPEAK SUNDAY NIGHT

One of the serious problems perplexing our statesmen is American rule over the Philippines, and to all our readers who are interested, Vincente Villamin, a Filipino attorney, noted as a publicist and writer, opposed to immediate independence of the islands, will give an informative talk at the Platform Hour of the Church of Wide Fellowship this Sunday evening, February 9. So much of an authority is Mr. Villamin that the Associated Press, and the United Press carry his lectures, and his talk this Sunday evening promises to be one of the outstanding platform hours of the season. Charles Pier, cello soloist, will also play during the hour.

EUREKA WOMAN URGES EQUALITY FOR ALL SCHOOLS

Believes Improvement of County Schools Would Stop Trend Toward City

QUOTES GOV. CARLTON

Impressed by an article in the Southern Ruralist in which Governor Carlton of Florida discusses the rural school problem Mrs. W. McC. Blue of the Eureka Woman's Club, wrote to Governor Carlton asking the privilege of using his statements. In reply Governor Carlton said:

"If the brief discussion on the problems of the rural schools given in an interview with the Southern Ruralist will be of any aid in promoting the educational system in your county, you are at liberty to use it."

"Establishment of the rural school units on an equal basis of opportunity with the schools in the larger districts is, in my opinion, a direct obligation of an ystate government."

In forwarding this communication to The Pilot, Mrs. Blue makes the following very pertinent remark:

"Moore County has many who believe with me that while every rural community contributes of its youth and of its wealth to the upbuilding of the city and nation, it is not unfair that these should in turn bear a share of the cost of rural schools."

While some counties of our state have made great strides in the matter of putting the rural school on an equality with the city schools yet there is much in the remarks of Governor Carlton which is worthy of careful thought.

Some of the more striking of his statements are:

"There has been a continuous movement from the country to the city schools. Rural schools have not been developed to keep pace with the rapidly growing institutions in the cities. The result has been in many localities—overcrowded city schools and a rural system neglected because supervisors were following the line of least resistance."

"It is true that, in many instances, the city schools had more educational facilities to offer. Athletics had their attraction."

"The development of the city school system has been a wonderful progressive movement and on which is of

(Please Turn to Page Ten)

Aberdeen B. and L. Reports Good Year

Association in Healthy Condition and Shows Earnings of Near 7 Per Cent

The annual stockholders meeting of the Aberdeen Building and Loan Association was held at the High School auditorium on Tuesday night of last week. The report of the secretary-treasurer showed the local association to be in a healthy condition and thriving despite the talk of hard times.

More new shares were sold in 1929 than in any other year since 1923, and it is expected that a large number of new shares will be taken in the series opening this month. The earning rate of the Association was shown by the annual report to be right at 7 per cent, which is about as high as can be found, especially in a non-taxable stock. The Aberdeen Building & Loan Association continues to be one of the greatest assets the town has, considered both as a savings organization and as a building organization.

The following were elected directors for the year 1930: Robert N. Page, G. C. Seymour, M. H. Folley, H. A. Gunter, Theo. Berg, J. R. Page, M. M. Johnson, F. D. Shamburger, E. M. Medlin and D. I. McKeithen.

ORGANIZE SOCIETY OF CHILDREN OF REVOLUTION

The Margaret McBride Children of American Revolution Society was organized in Southern Pines on February 1st at the Civic Club in that city, with nine members. Mrs. Talbot Johnson is organizing president and Miss Mary Swett, junior president. This society will meet about four times in each year.

WELFARE ASSOCIATION TO HOLD QUARTERLY MEETING

The regular quarterly meeting of the Moore County Health and Welfare Association will be held Tuesday, February 11, at 2:30 p. m., at the Civic Club building in Southern Pines.

New Hospital Conducted on Advanced Scientific Lines

ALMET JENKS WRITES ON EDITORIAL PAGE TODAY

There are all kinds of columns, says Almet Jenks, writer of frequent articles for the Saturday Evening Post and now a winter resident of Southern Pines, and he proceeds to write most of them all rolled into one. It appears on the Editorial Page in this issue of The Pilot. A contribution by Katharine Newlin Burt will appear in The Pilot next week.

—THE EDITOR.

Southern Pines To Be on Air Regularly

Will Be Feature of WPTF Pro- gram Every Tuesday Night at 8:15

The second Southern Pines Radio Hour on Station WPTF Raleigh is scheduled for 8:15 p. m. to 8:45 p. m. Tuesday night February 11th. This radio concert is sponsored by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce and is under the direction of E. Ellsworth Giles.

The first concert broadcast was given last Sunday afternoon and received favorable reception. The manager of Station WPTF has set aside the 8:15 to 8:45 hour regularly for the Southern Pines program for the next month and radio fans can therefore tune in on this station each Tuesday night to hear the programs made up from the wealth of musical talent sojourning in the Sandhills at this season.

No Prospect of Farm Tax Relief

United Press Expert Says Gen- eral Trend of Property Tax Is Still Upward

According to the Joseph S. Wasny, United Press Agriculture Editor, farmers need not expect any reduction in their tax's soon, he says:

Taxes on farm property in the United States as a whole may be expected to increase for some time, according to the Agriculture Department. Taxes on farm real estate increased from 1913 to 1928 about 146 per cent.

To effect a reduction in farm taxes the department recommended that states provide a more effective control over expenditures and also revise taxation systems so that the greater share of necessary expenditures would be derived from sources other than general property.

The present agitation in this state would seem to indicate that North Carolina farmers have decided that now is the time for the lawmakers to begin to hunt other sources of revenue.

Hurd Cup Race Will Be Run Wednesday

Eighth Contest for This Highly Prized Trophy Will Be a Thriller

The Hurd Cup Race takes place at the Pinehurst Track on Wednesday, February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. This will be the eighth annual contest for this cup which is given by N. S. Hurd and it is a Cup that is coveted by every thoroughbred owner, which assures a keen race.

Additional running events are the 5 and 6 Furlong running races and in the harness classes are the Eighth Annual Carolina Pace and the Eighth Annual Country Club Trot. With the remarkable class of Harness Horses now wintering at Pinehurst, every harness race is a thrill. An unusually attractive program of equestrian events is also being prepared.

SIXTY PER CENT OF TAXES NOW PAID

Figures compiled in the office of County Tax Collector J. D. McLean show that Moore County taxpayers had paid in at the end of last month \$257,000 or slightly more than sixty per cent of the total levy of \$428,000 for the year 1929. The levy in 1928 was \$437,000 and at the close of January following \$27,000 had been collected.

County Medical Society, Health Dept. and College of Surgeons Cooperating

SEEK A-GRADE RATING

Bion H. Butler

Over at Pinehurst has arisen the new Moore County hospital, which is a revolution in hospital practice, for it is an institution created by men of means, and founded on an idea that until recently has been foreign to hospital practice. It was designed to enter a class that is still not common in many states and that does not have a great many hospitals in this state in the rating. To classify this new institution requires going back to 1913 when the American College of Surgeons initiated the movement for standardization of hospitals. The American College of Surgeons is an association of several thousand of the foremost surgeons of the United States and Canada, patterned after the Royal College of Surgeons of Great Britain, the most highly rated medical association in existence. This association began the investigation of hospital work in the country, and after two or three years of intense research work and study a plan was evolved for the standardizing of hospitals. This plan insists that surgeons privileged to practice in the hospitals be organized as a definite group or staff, and membership on the staff shall be restricted to physicians who are competent in their respective fields and worthy in character. That the staff hold regular meetings, review the clinical experience of the institution, file case records and that clinical laboratory facilities be available for the study, diagnosis and treatment of patients, are also demanded and with these were other requirements.

Workable Plan

As the doctors who formed the association are largely connected with the hospitals of the country the plans proposed were practical and met with approval. A minimum standard of hospital practice was adopted, and reports were gathered from nearly a thousand hospitals. About one of three was found up to the standard set and then was commenced the job of bringing all hospitals up to that standard. Under the new scheme the staff at its regular meeting goes over the cases that have come in, and they are analyzed, to see where they were most correctly handled, where errors were made, where anything transpired that should not, and where better methods might have prevailed. About one meeting and every doctor is put on his toes. Also at every meeting every doctor is glad to hear the views of the others, and as at clinical meetings consultations are common and comprehensive, diagnosis becomes a matter largely of united knowledge. Reports are studied and the patients enjoy the judgment of an able staff and the advice of every member who cares to offer suggestions. Criticisms are offered at times that are enlightening. After the system had been in progress for a year or so a comparison was made between hospitals under the system and those working under the old lax plan of go as you please. A comparison of two hospitals each treating 100 patients disclosed that the one, called the "A" hospital, showed complete physical examination and blood count 100, at the other 14, consultations held at "A" 41, at the other 2, working diagnosis in advance of operation 100 at "A," at the other none, progress notes recorded by doctors at "A" 100, at the other none, incorrect diagnosis at "A" 1, at the other 14, infections following operations at "A" 3, at the other 12, patients relieved 94 at "A," at the other 77, deaths at "A" 3, at the other 9. And so on.

The contention of the doctors of the College of Surgeons is that if a staff meeting of the surgeons of the hospital community had met once a month and discussed affairs of the hospital the No. 2 hospital in this case would not have made such an inexcusable showing as compared with "A." And that is what the new hospital at Pinehurst is trying to provide for. The County Medical association has practically become the staff of the Moore County Hospital, and has organized its staff, and appointed its regular meetings and councils, and the united medical body of the county is working harmoniously to make the Moore County Hospital a class A or whatever the name of the best is to be, and with the assurance that the

(Please turn to page 4)