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## Body of Walter H. Page Moved to Oak Topped Hill of Old Bethesda

Noted Diplomat, America's and Aberdeen's Distinguished Citizen, in Final Resting Place in Truly Picturesque Setting

BION H. BUTLER'S TRIBUTE REPRINTED

After resting in its original grave in Old Bethesda Cemetery since 1918, the body of America's and Aberdeen's distinguished citizen, Walter Hines Page, was moved last week to the new lot recently acquired by the survivors of the noted diplomat, on the oak topped hill south of the old church. There, among some of the oldest and largest oak trees in the section, hard by the church which meant so much to him in his youth and later years, lies the great stone slab which marks the grave of a man who made local, state, national and world history.

It is truly a picturesque setting, the highest point of Old Bethesda Cemetery. The recently completed Walter Hines Page Memorial Highway skirts the mound on the left, a walk of stone slabs leading up to the grave from the roadway. It is the typical Southern setting which Mr. Page would have himself chosen for his final resting place—surrounded by the trees he loved, the historic church, the old Bethesda road, and with negro shacks within a stone's throw.

The original marker, a slab of native stone, was moved to the new lot, and around the entire plot in which one day will rest the other members of Mr. Page's family, a wall of the same stone has been laid, and shrubs and plants and trees have been set out. The late Ambassador to the Court of St. James, who played such a prominent part in the World War, is at present the only one resting on the little hill.

There has been some talk of a monument to more prominently mark the grave of so distinguished a citizen of his country, but it is understood that members of the Page family have discouraged the plans of various patriotic and other organizations to alter in any way the simplicity which they feel Mr. Page himself would have preferred. The Memorial Highway, a tribute from his native state, is, they believe, sufficient public acknowledgment of what Mr. Page did for and meant to North Carolina and its citizens.

So fine a tribute was paid to Mr. Page at the time of his interment in Old Bethesda Cemetery, by Bion H. Butler, editor of The Pilot, that we here reprint it, on the occasion of the removal of the body to its last resting place.

—N. C. H.

### Bethesda

By the wayside, under the shade of an oak grove, one of the first temples of God, a sentinel keeping guard over the quiet little city of those who have gone the long road, stands Bethesda church, on the low hills near Aberdeen. Successor of predecessors reaching back into two centuries the

old building, friendly in its ancient demeanor, preaches its silent sermon of human fellowship. To the old church came the settlers, paying their homage and linking their lives with its guidance and leadership. Here young men and maidens joined hands, and here the children were consecrated. Here lie the fathers and mothers of the neighborhood. Here have been experienced the joys and the sorrows and the humanities that make up life. Here is the beginning and the end; here is the ambition, the hope, and round about are the actors in the drama that has run through generations.

And the man who has stood among kings, who has been the arbitrator of nations, the spokesman of a government which through his hand has put millions of armed men into conflict in which the world has engaged, the representative of this vast population whose resources have decided the result of the armageddon in which all of the civilization has been struggling, ends his task and comes back here to quaint, old-fashioned, unpretentious Bethesda, away from the pomp and the ceremony, and the emblems of the hurly-burly, and here his couch is fashioned for him and here amid the quiet and the simplicity of the primeval he begins that long sleep which is the determination of the profound mystery-existence.

The morning sun rises over Bethesda. A pencil of light throws on a little mound an outline of the sacred structure. The moving shadow reaches another mound. Another and another. The burial place of the forgotten waif is bathed in the same soft light that falls on the mound that covers the greatest of the sleepers. It is the democracy of Nature. Here before God all are of common clay and common right.

Walter Page gave his life to make the world safe for democracy, for human right, for human sympathy with human struggle, and that he was sincere is manifest by his return to his own people, to the simple sanctuary, and the plain folks, equally the work of the creator, and equally favored of the Lord.

The windows of heaven were opened and the December clouds poured out their torrents as the man of God uttered his words of hope and inspiration. "I am the resurrection and the life." From back of the clouds he compelled the confidence of promise. From statesmen and kings and lords and scholars comes to Bethesda the message of condolence and appreciation, but no responding voice breaks the virginal of this silent democracy. Man to man, facing eternity on the one great level laid by that dread Azrael, the angel of death, they await the morning.

## Autos Take Toll of 52 Lives in Month

Reckless Driving Again Responsible for Most of Violent Deaths in State

Automobile accidents took a toll of 52 lives in North Carolina during March, again heading the list of violent deaths, issued each month by the State Board of Health. As usual reckless driving caused most of these deaths. The need of an operators' license law is becoming more and more pronounced in the state each month.

The report also shows 18 homicides and 17 suicides during March. There were two fatal airplane accidents, four railroad accidents, ten accidental gunshot wounds, and four died from drowning. A total of 601 children and babies under two years of age died during the month. Influenza took 140 lives, tuberculosis 228 and pneumonia 386. Forty-one persons were killed by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Buchan of Kinston were in Vass on Tuesday to attend the funeral of John McCallum.

## Homans Winner of North & South Golf

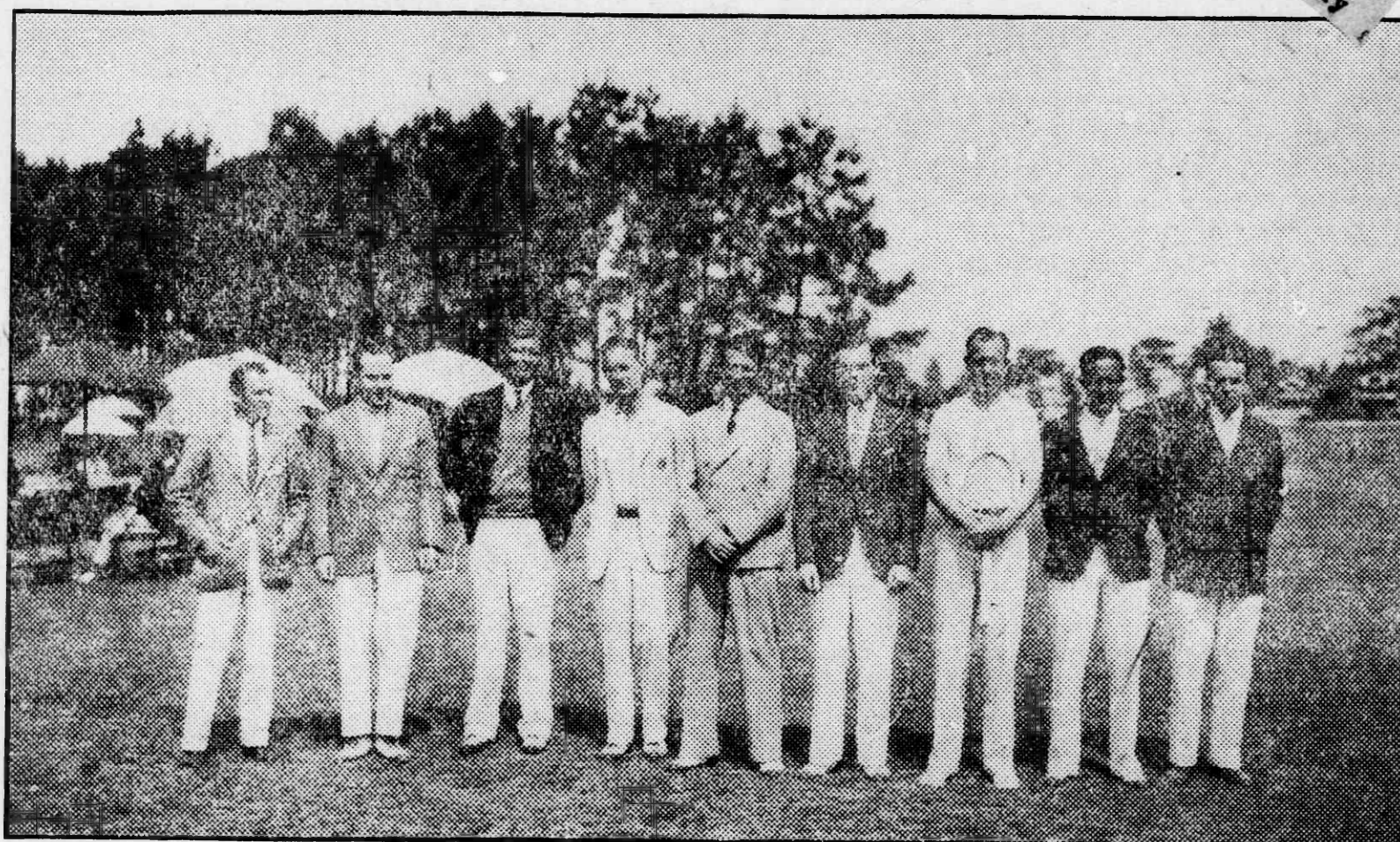
Defeats Somerville in Finals to Take Title—Long Held by George Voight

Eugene Homans, of Englewood, N. J., won the 30th annual North and South Amateur golf tournament last Saturday, defeating C. Ross Somerville of London, Ontario, in the final round, 3 and 1. Conceding him a par 4 on the unplayed 36th hole, the newly crowned champion shot rounds of 72 and 68 in the finals. Homans supplants George Voight, who had won the tournament four seasons in a row and who was defeated in this year's event by Somerville after a thrilling battle which went one extra hole.

Low scores featured the tournament throughout, in fact the amateurs carded lower marks than did the professionals during the recent open tournament.

Rev. G. B. Starling will preach at the Methodist church in Vass on Sunday morning at 11:00 and in the evening at 7:30. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

## PINEHURST ENTERTAINS DAVIS CUP TEAM ASP



Leading tennis players of the country are contestants in the annual North and South Championships on the Pinehurst Country Club Courts this week, among them eight of the first ten ranking stars of 1929. In the photograph, with Captain Dixon of the Davis Cup team on the extreme left, are from left to right, Francis T. Hunter, John Doeg, George Lott, John Van Ryn, Fritz Mercur, Wilmer Allison, Berkley Bell and Gregory Mangin, standing in the order of their national ranking.

## KIWANIS GUESTS HEAR WHAT CLUB DOES FOR SECTION

Accomplishments Recited by Committee Chairman at Meet in Pinehurst Country Club

\$1,700.00 TO AID STUDENTS

A large number of winter visitors to the Sandhills heard what the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen is doing in and for the community as guests of the club at its luncheon meeting held Wednesday noon at the Pinehurst Country Club. Committee chairmen were called upon to make reports of what their committee work consisted of, what the club had accomplished during its seven years of local endeavor, and what plans the various committees had for the future.

Paul Dana of Pinehurst, reporting for the Public Relations committee, cited seven accomplishments of the club for the welfare of the community: 1, the securing of a Recorder's Court at Carthage; 2, the securing of the double highway between Pinehurst and Southern Pines and the planting in connection therewith; 3, the elimination of advertising signs on the outskirts of Southern Pines and Pinehurst; 4, the building of a Boy Scout camp through the club's financial aid; 5, the Educational Loan fund through which students have been enabled to continue their education; 6, the signs placed about the community calling attention to the fines for destroying shrubbery and pine trees, and 7, the aid rendered by the club toward the erection of the Moore County Hospital.

Edwin McKeithen, president of the Moore County Educational Foundation, Inc., a Kiwanis outgrowth, reported that 31 young people had been aided in schools and colleges by Kiwanis funds, and told of donations to the foundation of \$1,200 during the past week, all secured from local citizens by P. Frank Buchan, a club member. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Buchan, and also to R. L. Hart, Southern Pines, who was chairman of the committee which turned in \$500, in addition to the above donations, as a result of the annual Kiwanis ball, held recently.

Robert N. Page of Aberdeen reported on the success the club had made in securing legislation sponsored by the organization for a State Highway Patrol, and predicted that another club project, a State law requiring operators' licenses for all drivers of motor vehicles, would be passed at the next session of the legislature. He also believes that the success of the highway patrol to date will mean a greatly increased force in the near future.

Others to report at the meeting were the Rev. J. Fred Stimson on

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### GIRLS WILL BE BOYS

Vass-Lakeview girls won over the Carthage lassies, 26 to 10, in the first game of baseball between girls' teams ever played in this section. Thelma Baker proved the slugging star of the contest, securing a triple, three doubles and two singles in seven times at bat, while fielding honors were taken by Misses Laubscher and Morgan. Elizabeth Keith and Catharine McMillan pitched for the Vass and Georgia Bell Morgan caught. Newell Shields and Florence Battley headed the visitors as pitcher and catcher, respectively.

## COLIN G. SPENCER OF CARTHAGE TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

Nominated at Republican District Convention Held Wednesday in Lexington

NAMED BY ACCLAMATION

Colin G. Spencer of Carthage, was nominated as the Republican candidate for Congress at the Seventh Congressional district convention held at Lexington Wednesday. The nomination of Mr. Spencer was acclaimed.

Mr. Spencer accepted the nomination in brief remarks and declared he would conduct a campaign that would be a credit to the party and himself.

H. F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage placed Mr. Spencer in nomination. Mr. Spencer is 39 years old. He was manager for some time of the Tyson & Jones furniture plant at Carthage until its recent sale to outside interests. He is looked upon as one of the most progressive and alert young men in his party in the county, with a strong personality and a host of friends.

Among the eleven state committee-men chosen at the district convention was Mrs. Herbert Seawell, Sr., of Carthage, representing Moore County. John N. Powell, George W. Case and D. H. Turner of Southern Pines were among those who left yesterday for Charlotte to attend the State Republican convention.

### HIT BY BAIL BAT

Edison Calahan, son of H. C. Calahan, is improving from injuries sustained the first of the week when he was accidentally struck on the head with a baseball bat when it slipped from the hands of one of his playmates. Edison was carried to the Moore County Hospital to have an X-ray picture made, but was able to return to his home.

## YEARLY LUMBER WASTE IN COUNTY OVER 1,800 CARS

Government Survey Shows Moore Most Extravagant in the State

ALEX. M. PAGE RETURNS

Alex. M. Page, a former lumberman of this section when he was engaged with the Page brothers in manufacturing the pine in the Sandhills years ago, is in Aberdeen from Oregon, where he has for years been active in the lumber world. Since leaving this section he has had a hand in lumbering in various states, and he says in that lengthy period he has helped to waste a great deal of good timber as well as make much good lumber. Mr. Page is interested now in utilizing lumber instead of in wasting so much of it, having a scheme which saws a log in a manner that produces less slab and edging wood, a larger footage of clear stuff and also a larger number of feet to the log. He is showing his scheme to lumbermen in this neighborhood.

Lumbering as it is carried on in most places is one of the most wasteful industries in the world. That comes from the great abundance of timber in this whole country, and the habit of cutting good trees to get the best lumber at the least outlay of effort. As timber has been slaughtered in the fashion the original habit established it has become much scarcer, but the old plans of sawmilling have persisted, and we waste today an inexcusable proportion of the forest product.

Tremendous Waste  
On this subject comes a bulletin from the State Department of Conservation presenting the report of a committee that has been making a survey of North Carolina to obtain information regarding the nonutilized wood in this state. The report indicates that from a saw log in North Carolina about 46 per cent is recovered in the form of seasoned lumber and the balance goes into material that is largely wasted. In Sweden they get 69 per cent of useful lumber or fifty per cent more than we do. The survey says that in this state we waste 33,000 cars of wood products a year, and Moore county reports the biggest waste of any county in the state, 1,828 cars. This is in edgings, sawdust, slabs, shavings from the planers, law grade lumber, veneer wasted and cores and various other things. The survey says much of this stuff might be utilized, although location of the mill plant, transportation and the possible market for the waste stuff material have to do with the use of it. That Moore county wastes nearly two thousand

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## G. C. SEYMOUR IS CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER

Former Mayor of Aberdeen Urged to Make Race for County Board

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

G. C. Seymour of Aberdeen today announced his candidacy for county commissioner in the forthcoming election. Friends of Mr. Seymour have been urging him for some time to run for this office because of his especial fitness for the place. Mr. Seymour served for some time as mayor of Aberdeen and is the executive head of the Coca-Cola Bottling plant in Aberdeen.

It has been some time since the three towns of Pinehurst, Southern Pines and Aberdeen have had a representative on the county board, and it was decided some time ago that some candidate should be offered from one of the towns at the next election. They urged Mr. Seymour to become a candidate.

With the announcements a week ago of Wilbur H. Currie of Carthage, C. G. Shaw of High Falls and E. C. Matheson, Eagle Springs, there are now four candidates for the three places on the board.

Sheriff Charles McDonald, Clerk of Court John Wilcox and Register of Deeds W. J. Harrington are announcing themselves as candidates for reelection in this issue of The Pilot. M. G. Boyette's announcement as prosecuting attorney is also due this week.

Candidates for other offices who have made their public announcements are:

For State Senate, Murdoch M. Johnson, Aberdeen; Shields Cameron, Southern Pines; D. A. McLaughlin, Vass.

For Recorder, George H. Humber and D. A. McDonald.

For Sheriff, William M. Seawell.

## 41 Killed by Fire in State in March

Moore County Forest Protective Association Issues Warning to Golfers, Riders, Farmers

Mindful of the many serious fires which have occurred of late throughout the state, the Moore County Forest Protective Association is issuing warnings throughout this section against carelessness and reckless burning of debris, etc. It has been carrying front page notices of warning in the Sandhills Daily News all this week, reading:

"Equestrians and Golfers. Please be Careful with Gigarettes and Matches. The Woods are Inflammable."

The farmers are also being warned to watch carefully for the start of any smudge which might develop into something more serious.

Forty-one persons were killed by fire in North Carolina last month, according to the monthly report of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health. The number includes both those who were burned to death and those who were killed in conflagration accidents. The property damage was also high, it is said.

## SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES AT OLD BETHESDA CHURCH

An Easter Service will be held at old Bethesda Church Sunday morning at 11:15 o'clock. This service is always looked forward to, not only by the present members of the Presbyterian Church, but by those who attended this church many years ago. The Rev. E. L. Barber will take for his subject, "The Resurrection." The choir will sing "Victory Bells" from Holton for the special music. A large congregation is expected as this is one of the most impressive services of the year.

The regular evening service will be at the Presbyterian Church, at 7:30 o'clock. The subject is "Behold the Lilies of the Field." The choir will sing "All Hail to Christ." Everyone is cordially invited to come and worship at this evening hour.