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## NEW ROAD OPENS UP VAST FORT BRAGG COUNTRY

Hoke County Commissioners  
Plan Direct Highway to  
Sandhill Section

### BIG BOON TO BUSINESS

If plans set on foot at a meeting of the Hoke County Road Commission on Monday develop as anticipated, an entire new avenue of approach to the Sandhills towns will soon be opened up, embracing a wide area and bringing to people now residing on unimproved roads a direct route over good road to the busy centers of Moore county.

The Hoke county commissioners on Monday appointed a jury consisting of Sheriff Daniel McGill, D. M. Cameron and John W. Smith to lay out a connecting road between Fort Bragg and the Southern Pines-Pinehurst-Aberdeen section. These men are all prominent and able citizens of their county and are thoroughly familiar with the locality and topography of the country which the proposed road will traverse.

It is expected that the road will start at the entrance of the Sweetheart Lake road and go by the lake running about a mile through the Dunlop estate to the little old schoolhouse, built over 100 years ago, then past the Talbot Johnson farm, the McMillens', Camerons' and McGills' farms to the Percy Rockefeller estate at Overhills, then on a little further to Fort Bragg.

No one can foresee the effect this road will have on this section. It will be about 18 miles to Overhills and 21 miles to Fort Bragg as against the present route of 59 miles by way of Fayetteville. It will bring all the towns beyond the end of the road many miles nearer to Pinehurst, Southern Pines and Aberdeen, opening up a territory which means more trade, more golfers, more visitors for the athletic and sporting activities of the resort section here.

### Ideal Hunting Country

Nor is it all one-sided in favor of this locality. It will open up an undeveloped section through Hoke county, giving northern visitors an opportunity to see the attractive country in that direction, permit farmers to open up roadside markets for their produce, and make Fort Bragg, the country's most extensive artillery reservation, easy of access to the winter guests who now, because of the motoring distance, know of this vast military preserve only as "a fort somewhere nearby."

The road will extend through one of the finest hunting sections in this locality, with many deer, plentiful quail and wild turkeys and many foxes. Shooting has been reported excellent throughout the territory during the last few years, and sportsmen are bound to be attracted to the country with possible shooting preserves, clubhouses and private estates in the near future.

The possible development brought about by the construction of a good county road through the Hoke county section toward Overhills and Fort Bragg is unlimited in prospect, and a great boon to the residents of that section and to the business interests locally.

### FATHER OF MRS. M. M. JOHNSON DIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Word was received in Aberdeen Tuesday morning of the sudden death in Blackvale, South Carolina of L. P. Blume, father of Mrs. Murdoch M. Johnson of Aberdeen. Mr. Blume, who was 73 years of age, was the victim of a heart attack. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left at once by automobile for Blackvale, where Mr. Blume resided and where funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon.

### TO REPRESENT COUNTY

Miss Mildred Phillips of Glendon will represent Moore county at a district health contest to be held in Greensboro on Friday, June 6th. The winner in this contest will compete in the State contest in Raleigh August 6th.

## Struthers Burt Launches Bitter Attack on Ralph Page for Billboard Advertising

Author Claims Man Brought Up in Court of St. James Wearing  
Sword, Knee Breeches and Cocked Hat Should Know Bet-  
ter than to Desecrate Highways.

The Editor of The Pilot:

Ever since the sea-goddess Thetis dipped her son Achilles, the great Greek hero, in the river Styx to render him invulnerable but, holding him by the heel, forgot to dip that too and so left him open to injury—you remember he met his death by an arrow in the heel?—it has been recognized that all great men have their weaknesses. Indeed, nowadays this idea is so prevalent that it has become almost a superstition. Most modern biography is based on this theory. What you do is to take a great man and, having carefully collected all his faults and all scandals, minor or major, concerning him, forget his virtues entirely. The method is profitable. There is nothing so pleasant as to hear evil of your neighbor, especially if he has been successful.

But it is true, none the less, that all men have their Achilles' heel, and naturally, knowing them better, you remark these heels especially in your friends. They are always a trifle astonishing, perhaps—as a rule your friends keep their shoes on while you are with them, but sooner or later, if you see enough of a man, some strange weakness in his structure is noticeable.

I am speaking especially of my very good friend, Ralph Page, and what I may call his monomania for decorating the state he loves so well with the largest, ugliest, and most useless signs I have come across in a long while. You may think that my Achilles heel is my hatred of road signs and my love of nature. Well, I will admit that, but at least it isn't as ugly on the surface as Mr. Page's heel—it may throb underneath but

it isn't an open offense to decency and intelligence. It isn't festered and inflamed.

Now, I don't understand Mr. Page. I have discussed this matter with him and I don't understand him. In most respects I admire him greatly. He has a brilliant mind. He is a man of culture, experience and good taste. He is a good business man; he is such a good business man that when he goes to New York to buy stocks he never buys any. Two or three times a year he goes to New York saying that he is "going to buy stocks," but he always comes back without buying any because "the market wasn't just right." As a result, he is never out anything but his time and his travelling expenses, although every now and then, like the hero of Richard Harding Davis's story who went to the races and didn't bet, he may spend the money, thus made, on pleasure. I don't know anything about that, but I do know that a man who goes to New York and never buys stocks because "the market isn't just right," is a damned good business man.

### "Ob-scenic America"

Furthermore, Mr. Page has had exceptional advantages. He was brought up at the Court of Saint James and at an early age wore a sword, satin knee breeches and a cocked hat. Also he went to Harvard. All his life he has frequented the society of alert, up-to-date and intelligent people, and I repeat that, with one exception, these things are marked about him, they stick out all over him. You know he is a brilliant and fine man when you meet him. That one exception is all

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## Kiwanians To Enjoy Day at Fayetteville

Local Club Members To Attend  
Inter Club Meeting at Coun-  
try Club There

Frank D. Grist, State Commissioner of Labor and Printing, spoke at the Kiwanis Club meeting held at the Civic Club in Southern Pines on Wednesday.

There will be no regular meeting of the Aberdeen Kiwanis Club Wednesday next due to the inter-club meeting to be held on Friday of next week, June 13th, at the Fayetteville Country Club, to which members of the local club are going. The Kiwanis clubs of this division will convene there at 2:00 o'clock, the Hon. Robert N. Page of Aberdeen, lieutenant governor of this division, presiding. The principal speaker will be Allison Honeycutt, governor of the Carolinas district. After a short business session and entertainment by the various clubs, golf, tennis and swimming will form the program for the remainder of the afternoon, with supper at 6:30 o'clock. Members have been invited to bring their wives.

### GUNTER PRESIDENT OF ABERDEEN WAREHOUSE CO.

At the annual stockholders meeting of the Aberdeen Warehouse Corporation held Tuesday night a new board of directors was elected as follows: G. C. Seymour, Mrs. R. G. Farrell, H. A. Gunter, Frank Shamburg, A. L. Burney, J. A. Bryant and Henry Blue.

At the directors' meeting immediately following the directors elected the following officers:

H. A. Gunter, president; Henry Blue, vice president; Forrest Lockey, secretary and treasurer.

### VOTE EARLY

The voters are urged to attend their voting places early tomorrow, June 7th, and vote. If you delay until afternoon, there may be such a congestion under the slower Australian Ballot system as to prevent all voting by sundown.

## Petitions Out For New Street Paving

Southern Pines Hopes To Get  
Property Owners' Consent  
to Extensive Program

Petitions are being circulated among property owners in Southern Pines for the paving of Ashe street from Indiana to Maine avenues; New York avenue, from Ridge to Broad streets, and Country Club Drive from Massachusetts avenue to the entrance to the country club grounds, and the commissioners are hopeful of getting these petitions promptly signed that they may proceed with the work during the summer months.

A great saving will be realized to the town and the property owners if all the petitions can be signed and approved at the same time, permitting the ordering of paving materials in larger lots. Petitions have already been signed up for the paving of Connecticut avenue from Ridge to Broad streets.

Much road improvement work and resurfacing is under way in Southern Pines and the Board of Commissioners leaving no stone unturned to present a smooth surfaced town to the winter visitors and residents when they return in the fall.

### CARTHAGE BOY PRESIDENT OF STUDENT FEDERATION

John A. Lang of Carthage, senior at the University of North Carolina, was recently elected president of the North Carolina Student federation at the University. Lang, who ranks high in scholarship and campus activities, is a son of J. A. Lang of Carthage.

### FIRE DAMAGES HOME OF ROBERT SHAW, PINEHURST

Fire broke out on the roof of the residence of Robert Shaw in Pinehurst shortly after 8:00 o'clock last Saturday morning and the roof was in flames when the department reached the scene. The roof was a total loss but the rest of the house was saved, with considerable water damage.

## Fights For National and State Senatorial Nominations Feature Saturday Primary

### Simmons or Bailey?

By Edwin T. McKeithen

To the Editor:

On Saturday North Carolina Democracy will decide whether Senator F. M. Simmons will succeed himself or will be succeeded by Mr. J. W. Bailey. The campaign in behalf of these two gentlemen has excited national interest for the reason that beyond the bounds of North Carolina a renomination of Senator Simmons will be regarded as a victory for the Drys while the nomination of Mr. Bailey will give comfort to the Wets; this for the reason that Simmons refused to follow Smith when he repudiated the dry plank in the national democratic platform and selected wet Ras-kob as his campaign manager while on the other hand Bailey espoused the Smith cause.

Senator Simmons asks that he be continued on his record. Mr. Bailey asks that he be made Simmons' successor for two reasons—first, Simmons should be punished for not supporting Smith—second, Simmons' age.

Senator Simmons is now 76 years old. He is at present minority leader of the all-important senate finance committee. During the present congress he has carried the brunt of the fight in opposition to the pending tariff act. At no time during his thirty years of senatorial service has his mental alertness, his wide grasp of national affairs, his constructive statesmanship been more impressive. He is recognized as the leading tariff expert of the senate. So much for his age.

Why punish Simmons? Did he forsake Democracy? Is there any evidence that Simmons ever failed to remain true to Democratic principles? When the Democratic nominee for president in 1928 attempted to discard certain declarations of the platform upon which he had been nominated, it is true that Senator Simmons was the one outstanding democrat of the nation who had the courage to throw himself into the breach in an effort to preserve the principles of the party. This is the thing for which he would be punished, the one thing charged against a public record of fifty years.

Why elect Bailey? On what record does he go before the electorate? What does the Democratic party owe him? Surely not a debt of party regularity! He boasted "I am an Independent and have always been," politically "I owe my allegiance to my God and my conscience." He proudly says he has scratched the Democratic ticket when the nominee did not suit him. When Simmons was leading the party through the trying Fusion days, Bailey sneered at White Supremacy and "thanked God that the Democratic Party could not carry an election in North Carolina." When the Democratic Party, under Simmons' leadership, declared in favor of state-wide prohibition, Bailey wrote and declared that he was a local optionist. No one denies Mr. Bailey

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By P. Frank Buchan

Editor of The Pilot:

Your valuable paper so generously agreed to give me this space. Let me say in the beginning that I am grateful for the same. This letter is to the three thousand and more Democrats of Moore county who stood so loyal to the Democratic ticket in the campaign of 1928.

Have we forgotten the hectic days and weeks and months of work that we did trying to keep our county and state in the Democratic column where it has been for years preceeding the election of 1928?

Have we forgotten the feeling that we had when the man to whom we always looked as our great leader in the Democratic party in North Carolina, the man who had taught us to vote and work for the Democratic party for thirty years or more announced that he was no longer our leader unless we chose to be lead away by him into the Republican fold?

Have we forgotten the struggle we had to keep our Democratic county officers when the Republicans, so heartened by the news that Senator Simmons had left us, so encouraged were they that they took on new life right here in our own county, that many sleepless night were made for the Democratic officers of this county and friends and supporters of these officers? And on June 7, this year, only about a year and half later, we three thousand and more Democrats of Moore county are called upon to forget everything that happened in the 1928 campaign, forget the battle in Moore county as fought so hard and contested so bitterly that it was forty-eight hours before we knew that even our sheriff had succeeded in winning his election. Have we forgotten that until the last minute we did not know whether or not our county would be put into the hands of Republican commissioners and the registration books be put into the hands of Republican registrars?

Have we forgotten that we were looked on by some Republicans, encouraged by Senator Simmons leaving us, traitors to our country, for supporting the entire Democratic ticket that means so much to North Carolina and has meant so much to North Carolina in the past?

Have we forgotten that 285,000 Democrats in other counties in the state were classed along with us? Have we forgotten McNinch and his campaign? When did the Republicans who have never cast a vote in their life, and who will never cast a vote for Senator Simmons, suddenly discover he was a great man? Why have the Republicans been Simmons' greatest press agent since 1928? The reason is simple. They have two more Congressmen in Washington from North Carolina, many more Representatives in the Legislature in Raleigh, far more Republicans holding county offices than they would have had if Senator Simmons had lent his aid in

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## Brummitt Guest of Chamber of Commerce

Attorney General Sits In at  
Meeting of Southern Pines  
Organization

Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt was the guest of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting at the Southern Pines Country Club Tuesday noon. Mr. Brummitt was invited to make his home in Southern Pines when he becomes Governor of North Carolina and said he would give the matter "serious consideration."

Only routine business was transacted at the meeting. Hugh J. Betterley presented a report of the Hotel Sign committee, showing the directors blue-

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## Rev. J. B. Davies Dies at Home in Niagara

Civil War Veteran Was Pastor  
of Church There from  
1914 to 1925

The Rev. J. B. Davies, pastor of the church at Niagara from 1914 until 1925, died at his home in that village at 5:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. He was 89 years of age, and though he had been failing for some time, he was confined to his room only during the last few weeks. Mr. Davies came to Niagara from Pennsylvania in 1914.

The Rev. Mr. Davies was a veteran of the Civil War and was at Appomattox Court House with the northern army when Lee surrendered to Grant.

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## Three-Cornered Battles for Dem- ocratic Honors To Be Settled with Australian Ballots

### FEW CONTESTS IN COUNTY

Judge Humber Opposed for Re-  
corder's Court and Harrington  
for Register of Deeds.—Four  
Seek Republican U. S. Sena-  
torial Nomination.

The interest in the Democratic primary tomorrow, Saturday, June 7th, centers locally in the two senatorial fights, the national and state senatorships. Both are three-cornered fights, though in the contest for the nomination for United States Senator one has heard little about the third candidate, Thomas L. Estep, in the excitement of the race between Senator F. M. Simmons and Josiah Bailey. In the contest for the State Senatorship from this district Murdoch M. Johnson of Aberdeen, Shields Cameron of Southern Pines and Dan A. McLaughlin of Vass are the contenders.

The other local squabbles are for Judge of the Recorder's Court and Register of Deeds. Judge George H. Humber is being opposed by D. A. McDonald for Recorder, while for Register of Deeds the present incumbent, W. J. Harrington, has opposition from J. Clyde Kelly of Cameron. Two other fights failed to develop due to the ineligibility of G. C. Seymour of Aberdeen in his quest of a seat on the County Commission, and of W. M. Seawell of near Carthage for Sheriff. The commissioners nominated will be E. C. Mattheson, W. H. Currie and G. C. Shaw. Charles J. McDonald will be renominated for sheriff.

Union L. Spence, present member of the State Legislature is unopposed tomorrow for renomination. John Wilcox of Carthage will be renamed for Clerk of Court, M. G. Boyette as Solicitor, M. McQ. Bailey as Surveyor and D. Carl Fry, Coroner.

There are no local contests for the Republican primary, the only interest being in the United States Senatorship, which finds four candidates in the field. They are Irvin B. Tucker, George M. Pritchard, H. Grady Dorsett and George E. Butler. Local Republican candidates are as follows:

For the State Legislature, W. N. McDuffie; Register of Deeds, C. L. Williams; Sheriff, D. H. Lewis; Surveyor, J. F. Seawell; Coroner, J. Abner Thomas; County Commissioners, R. B. Reynolds, C. D. Wallace and A. M. Cameron.

Colin G. Spencer of Carthage will be nominated as the Republican candidate for Member of Congress from this district, to oppose the present incumbent, Representative William C. Hammer of Asheboro.

The polls will be open throughout the day in the various townships of the county, with voting closing at sundown. Only voters listed as Democrats on the polling lists will be eligible to vote for Democratic candidates, and Republican enrolled voters the only ones eligible to vote in the Republican primary. Democrats who voted for Hoover may vote in the Democratic Primary, Attorney General Brummitt ruled Wednesday. The Australian secret ballot will be used for the first time. Where there is a contest a cross (X) must be placed opposite the name of the candidate for whom you wish to cast your ballot. A square is provided for this mark at the left of the name.

### LATE CENSUS FIGURES

Census figures received yesterday from A. I. Ferree, supervisor of the census for this district, reveal the following:

Manley, Town—269.  
West Southern Pines—806.  
Vass, Town—467.  
McNeill Township outside the above—1,840.

Last week's figures gave Vass 606, but the rechecking reduced it to 467.

C. P. Weatherbee of Providence, R. I., arrived in Southern Pines Monday for a two weeks' vacation, joining Mrs. Weatherbee, who has been a guest of Mrs. Howard Carpenter.