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Delegation to Stress Need of Paving U.S.-1

Towns Along Highway to Send
Prominent Men to Petition
Highway Board

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A strong delegation of representative citizens of Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Pinehurst, Sanford, Apex, Rockingham, Vass and other towns along U. S. Highway No. 1 will move upon Raleigh next Wednesday, August 6th, with a concerted demand upon the State Highway Commission to complete the concrete surfacing of this highway through the State of North Carolina. A petition, unanimously passed at an enthusiastic meeting held Tuesday of this week in the Southern Pines Country Club, will be presented to the Commission by Dr. W. C. Mudgett of Southern Pines, chairman of the delegation, and former Congressman Robert N. Page of Aberdeen will act as spokesman of the delegation before the commission.

With the exception of a few miles south of Cheraw, now under construction and to be finished by winter, U. S. Highway No. 1 is said to be a continuous concrete pavement from Canada to Miami, Florida with the exception of several stretches through this state. The oil and gravel bed road now in use in these stretches is breaking up and full of holes, especially in Richmond county between Drowning Creek and Rockingham. There are also stretches between Southern Pines and Sanford not concreted.

Of National Importance

Speaking at Tuesday's meeting, Mr. Page said this was not a local matter, nor just a State matter, but national; that U. S. Highway No. 1 is one of the designated thoroughfares through the country from Canada to the gulf, and that there is no reason under the sun why attention should not be paid to this road by the highway commission. Representatives of the Rockingham Chamber of Commerce spoke of the urgent need for resurfacing the highway through Richmond county, William G. Pittman of Rockingham stating that in places the

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Mrs. Buchan, One of Earliest Settlers, Dies

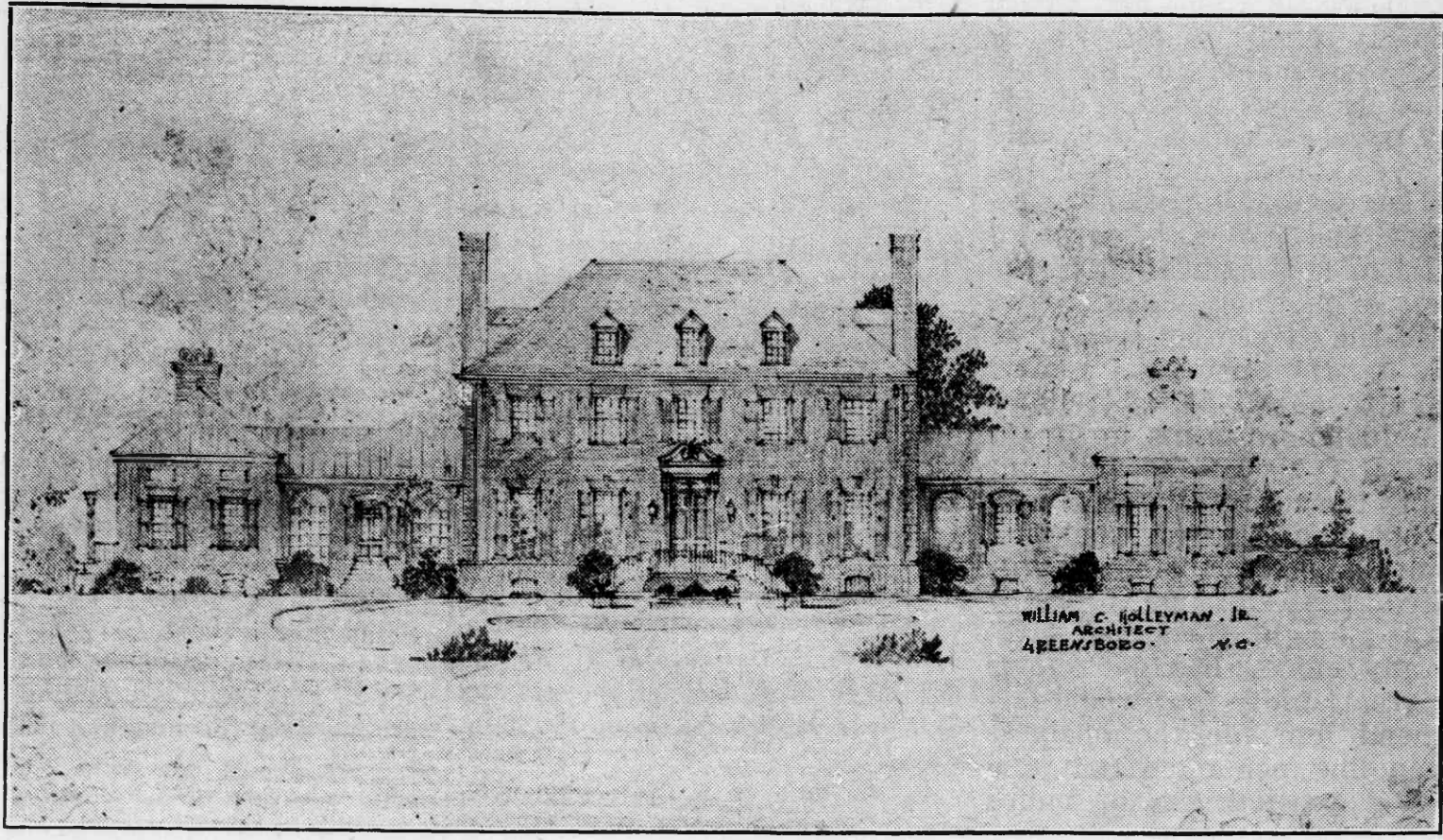
Mother of P. Frank Buchan,
Southern Pines, Passes Away
at Age of 79 Years

The death of Mrs. Eliza Katherine Buchan on Tuesday at the home of her daughter in Norfolk, Va., takes one of the oldest residents of the Sandhills neighborhood. Mrs. Buchan was born 79 years ago at the old Shaw home, now a part of the Weymouth estate, the daughter of Duncan Shaw and his wife, who was the daughter of Archie Blue, the neighbor on the farm adjoining, now a part of the Southern Pines community. Katherine Shaw married Benjamin F. Buchan, a young man reared on the old Buchan farm, on James Creek, now of the Weymouth estate. Thus the three families were brought together, and they occupied a conspicuous place in the development of this neighborhood.

Benjamin Buchan died forty years ago, leaving the widow with four children that are now living. These are P. Frank Buchan, of Southern Pines, A. A. Buchan, of Kinston, Mrs. Janey Copeland, of Chatham county, who is still remembered in this neighborhood where she made her home before her marriage, and Mrs. J. W. Clark, of Norfolk. The family was reared in Manly, where Benjamin Buchan set up in business, mercantile, turpentine and lumbering, and where he stayed for a time until he went to Jackson Springs. After his death Mrs. Buchan came to Manly and there she spent the balance of her long years with the exception of a

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BYRD COLONIAL MANSION TO BE DUPLICATED HERE



Architect's Sketch of Fine Old Type of Virginia Home to Rise on Heights of Knollwood

LEADING CITIZENS ENLISTED TO AID OF COUNTY FAIR

Every Township Represented
Among Fair Marshals Ap-
pointed by Pres. McDonald

ADVISORY BOARD NAMED

Leading citizens in every township of Moore county have been drafted for service in connection with the Moore County Agricultural Fair, to be held October 14th through October 18th this year at Carthage. President Charles J. McDonald of the fair association announced this week the list of Fair Marshals and Citizens Advisory Committee, and says in his announcement:

"Joseph G. Henson Post, American Legion, desiring to render a service to our community, has inaugurated and is sponsoring a county-wide Fair to be held at Carthage this fall. If our venture is to attain the full measure of success we expect, the good-will and cooperation of all sections of our county must be secured. With this thought in mind and this object in view, we have drafted leading citizens in every township to act as Fair Marshals. Knowing those we have selected to be public spirited and always ready to serve for the benefit of the community, we have taken their acceptance for granted."

Those appointed Fair Marshals are

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Watson Invites Public To Swim in New Lake

Eastern Beach on Estate Thrown
Open to Those With Guest
Cards

John Warren Watson, who has converted the old Williams place into a veritable paradise, consisting very largely of a 62-acre lake, has generously arranged for the people of the Sandhills to make use of a portion of the lake during the summer months. What he calls "Eastern Beach" has been cleaned up and sanded. A diving raft has been built and anchored a safe distance from the shore and two new boats have been placed on the beach.

The use of the beach will be restricted to those presenting cards, to insure the keeping of the rules and regulations which Mr. Watson has necessarily been forced to lay down. It is intended that the beach shall be kept for the pleasure of the many and not, as too often happens, for the few that thoughtlessly take possession of any situation to the annoyance and dismay of others.

Mr. Watson lays down no social or financial restrictions in the issuance of invitations, but only asks that the holders of cards be those who will keep his hospitality inviolate, in other words, gentlemen and gentlewomen. John Bloxham has the cards of invitation and will be glad to distribute them in accordance with Mr. Watson's instructions.

You Can't Trust 'Em

Editor Park of Raleigh Times
Proves Need of Watching
These Newspaper Fellows

John A. Park, editor of the Raleigh Times, paid a visit to Southern Pines Tuesday to attend a meeting to arouse enthusiasm for improving U. S. Route No. 1 through North Carolina. George D. Elliott of Southern Pines provided some fine watermelons for the meeting, supposedly to be eaten on the spot.

Now we don't like to say anything about our fellow editors, but when last seen, headed north in his automobile, this same John A. Park had the biggest watermelon of Mr. Elliott's collection stowed away in the back seat of his car. It only goes to show that you can't trust these newspaper fellows.

\$1.05 TAX RATE ANNOUNCED BY COMMISSIONERS

Levy on Real Estate Reduced by
Three Cents by County
Board

STATE ALLOTS \$13,243

The rate per \$100 of real estate valuation in Moore county for 1930 was established at \$1.05 at the meeting of the County Board of Commissioners held Monday at Carthage for the adoption of the annual budget. The rate last year was \$1.08, the reduction being three cents per hundred.

The budget as submitted was adopted with but a few minor changes, figures being shifted about without altering the total. The levy is apportioned as follows:

For the county general fund—15 cents.
Health department—2 cents.
Outside poor—2 cents.
County funding bonds—2 cents.
County house bonds—5 cents.
County roads—23 cents.
Current expense, schools—46 cents.
Capital outlay, schools—5 1-2 cents.
Debt service, schools—4 1-2 cents.
Property valuation figures have not yet been made available, but will be announced in the near future.

The State Board of Equalization announced on Wednesday the amount of State money allotted to each county from the \$1,250,000 fund available. Moore county's share is given as \$13,243.10. Lee county gets \$8,812, Hoke county \$3,736, Montgomery \$11,839, Richmond \$12,335, Scotland \$6,225 and Chatham \$10,428.

RALEIGH GOLFERS PLAY HERE

Pinehurst Country Club golfers will strive for revenge on the team from the Carolina Country Club, Raleigh, on the Pinehurst course tomorrow, Saturday. Raleigh gave them a bad beating when the two teams met at Raleigh recently.

W. C. FOWNES TO SPEND \$50,000 ENLARGING HOME

To Develop Site Which Occupies
Nine Knollwood Lots on
Midland Road

LANDSCAPING A FEATURE

What appears to be the beginning of a big wave of activity at Knollwood Heights is seen in the start on the reconstruction of the W. C. Fownes, Jr., home by the W. L. Jewell forces. This is one of the prominent homes on the ridge. Mr. Fownes recently secured the entire block of territory lying between the Midland double road, Daffodil road, Crest road and the Pee Dee road, and in accordance with a desire to improve the entire area in a comprehensive home scheme he gave the contract for the rebuilding and enlargement of the house as it has existed, and the workmen are carrying out the plans.

About \$50,000 will be spent in enlarging and remodeling the house, making it a commanding figure there on the hill top, where it has a look-out over the valleys in all directions. Mid-Pines Club house and golf course are just under the hill. Pine Needles Inn and golf course are below to the eastward. Across the valley are Southern Pines and the Country Club golf courses, and Pinehurst with its multiplicity of golf, polo, tennis and other attractions is a few minutes out the double hard road to the westward.

The Fownes site embraces nine of the Knollwood building sites, but they are to be kept intact as a feature of the enlarged residence, the first group of lots on the west of the house to be developed as a garden. The landscape architect has drawn a set of plans that include everything that can be utilized in the fine location, and gardens, walks, flowers, fountain, pool, and planting and shrubbery of all sorts will be called upon to contribute to the complete project.

The house when rebuilt will be more than twice as large as at present, with a commanding architectural style, and an interior that will class it among the fine homes that are building now in this section and that are to be built. The whole block of ground will be improved, making the hilltop a pleasing center of the con-

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COMMISSIONERS ORDER TAX LIST PUBLICATION

The Board of County Commissioners on Monday of this week ordered that the tax collector of the county advertise as provided by law and sell all real estate upon which default has been made in the payment of taxes, to satisfy the taxes due in this manner provided by law, provided the injunction against such sale ordered by the court shall have been dissolved.

New electric switches are being installed in Aberdeen by the Seaboard.

Replica of Byrd Mansion Heads Building Program at Knollwood

Pinehurst Model
House Plan Proved
Highly Successful

Idea for Reproducing "West-
over" Came from Previous
Venture Here

When the proposition to build a big new house on Crest road at Knollwood was suggested the experience of a previous venture at Pinehurst, the Model house was called up, and it was mentioned as an idea for the Westover duplicate. The thought met with instant favor, and when broached to various persons it was taken up by a number of builders and others, including L. V. O'Callaghan, Southern Pines; Pinehurst, Inc., Pinehurst; J. L. Lawshe, Wilson; Borden Brick & Tile Co., Sanford; R. L. Paisley, Pinehurst; M. H. Folley, Aberdeen; Southern Pines Warehouse, Southern Pines; Lorenson-Harbottle Company, Aberdeen; Carolina Power & Light Company, Southern Pines; Page Trust Company, Aberdeen; Bushby Electric Company, Southern Pines; Mid-South Insurance Company, Pinehurst; The Pilot, Inc., Aberdeen, and two or three others still to be announced.

The Model house at Pinehurst was built on such a basis that it had a reputation from the start of being the

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Olmstead to Build His 4th Knollwood House

Chooses Location on Heights of
Crest Road for \$15,000
Residence

Farther out Crest Road, but in the vicinity of the Fownes and the Westover projects R. A. Olmstead has plans for another new house on location No. 247. This is at the intersection of Swoope drive and opposite the Neidich house, now about completed. It is also close by two of the other houses Mr. Olmstead has built on the Indian Trail. This will be Olmstead's fourth house on Knollwood Heights, the third being on Fairway drive facing Fairway No. 18. This new house will be of the type Mr. Olmstead has been building, costing around \$15,000 and of the attractive character that marks the other three. That the others he built were quickly disposed of is evidence of his ability to gauge popular taste in the matter of a home on Knollwood Heights.

The location is one of the highest on the ridge, with a wide outlook in all directions, and with neighbors already sprinkled around on all sides. The Crest road and the Indian trail give

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Build New Methodist Church at Pinebluff

Growth of Sunday School Forces
Expansion to Cost About
\$7,000

Ground has been broken for the new Methodist Church at Pinebluff and actual construction work will get under way in the next few weeks. The new building will be a brick and tile structure and has been planned to accommodate the Sunday School work which has grown until it has been found necessary to use the pavilion and the graded school building in order to accommodate the classes.

The new edifice will be built on to what is now the rear of the old building and will become the main auditorium, with a basement underneath, while the present auditorium will be arranged for Sunday School classrooms in such a manner that the whole may be used in connection with the main auditorium when necessary.

No contract will be let as much of the work will be done by local help, but at a meeting of the building com-

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"Westover," One of Architectural Masterpieces of America, to Be Duplicated Here

BUILT COOPERATIVELY

Announcement Comes Simultaneously with That of \$50,000 Improvements to Home of W. C. Fownes Jr. and Erection of New Residence by R. A. Olmstead.

Sandhill real estate activity took one of its greatest strides forward this week with the combined announcements of the proposed construction on Knollwood Heights of a replica of the famous William Byrd home in Virginia. "Westover," to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000; the complete remodeling and enlarging of the W. C. Fownes, Jr., residence on Midland Road, Knollwood, to cost approximately \$50,000, and the erection of a new \$15,000 house on Crest Road, Knollwood by R. A. Olmstead of Southern Pines. These, coming on top of an already busy building program in Pinehurst and Southern Pines, spell for this section one of its greatest years of development.

For some time the question has been asked by strangers from the North as to where are those old Colonial mansions encountered in literature and fiction written about the old South. The vast majority of substantial homes built in the Sandhills have been patterned after the modern types and most of them the types that have prevailed in the North. But few Colonial examples of architecture are found in this neighborhood. J. Talbot Johnson, who has been an observer of the features of home-making in various parts of the older South, has of late been keeping his eye on the old houses he has encountered, and from the combination of various suggestions a plan is about crystallized that has for its aim the duplication of some of the old principles that were predominant a century or more ago. From this beginning it is likely now that on the hills of Knollwood will arise a copy of the famous old Westover home of William Byrd, the founder of Richmond, and the father of the Virginia-Carolina boundary line, as well as the ancestor of Richard Byrd, who has triumphed over the mysteries of the North and South poles, and of Governor Harry Byrd, now chief magistrate of Virginia.

The Byrds came to Virginia so early in Colonial history that William Byrd was born at Westover in 1674, his father being a colonial officer possessing a vast estate on the James. William lived in lordly state on his plantation at Westover, which was famous throughout the colonies. His li-

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Heavy Shipments as Peach Season Wanes

The peach season reached its peak in the Sandhills this week, 168 carloads being shipped out of Aberdeen from Monday through Wednesday besides a large number routed west from the Candor belt and large numbers of motor truck shipments. The total of carload shipments cleared through Aberdeen this season, through Wednesday, was 834.

Prices have held up firmly from the start, and the quality of the fruit has been the best in years. In fact the season as a whole has been the best since the "good old days" of several years ago, many growers "making a killing." Some of the orchards are entirely cleaned up now, and another week will see the 1930 crop pretty completely marketed.

The heat wave of the past two weeks was finally abated Wednesday