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MOVE LAUNCHED TO SYSTEMATIZE LOCAL PLANTING

Organizations Propose Joint
Committee to Work Out Plans
For General Landscaping

SEEK HARMONIOUS PLAN

A movement has started in Southern Pines having for its aim the creation of an organization for the purpose of making the country in and immediately around Southern Pines the pleasant park that is possible. With that aim in view the Chamber of Commerce, Town Commissioners, Civic Club, and possibly other existing bodies, will appoint a joint committee to devise plans and to propose methods that shall give promise of making such an end practical and successful.

A meeting Monday afternoon gave the work a start. Among other things it is proposed that with the advice of A. B. Yeomans and E. Morrell a system of planting the whole village as a community unite shall be designated as a portion of the whole scheme, each separate unit to be handled in harmony with a plan that shall include the whole village. Nothing shall be done without the approval of these or other landscape architects equally capable.

Such a scheme would do away with the haphazard custom of each man planting what his notion dictates, and when and where, and would give symmetry and harmony to all the streets and ways, a zoning project governing locations and districts and an intelligent supervision insuring the best possible results all over town. While the attempt to get underway is of recent date, the dream has been stirring in the minds of a number of persons, and from the favor with which the proposition is received it looks as though it would come at once into favor in Southern Pines and be allowed in an infectious manner in the surrounding villages and communities, for this planting habit has already begun to run wild. The Southern Pines idea is to carry its designs to the village boundaries and try to have the country roads carry the good work farther out, and the belief is that every outside point will undertake to connect up with the Southern Pines basic plan until all the region is planted or suggestions

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Annual Homecoming at Bethesda Sunday

Morning and Afternoon Services
with All Invited to Bring
Picnic Lunch

The annual home coming will be held at Old Bethesda Church on next Sunday, October 5th, and all the friends and neighbors of this old church are cordially invited to be present.

An all-day program is planned. Dr. A. R. Shaw, of Charlotte, a son of Bethesda, will preach the morning sermon on the subject: "At Evening Time it shall be Light," and Dr. Watson Fairley will preach at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the morning service.

All the "Old Timers" and friends of Old Bethesda Presbyterian Church are urged to come, bring a basket, and meet with their friends at these services. The choir will have special music for the occasion.

TEACHERS' MEETING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 11TH

The first county-wide teachers' meeting of this school year will be held in the Carthage high school building on Saturday, October 11, beginning at 10:00 a. m., according to information given out by County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas.

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, director of school inspection for the State, will be the principal speaker and several other prominent educators have been invited to discuss various topics of interest to the teachers.

The short term schools will open for the fall term on Oct. 13.

Congressman William C. Hammer Dies Suddenly at Asheboro Home

Had Served Seventh District at
Washington Continuously
Since 1901

William C. Hammer, Representative in Congress from this, the Seventh district of North Carolina since March 4th, 1920 and the choice of the Democratic party to succeed himself for another term, died suddenly at his home in Asheboro last Friday afternoon. Mr. Hammer had just returned from the funeral of his friend and colleague, Congressman Charles M. Stedman, at Fayetteville. Death was due to a heart attack.

Although Mr. Hammer had not been in the best health during the past year, he appeared well and in fine spirits when on last Thursday afternoon, not twenty-four hours before his death, he stopped to call on friends in Aberdeen on his way home from Fayetteville. He talked interestingly at The Pilot office of his campaign against Colin G. Spencer of Carthage for reelection to Congress, and expressed confidence in the result. Friends who saw him last Thursday and who heard him when he addressed the local Kiwanis Club in July spoke of how much better he looked this time than on his previous visit. His death came as a great shock to a host of friends and admirers in this section of his district.

Mr. Hammer was born in Randolph county, attended Yaddin Institute, Western Maryland College and the University of North Carolina. He was admitted to the bar in 1891, before which he taught school for a time. He had served as member of the city council, Mayor of Asheboro, member of the school board, county school superintendent and solicitor in Superior Court before his appointment in 1914 as United States attorney, which position he held until his nomination for Congress in 1920. He married Minnie Lee Hancock in 1893, and she with one daughter survives him.

Mr. Hammer was a member of the Judiciary committee of the House of Representatives.

Thousands attended the impressive funeral services held at the Hammer home in Asheboro last Sunday afternoon. Among those from Aberdeen at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Page, Thad Page, James Lineberry and Murdoch M. Johnson.

Martin Vice-President of Page Trust Co.

Raleigh Banker Will Act as
Cashier of New Unit
at Raleigh

The election of W. Reid Martin as vice-president and cashier of the Raleigh unit of the Page Trust Company was announced Tuesday night by John Nichols, executive vice-president of the Page's 10 banks. Mr. Martin will assume his new duties October 8.

At the same time Mr. Nichols announced that Harry Fagan, former cashier of the Raleigh Banking and Trust Company, whose banking quarters the Page took over and whose accounts the Page is liquidating, will be manager of the Page's new business department and in charge of public relations.

"I speak for the whole Page Trust Company organization when I say that we are delighted to get Mr. Martin," said Mr. Nichols. "He is one of the outstanding authorities on investment banking in North Carolina."

Mr. Martin entered the banking business in 1917 with the Raleigh Savings Bank and Trust Company. Two years later he was made cashier of this bank, a position which he kept until the bank was merged with the Citizens National Bank in 1927.

Mr. Martin then became vice-president of the Citizen's and remained in that office until the bank became a unit of the North Carolina Bank and Trust Company. Since that time he has been manager of the Raleigh office of the North Carolina Corporation, an organization which started as the trust department of the North Carolina Bank and Trust Company and later developed into a holding company as well.



WILLIAM C. HAMMER

NO DEARTH OF CANDIDATES FOR SEAT IN CONGRESS

Thad S. Page Prominently
Mentioned as Mr. Hammer's
Successor in Coming Election

HAS STRONG SUPPORT

Question of a successor to the Democratic nomination for Congress from this district grew to be the topic of the day soon after the shock of the report of Congressman William C. Hammer's death had somewhat subsided, and there have been no dearth of rumors and hats in the ring and informal nominations and withdrawals all week. The list seems to have settled down to the following available candidates:

Thad S. Page of Aberdeen, son of former Congressman Robert N. Page and Mr. Page's secretary during his career at Washington.

Solicitor Don Phillips of Rockingham.

Arthur Ross, Moore county, brother of George Ross.

J. Walter Lambeth of Davidson.

W. E. Harrington and J. Chesley Sedberry of Richmond.

Solicitor Clawson L. Williams of Sanford.

Robert S. McNeill, Mocksville attorney.

Among others mentioned but who announced they would not stand for the nomination were Union L. Spence of Carthage, George Ross, manager of State-owned farms, also of Moore county, and Solicitor J. F. Spruill of Davidson, who has thrown his support to Mr. Lambeth.

Mr. Lambeth, whose home is in Thomasville, formally announced his candidacy in the spring, in opposition to Mr. Hammer for the nomination, but withdrew soon after because of pressure of business.

Much in His Favor

Thad Page is being prominently mentioned in this section of the extensive Seventh district, and has been given assurances of support from many strongholds. He has the argument in his favor that a Moore county man is needed to offset the strong campaign which the Republican

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ANNUAL HARVEST BALL TO BE HELD OCTOBER 31ST.

The Annual Harvest Ball, which is established as the opening social event of the winter season locally, is set for the Pinehurst Country Club on Friday, October 31st. The committee is pleased to report that it has been successful this year in securing the Weedemeyer Orchestra, a occasion. This orchestra needs no insisting of eleven pieces, for this introduction and everybody will agree that it is one of the best orchestras that has ever officiated at a Harvest Ball. Several attempts have been made in recent years to get them back but other engagements always prevented.

The Weedemeyer Orchestra is now filling an engagement at the Paramount Hotel in New York and is broadcasting over WJZ and WEAJ.

EVEREST HOME IN SOUTHERN PINES GUTTED BY FIRE

Attractive Residence on Mass.
Ave. Almost Completely
Destroyed by Flames

RECENTLY REFURNISHED

The attractive home of Charles P. Everest at the corner of Massachusetts avenue and Cross street in Southern Pines was completely wrecked by fire which broke out in the attic of the house yesterday morning about 10 o'clock. Delay in getting the alarm in gave the flames a start which members of the fire departments of Southern Pines and Aberdeen had difficulty in getting under control. The roof caved in before the flames were finally conquered, and the loss by fire and water is said to be almost total.

Fires were started yesterday morning in the furnace and the fireplace. The house had not been occupied for two years, and it is believed that trash accumulation around the chimney in the attic caught from sparks. Mrs. Everest and Mrs. Margaret Cameron were in the house at the time, and smelled the smoke from the second floor.

The Everest home had recently been almost completely refurnished ready for winter occupancy. Much of the lower floor furniture was gotten safely outside before the water was turned on. Four streams were played on the flames, which spread so rapidly that fear was entertained for neighboring residences. There was a wind blowing which hurled sparks considerable distance.

The house was a ten-room frame and stucco structure built six years ago, and was one of the attractive residences along Massachusetts avenue.

Mrs. Milliken Honored by Democratic Party

Named Vice-Chairman of State
Executive Committee for Congressional District

Mrs. James S. Milliken of Southern Pines was last week elected vice-chairman for the Seventh Congressional district of the State Democratic Executive Committee, one of the highest honors given a woman of her party in this state since the passage of the suffrage amendment. Mrs. Milliken is a daughter of Judge James S. Manning of Raleigh, and the wife of Dr. Milliken, for years a prominent physician in Southern Pines.

MRS. WINN TO ADDRESS REPUBLICAN MEETING HERE

The Southern Pines Republican Club is sponsoring a meeting to be held next Tuesday night, October 7th at the Civic Club in Southern Pines, at which time Mrs. Juanita Gregg Winn, vice-chairman of the State Republican Committee, is to be the principal speaker. Mrs. Winn is a graduate of the Greensboro State Normal School and of Wake Forest, and is a very interesting and forceful speaker with a thorough knowledge of State affairs. A large crowd is expected, a general invitation being extended to hear her. The meeting is scheduled for 8 o'clock.

EHRINGHAUS TO SPEAK AT MEETING IN ABERDEEN

J. C. B. Ehringhaus of Elizabeth City, one of the most forceful speakers on public questions in the state, is to speak in Aberdeen next Wednesday evening, October 8th. The meeting will be held in the Dixie Theatre, and because of the prominence of the speaker a large crowd is expected to attend this meeting.

SPENCER NOMINATED FOR SHORT TERM OF CONGRESS

Colin G. Spencer of Carthage was yesterday nominated for the unexpired term of the late Congressman Hammer by the Seventh District Republican committee which met at Thomasville. Mr. Spencer is the Republican candidate for the long term beginning March 4th next.

Political Pot in County Starts Boiling on News of Mr. Hammer's Death

Republicans Announce Platform and Democrats
Point with Pride to Lowering of Taxes
and Other Accomplishments

COLIN SPENCER IS FIGHT CENTER

By Bion H. Butler
In the last few days I have been nosing around and talking politics with some of the fellows. Somewhat quietly under the surface considerable discussion of affairs in the county is going on, and the death of Mr. Hammer last Friday crystallized phases of it, as that event brought up the Congressional situation, which in turn called attention to other features of the county battle. Difference of opinion as to the outcome of the contest in the county between Hammer and Spencer had been heard, but with Mr. Hammer's death it appears to be the opinion that Mr. Spencer has a new job ahead of him, which is the planning of a contest with many entirely new conditions.

And that started other talk. It is hard to see very far ahead on a foggy road, so a number of the prophets hedge in giving their opinions, and lay much stress on "if." Generally it appears to be the sentiment that Bailey will have pretty fairly the normal vote. But there are those who say they do not know what his edgerence to Smith is going to do for him, and who shake their heads at the continued tendency of the New York leaders to be noisy in favor of repeal of the prohibition laws and amendment. The prohibition sentiment in the county is more or less at sea, and falls back on "if." In certain sections of the county a tendency seems to indicate restlessness, and some of the leaders are wondering if it means anything. Nothing that I have seen or heard confirms any opinions, but that "if" creeps in every once in a while.

Mr. Bailey and Mr. Pritchard, candidates for United States Senator to succeed Senator Simmons, have spoken from the platform in Carthage in the last few days. They viewed with alarm and pointed with pride, and denounced and approved, and were criticized and applauded. I did not hear either of them, but I suspect that each of them said some things that made an impression, and some that did not. Also they delivered some stuff that was looked on as stage play. Different folks have different conceptions of the worth of some political oratory. It may be as convincing as in the days when conditions were more strained, but those who talk to me about it do not seem as thoroughly stirred.

Republican Platform
A Moore County Republican platform has been adopted to which the candidates for the various county offices subscribe. Here is the way it reads:

1. We deplore the wasteful and extravagant method of administration of government and public affairs in Moore County and pledge a policy of strict economy in all departments of government.
2. We pledge to the voters of Moore County a substantial reduction of tax rate and not merely a gesture at tax reduction.
3. We favor placing county officers on a salary basis which will not be excessive.
4. We oppose the creation of new offices and the increase in taxes thereby made necessary.
5. We favor the abolishment of all offices not absolutely necessary to the progress and welfare of the County and a curtailment of expense in the remainder.
6. We favor the abolishment of the County Tax Collector's office and the placing of the duty of collecting taxes upon the sheriff without any additional allowance except for traveling expense necessary in the performance of such duty.
7. We favor good roads but condemn the law that takes private property for public use without just compensation to the owner.
8. We favor a re-organization of the Moore County Highway Commis-

sion and its employees and agencies, so as to secure more and better roads with the road work more equitably distributed through different sections, and service to the County at less cost.

9. We favor: (a) a reduction and a more equitable and uniform valuation of lands; (b) a diligent search and discovery of hidden property hitherto untaxed; and (c) a diligent effort to have the law amended for Moore County, so as to eliminate the abominable cost and expense of tax sale and foreclosures including attorney's fees.

10. We favor the impartial enforcement of all laws.

11. We favor a liberal policy in the matter of public education and a uniform State system of taxation for the purpose of giving to all children of the State an equal opportunity to secure an education.

12. We believe in progress, but we are of the opinion that it should be attained along sane and reasonable lines and always kept within the limits of the power of the people to pay.

Spencer Leads Fight

This is purely local. It makes no reference to the Congressional or Senatorial contests. Mr. Hammer was coming down from Asheboro this week to lay a lance in rest with Mr. Spencer, but all that now is of the past. Therefore the work done so far Congressionally has been done by Mr. Spencer and his friends exclusively, without opposition in any organized form. For his benefit they have been exhibiting considerable aggressiveness. Whether that is to count in the new alignment is debatable. Yet it is probably a fact that in Mr. Spencer's appearance in the race is found the main spring of action that characterizes the more energetic Republican movement. He is undoubtedly leading his party, and to some extent the discontented have been glancing his way with the inquiry of whether he may be the Moses who is to gather the protestors.

Alton Cameron's name, Republican candidate for county commissioner, is heard here and there in places that say he has found favor beyond the limits of his own party. Whether the opposition to the commissioners is more than is shown at every election is hard to say, for they are always picked out to complain about, as they are the unlucky fellows who appropriate or refuse to appropriate county money, who grant or do not grant favors, and who are the most striking target for reprisals of any kind. Yet as Mr. Matheson is the only member of the present board asking reelection this seems a rather curious ground for war.

Democrats Point With Pride

I fell in with a little group of men prominent in the Democratic party and asked them for a platform on which they are standing for the campaign, but they confessed that they had not issued anything of the sort, and might or might not later on. But they did say positively that they would be active during the four weeks from now until the count is made. I showed them the Republican platform. They had seen it and didn't show excitement. "But," said Mr. Boyette, who was one of the group, "I think we will overlook the impractical features of that platform, and encourage a general adoption of the rest of it, for the useful features have already been applied by the Democratic officials of the County in advancing county welfare." Mr. Boyette is chairman of the Democratic executive committee of the county. From what I can gather from my talk with the men in the group they expect to "point with pride" to the lowering of taxes, to the good schools, the good roads, the readjustment of system of

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