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CONGRESS FIGHT WARMING UP AS ELECTION NEARS

Lambeth Invades Opponent's
Home County; Spencer
Forces Optimistic

NOT MUCH SPEECHMAKING

The Seventh district Congressional fight, in which this county is particularly interested inasmuch as one of its citizens is the candidate of the Republican party, is warming up in the home stretch. The headquarters at Carthage and Thomasville, the latter the home of the Democratic long-term candidate, J. Walter Lambeth, are beehives of industry, and Colin Spencer and his dual opponents, Lambeth and Hinton James, of Laurinburg, candidate for the short term, are running from hither to yon in their quest for support.

Mr. Lambeth invaded the bailiwick of his opponent this week, spending Wednesday in the county, at Southern Pines and Aberdeen. He met large numbers of the faithful and some of the fence-sitters and shook hands and made friends generally. He promised to return next week for more time in this vicinity. Both Lambeth and James attended the football game at Rockingham last Friday between Aberdeen and Rockingham high schools and were kept busy there shaking hands. The campaign on both sides is pretty much a get-acquainted one rather than a speech-making one, none of the candidates delivering himself much of soap-box oratory.

Optimism reigns on both sides in this Congressional light. H. F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage, Republican chairman of the Seventh district, thinks Mr. Spencer's chances are very favorable and bases his optimism on the fact that Herbert Hoover received one-fourth of his 60,000 majority in North Carolina from the Seventh district when a citizen of this district, H. F. Seawell of Carthage, was the Republican candidate for Governor. With another Carthage man, Colin G. Spencer, now the Republican candidate for Representative in Congress, the party solons feel confident of victory next month.

H. F. Seawell, Jr., says Mr. Spencer is leaving no stone unturned in getting out the full Republican vote and says he has encouraging reports from all over the district. The campaign, he says, is being conducted on the highest possible plane, and he has urged campaign workers to countenance no mediocre or underhand methods in appealing to the voters of the district.

Mr. Spencer has made an extensive campaign in the rural districts of the several counties of the Seventh district and has met with cordial receptions everywhere. Mr. Seawell reports. Much of his campaign fire is directed toward the need of a Congress to back up Mr. Hoover in every respect. So far, he says, Mr. Hoover has been greatly handicapped because of the attitude of a few insurgent Republicans and the Raskob and

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CORAL GABLES ORCHESTRA FOR THE HARVEST BALL

The early sale of tickets for the annual Harvest Ball indicates the largest and most successful dance in the history of this yearly event. It is to be held at the Pinehurst Country Club on Halloween night, October 31st, and the net proceeds are for the benefit of the Moore County Hospital. Paul Graham and his Coral Gables Country Club Orchestra, secured by the ball committee at great expense, will furnish the music.

LAING HORSES ARRIVE FOR SOUTHERN PINES SEASON

The Laing Stables at Southern Pines have opened for the winter in temporary charge of Mrs. L. B. Cherry, Jr. Six horses arrived from Virginia and are being cared for at the stables on Weymouth Heights by Jerry Hedden. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Laing plan to come down before Christmas for the balance of the season. The fox and drag hunting will start early in December.

Three Townships Carry Principal Burden of Taxation in the County

Mineral Springs, McNeills and
Handhills Assessed at Two-
Thirds of Total Valuation

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

By Bion H. Butler

In prowling around among the books in the tax collector's office some things are disclosed that as my old friend Henry Collins used to say, calls up more talk. In looking into the matter of paying taxes it appears that most of us do not know very clearly who pays the taxes, or what taxes are paid for, or much of anything about our whole tax business. I find that three townships of the county carry the chief portion of the county burden. The foremost is Mineral Springs which is assessed at a total valuation of property of \$6,430,334. McNeills follows with an assessment of \$5,739,557. Then comes Sandhills with \$4,036,302, and Carthage with \$2,764,395. Next comes Bensalem with \$1,490,269; Greenwood, \$1,134,627; Sheffields, \$1,105,685; Ritters, \$797,689, and Deep River, \$618,329. The latter five townships together are assessed at \$5,146,599, which is half a million less than McNeills alone, and more than a million less than Mineral Springs alone. It will be seen that Mineral Springs and McNeills amount in valuation to little more than half of the total of the county, and that Mineral Springs, McNeills and Sandhills account for over two-thirds of the total valuations of the county, which means that these three townships take care of twice as much in taxation as the other six townships of the county.

Some Big Assessments

Pinehurst, Incorporated, alone, is assessed at a higher figure than either of the five smaller townships, and more than as much as Deep River and Ritters combined, the total of Pinehurst, Incorporated being \$1,563,766, and this does not include another hundred thousand or more in which Pinehurst is interested, as in the Warehouses, the Garage, etc., which are incorporated separately. The assessment on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad is \$1,154,534, which exceeds the total of either of the four smaller townships, and the Norfolk-Southern is assessed at \$1,419,159, which not only exceeds the four smaller townships, but is almost as much as the fifth of them. This road exceeds in value both Deep River and Ritters combined. Pinehurst and the two roads exceed together the value of Bensalem, Sheffields, Ritters and Deep River combined.

The Western Union Telegraph Company is assessed at \$60,903, the Bell Telephone \$46,387, Central Carolina Telephone \$23,000, the Page Trust Company with an excess of \$68,800, the Citizens Bank \$32,000, the Bank

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County Total	\$24,117,187

SEEK AIR MAIL SERVICE DURING WINTER MONTHS

Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Fayetteville and Wilmington May
Join in Petition

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Concerted action by the Chambers of Commerce of Southern Pines, Fayetteville and Wilmington, aided by Pinehurst, Incorporated, is being organized in the interest of an air mail service from Greensboro to Wilmington, serving the interested towns. If plans now formulating materialize, a joint committee of the four towns will make a trip to Washington to petition the Postoffice Department for such service during the months of January, February and March.

There is said to be sufficient mail during the winter months to warrant Uncle Sam in sending his mail planes over the proposed course, with stops at Knollwood Airport, serving Pinehurst and Southern Pines; Pope Field at Fort Bragg, serving Fayetteville, and the air station at Wilmington. Greensboro is on the regular mail route from New York south. The proposed route would be a branch run, one plane a day bringing air mail early into the Sandhills, and picking up outgoing air mail at night. Should the service be approved at Washington, air mail leaving here at night would be in New York early the next morning, and vice versa.

The matter is now up with the Chambers of Commerce at Fayetteville and Wilmington. The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce at the Tuesday meeting of its board of directors appointed a committee composed of Dr. W. C. Mudgett, Dr. George G. Herr, John Powell and Nelson C. Hyde to work out plans jointly with the other towns looking toward securing the service. There is said to be no possibility of service unless all the towns desire it, making the special run from Greensboro worth while.

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Miss Mary Dell Hayes Pretty Bride in Southern Pines Church Wedding

Miss Mary Dell Hayes, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Hayes of Southern Pines, became the bride of William Elliott Matchett, son of William F. Matchett of Piercetown, Indiana at one of the prettiest weddings ever held in the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Southern Pines last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Every seat in the church was filled when Miss Helen Thompson, at the organ, struck the first notes of Lohengrin's wedding march.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was most attractively attired in a blue velvet dress trimmed with rose point lace, blue hat and tan hose with shoes to match. She carried a beautiful bouquet of orchids and roses. The maid of honor, Miss Grace Gorman, wore a rose beige lace dress with hat to match, and the bridesmaids were attractive in gowns of burnt orange. Miss Katherine Wiley and Miss Emilie Richardson, of Southern Pines, and Miss Nan Matchett, of Piercetown, a sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaids, with little Misses Emily Dell Hayes and Mary Ellen Sadler as flower girls.

Norman Winslow of Greenville was

the best man, and the ushers were Robert Hayes, brother of the bride, Frank Harrington, Andrew Rountree, Harold Dillehay, Grier Stutz and Paul T. Barnum.

To Live in Indianapolis

The groom, Mr. Matchett, is an insurance man in Indianapolis where, after November 1st, the young couple will reside in the Spink Arms Hotel. They left by motor Sunday evening for Asheville after a reception held in the Hayes Home, some 75 guests being present. From Asheville they will proceed by train to their new home.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mrs. Charles Sadler, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Winston, Greenville; Mrs. John Gorman, of Salisbury; Grier Stutz, Harold Dillehay and Warren Olmstead of Chapel Hill, Leonard Hollowell and Andrew Rountree, Richmond; Miss Margaret Gorham, Harold McKeithen and James Rountree, Winston-Salem; Miss Ethel Day and Miss Margaret Olmstead, Meredith College, Raleigh; Miss Emilie Richardson, N. C. W., Greensboro and others.

RICHARD TUFTS NEW PRESIDENT OF KIWANIS CLUB

Rules Suspended to Permit Un-
animous Vote in Advance of
Annual Election

LONG CLUB'S SECRETARY

Despite the fact that the annual election of officers of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen is not slated to take place until Wednesday, December 3d, Richard Tufts was unanimously chosen president of the club for 1931 at the weekly meeting held Wednesday in Pinehurst. Immediately after announcement of the date of the annual meeting was made Frank Buchan of Southern Pines arose and moved the suspension of the rules and the unanimous endorsement of Mr. Tufts as the next president. Not only was there no dissenting vote, but there was such loud acclaim at the club's spontaneous action that Mr. Tufts was forced to graciously accept the tender of office on the spot.

Richard Tufts was for years the valued and efficient secretary of the club, and its guiding spirit. Due to pressure of business he felt it incumbent upon him two years ago to relinquish the office, and ever since then efforts have been made to induce him to become president. This fall the rumor got around that he might serve next year, and that was enough for the members. However, the action taken in advance of the annual election scheduled for six weeks off came as a surprise both to Mr. Tufts and to many of the members, and was all the more pleasing on that account.

In his embarrassed acceptance of the unanimous nomination Mr. Tufts urged that as a matter of principle the club should nominate at least two candidates, but this suggestion was greeted only with laughter, though Arthur Newcomb did state that he had always wanted to become a candidate for president and would be glad to volunteer for the pleasure of being defeated by Richard.

A nominating committee was appointed for the purpose of arranging the slates for vice-president, trustee and directors of the club for next year, to be voted upon at the December meeting. Nominations close November 20th.

Tennis Players, Steel Men Open Carolina

Hotel in Readiness for Con-
vention of Leaders in Construc-
tion Industry Next Week

The Carolina opens at Pinehurst on Monday. Manager Edward Fitzgerald has everything in shape for the first guests, and there are many reservations for opening week. A number of the tennis players entered in the annual Mid-South Tournament will be at the Carolina all week, and on Tuesday some 200 leaders in the steel construction industry arrive for the eighth annual convention of the American Institute of Steel Construction. This convention will be in session until November 1st.

The plans for the opening week also include a 100-target handicap at trap shooting grounds, the first of the weekly shoots at the rifle range and a woman's putting contest at the golf course.

James A. Ferrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation, and E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, will be guests of honor at the steel convention, as will E. P. Thomas, vice-president of the United States Steel Corporation.

Dr. Frank Parker, professor of finance at the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, of the University of Pennsylvania, will speak during the convention on business conditions at present and a round-table discussion will follow. This is expected to be a high spot of the convention.

It is expected that Ross H. McMaster of Montreal, president of the Steel Corporation of Canada, and Otto Von Halem of Berlin, director of a German steel syndicate, will also attend the annual meeting.

Three-Fold Program for Future Sandhill Growth Outlined by Richard Tufts

New Kiwanis Head



RICHARD TUFTS

JESSE HUNSUCKER, CARTHAGE, KILLED IN AUTO COLLISION

Dies Shortly After Accident in
Which Monroe Hospital Nurse
Dies Instantly

COUPE, TRUCK COLLIDED

Jesse Hunsucker, 37, son of J. W. Hunsucker of Carthage, and Miss Mattie Davis, 21, of Chesterfield, S. C., were killed when the coupe in which they were riding collided late Monday with a truck driven by Sam Massey colored, on Route 25 between Maxhaw and Mineral Springs. Miss Davis was killed instantly, and Hunsucker died within a few hours after the accident. His body was removed to Carthage Tuesday and the funeral held there at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Davis was a nurse at the same hospital at Monroe in which Hunsucker was employed. He went there from Carthage about five years ago. The young man was well known throughout the Sandhills, and popular with a wide circle of friends. Besides his father, he is survived by two brothers and two sisters, Sylvester Hunsucker of Rock Hill, S. C.; Ellis Hunsucker of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. J. W. Crutchfield and Mrs. T. L. Maness, both of Carthage.

Miss Davis was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Davis of Chesterfield and had been a student nurse in the Monroe hospital for two years.

HALF MILLION POUNDS OF TOBACCO SOLD THIS WEEK

Half a million pounds of tobacco was sold on the floors of Aberdeen's two warehouses the first four days of this week, at an average of 17 3-4 cents a pound. Monday and Tuesday were both big days, with a falling off somewhat on Wednesday and Thursday. Much of the tobacco in this week has come from distant points and a great deal low grade leaf appeared on the floors, the average price suffering in comparison with other weeks locally. The Saunders Warehouse had more tobacco in Monday than could be handled on the floor that day. Prices throughout the state have been maintained at a fairly high level during the week, averaging around 17 to 19 cents.

ELBERTA HOTEL LEASED TO FLORIDA HOTEL MAN

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wrenn of Hendersonville, formerly operators of a winter hotel in Ocala, Florida, have leased the Elberta Hotel in Southern Pines from Dr. L. M. Daniels. Shields Cameron negotiated the lease. The building is to be remodeled, the work commencing November 1st.

Elimination of Rivalry, Fair Treatment of Visitors, Devel- opment of Estates.

HOPES FOR GOOD SEASON

Although depression in the north, especially in New York, is worse than is generally realized here, and although business in summer resorts this past summer was far from good, Pinehurst hotel reservations are practically normal and cottages well taken for the winter season, Richard Tufts told members of the Kiwanis Club at their weekly luncheon in the Pinehurst Community Church on Wednesday.

"There is a general feeling that the bottom of the depression has been reached," he said. To the collapse of the stock market after the wild days of speculation, and the shrinkage of exports due to troubles in South America, Russia, China and India he laid the blame for the widespread depression, which, he said, was not nearly as serious here as elsewhere in the country. The rapidity of recovery will be slow, but if we sit tight and watch our step this season, we will be in a position to capitalize on the return to normalcy.

Three Essentials
In this connection, Mr. Tufts cited three important things to which this section must pay particular attention if it is to go forward and prosper:

1. We must look upon the Sandhills as one big resort, without competition among its component parts. "Pinehurst is growing. Southern Pines is growing and will continue to grow. I hope it will," he said. "I believe Southern Pines will become the center of the resort section without question."

2. We must not leave everything to our climate, facilities, natural resources, accessibility, etc. They may bring people here, but it is the treatment they get when they are here which brings them back or makes permanent residents of them. We must sell our service to them, sell ourselves, make them feel part of the place.

3. The development of large and permanent estates here has progressed favorably and is going lots further. It is one of the biggest things that could happen for the future welfare and prosperity of the section. We must treat these people fairly. They are a benefit to the community in more ways than appear on the surface. They become employers of labor, they patronize our farms and shops and garages, and they add immeasurably to our resources.

Mr. Tufts was the principal speaker at the Wednesday meeting. Before his talk on business conditions and their possible local effect, Murdoch M. Johnson and Paul Dana spoke in the series of talks being given by past presidents on the value of Kiwanis to them, and Frank Buchan talked on the importance of closer relationships between individual members of the club, the importance of selecting new members and of promptly educating newly elected members in the aims and purposes of the club. The club welcomed back the Rev. T. A. Cheatham, James Tufts and Paul Dana after their long summer vacations. County Superintendent of Schools H. Lee Thomas was named to talk along lines of Kiwanis education at next week's meeting. The club accepted an invitation to hold one of its near future meetings at Pinebluff, and also named a "Christmas Daddy" committee.

TO ORGANIZE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION IN SANDHILLS

A movement for a Merchants Association in the Sandhills was launched at a dinner meeting held at the Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen last evening. A large number of the merchants of this section were in attendance and Willard L. Dowell, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association was the principal speaker. A full report of the meeting will appear in next week's Pilot.