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## TO OPEN BIDS ON NEW ABERDEEN TO LAURINBURG ROAD

Highway Among 22 Construction Projects Involving Cost of \$1,500,000

### A FEDERAL AID ROAD

The grading, structures and topsoil on Route 241 of the State Highway system, running from Aberdeen to the Hoke county line, and the grading, structures and topsoil of 3.49 miles in Hoke county from the Moore line to the Scotland county line are included in the list on which bids will be received by the department next week, December 9th. This means the prompt starting of work on the new road from Aberdeen to Laurinburg, added to the State Highway system last year. Federal funds are available toward the cost of this highway.

Twenty-two highway construction projects, involving about \$1,500,000, are included in the list on which bids will be received at the State Highway office in Raleigh December 9, John D. Waldrop, State highway engineer, announces. These include an aggregate of 25.5 miles of concrete, 11.42 miles of asphalt, 14.31 miles of gravel surfacing, 21.13 miles of grading and structures, 3.49 miles of grading, structures and topsoil, three bridges and the structures on another road.

Nineteen of these projects are approved for Federal Aid, estimates being that half a million dollars in Federal money will be utilized on all except those in Martin, Tyrrell and Sampson counties. The \$500,000 county equalizing fund and funds from the districts will be used on these projects.

## Coroner's Jury Says Hussey Was Murdered

### Death Due to Blow on Head Verdict After Body of Farmer is Exhumed

That Dock Hussey came to his death from a blow on the head by a blunt instrument in the hands of an unknown party was the verdict of a coroner's jury, after the body had been exhumed and examined and after the examination of witnesses, of necessity postponed from Saturday until Sunday on account of a furious fight engaged in by a son of the deceased and Turner Brown, had been completed.

Dock Hussey, a man of some sixty years and a resident of the upper section of Moore county, was found dead in the barnyard of a neighbor, Harvey Sheffield. Coroner D. Carl Fry and Deputy Sheriff Slack went to the scene and saw the body, lying in the barnyard, frozen, but as there was no evidence of foul play and as the family did not suspect anything, no inquest was held. The body was interred at Smyrna Church cemetery.

Some two weeks later, rumors that the man's head was burst began to circulate, and on Nov. 29, at the request of the family, an order was issued for exhuming the body. This was done on last Saturday, and an examination was made. A knot on the head which was not noticeable when the body was in a frozen condition was plainly visible. An examination of witnesses was started, but so much disturbance was raised by a son of the deceased and Turner Brown, following words over some trivial matter in connection with the case, that

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## MRS. J. C. STANLEY DIES AT HOME IN MASSACHUSETTS

Coming to The Pilot through a letter to a friend is the news of the death of Mrs. John C. Stanley in her home in Newburyport, Mass., Wednesday, November 26th, the funeral services being held during the afternoon of Friday. Coming to Southern Pines with her husband, John C. Stanley in 1898 this estimable lady became endeared to many friends who will be saddened by her loss. Spending her winters here Mrs. Stanley became an earnest member of the old King's Daughters Association and was noted for many acts of kindness. Her husband survives.

## Figures Reveal Valuable Aid Rendered by County Hospital

Nearly 8,000 Patient Days Shown in 10-Months Report. Many Colored Patients

Some figures that tell of the work of the Moore County Hospital at Pinehurst for the ten months up to the first of November give the following comparison:

	Full Pay Patients	Part Pay Patients	Free Patients	Total Patient Days
White	2,766	1,585	1,154	5,505
Colored	156	5979	1,447	2,200
Totals	2,922	2,182	2,601	7,705
Percent	37.9	28.3	33.9	100

Total income from full pay patients, \$19,261.16; from part pay patients, \$3,976.10. The average per patient day: full pay patients \$6.59; part pay patients, \$1.82. The average daily cost per patient, \$5.25.

This shows an extremely large patronage of the hospital by the colored people of the county, or 29 per cent of the total number cared for. As two-thirds of the colored patients were free it is easy to see that the institution is doing a great work for that group of the county population. One-fifth of the white patients were treated free, which is further evidence of the big work the hospital is doing without pay, the total services of the hospital given free amounting to a little over one-third. The number of full pay patients was somewhat over a third of the full number, and the part pay patients a little less than a third. The part pay patients, three-fourths as many as the full pay patients, pay about a fifth as much as the full pay patients, or to be more specific, the full pay patients, a little over a third of the entire patronage of the hospital, pay four-fifths of the income of the institution from its services.

The Pilot presents these figures with its comparisons that the people may understand how fully the hospital is serving the entire population of the county, rich and poor, black and white alike, and the burden that is placed on someone that the work may be done and nobody turned away for want of means. From this information it is easy to see that every who can contribute even a little to this necessary work is welcomed to add his sum, much or little. Funds are necessary to carry on, and it can come in the form of a check, a bushel of potatoes, a hen, a dozen of eggs, or anything that will be useful in an institution that has so many calls for help from folks who can not pay but who must be cared for.

The hospital's birthday "pounding" was a great success, generous friends throughout the county sending food enough to fill the storerooms and pantries for several days. Gifts of this sort mean a great deal in keeping down current expenses, and all such gifts will be welcome at any time.

### Pounding Big Success

A letter received by The Pilot this week from Dr. Clement Monroe, surgeon-manager of the hospital, reads: "On November 25th, the first anniversary of the Moore County Hospital, a pounding was given the hospital by people throughout the county. Judging from the quantity of articles of food received, I think almost every one in the county contributed something. This will be a great help to the hospital in its rather strained condition and I think the spirit behind the whole movement was most beautiful and encouraging. The donors were extremely poor people as well as those in better financial positions and I also was told of several instances where colored or very poor white people gladly gave articles of food when it would have been absolutely impossible for them to give the smallest amount of money. They realized what the hospital has meant to them and are grateful for it—making us recall distinctly the Widow and her Mite."

### ELMER HARRINGTONS ARRIVE

Mr. and Mrs. J. Elmer Harrington and children arrived from Bethlehem, N. H., Wednesday evening. Mr. Harrington will open the Southland Hotel shortly.

## LT. GOV. FOUNTAIN TO OPEN POULTRY SHOW ON DEC. 11

Promotion of More and Better Bred Birds Purpose of Vass Exposition

### IN TOBACCO WAREHOUSE

Plans for the first annual Sandhill Poultry Show, which will be held in the tobacco warehouse in Vass on December 11, 12 and 13, are rapidly going forward, and in addition to the large number of poultry exhibits that will be on hand, a very attractive program has been arranged. The fair association has been very fortunate in procuring the services of Lieutenant-Governor R. T. Fountain to make an address on the opening day, Thursday. This address will be at four o'clock in the afternoon, and special features have been arranged for each succeeding day.

The purpose of the Sandhills Poultry Show, as stated in the very attractive catalog which has been issued, is to promote more and better pure bred poultry in the Sandhills. It is a non-profit organization, strictly educational.

First and second cash prizes are offered for various exhibits of American breeds, Mediterranean breeds and English breeds, and in addition there is an interesting list of sweepstakes and special prizes offered by several business men of the county. The judging will be in the hands of competent judges from State College, and will be done according to the rules of the Standard of Excellence.

According to the catalog, competition is open to the Sandhills, but Mr. Mayfield, the secretary, states that anyone who wishes, regardless of where he lives, will be allowed to compete for the prizes this year.

The program is as follows: Thursday: 4:00 p. m.—Address by Lieutenant-Gov. R. T. Fountain; 7:00 p. m.—Basketball games, Farm Life School vs. Vass-Lakeview (boys and girls).

Friday: 4:00 p. m.—Talk by Paul Sease, State Poultry Specialist; 7:00 p. m.—Basketball games, Pinehurst vs. Vass-Lakeview (boys and girls).

Saturday: 7:00 p. m.—Fiddlers' Convention.

The officers of the poultry show are Martin Cameron, president; Aubrey Keith, vice-president; D. A. McLaughlin, treasurer; R. L. Mayfield, secretary. Directors, S. D. Byrd, R. H. Cox, H. A. Borst, Aubrey Keith, Dan S. Ray and R. L. Mayfield.

Anyone wishing information in regard to the show should communicate with R. L. Mayfield, secretary.

### MRS. CURRIE HOSTESS TO BOOK REVIEWERS' CLUB

Mrs. W. H. Currie, president of the Book Reviewers' Club, was its gracious hostess last week, at which time a most impressive feature was the initiation into the club of two new members, Mrs. L. P. Tyson and Mrs. J. L. McGraw. The president's address of welcome to them was particularly enjoyed.

## NEW COMMISSION TAKES OFFICE TO GOVERN COUNTY

Currie and Shaw Succeeded to Positions of McLaughlin and McDonald

### HAVE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

By Bion H. Butler

Monday I went over to Carthage to nose around a little. The news commissioners were given charge of the county government that day. Dan McLaughlin and Mose McDonald gave way to Wilbur Currie and G. C. Shaw, the latter a former member of the board. The new organization took hold with an air of familiarity, which was to be expected, as E. C. Matheson was a hold-over from the retiring board, and Currie a man familiar with business affairs and, as a resident of Carthage, and one who has always been in contact with county proceedings and experiences.

The new board goes into action with the credentials of a big vote, which says the people of the county have been decisive in their selection of the men who are to have control of affairs for the coming two years. Considerable effort was made to overturn the political standing of the county government, but the result left no doubt as to the confidence of the majority of the people in the authority that has been accepted. Moreover, the campaign brought out many features of county operation, and the new board goes in not only with the seal of approval of the people, but with more of a popular mandate as to what is thought about county government by the people. County business affairs were more discussed in the last campaign than is usually the case, and popular sentiment was more thoroughly indicated during the progress of the campaign.

### Not An Envious Job

So the voters have selected a bunch of three men in whose ability confidence is registered, and the board assembled Monday with the assurance that they are chosen for their administration after due consideration and careful judgment. That starts them off with a good feeling toward their job. It may be said that with a clean slate and a clear sky they have the situation fully in their hands as they would wish. The next thing is for the people of the county to stand by the men they have engaged for the job of carrying on the business of the county. It is an easy matter to complain of public officials, but very often a little help from the people will lessen the occasion for complaint. These three men have not a very enviable job on their hands. The responsibility is great and their work is given to the county practically for nothing. To get the best results from the new board it is well to remember that they will have their hands full during their term of office.

Instead of looking on them as a source of every thing that any of us may want from the public crib, it will be far more profitable to the county if we all determine to encourage these men to use their best judgment on every proposition that comes up before them. They will be

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## "It Is More Blessed—"

Earnest Appeal Made For Clothing for Needy Families of County

That unusual conditions exist within the bounds of our county is certain, and there is a great opportunity for that part of the population enjoying the comforts of life to render assistance to the less fortunate ones, and that without incurring any hardship. There are families where the need is very great; there are others where the father in the home has at least part time employment and can provide food for the family, but can not stretch his meager earnings far enough to make them provide clothing suitable for the winter months.

An earnest appeal is being made for discarded clothing for distribution among the needy of the county. Garments which the owners consider unfit for further wear may be just the things that some mother would be thankful to have to cut down into clothing for her little children.

Those wishing to make a contribution will please send same to one of the following Christmas Daddies:

- Aberdeen—Murdoch M. Johnson.
- Carthage—H. Lee Thomas.
- Knollwood—John Bloxham.
- Pinehurst—Willard Dunlop.
- Southern Pines—P. Frank Buchanan.

## LAKEVIEW BOY IS KILLED BY GUN IN HANDS OF PAL

Vernor McInnis, 12, Victim of Tragic Accident While Hunting Duck

### LOOKED AT WRONG TIME

Vernor McInnis, 12-year-old boy of Lakeview, was instantly killed about 4 o'clock Thanksgiving afternoon when he was accidentally shot by a gun in the hands of his uncle, Howard McInnis, aged 13, while out hunting.

The boys with James Lee Blue, 14, were out on the lake in a boat hunting ducks. James Lee was sitting in the center of the boat, rowing, and the other boys were in opposite ends. Howard spied a duck and as he told his companions about it raised his gun to fire. Vernor raised up to look and the load struck him, tearing off the top of his head.

The horror-stricken children screamed for help and other Lakeview boys hunting nearby went to their aid. Howard and Vernor were unusually devoted to each other, having been constant companions from babyhood, and Howard was almost frantic with grief over the horrible accident.

Funeral services were held in the Lakeview Presbyterian at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Charles A. Lawrence, and the church was filled to capacity with relatives and friends of the family. Interment was made in the Lakeview cemetery. Vernor was a member of the fifth grade of the Vass-Lakeview school and was popular with his classmates.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Everett; several brothers and sisters; his grandfather, D. J. McInnis, and a number of uncles and aunts, all of Lakeview.

### RIPLEY'S BOOK, FILMED, TO BE SHOWN AT PINEHURST

Charlie Picquet announces that the picture entitled, "A Devil With Women," which shows on Monday night, December 15th at the Carolina Theatre, Pinehurst with Victor McLaglen starring, was taken from the novel, "Dust and Sand," written by Clement Ripley, of Samarcond. Mr. Ripley is well known throughout the Sandhills, having spent many winters here both before and since attaining fame as an author.

## KIWANIS CLUB ABERDEEN ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1931

Richard Tufts President, Dan I. McKeithen, Vice President, W. L. Dunlop, Trustee

### BIG GIFTS FOR XMAS FUND

The Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen eat its annual meeting held in the Pinehurst Country Club Wednesday, electing Richard Tufts, of Aberdeen, as president for 1931, succeeding Frank Shamburger, of Aberdeen; chose Dan I. McKeithen, of Aberdeen, as vice president, Willard Dunlop, of Pinehurst, trustee and re-elected I. C. Sledge, Pinehurst, as treasurer. Seven directors were elected as follows:

Paul T. Barnum, Southern Pines; Henry M. Blue, Aberdeen; M. G. Boyette, Carthage; Ralph Chandler, Southern Pines; Nelson C. Hyde, Aberdeen; Charles J. McDonald, Carthage and Hiram Westbrook, Southern Pines.

In a gracious speech of acceptance after his unanimous choice as president, Richard Tufts acknowledged the honor as in his opinion "the greatest to be accorded an individual in Moore county." He outlined briefly some of his plans for the coming year, and invited the outgoing as well as the incoming officers and directors to be his guests at a dinner on December 18th to discuss the future of the club.

Committee chairmen gave their annual reports, as follows:

Underprivileged Child Committee, the Rev. Murdoch McLeod; Agriculture, Gordon Cameron; Auto Legislation, Rober N. Page; Finance, Gloma Chaires; Attendance and Reception, Hiram Westbrook; Membership and James Tufts; Kiwanis Education, H. Classification, E. T. McKeithen; Music, Shields Cameron; Public Affairs, Paul Dana; Publicity, Nelson C. Hyde; Roads and Planting, Frank Buchan; School Attendance, D. I. McKeithen; Ladies' Night, John Bloxham; Greenhouse Committee, John Bloxham.

### Gift of \$200

Frank Buchan, chairman of the special Kiwanis Christmas Diddy committee, reported the donation of \$200 by Gammack & Company, New York brokerage house with a branch office in Southern Pines, the receipt of other cash contributions, much clothing and many toys and urged the members to continue their efforts toward making this Christmas period one long to be remembered by the less fortunate members of the community. The club voted a sum of \$200 from the treasury to aid this committee in its work of aiding the unemployment and poverty in Moore county. The clothing and funds will be distributed by a committee of clergymen, aided by the county physician, Dr. J. Symington. Other donations for this worthy cause should be sent to one of the following: Frank Buchan, Southern Pines; H. Lee Thomas, Carthage; W. L. Dunlop, Pinehurst; John Bloxham, Knollwood or Murdoch Johnson, Aberdeen. The Rev. T. A. Cheatham, Rev. M. M. McLeod, Rev. J. F. Stimson and Rev. E. L. Barber compose the distribution committee. All needy cases are to be thoroughly investigated.

Mr. Buchan announced that stores had agreed to donate groceries and provisions, and that Charles W. Picquet, manager of the Carolina Theatres, had donated 20 per cent of the proceeds from the picture "Along Came Youth", to be shown at the Southern Pines theatres Dec. 18, 19, and 20th.

### Send Eight To College

Edwin T. McKeithen then reported for the Moore County Educational Foundation, a club charity which aids worthy young high school graduates in further pursuing their education, that \$1,858 had been received during the past year and loans granted to the amount of \$1,734. Four boys and four girls are being aided through college by means of this fund.

I. C. Sledge read the treasurer's report for the year showing a balance in excess of a year ago, and secretary Herbert Vail's report showed increas-

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