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COUNTY FINANCES TO BE CONTROLLED BY STATE BOARD

Moore Must Submit to Raleigh
Dictation Because of Bad
Conditions Elsewhere

BILL ASSURED PASSAGE

Moore county, the finances of which are in good shape, must suffer with other financially healthy counties of the state because of the exceptionally bad condition of certain counties, for the Local Government Finance bill is practically assured of final passage in the General Assembly.

This bill, which virtually places all control of county and municipal finances under one state commission, passed its second reading Tuesday, and as it bears a favorable report of the Senate as a committee of the whole, there is little doubt of its becoming law within a few days.

One of the most far-reaching bills before the assembly, the finance measure would not allow any county, city or other political subdivision to issue bonds or notes without approval of the commission. The present sinking fund and county government advisory commissions would be abolished and a new commission, with broader powers than either, would be set up.

No bonds or notes except those to run less than six months could be sold in the counties, all long term securities being sold in Raleigh. Provision is included that all public funds, for sinking funds or other purposes, must be properly safe-guarded while on deposit in banks, and the measure also specifically forbids issuance of bonds for current expenses.

Financial condition of many of the counties of the state is said to be such as to make passage of the measure practically mandatory, so that the healthier counties must suffer with those for whom the measure is intended. Many legislators who disapproved the bill from the standpoint of their own counties voted for it because of the state-wide condition, it is stated. Senator M. M. Johnson, of Aberdeen, was listed Wednesday as among those who voted for the measure, despite pressure brought to bear from his own county to kill it. Mr. Johnson says the seriousness of conditions elsewhere overshadowed local objections.

Community House To Be Ready in 2 Weeks

All Aberdeen To Be Invited To
Join New Association and
Enjoy Privileges

The remodeling of the old Neill McKeithen house in Aberdeen into a Community House is progressing rapidly and the work is expected to be finished within the next two weeks. In the meanwhile, the organization of the Aberdeen Community House Association, of which G. C. Seymour is president and Mrs. Dan I. McKeithen chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, is rounding into its most active stage.

Every man and woman in Aberdeen is this week to be invited to become a member of the association. Women on Mrs. McKeithen's committee are going to canvas the town and extend cordial invitations to all. The membership fee is to be voluntary, those giving in proportion to what they feel they can afford and in proportion to the use they may make of the new clubhouse. Aberdeen is filling a long felt want in acquiring a Community House, and those behind the movement

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VAIL AND SHAMBURGER ARE KIWANIS DELEGATES

Herbert D. Vail, secretary of the club, and Frank D. Shamburger, past president, will represent the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen at the annual convention of Kiwanis International to be held this spring at Miami, Florida. The alternates chosen at the club's weekly meeting Wednesday were Richard Tufts and Howard F. Burns.

President Richard Tufts announced the appointment of James McNab as chairman of the committee in charge of this year's Kiwanis dance.

Legislature Now Missing On All Six Cylinders—Agree Only On Pay Checks

Former Governor Smith and Byrd Come to Inspire Raleigh Solons, and Carl Goerch Hopes They Will Inspire Them to Adjourn and Go Home

By Carl Goerch

If you haven't been up to Raleigh during the last week or so, you ought to take the trip and give the legislature a look-in.

The boys have at last got warmed up, and they're now missing on all six cylinders. The only thing on which they've been able to agree thus far is that it's O. K. for them to take their pay checks.

Each day's session is opened with prayer. The preachers in Raleigh first tried to cope with the situation but found it to be too much for them. Since then, preachers have been coming from all parts of the State, but the legislature seems to be prayer-proof. One of these days somebody is going to open the day's session with a gun, instead of with prayer, and then things may begin to happen.

Business conditions throughout North Carolina have improved a great deal during the last two months. Up until the time that the legislature met, everybody could talk and think of nothing except hard times. Since then, however, attention has been focused almost exclusively on the General Assembly. As a result, business has been moving along much more briskly.

And still there are some folks who do not believe that the legislature does any good.

Fewer Divorces

Statistics also show that there are fewer divorces during the legislative period than at any other time. The average man and wife are so busily engaged in cussing out their representatives up in the legislature that they haven't got time to cuss out each other.

But really, we ought not to complain. Providence has seen fit to bestow certain trials and tribulations upon different peoples at different times. Way back yonder there was the flood. Then came the seven plagues that infested the Egyptians. Later on, there were various periods of captivity which the Jews had to undergo. And so it has been, down throughout the ages. Each nation has had some special chastisement inflicted upon it.

Ours is the legislature.

The Children of Israel spent forty years in the Wilderness, and in the end they got to the Promised Land. The Legislature spends sixty days in

Raleigh, and in the end all we get is promised land-tax relief.

Most of the bills pertaining to what the sheriff of Forsyth county shall have for lunch, the kind of flowers to be planted in front of the Buncombe county jail, the bestowal of a new name upon the goat belonging to the treasurer of Onslow county and the providing of a fund to buy two cans of paint for fixing up the steps of the Martin county court house, have been disposed of and the legislature is now beginning to turn its attention to some of the State-wide bills. It looks as though the highway bill and the measure for consolidating the State's educational institutions would pass without any difficulty. Governor Gardner is fighting mighty hard for his other measures, but there is no telling how they will come out.

Should Visit Jail

I got a letter this week from one of the prisoners at the State penitentiary. He thanked me for what I had to say in a previous article about existing conditions at the prison and urged me to continue making references to them. Personally, I don't believe there is any special need for any great publicity about the prison. Practically all of our citizens are acquainted with the inadequate prison facilities of North Carolina. They really are a disgrace. If you don't believe it, pay a visit to the institution the next time you're in Raleigh. George Ross Pou will be glad to show you through. It's the most dilapidated, antiquated structure that you've ever seen. And when you begin to take into consideration the various camps that are located in different sections of the State, you can't help but agree with those members of the legislature who are anxious to bring about an improvement of those conditions.

I believe the proposal to improve things out at the prison is one of the biggest things the legislature could undertake. And it would be wise economy, too.

Former Governor Smith and former Governor Byrd are going to address the legislature next week. The idea is to inspire the various members of the assembly and give them loftier ideals and ambitions.

Let's hope that the visit of those two distinguished men will inspire them to adjourn and go home.

Aberdeen Ideally Situated To Become Beautiful Town, Says Correspondent

Editor, The Pilot:

The Sandhills, that is to say, the towns of Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines, have common interests. They have become practically the same community, and as time goes on this will become increasingly so. Already today, and definitely, what benefits one of these towns benefits the others. They could not work altogether separately or live altogether separately even if they so wanted. They form a triangle of affiliated activities. The golf courses of Pinehurst benefit, and are benefited by the people of the three towns of the Sandhills; the stores and gas stations, and other business houses of Aberdeen, benefit, and are benefited by the people who play golf at Pinehurst and Southern Pines, and so on indefinitely. The chain is endless. Every dollar spent in this part of the Sandhills in one way or another helps every citizen of the Sandhills. Therefore, every part of the Sandhills must be equal to every other part, or the visitor will draw a discrimination between them, perhaps in many ways unjust but none the less damaging, financially and otherwise, to the section discriminated against.

It has long been the intention of the towns of Pinehurst and Southern Pines to make of themselves communities so clean, so planted, and so charming that no one can see them without being struck by their beauty and the civic pride they exhibit. These towns have already gone far toward the accomplishment of their object. Nor are their intentions by any means purely unselfish or purely aesthetic; they are founded on the

deepest kind of business wisdom. The wisest business men have known for some time now that decency and beauty are the biggest assets any community can possess, particularly a community in a tourist section; particularly a community that lies on a great trunk highway. People judge a town on its appearance. If they like that appearance they are inclined to linger there; frequently they stop there; often, they decide to live there. Aberdeen has perhaps the finest natural surroundings and situation of any of the three towns of the Sandhills. The rolling country in which it lies presents untold possibilities for future homes and future recreational centers. But Aberdeen must first begin to make itself attractive to the eye of the visitor and the motorist, and the first steps toward such attractiveness lie in the comparatively inexpensive ones of cleaning up, planting and parking.

In this issue appear excerpts from an article in The Raleigh Times by Susan Iden on one of these problems of cleaning up. The time when the question of the necessity for or good sense of most highway advertising could be argued pro or con is about past. The cons have won. Decent approaches to a town, decent roads leading to it, have been shown pretty conclusively to be just as necessary as cleanliness and planting once you get to the town. The traveling public has long ago been educated beyond admiring a road just because the road bed is good. Nowadays it is taken for

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THAD PAGE NAMED CHIEF SECRETARY BY SEN. BAILEY

Son of Former Congressman
Robert N. Page of Aberdeen
To Go to Washington

KNOWS THE ROPES THERE

Thad Page of Aberdeen was this week named by United States Senator-elect Josiah W. Bailey, of Raleigh, to head his secretarial force during his six-year term in the Senate, which starts next Wednesday, March 4th. To assist Mr. Page Mr. Bailey named Palmer E. Bailey, Raleigh, Herbert G. Gulley, Raleigh, and Leroy Sams, Winston-Salem.

Thad Page is a son of former Congressman Robert N. Page of Aberdeen, and served as secretary to his father during the latter's years of service in the House of Representatives. He is thoroughly familiar with conditions on Capitol Hill, "knows the ropes" of Congressional procedure and conduct, the short cuts to getting things accomplished through the maze of red tape wound 'round departmental activities in Washington, and should prove an ideal boss secretary for the new Senator.

The appointment comes in the nature of a reward as well as because of Thad's past experience, for the young Aberdeeanian fought tooth and nail for his new boss during the fight with Senator Simmons in the primary. He acted as a field agent for Mr. Bailey.

Palmer Bailey, another secretarial appointee, is no relation to the Senator-elect, but has acted as his personal secretary for the past five years. Mr. Gulley was deputy under Mr. Bailey during the eight years the latter served as United States Collector of Internal Revenue. Mr. Sams is a son of former State Senator A. F. Sams.

Mr. Page's duties and salary begin on March 4th, although it will not be necessary for him to spend much time in Washington until the first of next December unless Congress is called into special session before that time.

Finds Local Chamber of Commerce Original

U. S. C. Of C. Official Calls It Refreshing To Find Smokestacks Not the Objective

L. P. Dickie, Southeastern manager of the United States Chamber of Commerce and the directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce were the guests of Frank Pottle at a dinner meeting at the Hollywood Hotel in Southern Pines Wednesday night. Mr. Dickie listened to a resume of the accomplishments of the local civic organization, after which he told the directors how refreshing it was to visit a Chamber of Commerce which didn't have smokestacks for its chief purpose in life.

"Smokestacks, the acquiring of factories and business, is the aim and ambition almost everywhere you go. It is a pleasure to find here as your principal objective the beautification of your community, the improvement of your living conditions and environments, and not just the thought of increasing population," he said. He congratulated the organization on its accomplishments.

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FINANCE COMPANY TO AID FARMERS ORGANIZED

To aid farmers of this section to avail themselves of the benefits of the government's farm relief program through federal loans, the Moore County Agricultural Credit Corporation of Pinehurst has been organized and was incorporated at Raleigh during the past week. The charter reads: "To assist in financing persons engaged in agriculture and the raising of live stock."

The authorized capital stock of the new corporation is \$100,000, with \$200 subscribed stock. The incorporating directors are Z. V. Blue of Carthage, I. C. Sledge, O. H. Stutts and Haynes Britt, all of Pinehurst.

Famed

Jackson and O'Brien
Endurance Record Held
at Knollwood Sunday

The famous St. Louis Robin, holder of the world's endurance flight record of 647 hours, will pay a visit to the Knollwood Airport next Sunday and Monday. It will be flown here by its noted aviators, Dale Jackson and Forest O'Brien, who last August completed a refueling grind in the air, lacking only 31 1-2 minutes of being aloft 72 days.

The fliers will be greeted upon arrival by officials of the local airport, and will be shown around the Sandhills during their two-day stay. Lloyd Yost, in charge of the Knollwood field, will be on hand to welcome the famous fliers, having just returned from a trip west with a new plane.

The public is invited to inspect the record-holding plane Sunday and Monday.

PAPER MAKERS TO TEST SANDY SOIL FOR PULP SUPPLY

Experimental Planting of Slash
Pine May Lead to News-
Print Industry

FAST GROWING SPECIES

Executives of pulp and paper mills aroused over the rapid depletion of timber resources in the North with attendant increase in the cost of pulpwood, are turning their attention to this neck of the woods as their potential future supply. Experimental work gives strong indications that an excellent grade of newsprint paper will be manufactured from slash pine, a most prolific and rapid growing species indigenous to the south, and experiments are now being made to ascertain whether this tree will flourish in sandy soil.

Th neighboring states of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana have become much enthused over the prospect of quick monetary returns from the planting of slash pine and many areas in the above mentioned states are being planted with this dual purpose tree. Since the eminent chemist, Dr. Charles Herty, has announced that this fast growing pine will furnish wood pulp for paper equal in every way to that produced by the very slow growing spruce of the northwood even greater interest is being shown in its production as a future source of wood pulp for news print paper.

Superior To Longleaf

The slash pine has been found superior to longleaf pine for the purposes of naval stores production and is largely taking the place of the longleaf in the states mentioned. It also furnishes a very good grade of lumber and will, in all probability, furnish one of the greatest sources for pulp paper manufacture in the years to come, when the spruce forests of the North have been depleted to such an extent as to make their profitable operation no longer possible. The slash pine grows much faster than longleaf, trees in favorable localities reaching a size of nine inches breast height in nine years. As trees of this size would be suitable for pulpwood the wonderful opportunity for making early thinnings at a profit cannot be overestimated.

While specimens of slash pine are found in some parts of North Carolina it is not found in pure stands and is often mistaken for loblolly pine, with which it is found. While it has been proven that slash pine does exceptionally well on low flat land and along branches it has not been proven whether it will do well on the sandhill areas, which form the natural habitat of longleaf in so many sections of North Carolina. On the other hand proof is lacking that it will not grow well under Sandhill conditions.

Experimental Planting

In order to see just how well the slash pines will do in the natural hab-

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CONSIDER PLAN TO INCREASE SIZE OF COUNTY BOARD

Informal Discussion Heard As To
Advisability of Five Instead of
Three Commissioners

PROMPTED BY ROAD BILL

On the assumption that the Governor's road program, by which the State takes over operation of the county roads throughout North Carolina and under the terms of which county highway commissions are done away with, will become law, much talk has been heard throughout this section during the past week on the question of the advisability of increasing the Board of County Commissioners from three members to five. Proponents of the proposition claim that the present board has all it can do, and that with the problems of the roads thrust upon it through the elimination of the county highway board, it will need assistance.

One of those in favor of increasing the board, himself a former county commissioner, told The Pilot this week that he could see no disadvantages to increasing the size of the board, and that with the added duty of recommending road extensions and improvements to the State commission, necessary if the Governor's road bill becomes law, as is likely, five men could handle the affairs of the county much better than three. The additional overhead attached to salaries for two more commissioners would never be felt, he said, for the commissioners do not receive enough salary to say so anyway.

The discussion so far has only been of an informal nature, but it is understood that the county's representatives in the General Assembly are to be approached for their views on the advisability of increasing the commission, with the introduction of a bill to accomplish that end as the possible outcome.

The argument has also been put forward that at present the lower end of the county, which is by a large percentage the most populous section, is at present without direct representation on the county board, the present three commissioners all coming from the upper half. There are those who feel that with conditions so different in one half of the county than they are in the other, due to the resort factor, the lower end should be represented, and that the present would be a good time to increase the board and provide the necessary distribution of representation. It is possible.

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Annual Shrine Ball at Pinehurst Tonight

Children of County Benefit from
Proceeds of Dance at
Country Club

The annual Shrine Ball, one of the most enjoyable as well as one of the most worthy charitable affairs held annually in the Sandhills, comes off at the Pinehurst Country Club this evening under the auspices of the Sandhill Shrine Club. The proceeds of this ball are used by the club to provide treatment for worthy children of this section suffering from defective eyesight, throats and other similar troubles.

In charge of tonight's ball are John J. Fitzgerald and Donald J. Ross of Pinehurst. Officers of the Shrine Club are John J. Fitzgerald, president; D. G. Stutz, vice-president; G. A. Charles, secretary-treasurer; M. M. Johnson, L. W. Bredbeck, R. L. Chandler and John G. Nichols, directors, with the following second vice-president: H. G. Emery of Pinehurst, J. C. Leigh of Hamlet, L. M. Gunn of Sanford and J. B. Thomas of Raeford. Treatment was provided last year for 38 eye cases, 63 tonsil and adenoid cases, three orthopedic cases and one double cleft palate case.

The annual Shrine Ball is always a great social success in the Sandhills and the Pinehurst Country Club will present a gala scene when the clans gather tonight. The public is invited, and tickets will be on sale at the door.