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FIGURES REVEAL EQUALIZATION IS BEST FOR MOORE

County Would Get More Under
MacLean Bill But at
Heavy Cost

DIFFERENCE OF \$14,446

Moore county would fare better than the average North Carolina county under the MacLean school bill, but, along with 85 other counties of the State, Moore would lose nearly \$15,000 a year more under this bill, with the general sales tax already adopted by the House of Representatives, than by the operation of the Senator Folger bill, which provides for a \$10,000,000 equalizing fund.

Under the present equalizing fund of \$6,500,000, Moore county received for school aid this year \$69,468.92. With the proposed \$10,000,000 equalizing fund, Moore, according to estimates compiled by the State Board of Equalization, would receive for the next two years \$115,640.83 a year. Under the MacLean plan, Moore would receive \$175,839.40, or the entire six months school budget. This means \$60,198.57 more under the MacLean plan than under the so-called Folger plan of increased equalizing fund.

But the sales tax is estimated to bring in \$9,000,000 in revenue for the school fund. That means an average of about \$3 per person in the State, which has a population slightly above 3,000,000. Moore county had a population of 28,215 according to the last census. At \$3 per person—and this county would probably spend more per person than the State average—Moore would pay into the State school fund \$74,645, which is \$14,446.43 more than the difference between the amounts this county would receive under the MacLean and the Folger plans.

In other words, under the MacLean plan, with the sales tax, Moore would receive \$175,839.40, but would pay \$74,645 of the amount in sales tax, thus getting \$101,194.40 clear. Under the Folger plan Moore would get \$115,640.83 from the enlarged equalizing fund, all clear, or a clear gain of \$14,446.43.

Approximately 85 of the counties of the State, on the same basis, would get more clear under the Folger plan than under the MacLean plan. The 15 other counties that would get more than they pay under the MacLean plan are the 15 larger counties of the State, according to the Board of Equalization figures.

Blue Renamed for Mayor of Aberdeen

Shamburger, Sloan, Caviness,
Doub and Rowe Nominated
for Commissioners

Henry McCoy Blue was renominated for Mayor of Aberdeen for the next two years as a result of the town meeting held Monday of this week, and the following were named for Town Commissioners: Frank D. Shamburger, John Sloan, W. D. Caviness, H. W. Doub and J. Vance Rowe. The present commissioners are M. M. Johnson, C. J. Johnson, John Dunc McLean, J. R. Page and G. C. Seymour, who retire this year.

There is talk of a second ticket in the field, as is usual, and village politics will begin to seethe from now until the election in May.

KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

The Aberdeen Kiwanis Club held its weekly luncheon Wednesday at the Moore County Court House, Carthage, North Carolina, the meeting being one of the regular monthly business meetings of the club. Jimmy McNab, chairman of the Dance Committee, reported that the annual Kiwanis dance would be held at the Pinehurst Country Club April 10th and that music would be furnished by the North Carolina State College orchestra. Following the ladies' night program which will be held during the early part of the evening, dancing will begin promptly at 10:00 p. m. and continue to 2:00 a. m. Each Kiwanian was given three tickets to sell.

Volunteers Have Stiff Fight With Forest Fire Near Southern Pines

Thousands of Acres Burned Over
Sunday Afternoon But
Houses Are Saved

With Bion Butler acting as field general on one front, Alex Field on the other and Miss Julia Scott Butterfield mounted on a fiery charger serving as liaison officer between the two forces, one of the largest forest fires of the year in this section was conquered after a tough battle on the hills overlooking Southern Pines last Sunday afternoon. The fire was still raging in the Fort Bragg Reservation on Monday, but the danger to Southern Pines was over when the large army of volunteer fighters quit the battle front last Sunday night.

The fire started on the hilltop in back of The Paddock, near the old Yeomans peach orchard. Alex Fields was first to notice the curling smoke, and the fire had not covered much area when he arrived on the scene. But before he could get help, the high wind had carried the flames into the thick woods, and the dry scrub oak and pine needles, whipped by the wind, became a raging torrent in no time. All available manpower was called into action and all were needed, for the flames threatened the Bower and Butler homes and numerous negro houses that lay in the direction the wind was blowing. More than a hundred were organized to start back fires against the tide on the several fronts, Mr. Butler directing forces in his direction and Alex Fields heading the volunteers along the Callery and Paddock fronts.

It was one of the hottest fires to fight the oldest fighter in the line could recall, the wind almost blowing a gale at times, and shifting in direction frequently so that when it looked as if a section was safe, a gust would send flames scurrying off into another. The fight lasted from soon after noon Sunday until dark, and the worst of the conflagration was then in the government reservation. The authorities at Fort Bragg were notified and sent a large detail of soldiers to protect Uncle Sam's interests. The loss was not great, all houses being saved. Several thousand acres were burned over, however.

Geo. Wright Addresses Chamber of Commerce

Father of American Golf Discusses
Development of the
Game in This Country

An interesting visitor at the meeting of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday was George Wright of Boston, who talked to the gathering about the game of golf as the father of golf in this country. Mr. Wright is 84 years old. He was one of the first professional baseball players in the United States and in the history of the game. Prior to baseball he was a cricket player in Philadelphia, and from that he took to the game of two-old cat, which was the forerunner of baseball. When three and four old cat graduated into four bases instead of two, and putting out a player depended on touching him with the ball instead of throwing and hitting him with it, baseball arrived and Mr. Wright followed with the game. Ultimately in a shipment from abroad of sporting equipment he included some golf sticks and balls and a Scotchman here saw what he had and talked golf with him a little. Mr. Wright found a place out of doors where he could make some little holes in the ground and knock the balls with the crooked clubs, and there was born golf in America.

The expansion of the interest in this game, its wonderful hold on the whole United States, and especially the distinction it has attained here in the pine barrens of the Sandhills, largely instrumental in transforming this section into one of the popular playgrounds of the world, led Mr. Wright to go into some detail in the development of the game and its striking rise from a curiosity to a great asset.

The Woman's Auxiliary and Parent-Teacher Association will hold a bazaar and food sale in the vacant room next to Arnold Shoe Store Saturday, April 4th.

Paid Your Taxes?

Brother McLean Says You'll
Be Adversely Affected if You
Don't Hurry Up

Those who do not want their land advertised for sale have just one more month in which to pay their taxes, as the property will be advertised the first of May.

According to J. D. McLean, county tax collector, collections are quite a bit behind those of last year at a corresponding date. They kept up well until the first of January, but February and March saw a rapid decline.

HOSPITAL IS GIVEN SUM OF \$5,737 BY DUKE ENDOWMENT

Trustees Distribute \$861,175 to
Hospitals and Orphanages
in Carolinas

144 INSTITUTIONS BENEFIT

The Moore County Hospital is to be the recipient this week of a check for \$5,737, as a result of the distribution of funds from the Duke endowment, voted at the annual meeting of the trustees on Tuesday.

Distribution of \$861,175 to 144 hospitals and orphanages in North and South Carolina was announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

Checks for the amounts allotted will be mailed immediately to the institutions.

A total of \$714,453 was appropriated to 100 hospitals, while 44 orphanages were given a total of \$146,722.

Disbursement of the sum brought to \$5,094,281 the grand total of distributions from the endowment since it began operations six years ago.

Sixty-seven hospitals and 30 orphanages in North Carolina received \$443,018 and \$98,441 respectively in the allotments, while 33 hospitals and 14 orphanages in South Carolina received \$271,435 and \$48,281 respectively.

The largest single appropriation was \$66,889 to the Roper Hospital, Charleston, S. C.

Allotments to hospitals are based on the number of day's care given charity patients free. One dollar per free bed day is allotted.

State Dentist Treats 964 County Children

Total of 4,656 Operations Performed
by Dr. Pigford
Since First of Year

Little has been said about the dental clinic that has been in progress in the schools of Moore county during the past few weeks, but much has been accomplished, as is shown by figures compiled by Dr. Guy E. Pigford, State dentist who is doing the work. The figures cover the period beginning December 29, 1930 and ending March 28, 1931.

A total of 964 children have been examined for dental treatment and 879 have been treated. A total of 4,656 operations have been performed. There are 605 fewer bad teeth in the mouths of Moore county children to poison their systems, and 923 children have had their teeth cleaned.

Dr. Pigford has worked in the following schools: Putnam, Dover, Moody, Mt. Zion, Acorn Ridge, Cedar Hill, Needham's Grove, Hemp, Cameron, Carthage, Plank Road and Rock Hill. He will be in the county several weeks longer finishing up the work.

This dental clinic, which will mean more than can be estimated to the children of the county, was made possible by a fund of \$2,000 raised by Mrs. Francis T. Keating of Pinehurst, she being the largest contributor.

There will be a Brick Party at the Pinebluff Library Wednesday, April 8th. All the ladies of the town are invited to be present at 3 o'clock p. m.

BETTER PICTURES POSSIBLE ONLY THRU EDUCATION

Cultivation of Public Taste Great
Constructive Effort of Industry,
Writes Will H. Hayes

PREVIEW PLAN BIG AID

By Will H. Hayes

(The following article, written especially for The Pilot by Will H. Hayes, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc., and former member of the late President Wilson's cabinet, was prompted by a recent editorial appearing in this newspaper.—Editor.)

I have just read with interest and appreciation your editorial of March 15th in which you stated that "Mr. Picquet discriminates and he presents that type of picture that has a wholesome influence in the main."

It is the primary responsibility of the producer to furnish the highest standard of productions followed by the responsibility of the exhibitor, as Mr. Picquet practices, in using discrimination in selection of pictures and last, but by no means least, is the responsibility of the public demanding better pictures to support them when they are shown.

The education of public taste in motion pictures is one of the great problems and one of the great constructive efforts of this industry. No producer or distributor or exhibitor can continue in business unless he gives the public what the public will accept and pay for. But I do not know a single individual of importance who is content to have this great industry held down to the levels which would be indicated by an unqualified acceptance of what might be termed "box office standards."

Only insofar as the general level of public taste rises to higher standards will it be possible for this industry or any other industry to bring the general level of its product up to the standards cherished by the makers of the product.

Again and again in the motion picture industry the world has witnessed the spectacle of the courageous and idealistic producer bringing forth a screen drama that was so far above the levels of general public taste that only extraordinary efforts kept it from being a complete failure financially. Again and again these dramas that reflect new standards of art and good taste are brought forth, and time after time the results are disappointing to their producers. And yet that inner urge which marks every one of our producers as a true artist, causes him again to make the trial.

Obviously, to any scientifically-minded observer, every picture that is produced will meet the highest standards of today only when public taste of tomorrow has been educated to the point where it demands and will patronize our best.

It was upon the initiative of this association in cooperation with the national groups that the previewing plan at Hollywood where eight national groups are seeing pictures in advance of release was set up to facilitate the progress of better motion pictures through public support. Lists of recommended pictures are being sent by them to thousands of their constituents throughout the country.

NOBLES TO ENTERTAIN IMPERIAL POTENTATE HERE

Esten A. Fletcher of Rochester, N. Y., illustrious Imperial Potentate, is to be given a reception by nobles of the Oasis and Sudan temples at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst next Tuesday, April 10th. The meeting will be informal and the nobility of the temples will be welcome, announces J. B. Whittington, potentate of the Oasis temple.

Special Easter services will be held morning and evening at the Aberdeen Presbyterian Church next Sunday, April 5th, at which time the Quarterly Communion ordinance will be administered.

On the third Sunday in April the regular services will be held in the Old Church at Bethesda. Visitors in the Sandhills are especially invited to these services.

Substantial Decrease in Tobacco Acreage—Only Hope for Price Recovery

Another Girl Solos

Miss Peggy Haynes Tries Out
the Clouds Above Local
Airport, Alone

Miss Peggy Haynes of Ardmore and Pinehurst made her first solo flight on Tuesday, being the second woman flyer to solo at the airport this season. On Friday pilot Harry Sievers flying a Fleetwing with passengers from Cleveland landed. The day before S. J. Crain flying an East Coast Airways "Travelaire" from Miami to New York dropped in for gas. Other arrivals include Dr. Richard U. Light and his dog, "Red," in a Pitcairn Sport Mailwing from Washington, and J. P. Mattux, of Salisbury in his "Waco."

Large and Colorful Crowd Attends Final Day of Horse Show

Bright Sunshine Brings Out
Society Leaders and Younger
Set in Large Numbers

After having been deprived of most of its color by the disagreeable drizzly weather Tuesday and Wednesday, the Pinehurst Horse Show made up for it all in good measure yesterday when the remaining postponed classes were shown.

Society turned out in large numbers and the ring side took on a colorful atmosphere which added to the gayer aspects of the occasion.

The classes shown this year have been well filled and the horses entered have been of high order. Even to the most casual observer it is apparent that the horse as a major form of sport and recreation has arrived in the Sandhills. The popularity of matinee racing here this season, the interest manifest in the fox and drag hunts and the enthusiasm with which the bride trails have been followed all point to an increasingly important place for the horse in the scheme of things here.

King Red Vine, owned by A. H. Handley of Goldsboro, N. C. won the championship in five gaited saddle horse class in the third and final day of the horse show of the Pinehurst Jockey club.

Wyoming in the Thorndale stables, Millbrook, N. Y., won the champion hunter blue ribbon, Amber King, in the stable of Thomas and Alexander of Pinehurst being adjudged champion three gaited saddle horse.

The judging was well handled by Ernest I. White of New York, Warner Baltazzi of Aiken and Dr. G. B. Giltner of Tennessee.

Singing Flowers

Prof. Chris Anthe Mum To
Exhibit Famous Collection
Here Next Tuesday

A "Garden Party," featuring Professor Chris Anthe Mum, will be given in the Civic Club at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, April 7th by Mrs. Maude Grearson's Circle of the Baptist Church. Bowing to the charms and united efforts of the members of the Circle the Professor, a noted scientist, whose life has been spent in teaching flowers to sing, will break his journey from Florida to New York in order to exhibit these wonderful musical flowers of his singing garden. Mr. Pier will be cello soloist, and Mrs. E. Ellsworth Giles will accompany on the piano. Also taking part will be the Misses Dorothy Richardson, Madie Wade, Ethel Jones, Evelyn Rhodes; the Mesdames Myron Adams, Raymond Kennedy, Virgil Clarke, R. P. Mills, Albert Adams, Irene Millar, Reba Kennedy, Lawrence Williams and Albert Adams. An entertainment of unusual beauty is promised.

Another Big Planting Following Last Year's Record Crop Means Ruin for Farmers

FIGURES ARE APPALLING

Bion H. Butler

The Tobacco association is urging the farmers to reduce the acreage planted in the last few years in tobacco, and the argument is simple enough. In 1914 the acreage planted to tobacco in this country was 1,223,000 acres. The acreage in 1929 exceeded 2,000,000 acres, while old world production has been increasing proportionately. From 1914 to 1929, the last year world figures are obtainable the world's supply of tobacco increased about 250 per cent, and not only the United States but the whole world is engaged in growing the crop, and on a steadily increasing basis.

North Carolina has steadily increased its acreage and production along with the rest of the bright leaf producing states, but likewise the Burley tobacco growers have been piling up a bigger production, and what is worse that increasing Burley tobacco has been supplanting North Carolina bright leaf in the manufacture of cigarettes until North Carolina cigarette factories are depending largely on Kentucky and Tennessee for their leaf.

The high prices of tobacco following the war stimulated the production of the crop until every country is making a much too great supply for its own use. Competition with American grown tobacco has increased, until in spite of the strenuous efforts of American grown tobacco has increased, until in spite of the strenuous efforts of American cigarette manufacturers the supply of cigarette tobacco has expanded, and now the supply on hand is simply so great that for the farmers to add another big crop to the amount of leaf in existence will mean a stock that will find no market.

Along with this the tax on manufactured tobacco has increased until no other crop in the world has been compelled to see its products loaded with taxation to be paid by the buyer of the product before it can be marketed. Between the tobacco farmer and the buyer of his leaf lies a tax of nearly half a billion dollars that must be taken from the proceeds of the sale of the tobacco before any money can be returned to the producer. No signs are seen to indicate that this tax will be lowered in the immediate future. Rather the finger points to higher sooner than lower taxes on the tobacco crop, which means that the man who has to buy the farmer's product must pay more for it, but that the increased amount must come out of the sale price of the manufactured goods before any of the increase can filter back to the man who grows the tobacco.

In the face of these conditions the farmer has but one way out, and that is to raise less tobacco and more of something else. He cannot grow tobacco to buy pork, corn, hay, or anything else he can make on his own farm for his own use, for the tobacco will not bring the price to pay the bills. There is no other way out of the difficulty. Too much tobacco has been grown all over the world—too much is now in the warehouses ready to meet the needs of the future, and more piled on top of what is already in the hands of the manufacturers will further kill the price.

It is useless to complain of the manufacturer. He does not want more tobacco. His money is tied up in the surplus he already has on hand, and he has little room for a further crop, and no desire to put money into more leaf until he disposes of the surplus in his possession. All the argument in the world as to the attitude of the factories will not help the situation. If the surplus production keeps up, Reynolds, the American and the others will be obliged to fall down completely in the purchase of leaf, for a limit comes in time to everything. They can not continue, whether they want

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