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COMMISSION HEARS PLEA FOR AID FOR COUNTY HOSPITAL

Hospital Board, Kiwanis Club,
Red Cross, Woman's Auxil-
iary at Board Meeting

ASK PLACE IN BUDGET

The plea for county financial support for the Moore County Hospital was presented to the Board of County Commissioners at Carthage Monday by representatives of the Board of Directors of the hospital, the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen, the Women's Auxiliary of the hospital and the Moore county chapter of the American Red Cross. Those appearing before the board included Paul Dana, P. Frank Buchan, M. C. McDonald, Henry Blue, Mrs. M. W. Marr, Mrs. Leonard Tufts and Arthur S. ewcomb.

The financial condition of the hospital was outlined to the commissioners by Mr. Dana, treasurer of the institution. It was shown that the hospital has been provided for the county free and clear of debt, but that there is the usual annual operating deficit which attends all hospitals; that much of the work of the hospital is for charity patients, cases which would be a county expense but for the existence of the hospital; that therefore the county is at present saving money because of the institution, but that this cannot go on without county financial support, as private donations to the hospital, plus aid of the Duke Endowment, are insufficient to meet the yearly arrearage.

The good work accomplished by the new hospital thus far was shown, the number and variety of cases treated, the county-wide aid rendered, the economical operation considering the work done—all these things were pointed out in the request presented for inclusion of a small tax in support of the institution in the next annual budget.

The commissioners promised to give the matter careful consideration before making up the budget. Nothing can be done regarding the next budget until the State legislature adjourns, for no one knows at present what is to be taxed and what isn't, or how much.

County Hands Roads To State on July 1

Has Map Ready Showing High-
way System To Be Taken Over
By New Commission

Hanging on the wall in the hall of the Court House at Carthage is a blueprint of the map of the road system of Moore county as drawn for the State Highway Commission to indicate the roads that will come under the jurisdiction of the state July 1, when the county passes out of the business of building and maintaining county roads. The map presents a right complete road outfit, which under the jurisdiction of the county management has been built up to excellent condition. Under the new Board of County Commissioners as directed by the state authorities the work and responsibility will be handed over to new administration, increasing the work of the county commissioners and centralizing to greater extent the county government and likewise the state government of local units. The new plans will unfold as the legislature determines its tax policies, and as organization under the new laws can be effected to take up the new tasks.

TAX LISTING CONTINUES; ADVERTISING POSTPONED

A. A. McKeithen is still listing taxes at the Aberdeen Hotel building and those in Sandhills Township who have not as yet seen him should do so as the time is nearly up. City Clerk H. M. Gunter of Aberdeen announced this week that advertising city tax delinquents had been postponed until July 1st, but stated that penalties will begin to accrue from now on for those who do not pay their share.

Triple Anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. Jackson Cele-
brate Joint Birthday on
Their 48th Wedding Day

On last Tuesday evening a surprise party was given Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Jackson at their home in Pinebluff by members of Aberdeen, Carthage and Pinebluff Baptist churches, it being the occasion of their 48th wedding anniversary, as well as the birthday of both Dr. and Mrs. Jackson. Special music was furnished for this occasion by the Greenwood Gospel Trio. Among other gifts were checks amounting to \$65.00 given as a token of the high esteem in which this worthy couple is held in this community. More than 100 persons registered during the evening. A delicious birthday supper was served at the close of a delightful evening.

BOARD POSTPONES ADVERTISING LAND FOR COUNTY TAXES

Commissioners Authorize \$40,-
000 Note Issue, Vote
Money for Hospital

G. C. SEYMOUR QUALIFIES

The Moore County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all of the old members of the board present, and G. C. Seymour, one of the new commissioners appointed by the General Assembly, qualified and was present.

Several important matters were up for consideration, but the one of greatest interest, perhaps, to the county at large was the question of extending the time for the payment of taxes. It was unanimously carried that the sale of land for taxes for 1930 be extended to the first Monday in October 1931, and the advertising therefor will be made on the first Monday in September.

One thing proposed, which goes over to next week for decision, is that a township committee be instructed in each township to make personal inquiry into all property listed, chiefly that inequality in valuations may be arrived at, and especially that property that has not been reported to the assessors in recent years may be placed on the tax books. It is argued that enough unlisted property will be found to add materially to the taxes received, as it is said that in practically every township much land has been overlooked, as well as personal property. This will be disposed of next week. The rate of taxation could not be announced until the action of the legislature in caring for

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BUMPER PEACH CROP IN PROSPECT FOR 1931 SEASON

Abbott Looks for 12,000 Cars
from Georgia, 4,000 More
Than Last Year

HEAVY CROP OF ELBERTAS

The 1931 peach crop in the Sandhills has reached the point where there is no longer any question of quantity, but considerable of price. One of the largest crops in years is anticipated by the growers, and with reports coming from other peach growing states of bumper crops, prices are not likely to be what they were a year ago. The growers will get their returns from quantity shipments rather than from high prices.

Fred P. Abbott, secretary of the peach growers' association in this section, in a letter to local growers on conditions throughout the peach belt, has the following to say:

At this time it would appear that most every important peach producing section in the United States has prospects for a normal crop in the 1931 season. Principally due to unfavorable seasonal conditions and acreage reductions the 1930 movement for the United States amounted to only 38,461 cars which was 7,710 cars under average for the past five years.

An inspection trip through the Georgia peach belt which presents the main competition in the marketing of the Carolina peaches has just been completed by the writer. In every Georgia peach center an abundant crop of all varieties is in evidence. Most growers are taking very good care of their orchards and some attempt to revive abandoned orchards was noted. The curculia is emerging a little later than last year and appears at this time to be greatly reduced in numbers, however, growers are alert and are prepared to combat this insect with all known means at their disposal.

The car-load movement for the past four years is represented as follows:

	1927	1928	1929	1930
Ga.	11,882	15,926	5,401	8,631
N. C.	1,702	3,242	1,244	2,139
S. C.	644	866	551	747

It is perhaps too early to make a reliable estimate of the Georgia peach production but judging from past performances and figured on a mathematical basis it is the writer's opinion at this time that between 11,900 and 13,388 cars of peaches will be produced in Georgia in the 1931 season. Considerable cold weather was experienced in Georgia while peaches were in the making and this might be the cause of an abnormally heavy

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Auto License Law Slain to Keep Company with Highway Victims

So R. N. Page Tells Kiwanis Club
in Report of Auto Legisla-
tion Committee

"The automobile operators' license law was slain to keep company with the victims of the highways," the Hon. Robert N. Page, chairman of the Kiwanis committee on Automobile Legislation, told members of the Kiwanis Club in his report to the organization at the meeting held Wednesday noon in Aberdeen's attractive new Community House. It was the first meeting held in the old McKeithen home, oldest house in Aberdeen, and the Kiwanians were surprised at the charming interior of the old homestead.

This week's meeting was the club's monthly business session, and the committee reports were featured by that of "Mr. Bob," chairman of the committee delegated to see what could be done with the legislature toward curbing recklessness and slaughter on the state's highways. The club has long fought for an operators' license law, to protect the public from incompetent and fool-hardy drivers and to reduce the huge annual death rate from automobile accidents in North

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Dollar Days

Southern Pines Merchants
Launch Series of Bargain
Sales on Monday, Tuesday

Monday and Tuesday are Dollar Days in Southern Pines. The merchants are inaugurating a series of these bargain days through the summer months, and offering some golden opportunities for Mr. and Mrs. Ultimate Consumer. You will find a page in this issue of The Pilot devoted to the first of these Dollar Day bargains on Monday and Tuesday next.

Carolina. It was hoped that with a member of the House and a member of the Senate on the club's committee, U. L. Spence of Carthage and Murdoch M. Johnson of Aberdeen, that the present legislature might be prevailed upon to pass some remedial legislation. An increase in the State Highway Patrol was also backed by

Southern Pines Votes Down New Recorder's Court, Elects Stutz Mayor; Aberdeen and Other Election Results

Aberdeen Elects New Commissioners

John Duncan McLean Only Mem-
ber of Old Board Re-elect-
ed on Tuesday

PINEBLUFF AND CARTHAGE

The election contest in Aberdeen settled about selection of five of eight candidates for the Town Board of Commissioners at Tuesday's election. There was no contest over the mayoralty, the present incumbent, Henry McCoy Blue, being the only candidate.

John Duncan McLean and H. W. Doub led in the balloting for the commissioners with 87 votes each. J. G. Sloan received 80 votes, Frank D. Shamburger 79 and A. H. McLeod 68. These five with Mayor Blue will govern the destinies of the town for the next two years. The unsuccessful candidates for the commissionerships were J. Vance Rowe, State Senator Murdoch M. Johnson and Henry A. Page, Jr.

McLean, Doub, Shamburger, Sloan and McLeod succeeded the present board comprised of M. M. Johnson, C. J. Johnson, J. R. Page, G. C. Seymour and John Duncan McLean, Mr. McLean being the only member of the old board re-elected. One hundred and nine ballot were cast for Mr. Blue for mayor.

Vote at Pinebluff

At the town election held Tuesday in Pinebluff, the entire caucus ticket was elected. Two independent tickets were in the field. A. G. Wallace was re-elected mayor and the following chosen as commissioners: C. G. Farrell, 63 votes; E. D. Backus, 58 votes, and A. W. Thompson, 56 votes. Mr. Wallace received 48 votes. Farrell and Backus succeed M. F. Butner and J. L. DeYoe, whose terms as commissioners expire June 1st, 1931.

The present mayor and commissioners were elected in 1929, at which time there were outstanding notes against the town amounting to \$1,537.50 for fire fighting equipment and road machinery, and water bonds amounting to \$41,200. On May 1st, and \$3,000 had been paid off on the 1931, there were no outstanding notes, water bonds, leaving a total indebtedness of \$38,200. There are \$1,792.64 of the 1930 taxes that are past due and unpaid, and \$1,189.40 of 1929 taxes which have not been collected, making a total of \$2,982.04 of unpaid taxes on the town's books, according to report of the town treasurer, George E. Wells.

Muse Carthage Mayor

Carthage elected J. E. Muse mayor on Tuesday by a vote of 199 to 77 for S. H. Miller. There were ten candidates for the town's board of commissioners, and the following five were chosen:

Walter Williamson, 225 votes; J. A. Lang, 203 votes; F. H. Underwood, 194 votes; W. E. Porter, 188 votes and L. R. Flinchum, 161 votes. The other balloting for commissioners gave Dolph Blue 100 votes, J. L. McGraw 38, B. C. Wallace 129, H. G. Poole 68, H. F. Seawell, Jr. 64.

Vass Elects Borst

The election of town officers for Vass was held on Monday with the following result: Mayor, H. A. Borst; Commissioners, A. M. Cameron, D. A. McLaughlin and W. D. McCraney.

SUFFERS FRACTURED SKULL IN FIGHT AT LOCAL CLUB

Henry Pierce of New York, a winter resident in Southern Pines, was seriously hurt in a fracas which occurred last Saturday night in the Club Skyline which, though closed for the season, had been rented for a private party. Mr. Pierce suffered a fractured skull and was taken to the Moore County Hospital. It is said that improper language in the presence of ladies resulted in starting the trouble, and that a number of husky local youths finished it, with Mr. Pierce the chief victim of the battle.

Sunday is Mother's Day.
Give a thought to the best friend
you ever had.

Re-Elected Mayor



DORSEY G. STUTZ

Elected Mayor of Southern Pines at
the Polls on Tuesday.

RECORDER' COURT SUSPENDS; MAYOR TO TRY ALL CASES

Defeat at Polls Automatically
Ends Career of New
Tribunal

WATER RATES LOWERED

The new Southern Pines Recorder's Court was automatically done away with by the failure of the voters to uphold its establishment through referendum at the polls on Tuesday. The act passed by the present legislature establishing the court provided for it subject to approval of the electorate at the next municipal election, and by the narrow margin of eleven votes, it was defeated.

Dr. E. M. Poate, appointed to preside over the court, automatically retired from "the bench" Tuesday night, and at the Wednesday night session of the Board of Town commissioners, Mayor D. G. Stutz re-established a Mayor's Court, over which he himself will preside. Dr. Poate tendered his resignation as city attorney at this meeting, but was immediately re-appointed by the board. Howard F. Burns was re-appointed city clerk, J. Hardy Tilghman tax collector, and Dr. George Herr and Frank Maples were named to the school board.

A resolution offered by Commissioner Charles Patch reducing the water rate from \$5. to \$4.50 per quarter beginning July 1st was passed. Advertising of delinquent tax payers was postponed until June 1st. The members of the board, all re-elected on Tuesday, were sworn in for another term, Messrs. O'Callaghan, Patch Stevens, Yeomans and Case.

Mayor Stutz announced that hereafter the activities of the Southern Pines police force will be confined exclusively to the corporate limits of Southern Pines.

No Act Was Needed

Thus ends for the present the establishment of the Southern Pines Recorder's Court Strangely enough, it need never have been submitted to a referendum. The court was established by act of the legislature, and this

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McNAIR TEMPORARY HEAD OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION

James L. McNair, of Laurinburg, was elected temporary chairman of the newly appointed State Highway Commission at its organization meeting Wednesday, to serve until Representative E. B. Jeffress, of Greensboro, appointed by Governor Gardner as chairman of the commission, takes the oath of office. R. A. Doughton retiring chairman of the commission, left last week for his home in Sparta.

Record Vote Out to Settle Court Fight

Entire Board of Commissioners
Re-elected Despite Failure to
Ratify New Judiciary

EXCITEMENT AT POLLS

Due to the excitement over the newly established Recorder's Court, Southern Pines turned out almost en masse for the municipal election on Tuesday, and the largest vote ever recorded in a local contest was the result. No less than 340 ballots were cast, in startling contrast to the 34 votes counted in the town's election in 1930.

Dorsey G. Stutz was re-elected mayor by a vote of 270 to six for Attorney P. P. Pelton. Mr. Stutz was the nominee of the caucus held at the High School building last Friday night. The entire caucus ticket was elected to the board of commissioners, the electorate returning all five members of the present board for another term. E. C. Stevens led in the balloting for commissioners with 283 votes, followed by L. V. O'Callaghan, 282; A. B. Yeomans, 277; George B. Case, 276 and Charles Patch, 266. Votes for others were as follows: Woodward, 16; VanCamp, 3; Clark, 3; Maze, 1; Buchan, 1.

The big fight in Southern Pines was over the question of the municipal Recorder's Court, established a few weeks ago under act of the legislature, and although the voters upheld their present administration by returning it to office without a change in personnel, they went against the mayor and commission on the court proposition. The vote was close, 168 against the court and 157 in favor of it.

Aggressive Opposition

Opposition to the new court, which was established by the town authorities to replace the Mayor's court, developed recently when it was realized that the court's jurisdiction under the general laws of the state extended a distance of five miles outside the corporate limits of the town. The cry was also set up that the court was foisted upon the town without preliminary warning and without any knowledge on the part of the citizens as to its scope and duties. P. Frank Buchan and others waged an aggressive campaign against the continuance of the court, and mustered enough votes at Tuesday's election to defeat the proposition by the close margin of eleven.

There was excitement aplenty at the polls Tuesday, many appearing to vote finding that their names were not on the town book. A few of these were residents who had voted for years in Southern Pines, and one woman, told she could not vote, refused to leave the polling place until she was permitted to cast her ballot, stating she had voted at every election in the town for many years. Her adamant won her the franchise. Some 15 ballots were thrown out as not properly marked.

Caucus Friday Night

Despite the inclement weather of last Friday night over two hundred residents of Southern Pines gathered in the High School auditorium for the annual caucus.

S. B. Richardson was selected as chairman, and Howard Burns secretary. P. P. Pelton received the first nomination as a candidate for the mayoralty, this nomination being followed by that of the present incumbent, D. G. Stutz. The result of the balloting was 114 votes for Stutz and 55 for Pelton. Nominations for Town Commissioners included the members of the present board, Stevens, Case, O'Callaghan, Yeomans and Patch, and also F. W. Van Camp, C. A. Maze, E. J. Woodward and L. T. Clark. The names of the latter four and A. B. Yeomans appeared on a printed slip passed around the hall before the vote for mayor, but following a protest by Dr. Daniels the chairman ruled against the use of these printed ballots. The result of the balloting as

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