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## Police Chief, Town Clerk Resign Posts

Resignations of Harrington and  
Gunter Follow Big Slash in  
Salaries

**DEATON, HUNTLEY NAMED**

After eight years of efficient service to the Town of Aberdeen as chief of police and collector of taxes and water rents, J. T. Harrington has tendered his resignation to take effect next Wednesday, July 1st.

At the same time, the resignation of Hardin Gunter as town clerk of Aberdeen has been handed in to the Board of Commissioners.

At a recent meeting of the town board, the salary of Chief Harrington was reduced from \$125 a month to \$75. The salary of Hardin Gunter was reduced from \$65 a month to \$30 a month. The salary of Night Patrolman Dees was reduced from \$100 a month to \$75 a month. In other words, Harrington's salary for acting as chief of police, for supervising the town's water system and streets and for the collection of taxes and water rents was reduced to the same figure as the night patrolman's. And the salary of the town clerk, who handles upwards of \$30,000 a year for the Town of Aberdeen, was more than cut in two, being placed at \$360 a year.

W. T. Huntley has been named to succeed Gunter at the new salary. Gunter will turn over the town's affairs to his successor shortly after July 1st. K. G. Deaton will succeed Harrington as chief of police, and possibly later as collector of taxes. An effort is being made now to have Harrington remain in office as tax collector until after the advertised sale of property for delinquent taxes, scheduled for Monday, July 6th. Night Patrolman Dees is expected to continue on his job at the new salary.

## Legion Elects New Officers on July 14

O'Callaghan, Backer and Denny  
Selected as Delegates to  
State Convention

L. V. O'Callaghan and Max Backer of Southern Pines and Robert G. Denny of Pinehurst were chosen as delegates from the Sandhills Post, American Legion, to the State convention to be held July 26th to 28th at Morehead City. The alternates elected at the meeting of the post held in the Civic Club, Southern Pines, Tuesday night of this week, were L. L. Woolley, Tom Black and J. C. Clark.

It was decided at this meeting to hold the annual election of post officers on Tuesday evening, July 14th. Under the new state constitution, post officers must be elected before the annual convention. Two nominations will be made for each office and ballots mailed to the members of the Sandhills Post, to be returned by mail prior to the meeting or taken personally to the meeting. The ballot will provide blank spaces for writing in other names for the various officers if the nominees are not satisfactory to a member.

Sandhills Post has had a highly successful year. Large numbers have attended the meeting, and several social functions which have been held have been most successful. The post now has 95 members from various towns in the Sandhills section.

## CAR HITS LIGHTING CO. POLE IN SOUTHERN PINES

While driving his car south on Ashe street in Southern Pines about 5:15 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, William Huntley of Aberdeen crashed into a transformer pole of the Carolina Power & Light Company in front of the Case apartments. The car was badly damaged and towed to Beck's Garage, but Huntley was only bruised. He was driving at a moderate speed, but the car swerved from the street when he reached for something in the back seat.

## Dr. Bowman Heads New Summer Golf Club Formed at Pinehurst

Weekly Tournaments to Be Held  
by Organization Created To  
Promote Sport

Golf, king of winter sports in the Sandhills, refuses to be downed by the coming of hot weather, and so great has become the interest in the game among the year 'round members of the colony hereabouts a new golfing organization has just been formed. It is to be known as The Summer Golf Club.

At a meeting of the organization held Wednesday at Pinehurst, the following men were chosen to guide the destinies of the club for the present season: President, Dr. H. E. Bowman, Aberdeen; Vice-President, F. L. Dupont and A. P. Thompson, Pinehurst; Secretary and Treasurer, Herbert D. Vail, Pinehurst; Captain, D. A. Currie, Pinehurst.

In addition to the officers Frank Maples of Knollwood, I. C. Sledge of Pinehurst and G. W. Scott of Star were elected as governors.

The purpose of the organization is to promote golf in Pinehurst and the section during the summer season. Dues paid into the club will be used to purchase suitable prizes for the winners of the tournaments which will be held weekly. It is expected that a large number of men who are interested in golf will wish to become members of the club, in order to take part in these weekly events and compete for the prizes.

The president has appointed the following committees: Membership—J. F. Taylor, Pinehurst; H. F. Seawell, Jr., Carthage and E. B. Bowman, Aberdeen. Handicap and Tournament Committee—Frank Maples, Knollwood; C. B. Hudson and D. A. Curry, Pinehurst.

## Youth Puts on Rodeo in Wild West Style

Old Blue Farm on Bethesda Road  
Scene of Contests in Horsemanship

It looked like the wild west for sure at the old Blue Farm on Bethesda Road last Saturday afternoon. A rodeo was in progress, with horses, ponies, mules and goats ridden by some two dozen young boys and girls of the section for prizes offered by J. Talbot Johnson who recently remodeled the Blue farmhouse and added stables and other farm buildings.

There were all kinds of equestrian stunts known to the roughest cowboy on the program, and the contestants did themselves proud. Red bandanas gave color to the scene and all that was lacking to make it look like the real west were Struthers Burt and a couple of live Indians. There were two teams engaged in the competition, one headed by "Sir Boss," Jerry McKeithen, assisted by Herman McCrimmon, and the other headed by "Sir Boss" Carl Buchan, aided by Woodrow McDonald. Among the young ladies taking part were Lida Duke Blue, Betsy Johnson, Kate and Lena Stewart, Mabel Bethune, Elizabeth Hamton, David Wimberly, Jesse Carter, June Campbell, Henry Lewis Johnson, young Jack Johnson and three Sellers boys, one of whom, Ernest, proved to be the star cowboy of the outfit. He copped most of the prizes. The Rev. E. L. Barber, who the folks say doesn't know any more about horsemanship than a horse knows about the Presbyterian church, acted as judge.

After the rodeo the party repaired to the Johnson lake where aquatic sports supplanted the equestrian and where a fish fry appeased some pretty ravenous appetites. Mrs. Robert Stewart assisted the genial host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson, on this end of the program. It must have been a good party all around. All the cowboys and cowgirls are still talking about it.

## AT THE MOVIES

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 25, 26, 27—Janet Gaynor and Warner Baxter in "Daddy Long Legs." Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 29, 30, July 1—"Young Donavan's Kid" with Richard Dix and Jackie Cooper.

## Competition

Vass Would Challenge Supremacy  
of Cameron as World's  
Leading Dewberry Market

A forward step toward making Vass a dewberry market rather than just a shipping point was made last week, and is being watched with considerable interest. A Mr. Marvel established headquarters in what was formerly the Beasley Motor Company building but which is now used by W. B. Graham as a feed sales place, and he has bought large quantities of berries which have been hauled in by growers from throughout the community. Mr. Marvel buys the berries and ships them north, some by truck and some in carload lots, or if the grower prefers, he will consign them. The market has proved quite successful, and the location is ideal. It is in a central point, is conveniently near the station and there is plenty of storage space and parking space for the trucks.

## TOBACCO MARKET TO OPEN HERE ON SEPTEMBER 22ND.

Opening Date is Day Earlier  
Than Last Year in New  
Bright Belt

## LOW PRICES ANTICIPATED

The tobacco market in the New Bright Belt, which includes Aberdeen and Carthage, will open September 22d, one day earlier than a year ago. The opening dates were set at the conference of tobacco men held last week at Asheville. W. W. Maurer, of the Sandhills Tobacco Warehouse here, attended the meeting.

The market opens in Georgia July 28th, in South Carolina a week later. The Eastern Carolina markets open September 1st and the Old Bright Belt September 28th.

The prospects are for a large crop, with resultant low prices. However, as much of North Carolina's bright leaf is sold for export, President Hoover's plan for a year's moratorium on international loans may prove beneficial, as it is expected to stimulate foreign trade.

No lease has as yet been signed by Edwards, Lewis & Williams for the Aberdeen Warehouse this season, though it is confidently expected locally that these Mullins, S. C., tobacco men will be back here by the time the market opens. They have had the warehouse for the past two seasons, and last year their sales showed a great increase over those of the year before.

B. B. Saunders is enlarging the warehouse at Fuquay Springs which he will operate this season.

Carthage, which ranked high in the New Bright Belt in average price last year, is anticipating another good season.

The wholesale price of Camel cigarettes went up early this week.

## DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY

The Daily Vacation Bible School will begin its fifth session Monday, June 29th, at nine o'clock in the Church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines. Last year the enrollment was one hundred and one. Fifty-one certificates were issued. This year the school will be strictly departmentalized. Mrs. Rosalie Tyndle will be superintendent of the Beginners; Mrs. Maxwell Grey, assisted by Mrs. Rank, will have charge of the Primary Department; Miss Mabel Coghill will direct the Juniors and Miss Barbara Chase, the Intermediate. Mrs. Bernard Leavitt will be the Physical Training instructor and Charles Austin, the Manual Training teacher. The Rev. Ruth Sergeant will act as Principal of the school and will also be the Bible instructor.

## J. W. McLAUCHLIN LEADING CITIZEN OF HOKE CO., DIES

Well Known Here, He Was Civil  
War Veteran and Former  
State Senator

## CLASSMATE OF WILSON

John W. McLaughlin, Hoke county's foremost citizen and prominent throughout this section of the state, succumbing to an attack of typhoid fever of several week's duration.

The news of his death spread over Hoke and adjoining counties as only the death of a man who held a great place in every heart could spread. So great had been his influence, so wide his interests, so many and constructive his services, so broad his friendship that there were few hearts in the neighborhood unaffected by the loss of this great man. The minds of those acquainted with the activities of his life reverted to his work in opening up the territory which is now Hoke county, his scholarship, his legislative achievements, the minds of those who only knew him when they saw him turned to memories of his simple friendliness. Every mind knew that there had passed from our midst a man who was outstanding in mind and character.

## Fought For South

Mr. McLaughlin was born on April 16, 1846, at the family home near the present site of Raeford. His youth, before the Civil war was spent there in work and study. At the beginning of the war he was too young to join the forces of the Confederacy but before the struggle had drawn to its close he joined the army and fought with the thinning grey lines which sought to stop Sherman's invaders. At the close of the war he returned to his home and put all the strength of rebuilding his section of the south.

Some years later Mr. McLaughlin entered Davidson College and continued the education which had been interrupted by the war. While at Davidson he was a classmate of Woodrow Wilson and was often glad to answer the questions which his friends would ask him concerning the undergraduate days of his classmate who later became a world leader. After his graduation Mr. McLaughlin worked as school teacher, farmer, lumberman and merchant, establishing himself

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## Daughter of Late Dr. Arnette Bride

Miss Odessa Arnette, Pinehurst  
Teacher, Weds Duncan T.  
Memory at Laurinburg

Miss Odessa Arnette, daughter of Mrs. John Madison Arnette and the late Dr. J. M. Arnette and Mr. Duncan T. Memory, formerly of Whiteville, were married Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in a beautiful wedding ceremony at the First Baptist church, Laurinburg, the pastor, Rev. W. Emory Trainham, officiating.

The bride, who entered with her mother, wore a gown of French blue Alencon lace and a large blue hat trimmed in pastel shades. Miss Lois Arnette was maid of honor.

The flower girls were Ella McNeill Jenkins and Annie Mary Matthews. McNeill Watkins was ring bearer. Jasper L. Memory, Jr., of Wake Forest, was best man for his brother, John Charles Memory, Whiteville, Johnson Matthews and McNeill Watson, Riverton, and Dr. T. P. Williamson, Charlotte, served as ushers.

Mr. Memory is a nephew of the late John Charles McNeill, poet laureate of North Carolina, and the late Livingston Johnson. He was educated at N. C. State College and the University of Cincinnati and, at present, is resident engineer in the construction of the new Cincinnati union railway terminal.

The bride is a daughter of the late Dr. John Madison Arnette, a native of the Eureka section of Moore county. She was graduated from Meredith College in 1927 and last year was a member of the Pinehurst High School faculty.

## Move on Foot to Elect a Successor to J. D. McLean as County Tax Collector

Not Likely to Get Far Against His Record of Low Cost for Col-  
lections, Moore Ranking Second Among  
100 Counties in State

## COST HERE IS LESS THAN ONE PER CENT

By Bion H. Butler

It is intimated that on the first Monday of July a movement will be made before the county commissioners to elect a successor to J. D. McLean as tax collector of Moore county. How much strength a thing of this sort may develop is conjectural, but probably it will not get very far. Last fall this thing was something of a factor in the campaign, but it seemed to strike the voters as if the collection of taxes had been done in economical manner, for the Democratic party, which had appointed McLean, was given a vote of appreciation, in which the handling of the tax collector's office presumably was given some consideration.

The argument against McLean is this his salary of \$2,400 a year is bigger than what would satisfy others who might be appointed to the office. The argument in behalf of retaining McLean is that he has been one of the most remarkable tax collectors North Carolina has ever seen. In a comparison last fall as to the efficiency of the tax collectors of the various counties and the cost of collecting taxes in every county in the state it was found by inquiry in all counties that only one other county secured its collections for so low cost as Moore does.

The official figures showed that Moore county's taxes are collected at a cost of slightly less than a cent on each dollar collected. Only one other county in the state keeps its cost of collection below a cent on the dollar, while other counties run up much above that figure. In Jones county the report showed that it cost \$9.61 to collect a hundred dollars; in Montgomery, our neighbor to the west, \$6.17; in Alamance, to the north, \$3.92; in Wake, the county containing the capital of the state, a big city, \$4.03; in Cumberland, \$3.89; in Yancey, \$7.62. But Moore county gets through for less than a dollar on the hundred.

## Risky Economy

Only two out of the hundred counties have this low rate of less than one per cent for the cost of collecting taxes, which may be interpreted as indicating that only one other person out of a hundred who are collecting taxes, has been able to keep down the cost of collections as low as McLean has. It is worth figuring a little to see how much effect would come from reducing the salary paid this man. Suppose his wages should be cut, say a thousand dollars, which is what has been suggested as a figure that would secure another collector. Suppose that new collector should not be as efficient as McLean and collect a thousand dollars less in taxes than McLean has collected. The result would be the same, for the amount saved on the salary would be offset by the smaller collection. Or suppose the new collector should collect five per cent less of taxes than McLean collects, which is easy to anticipate, for a new hand is not as efficient as an old one familiar with all the phases of the work. In that case the county would be loser ten or twelve thousand dollars by the change.

J. D. McLean is a hard-boiled business man who has but one aim in his work, and that is to gather in every dollar of taxes honestly due the county. He is not moved by any buncombe, nor flimflammed by any pretext. He goes after the money and gets it and he gets it in time to apply on the county's obligations when due. He is always on the heels of the evader, and the amount of taxes he has discovered and brought in from sources overlooked until he came into office pays a considerable proportion of his salary. He is familiar with the county, familiar with his work, familiar with the people and he does his work.

Suppose another collector be appointed, and that the amount of taxes collected should fall materially below what McLean has been producing at the settlement of each year's accounts. A few thousand dollars of a shortage in the total amount collected would put a new collector in a very embarrassing position, for the saving of a few hundred in salary would not offset the loss of a number of thousands of dollars in the total of collections. It is not what the salary costs, but what the man who receives the salary returns in the total of collections.

## Economical Efficiency

McLean has just the one aim before him. That is to produce the money. He has so far accomplished that. That some one else may prove to be as good a collector is possible, but it is highly probable that out of fifty other persons who might undertake to collect taxes in the county not one would prove as efficient as McLean. At least that is the ratio of capable collectors in the state. And suppose the new collector should prove in the class with the Jones county collector, costing \$9.61 for every hundred dollars collected. That would cost this county about \$40,000 as the salary of the collector instead of \$2,400. A new collector at a salary of \$1,400 a year, which is \$1,000 less than McLean's salary, would save the county a thousand dollars. But in doing it might cost the county ten to twenty thousand in failure to collect the money. And to collect the money is what is wanted. There are places where cheap people are the most expensive that can be obtained.

The figures presented in the campaign last fall leave no doubt that J. D. McLean is one man who has returned a complete value for the salary that has been paid him. The claim made then still persists. A new collector must collect the money for still less than McLean's less than one per cent, must collect it more promptly that it may be available as needed, and must collect it more completely. From what The Pilot can guess the commissioners will take no such risky change by swapping horses in the middle of the creek. The man who can do these things better has not been named.

## DR. MILLIKEN LEASES SOUTHERN PINES HOUSE

Through the Barnum agency the Gregory house, New Hampshire avenue and Ashe street, Southern Pines, has been leased to Dr. James Milliken who, with his family, will take possession September 1.