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FIVE CENTS

J. D. McLean is Re-Elected Tax Collector

Efficient County Official Also
Awarded Extra Pay for
This Year

PLANK ROAD REINSTATED

J. D. McLean, who for the past several years has served as tax collector for Moore county and who has made an enviable record during his tenure of office, was on Monday re-elected for the year beginning October 1, 1931, by the Board of Commissioners, at a salary of \$2,000, payable monthly. It was further ordered that he be paid a salary of \$200 per month for July, August and September, 1931.

Previous to this Mr. McLean was elected to serve nine months of the year at a salary of \$250 per month, but when the sale of land for taxes was deferred as is the case this year, it was necessary for him to work during the other three months in order to complete the year's work. This accounts for the salary ordered paid for July, August and September.

It was moved and carried that the commissioners recommend that the county road leading from the old Plank Road at Frank Garner's store near the Randolph county line to the Montgomery county line be restored to and placed on the State map. This road serves twenty-five families and is used as a United States rural free delivery road.

Mrs. Isaac Sheffield was allowed \$10 for support of herself and children for the month of August. Miss Black of Carthage township was allowed an additional \$3.00 for support, making a total of \$6.00. The allowance of \$15.00 to J. C. Maness was ordered discontinued until further order of the Board.

It was ordered that John Harper, a disabled Spanish war veteran, be exempted from county pedler's license tax in this county.

Action on an application for license for a pool room at Hemp was deferred until the first Monday in September.

The Board will meet at an early date to take up the budget.

Electric Storms Play Havoc in Sandhills

Lightning Strikes on Farm of H. C. Vetterlein and Cripples Peach Packing Equipment

Electric storms have been playing havoc in the Sandhills towns during the past week, keeping the repair crews of the Carolina Power & Light Company and the telephone companies in Southern Pines and Aberdeen busy day and night much of the time. A storm last Saturday did considerable damage in Carthage, necessitating the replacing of most of the street lights and much rewiring and keeping the lighting company men busy all day Sunday.

During the storm Saturday evening, Mrs. D. A. Smith of Vass was shocked by lightning. She was sitting in the living room of her home at the time, but was able to make her way to another room where her sister and Miss Agnes Smith were. The doctor was called, and Mrs. Smith had completely recovered by the next day, with the exception of numbness in one hand. No damage was done to any part of the house.

The worst storm in the Southern Pines section occurred Tuesday evening, a drenching rain following the thunder and lightning and doing some damage. The only serious trouble reported was from the estate of H. C. Vetterlein, mayor of Niagara, where lightning struck near enough to cripple his transformer and put the tank house out of business. The hot water heater was burned out. When Mr. Vetterlein's crew of peach packers arrived Wednesday morning it was not possible to put them to work because of the damage done.

Some of the peach orchards suffered from the heavy rainfall.

2,000 Hear Florida Newsboys in Band Concert at Southern Pines

Boy Soloist



HENRY BUNDE

Who scored a big hit with his performance with the Newsboys' Band here on Monday night.

ALDO R. BALSAM WEDS DAUGHTER OF BURRELL WHITE

Prominent Members of Sandhills
Society United in Marriage
In New York

HONEYMOON IN EUROPE

Mrs. Ella Geneva White Webster, daughter of Burrell G. White of Pinehurst, and Aldo Rudolph Balsam of Pinehurst and New York, were married at the Savoy-Plaza in New York city on Tuesday, August 4th, according to announcements just received by friends in the Sandhills. The former Mrs. Webster was granted a divorce at Reno, Nevada, last month, and the former Mrs. Balsam obtained a similar decree within the fortnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Balsam are both well known in Pinehurst and Southern Pines, the former having spent the past two winters in Pinehurst, last winter purchasing an extensive estate in the neighborhood of the Verner Reed estate on Linden Road. He played a prominent part in hunting and polo circles, playing in most of the important polo games held on the Pinehurst fields last season, and hunting regularly with Mr. Reed's pack. Mr. Balsam is a special partner of Gammack & Co., New York brokerage house with an office in Southern Pines.

Mrs. Balsam has frequently visited her father, Burrell White, at his Knollwood home and has been a popular member of Sandhills society.

The announcements state that Mr. and Mrs. Balsam will be at home at 44 Gramercy Park, New York, after October 1st. Friends here state that they plan a European trip in the meantime.

FAYETTEVILLE GOLFERS BEAT SOUTHERN PINES

This Southern Pines golf team, the only team which has ever beaten Fayetteville on Fayetteville's own course, tried in vain to repeat the performance Wednesday, losing to the tune of 13 1-2 points to 7 1-2. Fourteen Sandhillians journeyed over to the neighborhood city for the battle. The scores were:

Johnson and Hasketh (F) defeated Woodward and Frank Page Jr., 3-0; Underwood and Richardson (F) defeated Shepard and Clark, 2 1-2-1-2; Tillinghast and Riggan (F) defeated Dr. Daniels and Keith, 2-1; Montgomery and Stevens (SP) defeated Dye and Slate, 3-0; Newberry and Canady (F) defeated Jordan and Davis, 3-0; Slocumb and Davis (F) defeated V. B. Johnson and Morrison 3-0, and Harris and Ferguson (SP) defeated Clark and McAllister 3-0.

AT THE MOVIES

Thurs., Fri., Sat., August 6, 7, 8—Charlie Ruggles in "The Girl Habit." Mon., Tues., Wed., Aug. 10, 11, 12—"Sporting Blood."

Youngsters Give Pleasing Program of Martial Music Under Trees in City Park

"The boys are good." That seemed to be the consensus of opinion of the crowd of some two thousand persons who gathered in the City Park in Southern Pines Monday evening to hear the Reporter-Star Newsboys' Band of Orlando, Florida, here for the evening on its way to play at the Canadian National Exposition at Toronto, Canada.

The occasion was a most pleasant one. The band arrived in two huge busses on Monday afternoon, and the boys were apportioned out to the residents of Southern Pines who had offered to take two or more each for the night. There were fifty boys in the band, and not enough to go around to those who wanted them at that. They had supper at the various homes and reported at the park at 7:30 to be in readiness for their 8:15 concert.

People came from all over the section for the music, and they heard a real band. In the five years that Edgar A. Ball, the director, has had the boys, he has made musicians of merit out of them. It is no wonder that they were asked to play in place of the renowned Sousa and his cohorts at Chautauqua this summer, to play at the Canadian exposition, and for President and Mrs. Hoover at Washington.

Their stop here was the third on a trip which runs into the middle of September. They will play every night in some city en route. They entertained Charleston, S. C., the night before they played here.

A Real Program

The martial airs of the fifty pieces soon had everyone forgetting the price of peaches and the bad stock market and the high mercury. The band played under electric lights strung up beside the City Administration building, with benches scattered about the lawns for the early comers. The rest stood about or lolled on the grass or sat in their cars nearby while Mr. Ball led his youngsters, all newsboys or ex-newsboys of the Orlando paper—and all Boy Scouts—through pieces which only the best grown-up bands usually tackle. Then there were boy solos and good singing and lots of pep and the best looking girl mascot who ever stepped out of Florida. Her name was Agnes something-or-other, we wish we knew.

After the concert the program called for street dancing on East Broad street in front of where the band was playing, but here came the disappointment of the evening. It was discovered when the crowd moved out to the "dance floor" you couldn't hear the band through the trees, and the band couldn't move out to the street because of lack of lighting facilities. An effort was made to dance on the lawn near the band, and several couples, led by Frank Buchan and his daughter, accomplished the feat successfully. But others not as young and agile as Frank found it difficult, and Director Ball decided to let the boys off. They'd arisen at 5 o'clock that morning and ridden all day in the busses and he thought they had had enough.

They Dance Till One

Most of them had. But a few decided after the official adjournment that those who were insisting upon a few dances on the well cornmealed pavement should not be disappointed, and they got out their instruments again and played in the dark, by ear, until one o'clock while a goodly sized crowd danced, including most of the other members of the band. They had a grand time.

The two busses, with their load of fifty some youths, Mr. and Mrs. Ball, Agnes and J. C. Brozier, editor of the Orlando Reporter-Star, who is managing the trip, pulled out early Tuesday morning for Raleigh where the band entertained the populace Tuesday afternoon.

Thanks are due the Chamber of Commerce for a gala night in Southern Pines and President S. B. Richardson, who introduced the band. And thanks are due others who aided in

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DIXIE THEATER TO OPEN SOON WITH 1ST RUN MOVIES

Charlotte Men Buy Aberdeen
House; New Sound Equip-
ment Ordered

PLAN CHANGE OF NAME

Under a new name and with new improved sound equipment, the Dixie Theatre in Aberdeen will open for the presentation of first run talking pictures the latter part of this month. A deal was consummated last week whereby Ralph W. Page sold the theatre to E. S. Hollerman and J. C. White of Charlotte, both experienced movie men.

According to Hollerman and White, the theatre will be put in first class condition at once. The new equipment has already been ordered, and it is expected that the first pictures will be shown around August 24th. The new management states that the admission price will be reasonable, and a class of pictures shown to appeal to all.

Mr. Hollerman has been in the moving picture industry for eight years, during which time he has been connected with the Publix-Sanger Theatres of North Carolina, and with the Paramount Publix Corporation. Mr. White has been in the game for seven years, with Paramount Publix and Pathe Exchange. They are young men, and plan to move to Aberdeen permanently, with the expectation of building up their theatre into one of the popular amusement centers of the Sandhills. They plan two-day runs, giving three different programs each week.

The new managers stated when here the other day that they desired to change the name of the theatre, and would shortly announce a contest, open to all, for the best name submitted. Prizes will be offered, prominent local citizens named as judges, and the winning name will soon be blazing in electric lights from the front of the theatre.

Kiwanis Enjoys Musical Program

Mrs. Reid Page, Mrs. D. I. McKeithen, "Bob" Page Enter-
tain at Weekly Meeting

Mrs. Reid Page sang, Mrs. Dan I. McKeithen played the piano and "Bob" Page played his guitar and sang at the weekly Kiwanis Club meeting held Wednesday in the Community Church at Pinehurst, and because it was an impromptu program, it went over with a bang. Everything went smoothly except the piano, which took on a fit of temperment or weather or something and refused to respond in toto when called upon by Mrs. McKeithen. Some of the notes just couldn't be discounted.

Jerry Healy, chairman of the music committee, arranged the program when at the last minute before the meeting it was discovered there was no speaker. Mrs. Page sang several pleasing solos, to Mrs. McKeithen's accompaniment. Mrs. McKeithen played a piano solo on such notes as would respond. "Bob" sang some of his topical topical songs which went big. The Kiwanis quintet of Messrs. Buchan, Picquet, Dunlop, Cameron and McBrayer did a fine piece of work with "Climbing Up the Mountain."

TWO HURT AT PINEHURST IN COLLISION OF AUTOS

J. E. Jackson, a West End peach grower, and James Walden, colored, a truck driver of West End, were hurt in a collision of a truck and a Ford roadster driven by a negro on the curve in the road leading out of Pinehurst toward West End Wednesday evening. Both were taken to the Moore County Hospital, where Jackson's injuries were found to be slight. Walden, however, was badly hurt about the head and his condition is serious. The negro in the roadster escaped unhurt.

Jackson and Walden were returning from Dunn where they delivered a truck load of peaches.

Duplications in Listing Chief Reason for Reported Boost in Sandhills Valuations

Dan's Double Duties

Banker Gets Confused Be-
tween His Sunday School
Class and Kiwanis Club

Dan McKeithen, genial cashier of the Page Trust Company, teaches a Sunday School class on Sundays, presides at the Kiwanis Club meetings on Wednesdays when President Richard Tufts isn't around. Sometimes in his modesty and embarrassment, Dan forgets as he rises to his feet just which he is facing, his class or his club.

"This is the first Sunday of the month," he announced to the startled members of the Kiwanis Club Wednesday noon. When the laughter had subsided, Dan announced that he meant it was the first meeting of the month.

SEABOARD MEN PLAY GOLF HERE SEPT. 5, 6, AND 7

To Hold Fifth Annual Tourna-
ment at Southern Pines Coun-
try Club Next Month

PARKVIEW HEADQUARTERS

The Seaboard Air Line golfers are coming back to Southern Pines for their annual outing on Saturday, September 5th, taking possession of the Park View and Belvedere hotels and the Southern Pines Country Club for three days. During this time they will hold their fifth annual tournament.

The schedule of events calls for the qualifying round to start at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, the 5th, but the members may qualify on Friday if they arrive that early. The first round starts Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. On Sunday the tournament continues with second round flights and consolation matches. At 2 o'clock the boys are going to have their picture taken, and at 3 a putting and driving contest is scheduled.

Third round flights start early Monday morning, with the final rounds in the various divisions scheduled for 1 o'clock that afternoon. At 4 o'clock the annual meeting for election of officers and the award of prizes will be held.

Special Pullmans

It is understood that the Park View Hotel will, as usual, be the headquarters for the association of golfers, with the Belvedere as an adjunct. Special Pullmans will bring the railroad officials here and be parked on the sidings during their stay.

At present the presidency of the Seaboard Air Line Golf Association is vacant. E. C. Bagwell is vice-president, R. T. Etheridge secretary and treasurer. J. C. Wroton is chairman of the tournament committee, C. H. Gattis of the committee on transportation and W. L. Darden of the membership committee. Mr. Bagwell heads the organization's executive committee.

Railroad officials were here this week to discuss plans for the entertainment of the crowd with Mayor D. G. Stutts of Southern Pines, local Seaboard agent.

SANDHILLS PEACHES FOR GRANDFATHER ORPHANS

The orphans at Grandfather Orphans' Home at Banner Elk are munching delicious peaches. Through the kindness of the Rev. Murdoch McLeod of Pinehurst and Moses A. McDonald of West End, a truckload of the Sandhills fruit was donated to the youngsters this week. The boys from the orphanage went down to West End, loaded up a truck and returned. What they didn't want for immediate use the girls of the institution set to work canning. There are 90 boys and girls at Grandfather Home.

Of \$300,000 Raise in Valuation,
\$170,000 Found to Be Dupli-
cated on Books

UNLISTED TRACTS FOUND

Duplications in the listing of properties in Sandhills township, the discovery of a few tracts of land previously unlisted for taxes, and improvements in the Southern Pines sector were in part responsible for the reported increase in valuation of some \$300,000 over the previous year, according to the findings of the committee appointed two weeks ago to review the property assessments fixed by the tax listers for this township.

It is learned that some \$170,000 of this \$300,000 increase was due to duplicate sheets, the same property being listed more than once on the books and not previously discovered because the books were called for at Carthage before the local assessors had time to recheck their figures.

The committee of review has been in session for several days this week in Aberdeen, has heard numerous complaints and gone carefully into the situation with a view to placing valuations in Sandhills township in line with those of other townships of the county. They have adjusted some assessments that appeared to be out of line, some upwards but more downwards, and the net result is as yet unknown and will be until the figures have been tabulated at Carthage. But with the discovery of the approximately \$170,000 in duplication and a reported net reduction in the valuations set by the assessors, the reported \$300,000 increase which started pandemonium among the residents of Sandhills when the figures were reported will be nothing like that amount and will not, it is said, be out of line with other townships of the county.

Among the land not previously listed, at least not for some years, was one tract of 1,000 acres, it is said.

The complaint against Sandhills township valuations was mostly due to the fact that an increase of some \$300,000 showed for this township whereas other townships in the county showed reductions or but slight increases. On Protest Day at Carthage two weeks ago a plea was made by Senator M. M. Johnson on behalf of Sandhills property owners for a review of the figures for this township, and J. R. Page, T. D. McLean and Levi Packard were named to go over the books with the present board of assessors, J. W. Pickler, A. A. McKeithen and James O'Quinn.

Leaf Prices Low as Border Markets Open

Sales Light in Volume and Av-
erage Return Runs Be-
tween 7 and 8 Cents

The tobacco markets of the North Carolina border belt opened Tuesday with sales surprisingly light in volume and estimated prices generally averaging lower than at last year's opening.

The growers, however, were reported as showing less dissatisfaction with prices than they did a year ago, few of them turning in tickets rejecting the prices offered.

Although the prices on the basis of estimated and unofficial figures averaged lower than in 1930, good grades of tobacco were said to be in heavy demand and to have sold at a better figure.

Sales at Lumberton and Fairmont, two of the larger markets, were less than half the volume of a year ago, and trading was lighter as a rule at the other markets. Warehousemen attributed this in part to a lateness in barning and curing of the crop.

Averaged prices reported from various markets on the opening day were:

Chadbourne—\$7.10.
Lumberton—\$7.85.
Fair Bluff—\$8.24.
Fairmont—\$8.40.
Dillon, S. C.—\$7.85.