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## COUNTY OFFICERS ASK REDUCTIONS IN THEIR SALARIES

Solicitor Boyette and Sheriff McDonald and Deputies Make Voluntary Requests

### MORE ROADS FOR STATE

The request of two of the county's leading officials for voluntary reductions in their salaries featured the regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners at Carthage Monday. These requests were made by M. G. Boyette, prosecuting attorney for the Recorder's Court, who asked a ten per cent cut, and Charles J. McDonald, sheriff, who asked a five per cent cut for himself and his deputies, L. A. Kelly and T. N. Slack.

Boyette's salary has been \$125 per month, the sheriff's \$291.66; Kelly's \$125 and Slack's \$100. The board acted favorably upon the requests, adding a vote of thanks to the tenders.

Considerable other business was transacted by the board Monday, roads, salaries, jury lists, coffins and lands coming in for a share in a busy day.

It was moved and carried that the maximum license tax authorized by Article II, Revenue Act 1931 as Schedule "B" taxes to be levied by counties be levied for the year 1931 and the county tax collector be ordered to proceed to collect said schedule "B" taxes. This applies to hotels, barber shops, filling stations, vending machines, etc.

The following bids were received for one dozen coffins for the county home: \$107.50 per dozen, submitted by P. H. McDonald, Carthage; \$9.10 each, submitted by J. W. Gaines, Glendon; \$9.50 each, submitted by five persons, M. C. McDonald, West End; R. R. Riddle, High Falls; G. M. Upchurch, High Falls; W. B. Lambert, Carthage, and A. Wicker, Carthage. The contract was awarded to P. H. McDonald on his low bid of less than nine dollars each.

It is interesting to notice a comparison of 1930 and 1932 prices. In 1930 the bids ranged from \$13.50 each to \$20.00 each.

### More Roads for State

The commissioners voted to recommend that the State Highway Commission take over and maintain the following roads:

The road leading from Glendon to Reeves Chapel church via the railroad crossing at Dr. Streets' place.

The old State Highway leading from Manley to Southern Pines on the west side of the Seaboard Air Line Railway connecting same with State Highway No. 701.

The highway from below the colored church at Eastwood to where it connects with Highway No. 75 at Juniper Lake.

The old road leading from a point on the highway leading from Putnam to Highway 907 just about Friendship Church, by Friendship Church and Haywood Caddell's place, thence by Moonshine and M. McL. Kelly's place to Highway No. 74 near Carthage.

It was ordered that 16 acres, "let No. 8," Johnson's Farm, Sandhills township, be listed for the years 1929, 1930 and 1931 at a valuation of \$800 and same ordered sold for taxes for the years 1929 and 1930 on the first Monday in March, 1932 by J. D. McLean, tax collector.

It was ordered that 16 acres, "let Leslie heirs be relieved of 240 acres in McNeill township valued at \$18,000 for years of 1929, and 1930 for taxation, and for 240 acres listed for \$3,180 for 1931, being listed by error.

It was ordered that 304 1-2 acres in McNeill township be listed in the name of J. A. Leslie Estate at a valuation of \$3,648 for the years 1929, 1930 and 1931 and tax compiled thereon for said years, said lands not being listed for taxation for said years.

### NEW KIWANIS MEMBERS

Fred W. McClell, Jr., and Jack M. Taylor, both of Aberdeen, were elected to membership in the Kiwanis Club at the meeting of the board of directors held last Tuesday evening.

## Champions Meet at Pinehurst



Miss Helen Hicks, national women's golf champion well known in the Sandhills, and Russell Hoogerhyde, national archer champion, now a resident of Southern Pines, on the archery range at the Pinehurst Country Club during Miss Hick's recent visit here.

## Colored Students to Give Art Exhibition in Southern Pines

Public To View Work of Negro Minister-Artist and His Class Next Wednesday

Some time ago The Pilot told about the remarkable work that is underway among the colored folks of Southern Pines, where the colored pastor of one of the churches is instructing a class in drawing and painting, and producing himself a succession of striking pictures that have attracted attention in many sections of the country. The clergyman is William A. Cooper, a native of Hillsboro, this state, educated in the schools and colleges of the state and elsewhere, an accredited lawyer as well as a clergyman, and a tactful leader among his people.

An exhibit by the minister of his work and that of his students at the church in West Southern Pines in the spring led to encouragement by the white folks on the east side of the creek to prepare an exhibit in Southern Pines, and next Wednesday, February 10, an exhibit will be held in the Curb Market Building on Broad street at Pennsylvania avenue, formerly the Atkinson furniture store. In the collection of pictures shown will be 25 or more by the pastor, 14 by Vivian Steele, three by James Allbrook, three by George Allbrook and three by Edna Bethea. The latter four exhibitors are school children. Vivian Steele, the daughter of George Steele is a graduate of the colored high school. She is doing original portrait work from the models before her. The Allbrook boys are the sons of Ralph Allbrook. Edna Bethea is the daughter of Benjamin Bethea, also a graduate of the high school, and at present.

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### U. N. C. GLEE CLUB AT SOUTHERN PINES SUNDAY

Next Sunday night at The Platform Hour in The Church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines the people of the Sandhill will have the opportunity to hear the Glee Club of the University of North Carolina in a full concert program. Prof Harold Dyer, head of the Dept. of Music of the University is director of the Glee Club and under his training the club has made several tours, both north and south. The program will contain both sacred and classical numbers. The hour is 7:30. No one will be admitted after the program begins, but everybody is invited to come promptly in order to receive seats. The doors will open at 7 o'clock.

## Winter's Gone

J. Augustus Groundhog, Esq., Failed To See His Shadow on Tuesday

J. Augustus Groundhog, traditional weather prognosticator, failed to see his shadow on Tuesday, and if there is any truth in the old belief about the little fellow and his shadow, the end of the winter is here before it has begun.

According to tradition, if the groundhog sees his shadow on February 2d he will immediately scoot back in his hole and remain for six weeks more of winter. On the other hand, if it is cloudy, he will remain out. It was cloudy.

## To Raise Funds For Library in Aberdeen

Benefit Bridge Planned for Saturday at Community House. Contributions Invited

The Page Memorial Library in Aberdeen was a gift to the town, and has proven a distinct asset. Unfortunately, it is entirely dependent for support upon donations, benefit functions, etc. During times of stress when so many demands are made upon the public for support for various needy causes, the library suffers. And yet it is a most essential institution in just such a time, for the more idleness, the more time people have for reading and developing their minds.

A benefit bridge party is to be given for the library's benefit tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon, at the Aberdeen Community House. Both bridge and rook will be played, starting at 2 o'clock, and a charge of fifty cents for each player is to be made. Those desiring to play and thereby help the library are requested to telephone reservations at the tables to Mrs. J. W. Bowman. A prize is to be given at each table, and refreshments will be served.

Those who do not play bridge or rook but who desire to aid the library fund at this time are urgently requested to send their fifty cents to Mrs. Bowman.

Aberdeen is to enforce its ordinance requiring resident owners of automobiles to carry town license plates. Local police officers have them for sale at a dollar each.

## BUILDING & LOAN REPORTS REVEAL FINE CONDITION

Sandhills Associations Reflect Generally Healthy State of These Organizations

### ELECT DIRECTORS FOR '32

According to reports of the building and loan associations of the Sandhills, these institutions appear to run along as well in bad weather as in good. Fine showings were made by the Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines associations during the troublesome year of 1931.

Reports made at annual stockholders' meeting during the past week teemed with optimism for the future of these associations, as well as revealing a healthy condition at the close of 1931. The Aberdeen Building and Loan Association held its annual meeting in the High School Auditorium at which time Secretary Den I. McKeithen submitted his report. The financial statement, which appeared in last week's issue of The Pilot, showed the organization in better position than a year ago, both as to earnings and cash position. After a substantial increase in the reserve account, a higher earning rate has been maintained, and the association for the first time in several years has no borrowed money.

During the past year the association made loans to its members amounting to approximately \$29,000.00, while loans paid back to the associations amounted to \$44,000.00. It is worthy of note that monthly payments on loans have been promptly paid during these trying times, only one loan being in arrears as much as ninety days.

The secretary's report brought out the fact that over \$300,000.00 has been saved in monthly installments by members of the Aberdeen Building & Loan association since it was organized ten years ago this month, bearing out the opinion that the Building and Loan has been worth more than any other single factor in building up a sound citizenship in this community.

President G. C. Seymour called attention to the opening of the twenty-first series of installment stock this month, and pointed out the desirability of Building & Loan shares as a savings plan to fit any pocketbook, with an earning rate of 6 3/4, non-taxable, and one of very few types of investment worth 100 cents on the dollar today.

The following board of directors were elected for the year 1932: G. C. Seymour, F. D. Shamburger, M. H. Folley, H. A. Gunter, E. M. Medlin, T. D. McLean, Henry McC. Blue, John Fiddner, J. Talbot Johnson and D. I. McKeithen.

### Pinehurst's Fine Report

After hearing a most favorable report from its treasurer, radiating optimism for 1932, the Pinehurst Building and Loan Association at its annual meeting.

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## Expense of Recorder's Court Worries County

Commissioners To Consider Ways and Means of Cutting Down on Cases

So many cases are being passed up to the Recorder's Court at Carthage from the mayors and justices of the peace of the county that a hole is being shot in the county budget, the Board of County Commissioners has discovered. The matter was discussed at Monday's board meeting and the sentiment seemed to prevail that many of these cases could and should be disposed of at the court of original jurisdiction where witnesses and others are convenient, thereby eliminating the costs attendant upon carrying the cases to Carthage.

It was revealed that of \$5,000 carried in the budget for the Recorder's Court, nearly \$4,000 of the amount has been used up already by the increasing work brought before the court. The subject is to come up again and full inquiry made into the situation, the causes and possible remedy.

## County Awaits Decision on Status of Funds as Preferred Deposits

### A Questionnaire

H. F. Seawell, Jr., Wants To Know the Facts About Moore County Finances

Editor, The Pilot:

It is with a feeling of anxiety that a good many people read the recent issues of the Moore county weekly papers. It must be very embarrassing to our new tax collector, Mr. Huntley, to read weekly accounts of his virtues and goodness, and in the same paragraph see that in spite of all this our good commissioners have adopted the Amos 'n Andy system of check and double-check just to play safe.

Why is it necessary for so many whitewashing articles to appear on the front pages of our weekly papers? How long will the people of Moore county put up with this sort of "hush campaign"? Are not the tax payers and humble citizens of Moore entitled to know why all this? Will the commissioners of Moore county offer a complete audit of all the County agencies? Has one ever been published? Did not our local sheets extoll the virtues of our former collector? Did we not at that time have an auditor to audit our auditor? Is that not check and double-check? Did that auditor lay his figures before the commissioners? If he did and they say it, why was the County's money kept in some other place than the depository? Under these circumstances who is to blame, auditor, tax collector or commissioner?

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## E. E. Brantley Dies at His Home in Aberdeen

One of Town's Best Known Citizens Succumbs in His 73rd Year

Death came peacefully on Tuesday morning to Eugene Erwin Brantley, after two weeks of intense suffering from an acute attack of diabetes, sufferer at his home in Aberdeen.

Mr. Brantley was in his 73rd year, and was one of Aberdeen's best known citizens. He came to Aberdeen from Harnett county about 40 years ago and had made a wide circle of friends in this community to whom his death came as a distinct shock.

Funeral services for Mr. Brantley were conducted at Old Bethesda Church on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with interment in the adjoining cemetery by the side of his wife, who preceded him about 12 years ago. The Rev. E. L. Barber, pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducted the services.

Mr. Brantley leaves surviving him five children, three daughters, Mrs. J. G. Campbell and Mrs. William Matthews of Aberdeen, and Mrs. George Moger of Gloucester, Va., and two sons, Robert Brantley of Columbia, S. C., and John Brantley of Lillington, all of whom were at his bedside at the time of his passing.

Besides his children, he leaves one sister, Mrs. Sidney Moore of Lillington and three brothers, S. D. Brantley of Lillington, J. D. Brantley of Wilmington and J. P. Brantley of Erwin.

### MISS BLAIR INJURED IN GEORGIA AUTO ACCIDENT

The merry party of Southern Pines young ladies leaving home last Thursday for Ormond, Florida were involved in an accident near Brunswick, Ga., Friday, causing serious injuries to Miss Helen Blair. Miss Blair's parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. McNeil Blair, flagged the Orange Blossom Special and rushed to Brunswick Friday night, bringing Miss Blair home as soon as she could be moved.

The party, composed of the Misses Blair, Katherine Wiley and Jessica and Helen Thompson driving, swerved out of their course to avoid a cow in the road and the car overturned in the ditch.

Will Demand \$23,132.75 from Bonding Company if Checks Are Not Preferential

### DOES NOT EXPECT LOSS

Demand for payment of the \$23,132.75 of county tax money tied up in the failure of the Bank of Vass will be made upon Maryland Casualty Company, which bonded J. D. McLean, former tax collector, if and when the State Banking Department decides the certified and cashier's checks issued against these deposits are not preferred claims against the bank.

So said Wilbur J. Currie, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners in an interview with The Pilot this week.

Mr. Currie stated that the bonding company has been officially notified of the situation the county found itself in following the closing of the Vass institution, but that the commissioners thought best to wait for a decision on the status of the two checks held by Mr. McLean before making formal demand for payment by the Maryland Casualty.

### Many Bad Checks

These two checks, one a certified check for \$13,109.97 and one a cashier's check for \$10,022.78, were among those turned in to the county by Mr. McLean when he made his settlement with the board last month. This settlement was accepted with exceptions: The cashier's and certified check were not accepted, nor were several bad checks given Mr. McLean by property owners in payment for taxes. The last legislature made it possible to re-advertise land for which taxes were paid with bad checks, and the county commissioners have instructed Mr. McLean to advertise the property involved the first Monday in March.

The certified and cashier's checks covering \$23,132.75 of the county tax money have been filed with the banking department by Mr. McLean with the exception of their being considered preferred claims and being paid. If they are not so held, or the liquidation of the Bank of Vass fails to produce sufficient capital to cover the checks, then the bonding company will be called upon to make restitution under the terms of the bond given the county by Mr. McLean.

"The commissioners have been working for the best interest, as they saw it, of the county and everyone involved in this unfortunate tie-up of tax funds," Mr. Currie said. "Legal advice was sought and followed.

"But under no consideration do we expect to lose the principal or interest," he stated.

## Civic Club To Observe Its 25th Anniversary

Splendid Program Arranged for February 12th and Public Invited

The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Pines Civic Club will be held in the club house on Friday afternoon, February 12th at 3:00 o'clock. Mrs. Melvin Sanborn will read a paper on "Patriotism in Art" and the music committee will present the following program: Miss Bishop and Miss Jenks, violinist and cellist, in four short trios with Miss Yeomans at the piano, followed by two piano pupils of Mrs. Claude Hafer, Misses Ruth Cameron and Ruth Thompson, who will play solos by Haydn and Beethoven, respectively.

As this meeting marks the 25th anniversary of the Civic Club's existence, the committee in charge is arranging for a brief review of its history in the form of three minute talks by members most familiar with its past, and to this end all charter members who may be in town, whether or not they have retained their membership, are urged to be present. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting and the usual cordial invitation is issued to the general public to attend.

The directors meeting will be held on February 11th, at the residence of A. B. Yeomans at 3:00 p. m.