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COUNTY TEACHERS THREATENED WITH SALARY HOLD-UPS

Those in Extended School Terms
Asked by Thomas To Wait
For Their Pay

FUNDS ARE UNCERTAIN

In view of the uncertainty of having funds available to pay extended school term salaries, County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas is this week sending out letters to the principals and teachers of the long term schools of the county giving them the opportunity of accepting or rejecting certain terms in regard to salaries for the extended term. The body of the letter is as follows:

"In order that the Board of Education may know how to formulate plans for carrying on the 1931-32 extended school terms in Moore county, I am asking that you immediately sign and promptly return to me one of the statements appearing below. Failure to receive a reply within a reasonable time will serve as an indication that you do not care to sign for the extended term and we shall proceed to make plans accordingly. You are hereby requested not to make any debts beyond the actual cost of board and lodging with the expectation of paying same from the extended school term salary. The present unsettled economic situation makes necessary a calm and serious consideration of the matter before you." The acceptance is worded as follows:

"Being conscious of the present economic crisis and the difficulty of collecting school taxes resulting therefrom and being willing as a public servant to bear a fair share of the burden imposed thereby, I hereby promise to serve through the entire extended school term of 1931-32, in the same capacity as now engaged, and further agrees to wait for my salary for this service until and not later than such time as local tax collections in the District become ample to make payment for same. It is further understood that I am to expect payment of an amount not less than actual cost of board and lodging for the extended school term at the earliest possible date after due, and not later than July 1, 1932. It is further understood that I am to be paid my pro rata share of the salary fund at reasonable intervals as promptly as possible but not in excess of actual collections accruing to the credit of the district."

Town Fathers Wield Axe in Southern Pines

Vote Salary Reduction and Budget Cuts To Effect
\$2,622 Saving

A total of \$2,622, was slashed from the budget of the Town of Southern Pines at a long session of the Board of Town Commissioners on Wednesday evening. Most of the reduction in expenses was made by slashing salaries of town employes. These were voted, but as the axe has not yet fallen no statement was given out as to who is hit, or how much, but it is understood that practically all those on the payroll will be affected.

This slash in expenses of running the town brings the total budget cuts this year to close to \$5,000, it is said. Other economies had previously been voted. The elimination of certain lights about town was decided upon Wednesday night to cut down the electricity bill.

On the other side of the ledger, the commissioners adopted a license tax to produce additional revenue. No statement was given out as to who is hit by the tax, but it is said to be widespread in its coverage. Those at the meeting were Mayor Stutz, Commissioners Stevens, O'Callaghan, Case, Patch and Yeomans.

"BUTTER AND EGG MAN" AT COUNTRY CLUB TONIGHT

"The Butter and Egg Man," a comedy, will be presented by the Little Theatre group of Charlotte at the Southern Pines Country Club this Friday, evening. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Unemployment fund.

"Homewood," Cooperatively Built Colonial Home, Is Sold



'Homewood,' Colonial Home on Heights of Knollwood, is Sold to Harry H. Beckwith

Paneful But True

County Invests in New Windows
for Court House as
Result of Carthage Fire

And speaking of panes, the Moore County Court House has about a hundred new ones. The damage caused some time ago by the terrific heat from a burning building has just been repaired. We didn't stop to count them, but it is said that around 150 window panes and some plate glass doors were cracked by the heat, and these are being replaced.

Replica of "Westover" and "Carrollton" Residences Was
Built Cooperatively

5 ADDITIONAL LOTS

Mr. Beckwith Purchases Entire Acreage from Crest Road to Pee Dee Road Surrounding House.—To Occupy Residence March First.

Harry B. Emery of Pinehurst this week announces the sale of the "Homewood" house at Knollwood to Harry H. Beckwith, of Brookline, Mass., owner of the Beckwith Manufacturing Company, producers of textile felts on a large scale. Possession is taken immediately. In fact the new owners are already shipping furniture and equipment to Knollwood, and they will occupy the fine structure the balance of the season, expecting to get into the house by March 1.

"Homewood" was built as a model house of high character and at an expense rather above the general run of outstanding homes in this part of the country, but with the idea in mind of providing such a home as would appeal to some appreciative individual interested in establishing a permanent or a winter residence in this climate and locality. With that in view a number of builders and supply concerns joined in the movement, with the result that "Homewood" is perhaps the most accurate example of the old Southern Colonial country place in the state. It is fitted to its surroundings, in every way built to carry out the story of the older home types, much of the material in its construction made especially to give the early day character to the building, and the location chosen to carry out the harmony of the plan.

Adds To Acreage

The purchase includes not only the original holding of lots 208A, 208B and 210, on which the big house has been built, but also 207A, 207B, and 209 in the rear of the house property and also 211 and 212, farther out Crest road, giving the buyer the entire acreage from Crest road to the Pee Dee road and more than half the frontage on Crest road between Daffodil road and Serpentine drive.

Built in response to the idea that this section contains no outstanding old-type home giving the aristocratic conception of the ante-bellum Southern mansion that many visitors expect to find here, the plans for "Homewood," made by W. C. Holleyman, Jr., Greensboro architect, were drawn largely from "Westover," the Virginia home of Governor Byrd, and from "Carrollton," the Maryland home of Charles Carroll, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The stately house is situated on a knob of the Knollwood section commanding an expansive view of the Sandhills. It is close by the homes of William C. Fownes, Jr., of Pittsburgh and Halbert J. Blue, Jr. It was finished about a year ago.

Built by Many Hands

It was built cooperatively by a number of public-spirited citizens of the section who believed we should have here an example of Southern architecture of the old school. Architect, artisan, material men, landscape engineer, manufacturer, joined hands and means and the following individuals and concerns together created the structure that is a close representation of the most significant of the early Colonial American days:

House designed by the offices of W. C. Holleyman, Jr., architect, Greensboro, N. C. Jewell-Riddle Company, principal sub-contractors, artisans and material men were as follows: Brick and hollow tile by Borden Brick & Tile Company, Sanford, N. C.; Electrical work, Pinehurst, Inc., Pinehurst, N. C.; Electric lighting fixtures by Handell & Company, Meridian, Conn.; Electric refrigeration, Carolina Power & Light Company; Flagstone, J. W. Pickler, Aberdeen, N. C.; Flooring, R. L. Dresser, Raleigh, N. C.; Heating, Pinehurst, Inc.; Hardware, Pinehurst Warehouses,

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Harry Blagden, Former Pinehurst Resident, Kidnapped by Thugs

Taken from Adirondack Camp
by Men Who Thought They
Had Roland Harriman

Harry H. Blagden, former instructor in the Pinehurst Boys' School at Littlecote, and for several years manager at Overhills for Percy A. Rockefeller and the Harrimans, was kidnapped from his camp in the Adirondack Mountains, N. Y., Friday night by three men, and only succeeded in escaping by slugging his guard into insensibility in Cleveland, Ohio on Monday of this week. He made his way to the home of a friend in Cleveland where he told this story:

1. He said he was seized at Timber Lake Friday night. He disappeared from the Lake Placid Club last Thursday night.

2. He says he believes the kidnapers mistook him for E. Roland Harriman, son of the late E. H. Harriman, railroad magnate, who was to have been his host at Lake Placid. Roland Harriman is a frequent Pinehurst visitor and is stabling his trotters at the Pinehurst track this winter.

3. He believes there were 17 men in the kidnaping band. He says he saw 14 besides the three who seized him known as "Jim," "Zeke" and "Curly." It was Curly, he says whom he beat when he escaped in Cleveland.

4. He told his brother, Augustus S. Blagden, in a telephone conversation between Saranac Lake and Cleveland, that he was treated well for all except the last 48 hours. In other statements he says he was drugged soon after his capture, kept in a half daze and threatened with death repeatedly.

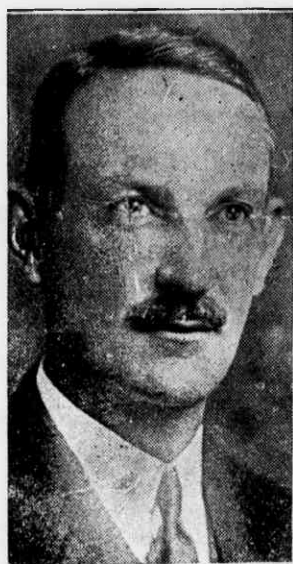
Blagden was in Pinehurst during the years 1916, 1917 and 1918, after which he went over to Overhills to look after the Rockefeller estate there. Later he established a camp near Lake Placid in the Adirondack mountains of New York state, and this camp has been a frequent retreat for residents of the Sandhills. Albert and James Tufts, Warren Bicknell, Jr., Lambert Splaine and Paul Dana have been visitors there on a number of occasions, and Mr. Dana spends some time there every summer auditing the books of the camp for Mr. Blagden.

A despatch to The Pilot from Cleveland tells more in detail the story of the kidnaping.

Drawn and white, his body covered with bruises, Harry H. Blagden lay in bed at the home of a friend, Claude J. Peck, here today and told police a weird tale of his escape from kidnapers he said seized him at Timber Lake, near Lake Placid, last Friday. Blagden, half-dressed and almost unconscious, stumbled into Peck's home at midnight, after eluding his captors, he said, in Cleveland. They had brought him in a closed delivery truck.

Blagden said he believed the kid-

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HARRY H. BLAGDEN

6,000 Trees Planted Here by Unemployed

Work To Be Continued as Funds
For Purpose Are Made
Available

The tree planting in Aberdeen is being carried along as an unemployment project as rapidly as funds are available to pay the small sums meted out to the men. Thirty to 45 men have been kept at work at least two days a week each for some time now, and much planting accomplished, but it was revealed at a meeting of the Good Fellows Club on Monday that the treasury was depleted. Contributions from citizens are being solicited, and checks will be welcome, M. H. Folley, president of the club, said yesterday.

Plans were set in motion Monday for the giving of some sort of a benefit entertainment to raise funds for the continuance of the work. To date more than 6,000 trees have been planted, mostly pines, along Bethesda road leading out to the cemetery, along the Pinehurst road to the city line, out the Pinebluff highway to the city line and out the Raeford road to the town boundary. Next on the program as soon as funds are available comes the Laurinburg road, after which it is proposed to plant the vacant lots on the highway toward Southern Pines and to work around the pines planted some time ago by the Kiwanis Club.

Gloma Charles and H. W. Doub were appointed a committee to arrange the entertainment. It is likely that a negro minstrel show will be the result. G. C. Seymour heads the committee which has had supervision of the planting thus far, and has been "on the job" with his gang of unemployed much of the time.

\$1,160.49 RAISED IN TUBERCULOSIS SEAL SALE HERE

Mrs. Cheatham, County Chair-
man Submits Report of
1931 Campaign

17 TOWNS "OVER TOP"

The annual Tuberculosis Seal Sale in Moore county netted \$1,160.49 in 1931. Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, county chairman, reported this week. Eighteen communities contributed to the cause, and of the total sum, \$113.60 came from colored residents of the county. In submitting her report to the treasurer, Dan I. McKeithen, Mrs. Cheatham writes:

"The final returns from the 1931 Tuberculosis Seal Sale drive have been slow in coming in, but I am glad to at last be able to make my report. I am enclosing said report, and a check for \$1,160.49. I am very proud of the fact that nine of the seventeen places reported went over last year. Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Carthage went well over, and many of the smaller places had fine reports. Southern Pines did practically as well as last year.

"I feel that our colored friends deserve real credit for raising \$113.60 when we all know how hard pressed they were. It is also encouraging to me that twenty-two of our county

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Tobacco Sales Here Under 3,000,000 Lbs.

Average Paid On Aberdeen Mar-
ket During January Under
Six Cents

Aberdeen's two tobacco warehouses sold 2,961,696 pounds of tobacco during the season just closed, according to the figures of the Crop Reporting Service of the State-Federal Departments of Agriculture.

January was a bad month for the grower. The average paid in Aberdeen was \$5.31 a hundred pounds as compared with \$10.49 a year ago January. Prices at this season are usually the lowest of the year, however, due to the inclusion of much scrap tobacco. The average in Carthage for January was \$6.20 per cwt., as against \$14.12 a year ago. Carthage's total sales for the season were 3,262,898 pounds. The Old Bright Belt as a whole sold, up to February 1st, close to 39,000,000 pounds less tobacco than a year ago.

The season's price to date for the state is \$8.93 as compared with \$13.14 a year ago and \$18.40 two years ago. Considerable tobacco was returned to the farms without an offer. This was used as bedding and for fertilizer purposes. Such tobacco sold the year before at from one to five cents.

The Sanford market sold 3,901,996 pounds during the season just closed.

COUNTY ALLOTTED 20 DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

Charlotte Probably Meeting
Place for Democrats To
Name 1931 Ticket

16 G. O. P. DELEGATES

Moore county will have 20 delegates and the same number of alternates, based on one of both for every 150 votes or major fraction thereof in the last gubernatorial election, to the State Democratic convention, which will probably be held in May either in Raleigh or Charlotte, as determined at the meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee of 120 members, called to meet in Raleigh March 1st by State Chairman Odus M. Mull, Shelby.

The executive committee will set a common day for precinct meeting, to be followed by a common day for county conventions, at which delegates will be elected to the State convention, preceding which, on the same day, will be held the Congressional district meetings of the delegates to name members of the executive committee, platform and other convention committees.

Belief now is that the State convention will be held in Charlotte, since it is expected that there will be uncertainty when the executive committee meets as to whether or not the Raleigh Auditorium, now being built, will be completed and furnished in time for the convention. The convention date is expected to be in advance of the June primary date, in accordance with usual custom, which, however, was changed two years ago. The convention will adopt a platform and elect delegates to the National Democratic convention to be held in Chicago. It remains to be seen whether or not there will be efforts to instruct delegates to the State convention, or to the National convention. Indications are now that efforts will be made to have the delegates instructed for Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Buncombe, the banner Democratic county, will have 103 delegates to the State convention. Mecklenburg will have 101, Guilford 90, Wake 79 and Forsyth 75. Buncombe also leads in number of delegates to the Republican State convention to be held in Charlotte April 14, based on one for each 200 Republican votes.

Moore county will have 16 delegates to the Republican meeting.

ANNUAL MASQUERADE BALL AT HIGHLAND PINES INN

Next Monday night, February 22nd, has been set by Messrs. Creamer and Turner of the Highland Pines Inn for the twentieth annual Washington's Birthday masquerade ball, and the ball room and parlors of this splendid hostelry will be open to the masqueraders and their friends of the Sandhills. The grand march will begin promptly at 9:00, opening one of the largest and most colorful affairs of the season. Music will be furnished by the hotel orchestra.

The augmented Highland Pines Inn Orchestra, under the direction of Charles Pier, will furnish the music.

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