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ECONOMIZE FIRST, THEN SEEK TAXES, SAYS MAXWELL

Candidate for Governor Sees
Hope for Future Only With
Real Readjustments

KIWANIS CLUB SPEAKER

State Commander of Revenue Allen J. Maxwell, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of North Carolina, sees the end of depression and hope for the future, but only when real readjustments in the cost of operating county, state and nation have taken place.

"It is and will continue to be impossible to set up tax laws to yield from taxpayers a sum necessary to meet the total inflated basis of governmental costs set up by State and Nation," he told members of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen at their weekly meeting in the Community Church at Pinehurst on Wednesday. "We must eliminate all luxuries in public service. Then and then only should we begin the hunt for additional taxes."

Commissioner Maxwell was paid a high tribute as the "watchdog of the State treasury" by Assemblyman U. L. Spence, who introduced him to the Kiwanians. In reply Mr. Maxwell said that the State was deeply indebted to Moore county for sending Mr. Spence to the legislature, where he had handled the most difficult job of chairman of the finance committee with rare distinction. Then after quoting Eddie Cantor, who, when a friend told him times weren't as bad as folks thought, said: "Well, if this ain't a depression, it's the smallest boom we've had in years," Mr. Maxwell pitched into his subject of governmental finance.

A Lesson from England

England, he said, had cleaned house when it found its leaders recommended a budget which would have meant a huge deficit in governmental operation. Here our leaders bring in a budget calling for a two and one-half billion dollar deficit, and it barely staggers us. He talked about the sales tax as a means of additional taxation, stating he considered this ill advised as a State tax, though possibly a satisfactory tax if imposed by the nation, because Uncle Sam can equalize it with the tariff which states cannot do. "The hopes for the future are abundant," he said. "For encouragement we need but to look back over the road we have traveled. We have just been celebrating the birthday of George Washington. What a pitifully weak nation of 13 states we were back there. We have traveled far, and with proper economical readjustments will continue farther."

J. C. Pittman of Sanford, lieutenant governor of this Kiwanis division, was also a guest at the meeting Wednesday and made a few remarks. After the meeting of the club he presided over a meeting of officers and directors of the local club to discuss Kiwanis advancement. He also announced a divisional meeting of all clubs in his district at the Y. M. C. A. in Fayetteville next Friday at 6:30 o'clock. A delegation from the Aberdeen club will attend.

Over 600 Attend Annual Highland Pines Ball

Masquerade At Inn One of Most
Successful and Enjoyable
In History

One of the most colorful affairs of the season was the annual Washington's Birthday masquerade ball held at the Highland Pines Inn Saturday. Many guests from the Sandhills villages intermingled with the winter residents and visitors and a crowd estimated at six hundred made the 20th anniversary of this event outstanding.

Prizes were offered for the most original man, the most original girl and the prettiest girl. The judges for the occasion were Hon. C. Herbert Moore, Spolane, Washington; I. Clement Collier, Garden City, N. Y.; Miss L. D. Smyth, attorney, Union City, N. J.; and Mrs. Geraldine Dru-

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Real Old Time Colored Minstrels to Benefit Aberdeen Unemployed

Joe Lashley To Put On Potpourri
of Melody and Comedy at
Dixie Theatre

At the Dixie Theatre in Aberdeen next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock the famous Joe Lashley aggregation will give a hot potpourri in which various artists will take active part. Negro spirituals by genuine negroes who know how to sing, the celebrated Washboard orchestra, the Lashley string band, double and single quartets, a minstrel feature with jokes so fresh and startling they will curl your hair, and all the necessary filling that Joe Lashley uses in making up his programs.

Gloma Charles, H. W. Doub and Talbot Johnson are the sponsors of this feast joy, the purpose being to secure funds for the unemployment situation that is confronting Aberdeen. An admission fee of 25 cents minimum will be charged, but anybody who has more money will be given an opportunity to sweeten the collection for a good purpose.

If anybody in this section does not know Joe Lashley and the company of artists he gathers when he puts on a thing of this kind it is time to get acquainted with him, for he knows his lines and all that goes with them. He will be reinforced by a selected number of specialists from Hamlet and some other places who will present features that will polish off the whole affair.

The motive for the show is primarily to afford funds for the unemployment movement, but the management is also undertaking to provide a program that will give everybody a run for the money that is paid, and as the funds go to improve the village of Aberdeen there is a further stimulus to get in the show and see the fun.

Teachers To Stick Through Long Term

Show Fine Spirit in Agreeing To
Full School Year if Pay
is Curtailed

The response from teachers in long term schools of the county seems to indicate that school terms will not be cut short in any of the districts of the county, said County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas in speaking of the action of the teachers following the receipt of letters sent out last week in regard to a possible delay in the payment of salaries for the extended term. Those from whom replies have been received to date have unanimously agreed to teach the extended term and wait for pay until such time as taxes are collected. They have shown a fine spirit, he said.

However, tax collections in a number of the special taxing districts have come in so rapidly during the past week that these districts already have to their credit sufficient funds to pay all teachers and to meet other obligations for the entire extended term, according to Mr. Thomas.

There will be approximately 250 more children attending long term schools in Moore county this year than ever before. This is made possible by a ruling of the Equalization Board in which districts that participate in the tax reduction fund will not be allowed to stop children coming from non local taxing territory at the end of the six months term.

Leap Year Minstrels at Southern Pines To Feature Beauty Chorus Ziegfeld Would Envy

The curtain will ring up on the Old Plantation cast of the Leap Year Minstrels Friday night, March 4th at the Southern Pines Country Club and reveal a beauty chorus that Mr. Ziegfeld should see, as well as singing and dancing, end men and picaninnyes galore.

Uncle Joe, Sambo, Rastus and Lightning have gone into seclusion for the time being and your reporter is unable to find out what they are going to do or say, but rumor has it that they will have some gossip and wit ready for the big night that will bring down the house.

Songs merry and harmonious are

Post's Namesake



THE LATE JOSEPH G. HENSON

PARENTS OF WAR HERO TO BE HOSTS TO LEGIONNAIRES

Members of Joseph G. Henson
Post, Carthage, To Visit Home
of Post's Namesake

BARBECUE THURSDAY EVE

Being entertained by the parents of the comrade in whose memory their post is named is the unique pleasure to which members of the Joseph G. Henson Post No. 12 of the American Legion are looking forward with eagerness, for Mr. and Mrs. John Henson have invited the legionnaires to hold the March meeting at their home twelve miles northwest of Carthage.

Every ex-service man in the county is invited to attend this meeting, which will be held at 6:30 o'clock on Thursday evening, March 3, and those who are not familiar with that part of the county are directed by an official legionnaire to follow Route 74 for nine miles out of Carthage, turn to the left, and continue until the savory smell of pigs and mutton sizzling over the coals tells them that there is nothing better farther on, for a real barbecue feast is to be a high light of the evening's program. The entertainment committee is composed of Legionnaires H. Lee Thomas, W. W. Dalrymple and L. Tillman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henson had three sons to see service over seas in the World War, Walter, John and Joseph G. Joseph G. Henson served in Company F, 356th Infantry, 77th Division, the famous "Lost Division." He was fatally wounded on the morning of November 11, 1918 in the Argonne, and passed away on November 13 without having regained consciousness. His body was brought back to the States in the early part of 1920 and buried at the Mt. Carmel cemetery, near the Henson home.

LELAND McKEITHEN ON DAVIDSON HONOR ROLL

Aberdeen is represented on the honor roll at Davidson College, announced this week by the register. To attain the honor roll requires a general minimum average of 95 per cent, and 37 students "made the grade." Leland McKeithen of Aberdeen, now a junior at Davidson, is among the group, the only one from this section. He is a son of E. T. McKeithen, financial manager of the Moore County Hospital.

the order of the evening. Banjos, guitars, tambourines and piano will blend in the rendition of old harmonies that the whole world loves, together with the newest from Broadway. So it looks as if it might be worth while to reserve Friday night, March 4th for the minstrel show. Tickets will be on sale at Broad Street Pharmacy Monday, February 29th, so better make your reservations there. Also tickets may be obtained from any of the ladies of the Civic Club, for whose benefit the performance is being given. Mrs. W. C. Mudgett heads the committee on ticket sales and reservations may be made with her for good seats.

G. C. SEYMOUR NOT TO STAND AGAIN FOR COMMISSIONER

Sandhills Section Must Find New
Representative for County
Governing Board

SOME POLITICAL GOSSIP

Bion H. Butler
Political gossip begins to float about now, and as the subject is of more than ordinary importance The Pilot has been listening to some of the talk. Mr. Seymour says he is under no circumstances considering another term in the office of county commissioner. His business affairs require his time to such an extent that he cannot take up the county business for another two years. Public sentiment seems much in favor of him if he will run again, but he says not, and says it with emphasis which he means to be convincing.

Mr. Matheson, while not hunting for employment, says if he is regarded by the people as a desirable man he will make the race, but that he has no notion of forcing himself to the front. He has been regarded as a man of more than ordinary value in the office, the conservatism attributed to him being looked on as a safety-valve in county matters. Some folks have pronounced Matheson as too conservative at times, but if he is a candidate again it is a good guess that his conservative and watchful policy will count as a strong asset in the campaign.

Mr. Seymour, under the new law that gives five commissioners, appointed among the five different sections of the county, will leave a vacancy to be filled by Sandhills and Mineral Springs townships. Folks interested in the county government have suggested two or three names as successors, among the others Frank Shamburger and Henry Blue, both of Aberdeen. Neither of these men has been seen by The Pilot to know

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J. D. Arey To Develop New Sugg Farm Land

Purchases 12 Acres With Frontage
on Route 50.—To Build
a Home

J. D. Arey, of the Southern Pines Warhouses, has bought from the Sugg farm on the highway just out of Southern Pines a tract of 12 acres which gives promise of a future addition to the village that will be of value. The land fronts 417 feet on Route 50 and extends back along the road toward the Watson lake 1,115 feet.

It is Mr. Arey's intention as soon as his plans can be worked out to build a house on the front part of the lot, for which purpose he has set aside about five acres. Back of that along the Watson road he will cut out three pieces some 200 feet in front and running back about 200 feet, making approximately acre-lots. At the end of his tract a road goes back from the Watson road, and on the north side of the tract bought Mr. Arey and Mr. Sugg will cut a 50 foot road between their holdings. On this road another three tracts of an acre each will be staked out, making six pieces of an acre each, which will be offered to a good type of buyers under certain restrictions that will ensure a good type of homes on land of ample room for such homes. It is not the intention to rush this acreage to sale, as Mr. Arey's idea was to secure for himself a site on which he can make for himself such a place as he desires, with a house costing probably \$10,000, and to have ground enough in his immediate vicinity that he can cut to advantage to interest others who will care for sufficient space to put other houses that will be attractive to him as neighbors. He figured that conditions have been reached that suggest this as a good time to buy, as he interprets the future to mean that when the depression clears up, as it seems now about to do, land along Route 50 out of Southern Pines will be worth some money and in demand for a site for homes convenient to the village and of good type.

Cabinet Officer Here



OGDEN MILLS

The newly appointed Secretary of the Treasury, confirmed by the United States Senate last week to succeed Andrew Mellon, new Ambassador to Great Britain, has been a guest in Pinehurst during the past week. With him were Mrs. Mills and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Stevenson of Long Island.

MARCH 29 AND 30 SET FOR ANNUAL HORSE SHOW HERE

New Classes To Feature 15th
Annual Exhibition at
Pinehurst

OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED

Plans for the 15th annual Pinehurst Horse Show were announced this week by the show secretary, Charles W. Picquet. The show will be under the management of the Pinehurst Jockey Club as usual, and the dates have been set for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29th and 30th. Entries close with Mr. Picquet on March 14th.

Officials of the show have been as follows: Executive Committee, N. S. Hurd, chairman; Col. G. P. Hawes, Nelson C. Hyde, Richard S. Tufts and Charles W. Picquet. The Committee on Entries includes Mr. Picquet, A. C. Alexander, A. R. Balsam, James Boyd, J. D. Callery, C. T. Crocker, Col. Hawes, Augustine Healy, Mrs. W. D. Hyatt, Nelson Hyde, W. T. Laing, J. B. Lloyd, Verner Z. Reed, P. S. Randolph, W. V. Slocock, L. M. Tate, Mrs. Richard Tufts, M. H. Turner and Burrell G. White. The officers of the Pinehurst Jockey Club are Leonard Tufts, president; Nelson C. Hyde, vice president; Charles Picquet, secretary, and the following stewards: Mr. Tufts, N. S. Hurd, Verner Z. Reed, Col. Hawes and P. S. Randolph.

The following have been invited to judge: Warner Baltazzi, New York, saddle horses and hunters; Frank N. Miller, Overhills, polo ponies; Dr. G. B. Giltner, Estill Springs, Tenn., trotters and pacers; General McCloskey, Fort Bragg, military classes. Augustine Healy, Southern Pines, is ring master and Col. Hawes ring supervisor.

Many Classes Carded

The premium list calls for six classes for trotters and pacers, 17 saddle horse classes, two saddle pony classes, 13 classes for hunters, five for jumpers, a class for best girl rider, another for best boy rider and one for best pair of riders, boy and girl under 16 years of age. There are nine polo pony classes, four military classes, and five classes for army polo ponies, open only to property of U. S. forces and officers of the regular army.

Trophies and ribbons will be given in practically all classes, the exceptions being a few trotter and pacer classes where money prizes have been offered.

A feature of this year's show will be Class 35, which calls for the showing of hunters over an outside course instead of in the ring. There will be seven jumps over a distance of approximately 1,000 feet to give the judges an opportunity to see hunters work as they are called upon to do when actually hunting, rather than just their show ring performance.

MOORE COUNTY TO CALL ON BONDING CO. FOR TAX MONEY

McLean's Checks Not Preferred,
State Banking Department
Tells Commissioners

\$23,132 IN BANK OF VASS

Demand for payment of the \$23,132.75 of county tax money tied up in the Bank of Vass which failed last September will be made upon the Maryland Casualty Company, which bonded J. D. McLean, former tax collector, by the Board of Commissioners when it meets in its next regular session on the first Monday in March, according to Wilbur H. Currie, chairman of the board. This action follows the receipt by the chairman of a letter from the State Banking Department stating that the two checks held by Mr. McLean have been set up as common claims.

These checks, a cashier's check for \$10,032.78 and a certified check for \$13,109.97, were among those turned in to the county by Mr. McLean when he made his settlement in January. The board did not accept these checks, whereupon Mr. McLean filed them with the State Banking Department with the expectation of their being preferred claims. The commissioners notified the bonding company of the situation the county was in, but did not make formal demand for payment, thinking that it would be the wiser plan to wait until the first of March to see what the decision of the Banking Department would be.

County Finances O. K.

In recent editions of State papers, Moore county was written up along with a number of other counties as being in arrears with payment of funds to the State of North Carolina. In speaking of this, Chairman Wilbur H. Currie of the county board says that the \$416 listed against Moore county does not represent a county debt, but a special school district debt which is charged against the county by the State. However, this has since been settled.

The county affairs are in good shape, with the county indebtedness being reduced all the time. All of the short term loans have been paid except one, and this will be paid in March, Mr. Currie states. The board is grateful for the loyal support which the citizens of the county are giving in these times when money is scarce and it is especially anxious for a continuation of this loyalty in the form of prompt payment of taxes in order that the long term schools of the county may continue to operate and in order that funds may be provided for meeting bonds and interest. The county has never yet defaulted on any bonds or interest, and the commissioners are anxious to keep up this record.

Early Morning Blaze Destroys Fouts House

Families Have Narrow Escape
as Residence Near Aberdeen
Lake Burns

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the old Fouts place in Aberdeen, the fire being discovered at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning by a passer-by who quickly gave the alarm. The fire had gained such headway, however, by the time the fire company was able to respond that the large two storied house, containing ten rooms, was quickly burned to the ground.

The house was owned by J. Vance Ro. of Aberdeen, but was occupied by two families at the time of the fire. These barely escaped with their lives, and were unable to save much of their clothing or household effects. The place was partially covered by insurance.

The house, overlooking the Aberdeen lake, was built by S. E. Fouts of Washington, D. C., about 21 years ago, and at that time was considered one of the show places of this community.

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce is planning a series of dances to start Friday night, March 11.