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BOARD VOTES TO BORROW \$20,000 FOR FIVE MONTHS

County Commission Authorizes
Loans In Anticipation of
Taxes and for School

COURT FUNDS USED UP

At their meeting on Monday, the county commissioners authorized the borrowing of \$3,000 for 90 days for securing State funds for the extended term for rural schools, \$5,500 for 120 days for the same purpose for the special charter districts of Carthage, Aberdeen and Vass-Lakeview, and \$20,000 for 160 days in anticipation of taxes.

The board also voted to request the Moore County Bar to call off the second week of special term of May Superior court scheduled to convene on May 30, for the reason that the court funds budgeted are not sufficient to pay for said term.

Practically everything else was in the nature of reduction in valuation of real estate. Willie May Goins, colored, Carthage township, was granted a reduction of \$300 in valuation for the tax years of 1929 and 1930. Mrs. Emma Laubscher, McNeill township, was relieved of \$1,000 valuation listed as value of a house which was listed by error, there never having been a house on said lot, and the tax collected for 1931 on said valuation of \$1,000 is to be refunded to Mrs. Laubscher.

It was ordered that the real estate of Mrs. Annie B. Thompson of Aberdeen be relieved of \$500 valuation on lot improperly listed and also to correct the value of house lot to a valuation of \$1,000, same to apply to 1931 taxes.

A reduction in valuation of the real estate of F. M. Connell estate was ordered as follows: land, \$2,500; buildings, \$300, also, a reduction of \$50 on two tobacco barns of F. M. Connell.

It was ordered that the valuation of J. A. Freeman's 50 acres in Carthage township be fixed for taxation for years of 1928-31 at \$600 instead of values shown on tax list, and that tax be computed and collected for said property for said years.

W. J. Stuart's name was ordered removed from the outside poor list as of January 1, 1932, he having left the county. Isaac Brewer, Sheffield township was relieved of \$200 dog tax improperly listed. It was ordered that McI. Kennedy be relieved of \$4,000 solvent credits improperly listed, and that the \$100 listed as liabilities, Bank of Pinehurst, should be \$1,000.

Mrs. Hettie B. Stutts, Bensalem township, was relieved of taxes on 150 acres valued at \$1,460, also of \$1,000 valuation on account of a house having been torn down.

Duke Foundation Aids Cool Spring Church

Old Edifice Near Glendon Pulled Down to Make Way for Modern Building

The Cool Springs Methodist Church not far west of Glendon, in the upper part of the county, is a pleasing little story of community effort and self-dependence. The old church, now supplanted by a new one, goes back to the neighborhood of Civil War days, following a still less pretentious place in which the modest congregation gathered, and the folks have stuck together through two or three generations to carry on.

Recently a lift by the Duke Foundation gave them encouragement to build a new church. The old one was pulled down and the lumber carefully saved. Mill men in the neighborhood added to the quantity, without sending a bill. The folks came to help with the work of building, and now the new edifice is almost completed, a creditable, roomy, convenient modern church, and the whole cost of construction has come through with the principal contributions being in kind, and no money but that one Foundation contribution. Cool Springs is in a kindly neighborhood, folksy and helpful, an example that could be followed by other places with community benefit and friendly contact.

Former Sheriff or Bonding Company Must Pay County \$3,192, Says Jury

Tax Money Involved in Trial.
Willis Smith to Hear Aber-
deen-Southern Pines Fight

In a case entitled State of North Carolina on the relation of the County of Moore and the Board of Commissioners of the county of Moore versus Robert Gilliam Fry and Maryland Casualty Company, two issues were submitted to the jury. The first was:

"Is the defendant Robert Gilliam Fry indebted to the plaintiff and/or the treasurer of Moore county for any sum or sums of money by him collected for taxes or for failure to collect taxes, or for penalties and interest for such failures, during his term of office as sheriff of Moore county, as alleged in the complaint? If so, in what amount?"

The answer was "\$3,192.64." The second, "Is the defendant Maryland Casualty Company indebted to the plaintiff and/or the treasurer of Moore county as surety for the defendant, Robert Gilliam Fry, and as such liable, accountable and obligated for the payment of such sum by reason of the two bonds alleged in the complaint and attached thereto as exhibits?" was answered "yes."

The judgment in the case was that the payment of the said sum by Mr. Fry shall operate as a full and complete discharge as to both defendants, also that the payment by the Maryland Casualty Company shall operate as a full and complete release of all claims.

Three of the Pinehurst Finance Corporation cases were tried and all were appealed to the Supreme court. The Judge would not try any more until after the ruling of the Supreme court on some points of law involved.

A voluntary non-suit was granted the plaintiff, A. L. Luff, who had been seeking for some time to recoup \$120,000 alleged damages for alleged slander of himself by Joseph Levey and wife and others.

The jury was discharged and a new trial ordered when the jury failed to answer an issue as the Judge had told them to in a case in which the Tropical Paint and Oil Company, Inc. was suing George D. Carter for payment for some roof paint which he claimed was not as guaranteed.

Aberdeen Claims Property
A case arising from some disputed territory which is claimed by both Southern Pines and Aberdeen was referred to Willis Smith of Raleigh, who is to hear the evidence, find the facts and his conclusions of law thereon and report the same to the Court. The first hearing was ordered to be held at Aberdeen at the offices of Johnson and Johnson on the 15th day of April.

The disputed territory, which is around Weymouth Heights and represents a valuation of about \$400,000, was in the Aberdeen district until a few years ago when Southern Pines extended its territory an dtook it in. It already had a bond issue as a part of the Aberdeen district, and the Aberdeen district has been deprived of its bond taxes in that territory since the extension went into effect in 1926. As a result, Aberdeen has been unable to meet its bond obligations and is suing for bond taxes on the property since it was taken over by Southern Pines.

Mrs. W. A. BLUE HEADS COMMUNITY HOUSE ASS'N.

At the recent annual meeting of the Aberdeen Community House Association, Mrs. W. A. Blue was made president, with G. C. Seymour, vice-president. The only other change from the personnel of last year's officers is that Mrs. LeRoy Harrington was made chairman of the House Committee and those who wish to use the Community House will please see her for reservations.

GEORGIA EACHES DAMAGED

Reports from Georgia are to the effect that the peach crop in all that section of the state north of Macon has been totally destroyed, that the total Georgia crop will be the smallest in years this season. Sandhills trees on the other hand, are in fine shape, and orchardists optimistic.

Bachelors Busy

Unmarried Kiwanians Assign-
ed Task of Staging Club's
Annual Ladies' Night

The bachelor members of the Kiwanis Club have been appointed members of the committee to arrange the club's annual "Ladies' Night" to be held the latter part of this month, and the married members are wondering what is going to happen. When President Hyde appointed the committee at Wednesday's meeting Frank Buchan arose and questioned the appointments on the ground that "they have no idea what it costs to feed two." A number of the bachelors, seen recently at local restaurants accompanied by members of the fair sex, allowed they knew very well what it cost.

Anyway, here are the unmarrieds who are preparing to entertain the wives and sweethearts of the Sandhills: James Tufts, the Rev. J. F. Stimson, L. E. Pender, Henry Blue, Frank McCluer, Jack Taylor, Leon Seymour, Clement Munroe, E. W. Reineke, Archie Robertson and Hiram Westbrook.

CLUB WOMEN VOTE TO DECLARE WAR ON THE DEPRESSION

Decide Home Demonstration
Work Greater Benefit in Crisis
Than Ever Before

MEET AT ROCKINGHAM

The third annual meeting of the Ninth District State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs was held in the court house in Rockingham on Wednesday, of last week, with around 150 club women in attendance. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Nettie McLean of Lee county in the absence of the chairman, Mrs. I. J. McNeill of Lee. The district comprises the counties of Moore, Lee, Cumberland and Richmond, all of which were well represented.

Special speakers of the day were Mrs. D. A. McCormick of Robeson county, president of the State Federation, and Miss Isabel Busbee of Raleigh, well known landscape architect. Mrs. McCormick brought greetings from the State Federation and made a most inspiring address, stressing the club motto, "Character, Culture, Courage and Citizenship."

Miss Busbee's subject was "Art in the Garden," and she discussed in an interesting way the proper planting and arrangement of the home grounds and the pleasure to be derived from out-door living rooms.

Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, district supervisor, spoke briefly, among other things urging the beautifying of the highways with native shrubbery and the tearing down of bill boards.

The amount of work accomplished

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SPENCE WILL RUN ON PAST RECORD IF PARTY INSISTS

Representative Clarifies Position
in Statement Issued to
The Pilot

REVIEWS RALEIGH RECORD

In a statement given to The Pilot this week, Union L. Spence of Carthage, representative of this county in the House of Representatives at Raleigh during the last two sessions of that body, states clearly his position with regard to again standing for the Democratic nomination for that office. In summary the statement reveals that he will accede to the wishes of his friends and supporters if they insist, though he has "no desire to return as a member from the standpoint of ambition to occupy the office."

Mr. Spence was chairman of the most important committee of the House, that on Finance, during the last session of the Legislature, and has been prominently mentioned about the state as speaker of the next House if returned to Raleigh.

The statement reads:
So many people have asked me to be a candidate in the Democratic primary for member of the House of Representatives, that I feel it my duty to publicly express my attitude on the subject.

No candidate for the General Assembly this year should presume to solicit that office without taking the people into his fullest confidence.

I have had the honor and the great responsibility of representing the people of Moore county in the House of Representatives for the last two sessions; and while fully conscious that the legislation of these two sessions may be subject to some just criticism, I have a lively satisfaction in the accomplishments of the last session, in the main, and the part I was given the opportunity to take in bringing about that legislation. In appointing me chairman of the Finance Committee of the House the Speaker put me at the head of the most important and most powerful committee of that body. With the added duties of that position I worked almost unceasingly for five months.

Two Great Benefits

No legislature in a hundred years has in my opinion, accomplished as much in the interest of the people as did that body at its session of 1931, at one stroke in two measures.

First, it brought down taxes in one tumble in Moore county from one dollar and five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation to seventy-three cents, making a saving to the people of thirty-two cents on each one hundred dollars valuation. Look at your tax receipts and see.

Second, the support of the constitutional six months public school was placed upon the State itself and the counties relieved of that financial responsibility except as the State may require a contribution from the counties for that purpose; and when such contribution shall be required, any ad valorem taxes levied for such purpose shall be levied at the same rate throughout the state, thus making it impossible in the future for the rich counties like Forsythe and Mecklenburg to have much better schools at a fifteen cent levy than Moore county at a fifty-six cent levy. In bringing about this change in public school support, all school taxes for the six months term were limited to a levy by the counties of a fifteen

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Lines Position



UNION L. SPENCE

LAMBETH EXPLAINS HIS VOTE IN FAVOR OF REVENUE BILL

Attacks President and Republi-
can Party in Statement to
The Pilot

HAD TO BALANCE BUDGET

In an interview The Pilot representative in Washington this week, Congressman Walter Lambeth of this district explained his vote in favor of the Revenue bill. Mr. Lambeth said:

"I voted for the Revenue Bill of 1932 because a vote against the bill would have been a vote against balancing the Federal Budget. It is necessary for the Government to put its own house in order so as to restore confidence throughout the country. According even to the ultra-conservative estimate of the Secretary of the Treasury, this will balance the Budget."

"I was and still am strenuously opposed to the tariff features of the bill including duties on oil and coal as I did not feel it proper to write an incomplete tariff bill as a part of the Revenue Bill. There are other objectionable features of the bill but on the whole it was the best bill which we could hope to get in view of the political situation in Washington and the economic conditions prevailing in the country."

"When the manufacturers' sales tax was eliminated after the hardest fight on the floor of the House in many years, my major objection to the Committee Bill was overcome. I opposed the manufacturers' sales tax for four reasons:

The Sales Tax

"It was unfair in principle, violating the fundamental tenet of taxation—ability to pay.

"It was not necessary to balance the Budget as claimed by its proponents at the outset. This contention

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Yeomans, Author To Read for Library

Last of Series of Readings To-
day.—Katherine Burt, James
Boyd Delight Hearers

Last Friday Katharine Newlin Burt gave a reading in the Civic Club at Southern Pines for the benefit of the Library Association. The reading was prefaced by a trio of Haydn's compositions beautifully rendered by the string quartette. To do the disappointment of those who had hoped to hear Mrs. Gilkyson read her own poems, Struthers Burt read two delightful selections. Mrs. Burt was introduced by Walter Gilkyson.

James Boyd, author of "Drums," "Marching On," and "Long Hunt," delighted a large audience at the Civic Club yesterday afternoon in a reading from one of his works.

April 15, at the same hour, Edward Yeomans, author of "Shackled Youth," and a leader among the advocates of progressive education, will bring a new line of thought. This will conclude the series of authors' readings. If you have not attended it is not too late to begin; if you have been among those present you know what you will miss if you do not continue.

GIRL THREATENED AT POINT OF GUN BY TWO BANDITS

Masked Men Demand Money
from Miss McNeill at Home
in Upper Moore

SUSPECTS UNDER ARREST

Two bandits, their faces masked, on Sunday afternoon held-up Miss Flossie McNeill at her home in upper Moore county, threatened her life and the life of her 12-year-old deaf, dumb and deformed brother, and while one kept her covered with a pistol the other searched the house for money. He failed to find any. Two suspects who fit the descriptions given by the young woman were arrested Monday in High Point and are being held in Moore county jail.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McNeill, parents of the girl, went off about noon to visit some sick friends, leaving the daughter, the invalid son and a smaller child at their home, which is an isolated section of the county near where Moore, Randolph and Montgomery counties join. Around one-thirty in the afternoon two men with blue handkerchiefs over their faces came up on the rear side of the house and one who was dressed in brown called the girl by her name, "Flossie," and demanded hands up, threatening to kill her and burn the house if she did not tell where the money was. They seemed determined to kill the afflicted boy, but the girl begged them to spare the helpless child. She told them that she had no money and did not know where her father's was, whereupon one of the bandits covered her with a pistol while the other instigated a search. Finding none, they fled through a field to a nearby woods, where their car was parked, and made a get away. It was later learned that the car had been parked in sight of the house since ten o'clock, the men evidently picking their chance after the parents left to carry out their nefarious plans.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeill did not return till nightfall. They found their daughter suffering from shock, but she was able to give a clear description of the men's clothing, one being dressed in brown, the other in black. Tracks showed that one wore sharp pointed shoes, the other blunt.

News of the crime was brought to Carthage Monday morning, and Officers T. N. Slack and J. B. Reynolds got busy on the case with speedy results.

Suspects Arrested

The bandit car had been driven through a muddy spot of road and the tire tracks were clearly visible. One showed a Firestone tread, the other a smooth surface. Officers learned that Lewis Hancock of High Point had been seen in the vicinity on Sunday. Hancock formerly lived near the McNeill home, and at one time was a sweetheart of Miss Flossie McNeill. He knew that McNeill had a considerable amount of money. It was rumored that he had removed it from a bank. Working on these clues, the officers went to High Point, where they found Hancock dressed in a brown suit, with a pistol fitting the description given by the girl hanging on the head of his bed. It was found that he had a DeSoto coupe with tires fitting the description. He admitted being in the county and told that Beck Seltz of High Point was with him. Seltz was found wearing a black suit and the shoes of the men correspond in shape to the tracks seen in the McNeill field. The officers had them arrested by a High Point policeman and they are confident that they have the wanted men.

Hancock is around twenty-nine years of age and Seltz about twenty-two. Both are married and are employed in a mill in High Point.

TYSON, NEW POSTMASTER TAKES CHARGE AT VASS

C. L. Tyson, newly appointed postmaster for Vass, officially took charge of affairs last Friday, April 1. Mr. Tyson, Republican, succeeds Mrs. Bertie L. Matthews, democrat, who has held the office during the past twelve years, giving most satisfactory service. It is understood that Mrs. Matthews will remain in the office to assist Mr. Tyson.

MISS ORCUTT KEEPS GOLF TITLE



Maureen Orcutt, Englewood, N. J., retained her North-South golf championship at Pinehurst, N. C., tournament. She is shown receiving the cup from Richard S. Tufts. Mrs. O. S. Hill, runner up, is on the right.