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MR. SERL RESIGNS WIDE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH PULPIT

Came to Southern Pines From Missouri to Succeed Mr. Holden in 1918

CONGREGATION TO ACT

The Rev. Eimer Willis Serl, pastor of the Church of Wide Fellowship in Southern Pines since 1918, tendered his resignation to the trustees at a meeting held April 5th, and the congregation met last night, Thursday, to take action on the matter.

Mr. Serl came to Southern Pines from Carthage, Missouri, in October, 1918, succeeding the Rev. Samuel Holden as pastor of the Wide Fellowship church.

Chamber of Commerce Organized in Vass

Leading Business Men and Farmers Unite to 'Put Over' Marketing Plan

A group of Vass business men and several of the leading farmers of the community met in the Beasley apartment building in Vass last Friday evening for the purpose of organizing a chamber of commerce.

The organization has as its purpose the unbuilding of Vass and community. One definite aim that is in the forefront at present is the putting over of a marketing project which it is hoped will work for the mutual good of the farmers and the town.

Interesting and enthusiastic talks were made by W. B. Graham, A. L. Marvel, E. L. McNeill, T. Frank Cameron; A. L. Keith, J. M. Tyson and R. P. Beasley.

A program committee composed of R. P. Beasley, W. B. Graham and C. L. Tyson was appointed, and A. L. Marvel, Lewis Furr and H. A. Borst were named as an entertainment committee.

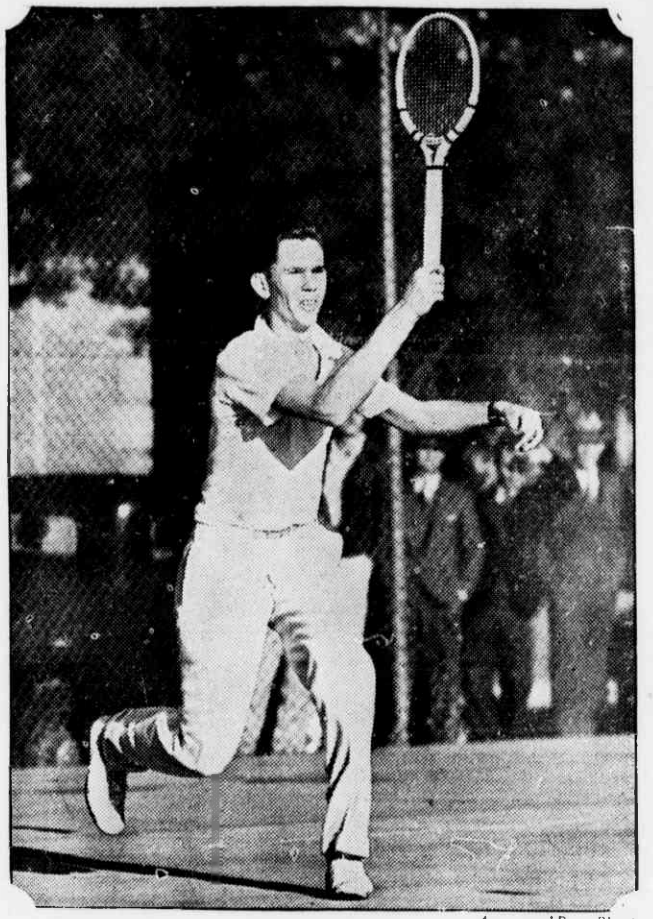
More Than Half of Tax Levy Collected

Huntley, New Collector Makes Good Showing in Report for First Quarter

The tax report for Moore county for the period ending March 31 shows that \$187,285.44 of the total levy of \$325,184.58 has been collected. This is a most creditable showing for the county when considered in comparison with the reports of some of the other counties, and speaks well for the citizens of Moore and for the business ability of the tax collector.

A budget calling for "carrying on" in so far as possible the regular projects of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce was adopted at the meeting of directors held Tuesday in Jack's Grill.

National Champion Here



ELLSWORTH VINES

Leading stars of the tennis firmament are guests of the Sandhills this week, participants in the annual North and South tournament at the Pinehurst Country Club. Prominent among those playing are the national champion, Ellsworth Vines, of California; John Van Ryn, of New Jersey, winner of the men's singles here last year; Frank Shields and Wilmer Allison, both members of the American Davis Cup team along with Vines and Van Ryn; Gregory Mangin, national indoor champion, and Berkeley Bell and Gilbert Hall, ranked among the first ten in the country.

Struthers Burt Appeals to Fellow Citizens for Support of Hospital

'If We Allow Institutions of Civilization To Flag, We Will Be First to Suffer'

By Struthers Burt, Vice President, Moore County Hospital

It is now three weeks since the local committee started to raise funds for the Southern Pines quota for the support of the Moore County Hospital during the year 1932. As Chairman of that committee, also as Vice-President and Chairman of the Financial Committee of the hospital, there are certain figures I can now release, and am glad to release, in regard to Southern Pines. So far the campaign has been going more than well, and if those who intend to subscribe but have not yet subscribed, and if those who are hesitating, will only send in their subscription cards, Southern Pines this year will by far better its record of any previous year.

In 1930 fifteen people from Southern Pines subscribed to the Moore County Hospital. The total of their subscriptions was \$644.00; to this was added \$618.00 from an exhibition golf match, bringing the final total to \$1,262.00.

In 1931 the same number of people, fifteen, subscribed to the Moore County Hospital, but owing to one extremely generous check the total amount contributed was \$1,910.00. To this was added another \$200.00 from Sandhills Activities, bringing the total up to \$2,110.00.

In 1932 within three weeks, sixty people have already contributed to the hospital, and between them they have subscribed \$948.00. Several of those who have in the past belonged to the small and faithful minority of fifteen

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\$2,560 SPENT ON RELIEF WORK IN SOUTHERN PINES

Committee Hears Treasurer's Report Showing Donations of Approximately \$3,000

MAIN PROJECTS FINISHED

Approximately \$2,500 has been spent in aid of unemployed by the Committee for Unemployment Relief in Southern Pines during the winter, the report of Treasurer George W. Case, made at a meeting of the committee held last Friday night at the Southern Pines Country Club, revealed.

Mr. Case reported receipts through donations and benefit entertainments of \$2,660.93, a balance remaining from the relief fund of last year of \$305.19 and amounts due from pledges of \$80.29, making a total of \$3,046.31. Improvements and beautification of Mount Hope Cemetery, an unemployment relief measure, cost \$1,314.80. Work at the Knollwood Airport cost \$807.68, miscellaneous jobs about town \$243.90 and emergency relief, partially the result of the recent forest fires, \$110.38. Cash on hand and due totals \$569.55, the treasurer reported.

The committee voted to set aside \$300 of the balance until next autumn, and to place the remainder of the balance at the disposal of the chairman, P. Frank Buchan, for emergencies during the summer months.

The work of the unemployed at the airport and the cemetery has been completed and has won the commendation of all those who have seen the results. A few minor projects remain unfinished, such as the approach to the Baptist church and sidewalk gradign on North May street.

With the funds so generously donated work has been provided for large numbers of unemployed throughout the winter, and the labor so employed has been used to the great benefit of Southern Pines and vicinity, the beautifying of the cemetery especially winning general praise. On motion made by M. G. Nichols, the meeting gave a vote of thanks to Mr. Buchan for his untiring and efficient work as head of the general committee. Mr. Buchan in his remarks highly commended City Clerk Howard Burns for his work of supervision over the labor forces employed.

'Bob' Reynolds Speaks at Carthage Saturday

Wet U. S. Senatorial Candidate To Address Meeting at Courthouse

Robert R. Reynolds, Asheville attorney, candidate for the United States Senate from North Carolina against Senator Cameron Morrison, will address a mass meeting in the Moore county courthouse at Carthage tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon at 2 o'clock.

"Our Bob," as he is familiarly known about the state, is making a speaking tour through the state and was prevailed upon by his supporters in Moore county to stop off for a talk at Carthage. With the wet plank predominant in his platform for the Senate, Reynolds is expected to attract a large number at tomorrow's meeting to hear his arguments why the 18th amendment should be reconsidered.

HOTELS PLAN COMBINATION RATES FOR NEXT WINTER

Four of the Southern Pines hotels are expected to adopt the combination railroad and hotel excursion rate next winter as the result of a visit to Southern Pines this week of C. H. Geddes, general passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. Under this plan tickets for the entire trip, including rail fare, hotel accommodations, golf course fees, etc., may be purchased in New York or other northern points at a special price.

Little Bettie Jane Seawell of Carthage was honored by receiving an invitation from Mrs. Hoover to attend the Easter egg hunt on the White House lawn.

Famous Jackson Springs Hotel, Built Over 40 Years Ago, Burned to the Ground



T. D. McLEAN

PEOPLE CAN'T PAY EXPENSE OF LIVING AND GOVERNMENT

T. D. McLean, Candidate for General Assembly, Would Re-adjust Expenses Downward

PEOPLE ARE DISCOURAGED

In a statement to The Pilot yesterday T. D. McLean of Aberdeen, candidate for the next General Assembly from Moore county, said:

"I am going to undertake to answer a few questions that I am constantly being asked since I announced myself a candidate for the Legislature of North Carolina. People are being taxed beyond their ability to pay and are becoming very much discouraged. The expense of living and of Government cannot possibly be met by the average man today. If this is true, and it is true, something must be done to relieve the situation or chaos and bankruptcy will inevitably follow.

"There is one thing that is fundamentally important if this condition is to be corrected, and that one thing is to balance the County and State budgets, not so much by finding new sources from which to collect revenue, which means in the end, it makes no difference where it is found or who will be the victim of the additional taxes collected, the people in the end will have to pay the bill. Therefore, I would say I favor applying the same rule in relieving this tax burden on the people that I would apply in the protection of my own business, and that is to re-adjust expenses downward until the income of the people can be made to pay the County and State budgets as near as possible with having to sell their homes, lands and other property to pay the taxes.

"This method of collecting taxes is suicidal; it destroys the income of the State, because when a man is deprived of his home, his farm or his place of business his earning for the State in a very large measure ceases and the State is then rendered less able to pay its bills. "I want to say in conclusion that if the people of Moore county desire that I should represent them in the next General Assembly, I will use every ounce of my influence for the revaluation of real estate downward, and for the reduction of expenditures in both County and State Government. This I think is the only business-like action to take."

KIWANIS BACHELORS PLAN LADIES' NIGHT APRIL 26

Kiwanis Ladies' Night will be held on Tuesday, April 26th, the committee of bachelors in charge of the affair announced at Wednesday's meeting of the club. James Tufts is chairman of the committee. Big plans are being made by the unmarried members for the entertainment of their fellow members and their wives, and it is rumored that some surprises are in store for the occasion. The dinner will be at the Pinehurst Country Club.

Resort a Famous Playground and Health Cure Before Pinehurst Was Conceived

FRANK WELCH, SR. OWNER

The famous old Jackson Springs hotel is no more. It burned to the ground, main building and annex, in a fire which started about 5:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The hotel was unoccupied. The Pinehurst Fire Department responded to an alarm, but the fire was beyond control before it arrived, and its efforts were confined to saving nearby cottages.

The Jackson Springs hotel was one of the most picturesque and historic old houses of this community. Long before it was built the character of the water flowing from beside a big diabase dyke had brought to the springs a patronage that made of the place a popular summer resort and health cure. Cottages were built there and people came and set up tents for temporary shelter. They came for miles from this state and South Carolina, and Jackson Springs was the meeting place of the clans, much as the old Yarboro house in Raleigh before it burned, was the political and social headquarters of North Carolina. Before Pinehurst had been dreamed of Jackson Springs was a famous play ground and health resort, and it is possible that the old hotel antedated anything that now exists as a public place in the Sandhills.

Water Becomes Famous

The popularity of the springs had engaged the attention of B. F. Buchan, Frank Buchan's father, almost fifty years ago, and he at his modest boarding house offered meals to visitors who stayed for dinner or who in tents remained over night, or who had primitive shelter of other sort. Then John Bule, John Currie, the Page interests and others built the first hotel about 1890. In 1891 the railroad was extended down there from West End to get out the timber, and the Page interests secured ownership of the property. For years it was a highly-esteemed retreat, with a plant for bottling the water for sale, for the attitude of the doctors toward he water was decidedly friendly.

The Campbells of Aberdeen, were the builders of the original hotel. After some time it was enlarged, and its expansion met with popular approval. George Ross came to have a hand in it later, then H. A. Page, Jr. The surprising improvements were undertaken and Jackson Springs had a hopeful period of sharing in the work the winter resort hotels had been building up. But one thing was overlooked. Good roads enabled the patronage of the spring to run in their cars, get a few bottles of water to carry home, and instead of staying over the week-end or for longer periods it seemed that a few minutes for dinner or perhaps a longer stay overnight served the purpose of obtaining the water.

Efforts to Revive

Attempts were made to associate the place with the winter development. Mrs. Bliss for a time operated the hotel, and Pinehurst offered helpful influence. But golf usurped the domination of the watering place, and Pinehurst and Southern Pines had many advantages. H. A. Page, Jr., encouraged some new ventures while he owned the place, but of late years the house has not been active. T. T. Cole became the owner and he had some projects that looked right good, but they failed to materialize. One was the conversion of the place into a big sanatorium, and the condition of things seemed wholly satisfactory. Financial matters entered, and modern medical practices led away from the value of the water as a healing agent. Climate and location failed to prove satisfying attraction, even along with the improvements that had been made.

Recently Mr. Cole negotiated a transaction with Frank Welch, Sr., of Southern Pines, who entered into possession of the property and he had

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