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FIVE CENTS

## D. C. PHILLIPS, JR. AGED 10, DROWNS IN PINEBLUFF LAKE

Son of Advertising Manager of  
The Citizen Failed to Come to  
Surface After Diving

### UNDER WATER 45 MINUTES

Little Diffie Phillips dove back-  
wards from the dam into Pinebluff  
Lake Tuesday morning. A lot of the  
boys did, schoolmates of Diffie; the  
5th, 6th and 7th grades of Southern  
Pines School had a swimming picnic  
that morning, and the youngsters vied  
with each other in diving and swim-  
ming stunts.

Some of the boys and girls saw  
Diffie dive, then pretty soon they  
missed him. Suddenly it was found  
that no one had seen him come up af-  
ter that backward dive. James Swett,  
who accompanied the crowd to the  
lake, was appealed to. A search was  
instituted for the missing youth, to  
no avail. Some forty-five minutes lat-  
ter his little body was found. He was  
rushed to the office of Dr. A. H. Mc-  
Leod in Aberdeen, but life was ex-  
tinct. What happened no one will ever  
know. It is stated as probable that  
his head struck something when he  
made his last dive, rendering him un-  
conscious beneath the waters.

Diffie C. Phillips, Jr., was 10 years  
and 10 months old, the son of Mr. and  
Mrs. D. C. Phillips. Mr. Phillips is  
advertising manager of the Sandhill  
Citizen in Southern Pines, and moved  
his family here several months ago.  
The boy entered the Southern Pines  
school where he was a favorite among  
pupils and teachers.

Before school closed next week it  
was determined to hold a picnic, and  
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## Complete Plans for Marketing Dewberries

New Association at Vass Has  
All in Readiness for Sales  
by Auction

With plans for the opening of an  
auction market in Vass to handle the  
dewberry crop practically completed  
and with the assurance of banking fac-  
ilities during the berry season, dew-  
berry growers throughout this section  
are looking forward to the harvest-  
ing of this year's so called "money  
crop" with unusual interest and in-  
creased hopefulness. These were two  
of the major objectives of the recent-  
ly organized chamber of commerce,  
and the marketing and banking com-  
mittees have worked tirelessly to  
bring about a realization of their  
aims.

The Vass Marketing Association,  
the name by which the organization  
will be known, is composed of grow-  
ers and business men of the vicinity  
who are cooperating for the purpose  
of bettering the marketing conditions,  
conducting the sale of berries on a  
non-profit basis to the association  
and strictly for the benefit of the  
growers. D. McCrimmon, a man of  
business experience who has devoted  
much time to a study of marketing  
problems, has been chosen as chairman  
of the association, and the market  
will be under the direction of a board  
of directors composed of ten men,  
five business men and five farmers.  
They are W. B. Graham, A. M. Cam-  
eron, L. H. Furr, R. P. Beasley, W. H.  
Keith, T. Frank Cameron, A. D. Mc-  
Laughlin, L. M. Seward, J. M. Tyson  
and D. M. Cameron. Already, buyers  
from some of the most reliable fruit  
and produce houses have been secur-  
ed, and a shed has been erected on  
the railroad right-of-way just south  
of the Vass station at a point favor-  
ably located for loading either on  
railway cars or motor trucks.

**Graded Before Sale**  
The system used will be much the  
same as that which is working so  
successfully in the strawberry sec-  
tion of the state. Before reaching the  
auction shed, the berries will be grad-  
ed by a government inspector.

In the shed, they are auctioned off  
to the highest bidder, then delivered  
to the truck or car where final in-  
spection is made. At the time of the  
sale, the grower is given a slip which

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## Ehringhaus Addresses Kiwanis and Democratic Rally at Carthage

Gubernatorial Candidate Tells  
Club Members the Needs of  
the Hour

### "CONFIDENT OF ELECTION"

J. C. B. Ehringhaus, candidate for  
the Democratic nomination for Gov-  
ernor of North Carolina, made two  
speeches in Carthage on Wednesday,  
one before the Kiwanis Club of Aber-  
deen in the library in the Courthouse,  
the other at an open Democratic  
meeting in the Carthage High School.  
Mr. Ehringhaus' talk before the Ki-  
wanians was not a political speech,  
but an inspirational address on the  
needs of the hour in combatting these  
times of stress. After referring to  
the change in status in the realms of  
finance, society, science and religion  
and the attitude and disposition on  
the part of all to accept the new  
theories and discard the old regard-  
less of value, he said we need a cer-  
tain quality of heart and mind to ac-  
cept the challenge of the moment.

Firstly, he said, we need courage,  
and to illustrate his point called at-  
tention to the inscription in the in-  
fantry armory at Fayetteville: "He  
who has no stomach for this fight, let  
him depart." Secondly, we need faith  
and judgment, then good old fashion-  
ed honesty of mind as well as hand  
and heart, honesty in speech and ac-  
tion. "This is not time for the man  
who cannot think and speak straight,"  
he said. Fourthly, we need a sense of  
individual responsibility to the com-  
munity. We are disposed to forget the  
responsibility resting upon us as citi-  
zens, to think more of government's  
responsibility to us, overlooking the  
fact that it is the citizen who makes  
the state. We owe an effort in this  
direction, he said.

He spoke of the great opportunity  
civic clubs such as Kiwanis have at  
this time. "You can confidently pro-  
ject yourselves into all things worth  
while without fear of anything," he  
said. "You can accept the challenge,  
the philosophy implied in your motto,  
'We Build.'"

**Lifelong Ambition**  
At the high school building Mr.  
Ehringhaus became the candidate for  
Governor of his state, told his hear-  
ers of his lifelong ambition to rise to  
that high office, told something of  
his own county, Pasquotank, how it

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## Good News for Movie Fans—Prices Reduced

Picquet Announces Cut in Ad-  
mission to Fit Depressed  
Pocketbooks

Charlie Picquet announces good  
news for theatre patrons of the Sand-  
hills this week. Starting next Monday  
admission prices to the Carolina The-  
atre in Southern Pines will be reduced,  
the new scale calling for 40 cents  
instead of 50 cents for adults, 20 in-  
stead of 25 cents for children at the  
evening performances; 30 cents adults  
and 10 cents for children instead of  
40 and 15 respectively at matinees.  
Boxes under the new scale will be 60  
cents evenings, 50 cents matinees.

In a statement this week Mr. Pic-  
quet said:  
"Times are hard, money is scarce,  
but we must have amusement. Other-  
wise we are just going to sit home  
and brood all the time. That is not  
good for us.

"Appreciating the conditions, and  
desiring to continue to provide enter-  
tainment and diversion for the peo-  
ple of the Sandhills, we have decid-  
ed to attempt to reduce the admission  
prices to the Carolina Theatre, South-  
ern Pines. We hope the experiment  
will work, that added patronage in-  
duced by the lower prices will offset  
the difference and make possible the  
continuance of high class entertain-  
ment for all.

"There will be no change in the  
class of entertainment provided. We  
will continue to run the best pictures  
procureable, despite the fact that cost  
to us of these films has not been  
lowered in anything like the propor-  
tion we are lowering admission  
charges.

Here's hoping we keep entertain-  
ment in the Sandhills at the reduced  
rates."



J. C. B. EHRLINGHAUS

## 14 GIRLS, 5 BOYS TO GRADUATE AT SOUTHERN PINES

Class Day Exercises Will Be Held  
Thursday, with Gradua-  
tion on Friday

### SEVEN HONOR STUDENTS

With seven less students than the  
exceptionally large class of 1931 the  
Southern Pines High School is pre-  
paring for its graduating exercises  
next Friday evening, May 27th. The  
Senior class of 1932 comprises four-  
teen girls and five boys.

Class day exercises will be held in  
the high school court at 9:30 A. M.  
Thursday, May 24th, followed the  
next night by graduation. The Sen-  
ior Class officers are Thomas Alfred  
Miller, president; John Francis Pot-  
tle, vice president; Mary Jane Prill-  
man, secretary-treasurer. The pro-  
gram for Class Day includes the  
president's address by Thomas A.  
Miller; Historian, John F. Pottle;  
Giftorian, Elizabeth A. Grover;  
Grumbler, Jean Atkins; Prophet, Lor-  
raine McDaniels; Testator, Ruth B.  
Cameron; Song, Class of 1932.

The graduation exercises will be  
held in the high school auditorium at  
8:15 o'clock. The program calls for  
the invocation by the Rev. J. Fred  
Stimson, Salutatory and essay, Kate  
McLean Stewart; Address, R. B.

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## N. L. Gibbon Outlines Platform in Letter to The Pilot from Honolulu

Candidate for Member of Assem-  
bly Thinks Need Rife for New  
Faces at Raleigh

A statement from another of the  
candidates for the Democratic nomi-  
nation for Member of Assembly from  
Moore county comes to The Pilot this  
week from far off Honolulu, Hawaii.  
In a communication addressed "To  
the Citizens of Moore County," Nich-  
olas L. Gibbon of Lakeview says:

The matter of taking a definite and  
positive stand on governmental con-  
ditions as now confront Moore county  
and the State, has been very care-  
fully considered by me for several years  
and in response to the requests of  
earnest citizens in every township  
of the county my decision is to be  
a candidate for the General Assem-  
bly and in doing so I enter the race  
the Greek Philosopher advised:  
that a man who abstains from public  
affairs is not only idle, but that he is  
useless.

However, I am not entering the  
affairs of the State as a mere "law-  
yer" for if there is a term I have  
despised and loathed from my youth  
up, it is the word "politician," and  
in making a public effort, it will be a  
struggle with the baffling complex-  
ity of today's economic life, aiming  
to the end that public policies may be  
corrected or adjusted to the present  
needs of the people and for the public  
benefit.

My purpose in being a candidate  
for the Legislature is not a personal  
ambition to occupy office—but to have  
an opportunity to help serve the  
State in its most trying existence, and  
whether or not I am successful, I  
feel that the best citizens of the

## ASK RETENTION OF ALLEN AS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL HERE

Citizens Circulate Petition for  
Continuing Present Adminis-  
tration in Southern Pines

### CITE GOOD WORK DONE

A petition looking for the contin-  
uance of the Southern Pines school un-  
der its present system and adminis-  
tration is being circulated in that school  
district this week. Rumor to the ef-  
fect that the Board of Education  
might consider a change in the prin-  
cipalship before the opening of the  
fall term was current in town during  
the week, and the many friends of  
the school who look with favor upon  
the education of their children under  
W. T. Allen, who has been in charge  
there 17 years, started the petition,  
which reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned, are interest-  
ed in the Southern Pines schools from  
the standpoint of the welfare of the  
pupils. There seems to be some ques-  
tion as to retaining Mr. Allen in the  
principalship. Before final action is  
taken in this matter, we would re-  
spectfully call the attention of the  
Board to what appears to us salient  
reasons for continuing the school  
along its present lines.

"First, many winter residents have  
chosen Southern Pines because of the  
high standing of its schools.

"Second, the efficiency of the  
schools' in scholastic training is evi-  
denced by the records of its grad-  
uates as honor students in institutions  
of higher learning. A partial list is  
here attached:

University of North Carolina—Ed-  
ward Cameron, Albert Ruggles, J. T.  
Dillehay, Wallace Case, Warren Olm-  
stead, Fred Cole, Elmer Davis, James  
Silver and Richard Sugg; State Col-  
lege, Cyrus Butler, Robert Farmer,  
William Phillips; Georgetown Univer-  
sity—Richard Wilson; V. M. I.—Ne-  
ville Wilson; Duke—Charles Stevick.  
Among the girls we might mention:  
Leone Currie at Brenau, Ethel Day at  
Meredith, Genevieve Marks at Salem,  
Alice Stutz at N. C. C. W., Doris  
Wheeler at Radcliffe and Emilie Mae  
Wilson at St. Genevieve's.

"We therefore endorse the present  
system and administration."

Members of the Southern Pines  
School board by whom any action for  
a change in administration must be  
taken are Ralph Chandler, Frank Map-  
les, Mrs. James Boyd, Dr. G. G. Herr  
and A. S. Ruggles.

## Republicans Name Ticket and Adopt Platform at Enthusiastic Convention

"Business is Good"



C. T. PATCH

Dean of Sandhills Merchandise  
Men Reports Increased Sales  
Over Year Ago

When someone says "Business has  
been good with us" these days, that's  
news.

Just about 22 years ago a reporter  
looking for copy dropped in to con-  
gratulate C. T. Patch on his new  
building in Southern Pines. This week  
he dropped in to inquire as to the  
season's business in the town's lar-  
gest department store, now four times  
as large as the new building of that  
bygone day.

Mr. Patch reported a greater vol-  
ume of sales and larger number of  
shoppers in the store during this past  
winter season than a year ago. He  
spoke optimistically of the future,  
stating he was carrying a large stock  
and expected to move it during the  
summer months. The gross return  
in dollars and cents, of course, is not  
commensurate with days before prices  
were slashed, he said, but aside from  
that his only complaint was with the  
difficulty he has at times in getting  
prompt deliveries from those who  
supply him an evidence that manu-  
facturers and jobbers are running no  
danger of overstocking during the  
current depression.

Mr. Patch came to Southern  
Pines in 1897 and may well be termed  
the "dean" of merchandise men in the  
Sandhills. He has seen good seasons  
and bad seasons, and his report of  
"good business" of late looked to The  
Pilot representative like "front page  
stuff." Charles Patch, proprietor of  
The Tog Shop and one of the Town  
Commissioners of Southern Pines,  
likewise reported a good season.

## Saunders May Return To Operate Warehouse

Negotiations Pending for Lease  
of Aberdeen Company Build-  
ing for Next Season

There is a strong probability that  
B. B. Saunders, former tobacco ware-  
houseman of Aberdeen, will return  
here for the next tobacco season. Ne-  
gotiations are said to be pending with  
the Aberdeen Warehouse Company for  
the use of its large warehouse in the  
heart of Aberdeen, which would mean  
the return of Saunders to town,  
though in a different building than  
that in which he operated for several  
seasons here.

Mr. Saunders operated two ware-  
houses in Fuquay Springs last season  
but is said to favor Aberdeen as a  
more central point for the develop-  
ment of the business in this belt. He  
has been in town several days this  
week and an early announcement of  
the closing of a lease for the Aber-  
deen company's building is looked for.  
The warehouse was operated last sea-  
son by Edwards, Lewis and Williams  
of Mullins, S. C.

## LEON SEYMOUR ELECTED KIWANIS CLUB DIRECTOR

Leon Seymour of Aberdeen was  
elected a director of the Kiwanis Clu-  
b of Aberdeen at the meeting of the  
club held Wednesday noon in the li-  
brary of the courthouse at Carthage,  
to fill the vacancy on the board  
caused by the recent resignation of  
O. H. Statts of Pinehurst.

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Optimism Over Result of Fall  
Elections Keynote of Meeting  
Held at Courthouse

### CASE FOR LEGISLATURE

Republicans of Moore county held  
an enthusiastic meeting at the court-  
house in Carthage Wednesday, adopt-  
ed a platform, elected an executive  
committee and nominated a county  
ticket. Every township was represent-  
ed and an atmosphere of optimism  
over the fall election results pervaded  
the gathering. Colin G. Spencer,  
chairman of the Republican executive  
committee, called the meeting to or-  
der and H. F. Seawell, Jr., acted as  
chairman.

The following ticket was placed in  
the field:

For Member of Assembly—George  
W. Case, Southern Pines.  
For State Senator—Harry A. Lewis,  
Southern Pines.

For Sheriff, C. R. Scotton, Glen-  
don.

For Register of Deeds—Bruce  
Cameron, Manly.

For Members, Board of County  
Commissioners—John Richardson,  
Jackson Springs; S. B. Richardson,  
Southern Pines; Marvin Ritter, Hemp;  
Quinton Reynolds, High Falls, and S.  
W. Shields, Carthage.

For Coroner—J. C. Wallace, Pine-  
bluff.

For Surveyor—James Swett, South-  
ern Pines.

The following were elected to the  
Republican County Executive Commit-  
tee: Marvin Ritter, Hemp; J. F. Dea-  
ton, Aberdeen; Ira Turnley, Camer-  
on; Quinter Reynolds, High Falls; H.  
A. Lewis, Southern Pines, C. R. Scot-  
ton, Glendon; John M. Fields, East  
Carthage; W. P. Copeland, Bensalem  
and Frank Dudgeon, Pinehurst.

### Platform Adopted

H. F. Seawell, Jr., O. D. Wallace,  
H. A. Lewis and C. R. Scotton were  
appointed by County Chairman  
Spencer as a Platform committee, and  
the platform presented by them was  
unanimously adopted by the conven-  
tion. Both Seawell and Spencer called  
attention to the need for Republi-  
cans going to the polls on Primary  
day June 4th to vote for a Republican  
candidate, for United States Senator,  
made necessary by the filing for that  
office by George DePriest of Shelby  
after the State convention at Char-  
lotte had nominated Jake Newell of  
Charlotte for the office. Attention  
was called to the fact that DePriest  
has the backing of the Association  
Against the 18th Amendment, and  
that the State platform contains a  
dry plank. The speakers therefor  
urged Moore county Republicans to  
vote for Newell as the regular party  
candidate.

Mr. Seawell announced that Mr.  
Newell and Clifford Frazier, of  
Greensboro, Republican candidate for  
governor, would visit the county dur-  
ing the campaign and speak to the  
electorate.

The convention was largely attend-  
ed and the most enthusiastic assem-  
blage of Moore county Republicans in  
a long time. There was plenty of  
fighting spirit manifest among the  
delegates from the various sections  
of the county, and many expressions  
of confidence that the county would  
roll up a record Republican vote this  
fall. Mr. Spencer called attention to  
the fact that the county showed a  
healthy gain in G. O. P. votes at the  
last election.

### G. O. P. Platform

The platform adopted by the Re-  
publicans reads:  
We believe that in North Caro-  
lina the time has passed for high  
sounding praise and empty declama-  
tion. The people of this county are  
entitled to a short, simple and sin-  
cere statement from each political  
party.

We deplore the economic plight of  
our county that makes it necessary  
for several hundred homes to be ad-  
vertised every year for sale for non-  
payment of taxes. The Legislature of  
1931 should have provided a more el-  
astic method of tax payment, to wit,  
quarterly payments and extensions of

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