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FIVE CENTS

BANK OF BISCOE HELD UP, ROBBED BY FOUR YEGGS

Pair Arrested in Few Hours and
\$1,500 of \$6,000 Stolen
Is Recovered

OTHERS CAUGHT TUESDAY

Four unmasked white men held up the cashier and assistant cashier of the Bank of Biscoe early last Friday afternoon and escaped with approximately \$6,000.

Within a few hours afterward Perry Foster and E. V. Nelson, Asheboro youths, were caught in Rowan county near the Stanly county line and taken to the jail at Troy. They confessed their part in the robbery. Fifteen hundred dollars of the loot was found on their persons. The other bandits, Bill- ington of Troy and Glenn Lowdermilk, were caught Tuesday in the outskirts of Asheville in a new car, which officers reported was purchased with part of the bank loot. They had \$600 in \$1 bills, \$85 in gold and a gun. They made no statement.

The quartet drove up to the bank and while Foster and Lowdermilk waited outside in a car with the motor running, King and Nelson walked into the institution and King covered the two workers and a customer with a pistol as Nelson ran to the vault, scooped up the money and fled to the car, King following.

Edgar Maness, cashier, was on duty with his sister, Miss Annie Maness, assistant cashier, when the men entered. The bandits forced the customer against the wall. The robbery took less than five minutes.

The bandits fled in their automobile to Rowan county and immediately afterwards the cashier, police authorities and citizen took up the chase.

Split-Up Interrupted
Running their automobile into a side road off the highway, according to the story told by Nelson and Foster, the four got out and started to divide the money. When they were thus engaged, they heard the sound of an automobile coming up the side road. Nelson and Foster grabbed that part of their share of the loot that had been counted and ran into the woods. As they did King and Lowdermilk scooped up the remainder of the money and went back to the car, getting in and driving away.

Nelson and Foster wandered toward Stanly county until they came to a house. While they were at the house, Maness, the bank cashier, and a group of Biscoe citizens stopped by the house. They noticed that both youths had what appeared to be pistols and that one had a big wad in his pocket. The boys. The latter said they were they became suspicious and question-headed toward Albemarle and asked if the men would give them a lift. The men readily agreed to this and after they had driven a short distance their suspicions increased. They stopped the car and searched the youths, finding the money and securing a confession. Maness also identified Nelson.

Nelson told authorities that the quartet planned the robbery the night before and that they intended to drive toward Asheville and go over the Blue-Ridge mountains with the loot.

Many Win Ribbons in Flower Show Here

150 Attend Event at Community
House Sponsored by Home
and Garden Club

The Flower Show given at the Community House last Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the Home and Garden Club was unanimously voted to be the outstanding social event of the spring season in Aberdeen. It was estimated that from 125 to 150 people attended, many of whom were out of town visitors, and there were 91 entries. Blue and red ribbons were awarded and the highest number of blue ribbons went to Mrs. H. W. Doub, the second highest to Mrs. C. B. Thomas. The highest number of red ribbons were awarded to Mrs. J. B. Deaton—the second highest ending in a tie between Mrs. J. B. Fagan, Mrs. Ella J. Heckart, Mrs. Stewart Weaver and Miss Mary E. Page, Miss Page drawing the lucky number.

The first blue ribbon prize awarded

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Dewberry Crop Here of 200 Cars Looked for by H. P. McPherson

Cameron To Market Fruit
Through Auction Sales and
Commission Houses

"The dewberry crop this year is a good one," said H. P. McPherson of Cameron. "In our section, including the area around Cameron and Vass, I expect we will harvest probably 200 cars, and with a fair shipment from Hamlet, Raeford and other sections down that way and maybe 25 or more cars from Savannah and South Carolina it is possible 300 cars may go to market during the harvest. Rail shipments will account for about three-fourths of the crop, with trucks taking the balance going east, but not many berries go by trucks to the western country. As strawberries have been selling well this season we anticipate the same influences will make the dewberry find a satisfactory market. There is not much change in the acreage in our section. Some growers have dropped out, but about as many new ones have come in. This spring the growth has been better than ordinary, and the fruit is developing in a manner that looks good. Nearly everybody has some berries. We expect to begin shipping along in the early days of June."

More or less rivalry exists between Cameron and Vass, and this summer it has reached the point where the two towns are making some decided efforts to advance the attractions of the markets. With a new marketing house at Vass, Cameron has also built a similar establishment, and Cameron also expects to hold auction sale, but with the contact also with commission houses for those who prefer to consign their berries. Mr. McPherson says he does not intend to put himself in the position of having but the one string to his bow, and that if the auction plan is not satisfactory he wants to have the other way out. Others are looking for desired results through the auction sales, and the experiment will be tried out from both viewpoints this spring.

An agreeable concession to the growers this year will be a reduction in railroad rates, amounting to nearly a third to the eastern markets. To western points no change is made.

Less Tobacco
Some tobacco will be made in the Cameron section, but the plants are not plentiful, and the crop will be probably 30 per cent below that of last year. Last year cotton was badly cut in acreage and that cut will not be increased this year, although the short tobacco crop may lead to more cotton than would otherwise be planted. More wheat seems to be coming on this year, and all grain looks good. Oats harvest has commenced.

Over at the farm of County Commissioner Frank Cameron an innovation is seen in a herd of milk goats. The purpose of putting goats on the farm was to clean up weeds and brush, but Mr. Cameron discovered some Togenburg stock and developed a flock of milking goats, and he finds a curious demand for them from the doctors who recommend goat's milk for invalids, especially those suffering from pellagra. He rents the goats out to the sick folks, and when they are no longer needed they are brought back home. The milk is richer in some of the elements needed to recover health.

Mr. Cameron says he will not plant so much tobacco this year, nor so much cotton, as he has cotton in his warehouse that has been there through a period of years. But he argues that it is safe to plant some cotton, for the meal makes a good cattle feed and a good fertilizer, and that some day it will bring some kind of a price and it does not eat anything while it stays in his own warehouse. His grain and stock farming tends to take care of itself, for if there is not much sale for grain his stock will eat it without asking about the price, and the farm hands will eat the stock if necessary.

Mr. Cameron says he does not know of any distress in his neighborhood, as the folks are raising their living and pick up a little money here and there to pay taxes, and he guesses they will pull through. Mr. McPherson and the Rev. M. D. McNeill discussed the same subject at Cameron and concluded about the same, that folks are raising their living and the money that comes from peaches, dewberries and various other things, will keep the wolf from breaking the door down.

The political situation around the dewberry belt is not very exciting.

Good Neighbor

Citizen Comes to Aid of Pilot
When Linotype Machine
Goes Bloomy

There's nothing like a good neighbor.

The Pilot's linotype machine, after turning out three newspapers, finally went kflunk this week and wouldn't cast an em. We appealed to Hiram Westbrook, genial editor of The Sandhill Citizen. Hiram graciously gave the use of a machine, and here we are. Thanks, say we.

JENKS PURCHASE WEYMOUTH SITE FOR WINTER HOME

Acquire Two Acres on Highland
Road Adjoining Kraffert and
Henne Property

TO BUILD THIS SUMMER

A home site on Weymouth Heights, Southern Pines was purchased this week by Mr. and Mrs. George J. Jenks of Pinehurst and Harbor Beach, Michigan, and in all probability hammers will be heard pounding in the neighborhood this summer. It is understood that Mr. and Mrs. Jenks plan to start work on a winter residence on the property this spring.

The lot, comprising two acres, is located on Highland Road and adjoins the Henne and Kraffert property opposite the homes of E. C. Stevens and Mrs. Clara Pushee. Mr. and Mrs. Jenks and their family have been winter residents of the Sandhills for some time, stopping in Pinehurst. Weymouth Heights appealed to them on an inspection trip through the section recently, and the sale resulted. E. C. Stevens and Arthur Newcomb were the brokers in the transaction.

The property acquired has been owned for several years by George W. Robertson of Danville, Virginia who, it is understood, purchased for investment. It is one of the most attractive sites for a home remaining along Highland Road, is on high ground, overlooking wooded lands both front and back, and is within a stone's throw of the Highland Pines Inn. A. B. Yeomans, local architect, is understood to be preparing some sketches for a house befitting the location, and when the new owners have decided upon the type of residence they desire plans will be drawn and contracts let for early construction.

Announce Examination for Postmaster Here

U. S. Civil Service Calls for Com-
petitive Test for Southern
Pines Vacancy

The U. S. Civil Service Commission, at the request of the Postmaster General, announces a competitive examination for postmaster of Southern Pines. The examination will be held under the President's order of May 10, 1921, and not under civil act and rules. Competitors will not be required to report for examination at any place, but will be rated upon their education and training, business experience and fitness.

Those seeking the position are to apply at the postoffice or to the U. S. Civil Commission, Washington, for application Form 2241, and Form 2213 containing definite information in regard to the examination. The notice of the examination from the government reads:

"All persons are warned against offering, promising, pay, soliciting, or receiving any money or other valuable thing as a political contribution or otherwise for use of influence, support, or promise of support in obtaining appointment. Any such act is a violation of law, and offenders will be prosecuted."

George Eastman of Boston has arrived for a month's stay in Pinehurst.

NO DECISION ON SCHOOL HEAD AT SOUTHERN PINES

Petition Circulated in Behalf of
Superintendent Allen Not Yet
Presented to Board

SALARY CUTS PROBABLE

Circulation of the petition seeking the re-naming of William T. Allen as superintendent of schools in Southern Pines upon the expiration of his present term next week continued in the village during the past week. The petition had not as yet been presented to the Board of Education at the time The Pilot went to press. It is believed that definite action regarding next year's head for the schools will be made known by the board, which comprises Mrs. James Boyd and Ralph Chandler, Dr. G. G. Herr, A. S. Ruggles and Frank Males, early next week.

It is understood that some cuts will be made in teachers' salaries in the Southern Pines schools next term. At present the higher rated teachers receive from the State \$105.00 per month, which is supplemented by \$61.66 from the local school district, giving them a total of \$166.66 a month for the constitutional six months term. As the Southern Pines schools run nine months, the teachers are paid the full \$166.66 by the school district, without any State aid for the additional three months. It is believed that this latter amount will be considerably sliced next term, which will be reflected in a reduction in taxes for the school district. The present pay of the superintendent is \$3,500 a year, of the assistant principal \$2,000 a year. These items are also understood to be in line for the pruning knife.

Extra curricular activities, such as athletics, music and dramatics, are also to be introduced in the Southern Pines schools next term, activities which are a part of school life in most institutions throughout the state and country but which have been neglected locally.

Urges More Interest in Affairs of State

Richard Tufts Urges Study of
Problems of Government on
Part of Citizens

"Senators and Congressmen at Washington are more inclined to listen to the sentiment 'back home' and less to the urgings and protestations of lobbyists these days than they were when times were better," Richard Tufts told Kiwanis Club members at their meeting in the Aberdeen Community House Wednesday, and it behooves all of us to let them know our feelings on important measures."

Mr. Tufts urged the Kiwanians and their guests to interest themselves more and more in government, decried the laxity of the average citizen along this line. "Express your opinions on forms of taxation and other pressing matters," he counseled. That is the only way your representatives at Washington are going to know what you want them to do, the only way they can estimate the sentiment with regard to prospective legislation. He told of the present distribution of the nation's finances, one-quarter for debt obligations, one-quarter for agriculture and farm relief, one-quarter for veterans and the fourth-quarter for the army, navy, administration, etc.

"In considering economy in government, we must decide how far we want to go, how much we want to curtail. We cannot cut down taxes without cutting down expenses. We must decide what are the essentials, the necessities, before yelling too loud for tax relief." In short, Mr. Tufts wants the citizen to study, know what he is talking about, and then do something about it.

Dr. E. M. Medlin led a questionnaire on Kiwanis education at the meeting Wednesday and found most of the members well versed in the history and aims of their club.

STORES TO CLOSE

Aberdeen stores and postoffice will close on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 o'clock during the summer months, beginning the first week in June.

Five Seek to Oppose



GEORGE B. CASE

Republican Candidate for Member of Assembly from Moore County who awaits outcome of five-cornered Democratic primary fight to determine his opponent. Mr. Case is a member of the Board of Commissioners of Southern Pines, and was nominated at the recent Republican convention at Carthage.

AUDITOR'S REPORT SHOWS \$208,000 TAXES COLLECTED

Little More Than \$100,000 Yet
To Be Gathered in by County
On April 30

EXPENDITURES REVEALED

A few weeks ago Rassie Wicker asked about information concerning the county funds, and Wilbur H. Currie, of the Board of Commissioners answered that this information can be had any day from the county auditor's office in the tax collection department. So The Pilot dropped into the office Saturday and asked Miss Jenkins, auditor, for the figures. She promptly handed out a few slips, for she has this information on the ledgers just as a bank keeps its daily balances and here is the result:

Total taxes levied \$326,535.35
Reliefs 2,755.75
Discounts 797.63
Collected to April 30 208,325.92
Leaving to be collected yet \$114,656.05

Of this total Tax Collector Huntley has made almost another month's collection, which will show in the balance sheet taken off at the end of May 31.

From the \$208,325.92 sums have been accounted for by the following appropriation for county uses for the current year, a total of \$41,575.79:

County Commissioners	\$ 922.83
Listing and assessing property	5,702.18
Collection of taxes	2,867.00
Sheriff	4,797.45
Elections	3.00
County accountant	2,071.48
Court House and grounds	1,734.23
Register of Deeds	878.61
County Coroner	144.30
Fire Warden	493.86
County Jail	5,426.49
Agricultural Agent	1,210.00
Mothers' aid	623.00
Superior Court	2,596.89
Clerk of Superior Court	416.92
Recorder's Court	4,854.44
Juvenile Court	150.00
County Attorney	150.00
Auditing	450.00
Capturing stiffs	830.00
Vital statistics	480.58
Juror expenses	3,082.45
Interest	526.67
Home demonstration	750.00
Insane	220.90
Insurance	192.48

In addition other amounts have been paid as follows:

Road bonds and interest paid	\$26,317.04
Health Fund	3,308.29
Poor Fund	9,232.03
Local Tax Districts school costs, debt and interest	43,140.05

These totals show the directions in (Please turn to page 5)

CANDIDATES BUSY AS PRIMARY DAY, JUNE 4TH, NEARS

Spence Fails to File For Return
to Raleigh and Five Bat-
tle for Nomination

FOUR OUT FOR SHERIFF

With the primary only eight days off, candidates for places on the Democratic ticket in State and county are coming down the home stretch at a fast clip. Politics has been practically the sole subject of conversation on street corners of Sandhills villages this past week, and if any citizen doesn't know who is running for this office or that it is because he hasn't stopped to listen as he passed the corner.

The big event of the week was to have been the appearance of Allen J. Maxwell, gubernatorial candidate, at Carthage on Tuesday, but those who gathered there to hear the revenue commissioner met with disappointment. Mr. Maxwell was confined to his bed in Raleigh with a hard cold. R. L. McMillan, commander of the Raleigh post of the American Legion, spoke in his stead, recounting Maxwell's service to his State, his knowledge of affairs of State government and his fitness for the office of governor. Mr. McMillan termed him "the ideal candidate" for the office. Mr. McLean was introduced to the large crowd by U. L. Spence.

Another highlight of the week here was the appearance in Carthage Monday of "Bob" Reynolds, candidate for the United States Senate on the Democratic ticket. The Asheville lawyer dropped in at the courthouse, shook hands all around and was accorded a warm reception.

Many in the Field

Meanwhile the candidate for places on the county ticket have been cavorting hither and yon, with the fight for Mr. Spence's seat in the General Assembly probably the hottest battle because of the fact that there are five candidates in the field. The date for filing nominations came and went with no word from Mr. Spence, so that he dropped from the race by default, leaving the following to fight it out for his job at Raleigh: A. B. Cameron, Carthage; T. D. McLean, Aberdeen; M. C. McDonald, West End; W. R. Clegg, Carthage and N. L. Gibbon, Lakeview. It seems to be anybody's race, with a second primary most likely. McDonald, McLean and Cameron believe they lead the field, and each is known to have widespread support though none likely to show a majority in the June 4th primary.

Friends have been rallying to the

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Three New Teachers Named for Aberdeen

Superintendent Zimmerman An-
nounces Election of Faculty
for Next Term

R. C. Zimmerman, newly elected superintendent of Aberdeen schools, yesterday announced some of the members of the faculty for next fall, the list including a number of re-elections and three new names. Mr. Zimmerman stated that the list may be incomplete, further appointments of teachers here to depend upon the funds made available by the State for the purpose. State budget figures are not yet available.

The returning teachers, all of whom have accepted positions for the fall term, are:

High School—Miss Nancy Beddingfield, Science; Miss Clifflie Williams, Mathematics and French.
Elementary School—Miss Flora Gilbert, first grade; Miss Ruth Wooten, second grade, Miss Nina Hunter, special; Miss Mary McKeithen, fourth grade and Mrs. G. A. Charles, fifth grade.

The three new teachers elected are Miss Margaret Gibson of Laurel Hill, to teach first and second grades at Pinebluff; Miss Elvie Yelverton, of Black Creek, to teach the third grade at Aberdeen elementary school, and Miss Kathleen Venters, of Jacksonville, N. C., to teach the sixth grade. Mr. Zimmerman has moved his family to Aberdeen, says he likes it here, more every day, and is gradually acquainting himself with the school situation and problems.