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## COMMISSION HOLDS AGAINST WIDOW IN BEASLEY CLAIM

### Industrial Board Decides Chief of Police Was Not on Duty When Slain

#### INSURANCE IS DENIED

At a meeting of the North Carolina Industrial Commission held in Raleigh on May 12th, the case of Mrs. Maggie Beasley, widow of B. H. Beasley, chief of police of Southern Pines until his murder on October 21st, 1931, against the Town of Southern Pines and the Standard Accident Insurance Company of Charlotte was dismissed. The commission upheld the decision rendered by Commissioner T. A. Wilson on April 16th.

The decision was rendered by Matt H. Allen, chairman, for the full commission, on May 21st, in which an award was ordered and adjudged as follows:

"That the finds of fact and conclusions of law set out in the opinion of Commissioner T. A. Wilson are proper and justified from all of the evidence and they are hereby adopted as findings of fact and conclusions of law of the full Commission, with the addition of the following findings of fact requested by the claimant, to-wit:

(a) That another man was employed as police officer by the deceased chief to act in the absence of the deceased chief of police and that such other person did act for the deceased officer while he was absent on the occasion of his death; also the following finding of fact requested to the defendant, to-wit:

(b) That Annie Pearl McLean, wife of the assailant of B. H. Beasley, deceased chief of police, stated to the mayor of the town of Southern Pines that she would not go anywhere unless accompanied by chief of police, B. H. Beasley, and that the award heretofore issued under date of April 16, 1932, reading as follows: "Upon the finding that the death of the deceased was not the result of an injury by accident arising out of and in the course of his employment, the claim for compensation is denied and the case dismissed. Each party to pay its own costs" be in all respects affirmed.

#### The Beasley Murder

Chief of Police Beasley was shot and instantly killed near Durham while on a trip to Boynton, Virginia in company with Everett McLean, 28-year old negro; his ex-wife, Pearl Gilchrist; McLean's sister, Georgia, a friend of McLean's; Junius Austin, and the small McLean child. McLean had asked Beasley to aid him in clearing a charge of attempted murder against his ex-wife for which he was awaiting trial at Boynton.

There was evidence that a reconciliation between McLean and the Gilchrist woman had been effected after McLean had thrown her from a bridge over the Roanoke River near Boynton, and that the trip was for the purpose of requesting a dismissal of the charge of attempted murder which stood against McLean, and his release from the \$5,000 bond under which he was temporarily released. To strengthen the petition to the Boynton authorities, McLean had asked Beasley to accompany them. Beasley had been the arresting officer in the case.

Refusal of the petition is supposed to have so enraged McLean that soon after they left the courthouse at Boynton he pulled a gun and fired at Beasley, who was driving, then turned the gun on his ex-wife. The car careened from the road and turned over, killing Georgia McLean, sister of the crazed negro. McLean escaped, was later caught at Tarboro, was returned in handcuffs to Durham and lodged in a cell. Soon after the officers left him there he committed suicide by hanging, using his belt for a noose.

The Town of Southern Pines was insured against accidents to its police officers "while in line of duty." The question of payment of the claim filed by the widow against the town and the insurance company was whether or not Chief Beasley was in line of duty at the time, being on a mission of mercy on behalf of the man who later turned on him. The Industrial Commission holds against the widow in the claim.

## Democratic Candidates for Governor



R. T. FOUNTAIN



J. C. B. EHRLINGHAUS



ALLEN J. MAXWELL

## DEWBERRY SALES START ON CAMERON AND VASS MARKETS

### Good Crop Estimated at Around 200 Cars To Be Sold Here

#### AUCTION METHOD TRIED

The dewberry season is on, and Cameron and Vass the centers of the market, not only locally but nationally. Shipments have already been made, prices are well up and there is every reason to expect a profitable season.

The Vass Auction Market will open at 1:00 o'clock next Monday afternoon, June 6, and everything is in readiness for the opening day. The Bank of Pinehurst has established an exchange in the Bank of Vass building and will be ready to hand out the cash to the farmers as they present their slips at the window each day.

Shipments of berries have been going out by express daily since last Saturday morning. D. McCrimmon, chairman of the Vass Marketing Association and also president of the Chamber of Commerce, shipped two crates on Saturday and D. A. McLaughlin shipped one, they having the distinction of shipping the first berries of the season to go out from the Vass station.

The berry outlook is considered unusually favorable as the berries are of an extra high grade this year. The season has been well suited to the crop and the fruit is well developed and firm.

Estimates of the size of the crop from the Sandhills section range from 200 cars upwards, and with the addition of shipments from the Hamlet and Raeford territory and from Georgia and South Carolina probably 300 carloads will find their way to northern markets.

Both Vass and Cameron have new marketing houses this season. Auction sales similar to the sales of tobacco are to be tried out for the first time, the farmers bringing their berries to the floors and buyers bidding for the various lots. If this experiment works well, it means spot cash for the farmers, who leave the warehouses with their sales slips and present them for immediate payment. Many growers, however, are consigning their fruit to commission houses as of old.

#### MRS. WHITAKER HEADS TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

Southern Pines played a prominent part in the annual meeting of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association held last week, May 26th, at Greensboro. Mrs. Charles R. Whitaker was chosen president, Dr. L. B. McBrayer managing director and Dr. J. W. Dickie a member of the executive committee. Dr. S. P. McCain of the State Sanatorium is also on the executive committee.

The auditor reported the financial affairs of the association in fine condition, and all reports made at the meeting reflected the great amount of constructive work accomplished during the past year.

## Democratic Primary Candidates

#### STATE TICKET

For United States Senator, short term: Tam C. Bowie, Frank D. Grist, Robert R. Reynolds, Cameron Morrison.

For United States Senator, long term: Frank D. Grist, Arthur Simmons, Robert R. Reynolds, Cameron Morrison, Tam C. Bowie.

For Governor: Richard T. Fountain, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Allen J. Maxwell.

For Lieut. Governor: A. H. Graham, Denison F. Giles, David P. Dellinger.

For Secretary of State: James A. Hartness, Stacy W. Wade.

For Auditor: Baxter Durham, Chester O. Bell, George H. Adams.

For Attorney General: Peyton McSwain, Dennis G. Brummitt.

For Commissioner of Labor: A. L. Fletcher, John D. Norton, W. Henry Davis, R. R. Lawrence, B. Fritz Smith, Clarence E. Mitchell.

For Corporation Commissioner: E. C. Macon, Stanley Winbourne.

For Insurance Commissioner: Dan C. Boney, D. W. Morton.

#### COUNTY TICKET

For House of Representatives: M. C. McDonald, T. D. McLean, N. L. Gibbon, W. R. Clegg, Angus B. Cameron.

For Sheriff: Charles J. McDonald, R. G. Fry, R. B. Taylor, John McCaskill.

For Register of Deeds: Jas. A. Davis, W. J. Harrington, E. J. Woodward.

For Judge of Recorder's Court: Geo. H. Humber, J. Vance Rowe.

For Solicitor of Recorder's Court: M. G. Boyette, Edward J. Burns.

For Coroner: D. Carl Fry, A. H. Bray, John Sloan, Kenneth A. Caddell.

For Commissioners:

District No. 1: L. R. Flinchum, Wilbur H. Currie.

District No. 2: E. C. Matheson, D. D. McCrimmon.

District No. 3: L. R. Reynolds, O. T. Parks.

District No. 4—No contest, Frank Cameron, sole nominee.

District No. 5: Gordon M. Cameron, D. A. Patterson.

## PICQUET TO CLOSE SOUTHERN PINES THEATRE JUNE 11

### Lack of Patronage Forces Management to Announce Dark House for the Summer

Charles W. Picquet, manager of the Carolina Theatre at Southern Pines, announced this week that following the performance of Saturday, June 11th the theatre would close indefinitely.

Lack of patronage is given as the reason for "his drastic step which will mean loss of entertainment to hundreds during the summer. This will be the first time this theatre has completely closed in many years. There have been times when it operated certain nights of the week, not every night as of late. Mr. Picquet informed The Pilot that the revenue from recent performances had been insufficient to meet even the film rentals, to say nothing of house rental, salaries of employes and advertising.

"The patronage has not only not increased, but has actually decreased since the announcement of reduced admission charge made a few weeks ago," Mr. Picquet said yesterday. "I have been very much surprised at the reception of two or three of the recent films, 'State's Attorney' for one, as these pictures have been drawing record crowds in New York at prices of 75 cents and a dollar.

"I have done everything possible to reduce expenses to a point where I could keep the theatre open this summer, but the revenue does not come anywhere near meeting the expenses of operating, and much as I hate to deprive those who enjoy the movies for their entertainment, there is nothing left for me to do but close up shop. I realize it will be a great blow to hundreds of persons

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## SOUTHERN PINES WINS FAST GAME FROM PINEHURST

### Hundreds See New Uniforms Christened with Victory to the Tune of 6 to 4

The Sandhills turned out in force Monday afternoon, Memorial Day, for the big baseball game between the newly uniformed Southern Pines team and the strong Pinehurst nine, and the several hundred gathered about the improved Southern Pines diamond witnessed an exciting battle which the home team won by the score of 6 to 4. It was a colorful scene, with 125 automobiles parked about the field, the grandstand crowded and the youthful femininity of the two towns out in their summer finery.

Victory christened the new uniforms of the Southern Pines players, who looked like real leaguers in their light grey and navy blue, but it was anybody's game until the last man was out. The winners have been practicing regularly of late under the able coaching of Paul Barnum. Charlie Everest is manager and Bill Fisher captain. The Sandhill Post of the American Legion organized the team and sponsored the campaign for funds for the new uniforms and improvements to the playing field. In addition to contributors mentioned in previous issues of The Pilot, C. L. Hayes and the Highland Hardware House donated playing equipment last week. A collection at the game netted \$27.

Pinehurst scored two runs to start Monday's battle, and held the lead until the last of the third. Tom Vann then unleashed a three-bagger which brought in Donaldson, Fisher landed on one which scored Vann and the score was tied. In the 4th inning Johnson and Donaldson scored and Walker was put across the plate in the 5th to give Southern Pines a 5-2 lead.

In the 6th Pinehurst sent in five

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## Spirited Political Campaign Winds Up Saturday with Balloting for Candidates

### Editorial

The local primary election tomorrow, Saturday, presents as one of its most important phases the choice of competent members of the County Board of Commissioners. The five men comprising it will handle about half a million dollars' worth of business for the county. Three of the old members of the board, Wilbur Currie, the chairman, Evander Matheson and Frank Cameron, are candidates for reelection. It would seem wise that this board retain a portion of the old membership that the organization be continued with a familiarity of the county's business represented, for an entire new delegation cannot take up an important work and carry it on as skillfully as if men trained in the work by experience and knowledge are continued.

The old board has had some exceedingly difficult matters to handle with the prevailing financial conditions, and has given good account of its work. Mr. Currie has made an exceptionally good chairman, and it would be a grave risk at this time to drop him for a successor who might be wholly inexperienced in the line of work that the county now requires to be handled with judgment and knowledge of county affairs and of the conditions that prevail.

This is no time to drop a pilot who has brought his ship as skillfully through the rough weather as Mr. Currie has. The Pilot does not presume to advise the voter how to cast his ballot, but it does reserve the right to express its opinion of a capable man who has proved his ability, especially when the present crisis still hangs over the county and the country.

## S. A. Richardson, Born in Maine in 1852, Dies

### Father of Former Mayor of Southern Pines Was One of Early Northern Settlers Here

Samuel Albert Richardson, pioneer and widely known resident of Southern Pines, died at his home here on Tuesday following a brief illness. Born in Jefferson, Maine on December 2d, 1852, he came to Southern Pines in its sprouting days and had spent much of his time here since then. He was enriched with those qualities which endure one to the hearts of his fellow man, and in both his native state and in that of his adoption he leaves a host of mourning friends.

Mr. Richardson was the father of Samuel B. Richardson, who served as mayor of Southern Pines throughout the years of its growth from hamlet to thriving village. Two other sons, Dr. C. K. Richardson of Clover, N. J. and Frank Richardson of Oswego, N. Y., and one daughter, Miss Mary Richardson, of Southern Pines, survive. After a service of prayer at the home here on Wednesday afternoon the body was taken north for burial in the family lot at Jefferson. S. B. Richardson accompanied the remains.

#### NEXT WEEK'S MOVIES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—Ramon Novarro in "Huddle."  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday—Greta Garbo in "As You Desire Me."

### Ballot Boxes, Open from Sun-up to Sun-down, to Tell of Victories and Defeats

#### MANY OFFICES AT STAKE

A political campaign that came in like a lamb is going out tomorrow like a roaring lion. The meek and mild citizen who appeared a few weeks ago to have no interest in the governorship nor the senatorship nor who would run his county for the next year is now the same fellow you see on the corner wildly gesticulating and arguing and fairly foaming at the mouth in his ardent advocacy of this fellow or that for that office or this.

The ballot boxes will tell the tale tomorrow night, Saturday. From sun-up to sun-down tomorrow they will receive those sheets of paper which mean so much to the various candidates for public office. The aspirants for these positions have told their stories. They are in the hands of the electorate, that fickle body which determines who shall be chosen to guide the destinies of county, state and nation.

North Carolina Democracy tomorrow expresses its preference for its next governor, for a United States senator, for offices of varying importance down the line. Moore county voices its desires for a representative in the next State legislature, for a county commission, for a judge, a sheriff, a register of deeds, a solicitor and a coroner. There has been no dearth of candidates. The field has been crowded. In another column on this page will be found the complete roster. Mark your favorites and go to the polls. Only enrolled Democrats may vote for the Democratic candidates, enrolled Republicans for the Republican candidates. There is but one Republican contest, that between Jake Newell of Charlotte and George W. DePriest of Shelby for the Republican nomination for the United States Senate. All other candidates, state and county, on the Republican ticket were nominated at recent conventions.

#### The Governorship

Campaign managers for the three gubernatorial candidates, Allen J. Maxwell, J. C. B. Ehringhaus and R. T. Fountain have been active throughout Moore county during the past few weeks, and each claims the county for his man. The opinion seems to prevail, however, that it will be between Maxwell and Ehringhaus here. The race in the county for the Senate is said to be close between Senator Cameron Morrison and Robert R. Reynolds, Asheville attorney running on a platform for a change in liquor legislation.

Next in importance to these battles, and of more direct importance to the local citizen, are the contests for member of the State Legislature from this county, and for the county commission. There are five candidates for the Legislature, each claiming victory and with one person's guess as good as another's. Almost all sections of the county are represented among the

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#### GRAND JURY RECOMMENDS ALL POSSIBLE ECONOMY

"We recommend to the county commissioners that every possible economy be exercised in the county government; the elimination of all offices that are not necessary at the present time and the reduction of salaries wherever possible," reads the final paragraph of the report rendered by the grand jury last week and signed by W. D. Smith, foreman.

The jury reported satisfactory conditions existing at the prison camp, jail and county home. At the last named place an abundance of garden vegetables and field crops was found, well kept and giving promise of a bountiful harvest.

The court house offices were found in satisfactory shape, the only recommendation in regard to them being that the seal in the clerk's office be repaired or replaced with a new one.