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FIVE CENTS

A. B. CAMERON IS NOMINATED FOR STATE ASSEMBLY

M. C. McDonald, Runner-up, Not to Demand Second Primary, He Announces

STATE AND COUNTY VOTE

The Democratic primary last Saturday settled the question of the party's candidates for the fall elections in all but a few instances. No second primary is looked for in the gubernatorial race. Though J. C. B. Ehringhaus did not get a majority of the votes, his lead over R. T. Fountain and A. J. Maxwell was so commanding that Fountain is not expected to demand a second primary. Senator Cameron Morrison, who ran nearly 15,000 votes behind Robert R. Reynolds for the nomination for United States Senator, will try again July 2d.

In county, Angus B. Cameron of Carthage led the field of five in the race for the State House of Representatives, with M. C. McDonald of West End a close second. Mr. McDonald announced yesterday that he would not, however, ask for a second primary, that he greatly appreciated the support given him, that he would have been glad to have served had the majority of the citizens of the county wanted him, but that he was thoroughly satisfied with the result.

Charles J. McDonald lacked but ten votes of a majority in the four-cornered race for sheriff, paving the way for former Sheriff Fry to call for a second primary, but due to Sheriff McDonald's big vote it is not expected Fry will exercise his right. The only other county race in which a majority was not given the leading candidate was for coroner, but the incumbent, D. Carl Fry led his nearest opponent, John Sloan of Aberdeen by more than 700 votes and no second primary is expected here.

Will J. Harrington, Recorder of Deeds, led in the vote getting with a total of 2,667. Next highest was M. G. Boyette for solicitor with 2,562.

The closest races were those between Wilbur J. Currie, chairman of the board of county commissioners, and his opponent, L. R. Flinchum, Currie winning by a scant three votes, and Gordon Cameron and D. A. Patterson for the county commission from the Sandhills-Mineral Springs district, which Cameron won by 12 votes. Judge Humber only defeated Vance Rowe for the Recorder's Court by a 61 vote margin.

Ehringhaus carried the county by 20 votes over Fountain, with Maxwell third. Reynolds more than doubled Morrison's vote in the county, 1870 to 905. Chester Bell, former Moore county auditor, though defeated in the state, carried Moore by a large majority.

The official vote, State and county tickets, follows:

COUNTY TICKET

For House of Representatives	
Angus B. Cameron	1050
M. C. McDonald	978
T. D. McLean	632
N. L. Gibbon	488
W. R. Clegg	780
For Sheriff	
John McCaskill	600
Charles J. McDonald	1843
R. G. Fry	1164
R. B. Taylor	89
For Register of Deeds	
E. J. Woodward	414
Jas. A. Davis	663
W. J. Harrington	2667
For Judge of Recorder's Court	
J. Vance Rowe	1761
George H. Humber	1822
For Solicitor of Recorder's Court	
Edward J. Burns	977
M. G. Boyette	2562
For Coroner	
Kenneth A. Caddell	332
D. Carl Fry	1681
A. H. Bray	613
John Sloan	944
For County Commissioners	
District No. 1—	
Wilbur H. Currie	1753
L. R. Flinchum	1750
District No. 2—	
D. D. McCrimmon	1684
E. C. Matheson	1741

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Wins Primary Fight



ROBERT R. REYNOLDS

MOORE CO. GAINS 8 TEACHERS FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Allotments for County and Charter District Schools Announced by State Board

TOTAL IS OVER \$136,000

Of the increase of 333 in numbers of teachers for the public schools of North Carolina announced this week by the State Board of Equalization, Moore county gains eight. The State Board reported through the Raleigh News and Observer that Moore county headed the list of counties receiving fewer teachers than last year but the reverse is true, County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas reports. The original allotment last year was 205 teachers as compared to 213 this year, an increase of exactly eight. Last year three teachers were added to the original allotment of the Hemp Graded School and two were added at Vass, making the final total of regular teachers allotted to Moore county last year 210. This leaves a net gain of three regular teachers over last year for Moore county.

Aberdeen and Southern Pines gained one colored teacher each, while Highfalls was granted one additional teacher. A number of schools entitled to an increase in the number of teachers for 1932-33 on the basis of average daily attendance were denied the increase on account of lack of funds.

The board increased the allotment of funds \$30,106.68, or from the original allotment of \$15,482,279.18 for

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Filling Station Robbed by Two Hold-Up Men

Pull Gun on Tom Youngblood in Heart of Southern Pines and Order Safe Opened

Turning to comply with a request for a gallon of gasoline, Tom Youngblood, in charge of the Standard Filling Station in the heart of Southern Pines heard the order, "Stick 'em up," and turned to face a .45 revolver on Monday night about 10:30 o'clock. He was commanded to open the drawer of the cash register, but this revealing little money the two hold-up men ordered the safe opened. From that they netted \$178, turned on their heels and disappeared down Connecticut avenue towards Bennett street. They have not been seen since.

Youngblood was on duty at the new service station of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey at Broad street and Connecticut avenue Monday night when the two young men appeared. They said they'd run out of gas down on the next street and asked him for a gallon. When he turned to get it one of the pair whipped out the gun.

Night Patrolman Newton replied promptly to the alarm sent out by Youngblood as soon as the men were out of sight, but no trace of them was found. It is surmised that they had a car awaiting them around the corner on Bennett street and made a speedy getaway.

CITIZENS ASK FOR POSTPONEMENT OF NEW P. O. BUILDING

Consider Appropriation of \$95,000 "An Unwarranted Expenditure of Public Funds."

BAILEY APPROVES ACTION

The following telegram was sent on Monday of this week to Senator Josiah W. Bailey and Congressman J. Walter Lambeth at Washington:

"We understood that an allotment has been proposed for a new postoffice building in Southern Pines, North Carolina in a pending bill in Congress. While we should like such a building in our community we feel that under prevailing economic stress and the uncertainty of the future it would be an unwarranted expenditure of public funds. We sincerely hope that communities with similar proposed expenditures will join us in this tax saving movement."

The telegram was signed by upwards of 25 prominent residents of Southern Pines. To one of the signers Senator Bailey replied:

"Thank you very much for your considerate telegram. The attitude of yourself and the other signers indicates a fine appreciation of the situation. It heartens me to realize that when necessity demands our people can rise to a solidarity in the common interests. I believe that our people will realize the critical situation in our country and when they do they will be prepared to make all sacrifices. If so, all will be well after a while."

The telegram in question was prompted by the discovery that the Garner Bill, termed by some an "economy measure," by others a "pork barrel" bill, contained provision for an appropriation at this time of \$95,000 for a new postoffice building in Southern Pines. Aberdeen was included in the list with an appropriation of \$75,000, Pinehurst allotted a new building to cost \$70,000. A group in Southern Pines at once organized in opposition to such an expenditure on the ground that an omnibus building meant increased taxes at a time when decreased taxes were the country-wide cry.

Chamber Argues Move

At a meeting of directors of the Chamber of Commerce in Southern Pines Tuesday noon Struthers Burt asked members to go on record with their representatives at Washington in opposition to the expenditure for a building at this time, and in the discussion which followed was backed up by Frank Buchanan, Dr. W. C. Mudgett and others. Dr. L. B. McBrayer was of the opinion that such a building program at this time would stimulate business and put a lot of unemployed to work, in which M. G. Nichols was inclined to agree with him. The board

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PICQUET TO KEEP THEATRE OPEN FOR ANOTHER WEEK

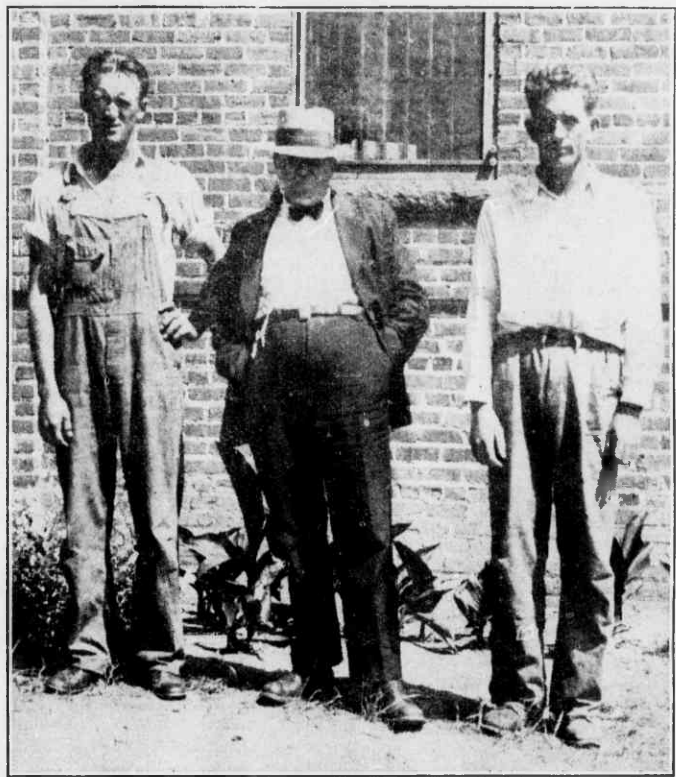
Pending a decision on his application for decreased film rentals, Manager Charles W. Picquet of the Carolina Theatre, Southern Pines, announced yesterday that he would keep the theatre open one more week and not close tomorrow, Saturday, night, as announced in last week's papers. "Since the publications of the closing announcements," Mr. Picquet said, "I have made a trip to our distributing center in a final effort to get such reductions in film rentals as will allow us to continue through the summer. The exchange managers are obliged to submit all such matters to their home offices in New York, which takes time. Pending a decision I have decided to remain open one more week and believe I have secured two more attractions which are decidedly worth while for this extra week."

CHILDREN HAVE OUTING

Twenty-five children of the Catholic Church at Southern Pines enjoyed a picnic Wednesday at Montesanti's cabin. Miss Ruby Taft was in charge of the youngsters at their outing, and they had a grand time at games and stunts, and plenty to eat. Father Dillon joined in the festivities.

Lucas and Deans Confess Daring Plot to Extort \$5,000 from Verner Z. Reed, Jr.

Captor and Captives



Left to right, Joe Lucas, Deputy Sheriff Fuller Currie and Harold Deans. Photo by Epps

Demanded Money on Threat of Kidnaping

Officers Currie and Gilliland Capture Lucas at Church Designated for Delivery of Cash

DEANS WRITER OF NOTE

Joe Lucas and Howard Deans, both of Roseland were bound over to Superior Court on Monday at Carthage on charges of conspiracy to defraud Verner Z. Reed, Jr., of Pinehurst, to whom they had sent a letter demanding \$5,000 on threat of the kidnaping of his children or himself. Bond was fixed at \$10,000 each and the two men are lodged in the county jail.

The letter, postmarked, was received by Mr. Reed, prominent sportsman of Pinehurst and Newport, R. I., last Friday morning. It read as follows:

Mr. Verner Reed
Pinehurst, N. C.

June 2, 1932.

Mr. Verner Reed:

I am writing you in regards of five thousand dollars \$5,000.00 to be delivered at old deep Krick church Friday night the 3rd at 9 o'clock P. M. or I am going to kidnap your child or you one.

When you read this you will say you canot get your kid but listen I know where your family is and have got a man watching them and one watching you to see you don't make any crooked moves. So drive by the Church real slow and throw it out and be carefull for I will have men watching the place with guns.

Now take warning for you know what happened to the Linberg baby.

For I am not asking you for a large amount that you cant pay and never miss it. And if you dont do this you know what high explosives Will do. Be shure and have it in small bills.

Yours Truly,
Mee

The letter was written on a sheet of large tablet paper and was postmarked "Pinehurst, June 3, 9 A. M." As soon as he opened the letter Mr. Reed sent for Sheriff Charles McDonald and a plan of campaign was mapped out. Mr. Reed placed ten one-dollar bills in a good-sized box and carried out instructions contained in the note. The bills were marked so that in the event the extortioners got away there would be something to work on.

Deputy Sheriff Fuller Currie and Night Patrolman Gilliland of Pinehurst went to the Deep Creek church designated in the letter and concealed themselves. The church is about three miles from the Reed home. Around 9 o'clock Friday night Mr. Reed, accompanied by Tod Nederfield, drove by the spot and threw out the box. Soon after Lucas appeared on the scene and located the parcel. When he stooped to pick it up Currie jumped on him. Lucas was carried to the jail at Carthage. When it was found that he could not write officers knew there must have been an accomplice in the crime, and after confessing his part in the attempted extortion, Lucas implicated Deans. The latter was arrested at the Marlborough orchard, between Aberdeen and Pinebluff, at an early hour Saturday morning by Deputies Currie and Lambert. At Carthage he was asked to write his name, address, age, etc. and the handwriting was found to correspond with that in the note. Deans then confessed. Both Lucas and Deans claim they had no idea of carrying out the threats in the note. Each is around 25 years of age.

Mr. Reed has a wife and two children, both boys, one eight and one five years of age. His residence on the outskirts of Pinehurst is one of the finest in the state, built several years ago as a winter home. Mr. Reed has his own polo field there, and two years ago purchased a pack of hounds to hunt over his extensive property and the adjacent territory. He is a member of the Sandhill Polo Club which plays throughout the winter months at Pinehurst.

Dewberry Auction Sales Release Cash to Growers through County

New System of Marketing Meets With Favor Though Prices Have Been Better

By Bion H. Butler

In the main the folks are pretty well pleased with the dewberry auction sales at both Vass and Cameron. Prices are not what a few years ago would have been regarded as necessary for happiness, but in a general way the sentiment is that while the figures are low as compared with the past they are as high as can be hoped for under prevailing conditions, and one common remark is that the cash price on delivery of the crate is much better than the expectation of a much higher figure from berries that are consigned to an uncertain market in the north. The figures at the opening day of the market on Monday ranged from a dollar and a half to around three dollars with an average of not far from two dollars and a half. This money was actual money in hand as the berries were unloaded in the car in the truck going to the northern market.

The fruit at both markets came in in right good shape and quality. One of the visiting buyers suggested that if growers would pile up their crates on top of each other rather than spread them all out over the bottom of the truck when bringing them in they would not be jarred as badly on the road from the farm to the selling sheds, and he also cautioned about some of the baskets that showed carelessness in too many green berries. The prices showed where care had been exercised and where carelessness had prevailed. The auction market also gave the farmer a good insight into why some berries bring good prices and why some are bitter disappointments.

Cash Gathering

At both Vass and Cameron the opening day of the market looked like old times. Farmers were in town selling their fruit, and pickers were there getting money for picking as the berries

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COURTHOUSE JANITOR HELD ON CHARGE OF LARCENY

Tom Caddell, for several years janitor at the Moore county court house, was on Monday bound to Superior Court on the charge of larceny of \$33.50 from the office of County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas. Tom gave bond of \$200.

'Once in a Blue Moon'

Hundred Local Residents To Present Play for Benefit of Community House

Nearly 100 prominent local people are to take part in a comedy-drama, "Once in a Blue Moon," to be presented at the Dixie Theatre, Aberdeen, next Thursday and Friday nights, June 16th and 17th, for the benefit of the Aberdeen Community House Association. A story of the play appears on Page 6 of this issue, a list of the cast of characters in the advertisement which appears on Page 8. The entire Sandhills is invited to the performances.

Negro Boy Found Dead on Eve of Wedding

George Bradshaw, Local Bootblack, Victim of Heart Attack On Outskirts of Aberdeen

George Bradshaw, Negro shoe-shine boy for Taylor's barber shop in Aberdeen, was found dead last Saturday by the side of the road outside the city limits half way between the sulphur plant and the Laurinburg road. He had pitched forward on his face and as his hand clutched at his heart, it was decided he had an attack as he was subject to such spells.

There was no evidence of foul play or robbery as he had \$4.00 and a watch on his person when found. He made his home with John Williams in Berkeley, and was a well-known colored character. There was great consternation among the colored folks over his death, as George was planning to be married and a big wedding celebration was being arranged.

WOULD ROUTE U. S. NO. 1 TRAFFIC THROUGH TOWN

A movement to connect East Broad street, Southern Pines with U. S. Highway No. 1 near the point where the highway enters the city limits is under consideration, the matter having been presented to the Chamber of Commerce at its meeting last Tuesday. Merchants believe that business would be stimulated by diverting traffic through the heart of the village in this manner. The chamber's highway committee has the matter under consideration.