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SWIMMING CLAIMS SECOND VICTIM OF SUMMER SEASON

Ralph Pryor, 19, of Near Aberdeen Seized with Cramp in Callery Lake

PAL HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Swimming claimed its second victim of the summer season in the Sandhills during the past week when Ralph Pryor, 19-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pryor, who reside about two miles out of Aberdeen on the road to Raeford, was drowned in the small lake on the Callery estate on the edge of Southern Pines. The accident occurred about noon on Saturday.

Ralph and his cousin, Charlie Gillis, went to the pond en route home from a trip to Aberdeen to deliver vegetables. The little lake, made a few years ago when William Callery dammed the stream running through his property to further enhance its beauty, is one of the coldest in the section, fed by springs and well shaded. The sudden transition from the hot air to the cold water is believed to have caused young Pryor to be seized with cramps after he jumped into the pond, for after once swimming across and turning back toward the other shore he called to Gillis that he couldn't make it. He was at one of the few points in the little lake which is over one's head.

Gillis hurried to him, seized him by the hair as he started to go down, but was almost drowned himself in his attempts to save him. After diving for Pryor several times he rushed to Southern Pines for aid.

James and Anderson Rountree, Leland McKeithen and Frank Wilder met the distracted Gillis in Southern Pines, and while one of them went for Dr. J. S. Milliken, the others rushed to the pond. There they succeeded in locating Pryor and bringing him to the surface. They, with Dr. Milliken and Dr. H. E. Bowman, who arrived from Aberdeen, worked over him for two hours, but to no avail.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Bethesda.

D. C. Phillips, Jr., aged 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Phillips of Southern Pines, was drowned in the lake at Pinebluff on May 17th when a large number of children from the Southern Pines school were having an outing there. He dove from the dam and failed to come up. Just what happened is not known, but life was extinct when he was found.

LOCAL LEGION MEN ATTEND CONVENTION AT ASHEVILLE

The Sandhills section was well represented at the annual convention of the North Carolina Department, American Legion, held the past week in Asheville. From the post at Carthage went H. Lee Thomas, Charlie Kivett, D. A. Blue, John Beasley, Luther Wallace and B. C. Wallace. From Sandhill post L. V. O'Callaghan, J. H. Stephenson and Max Backer of Southern Pines and Paul Dana and Corbet Alexander were there. They report a good time.

TO REPRESENT SANDHILLS AT ECONOMIC MEETING

Ralph W. Page, Aberdeen, Harry N. Vale, Southern Pines, and General Albert Cox of Raleigh are representing this section at a meeting of the National Economy League to be held at the Bar Association in New York next Tuesday evening. The league will discuss ways and means out of the present national economic dilemma.

JANET GAYNOR AND CHARLES FARRELL AT THE CAROLINA

The announcement that Charles Farrell and Janet Gaynor, America's most popular screen team, will be seen at the Carolina Theatre, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 28, 29, 30, in that well known stage hit "The First Year" assures the Sandhill folks of another fine special attraction.

"The First Year" was undoubtedly one of the greatest stage successes New York has ever had and it is unusually well suited to these two popular stars.

Wounded Prisoner Takes French Leave

Vass Store Thief, Recuperating at County Hospital, Steals Some Clothes and Checks Out When No One is Looking

After spending several days in the Moore County Hospital recuperating from gun shot wounds sustained as he was leaving McDermott's store in Vass which he had forcibly entered in the early morning hours of June 8, John Henry Meeks, colored, sometime during last Friday night left said hospital without bothering those in authority to officially discharge him. Neither did he call a nurse to gather up his clothing for him, but helped himself to some that was handy and checked out, leaving no forwarding address.

Sheriff C. J. McDonald or his deputies had been visiting the hospital daily since the Negro had been there with the intention of transferring him to the jail just as soon as those in attendance thought it was safe to do so. He had appeared to be quite badly injured, the gun shot taking effect in his body and also in his ankles, but he evidently pretended that his suffering was greater than it was in order to make good his escape.

Meeks, at the time he was captured, stated that he had been off the chain gang only two weeks. Officers had hoped, through jewelry found in his possession, to connect him with robberies at other places.

Decide on Needed Reduction in Expenses and Demand Action

Ralph Page Sees Task of Trying to Cut Individual Items as Hopeless One

By Ralph W. Page

I have followed with a great deal of interest not only the discussions in your paper, but the county-wide personal discussions of the question of the expense of government, county, state and national, which the majority of the people have come to believe is a definite menace to their welfare.

I have on my desk an authoritative statement that the total amount of taxation, Federal, State and Municipal, advanced from three billion dollars in 1914 to fourteen billion dollars in 1931. That we have been so ridden with government expense that today the people of the United States devote twenty per cent of their income to government. In other words, one day's work out of every five is devoted to the supposed benefits received from an enormously growing and entrenched bureaucracy.

As I see it, the farmers and the old inhabitants of this county have awakened to the fact that the entire conception of government has changed to their detriment. Their original idea was that the government was supported by the people for the purpose of carrying on the minimum primary objects of a government. It now turns out that the government is in the business of supporting the people. It now turns out that the people have to be taxed so that the government can either run, or assist in running, everything under the sun. From their point of view a great lot of the money spent by the government is purely and simply taken from the taxpayer and given away to somebody. All this vast accumulation of supposed services and information amounts to nothing but a great paternal and bureaucratic control, which in their opinion in no way gives back more than one-half the money the people pay in taxes.

Moreover it creates an ever increasing army of clerks and employees who become entrenched with a sovereign right to draw salaries for life.

Poverty for Paternity

Their point now is that they not only do not wish, but are absolutely unable, to provide money for all this paternal government. It is a perfect absurdity for citizens of the United States to be driven from their homes by the thousands to be foreclosed and hounded to death in order to raise money to provide a great army of government assistants. What could be more preposterous than to tax a man and sell his farm in order to provide him with a government teacher to show him how to farm?

As I understand it, the practically unanimous point of view of the country people of this county is that they cannot and do not wish to pay for any of the alleged benefits of government. They wish to go back to the original form of the American Government where the government did nothing but govern and did this at the minimum possible expense and annoyance to the people.

To go into all the details of the savings they desire accomplished, in a mass meeting, is ridiculous and invidious. They have observed the na-

STANDING OF CLUBS

Aberdeen	10	3	.769
Vass-Lakeview	11	4	.733
Thomastown	6	5	.555
Pinehurst	7	8	.467
Southern Pines	6	8	.427
Carthage	5	8	.384
Cameron	4	7	.364
West End	5	10	.333

SCHEDULE

Fri., July 22—Aberdeen at Thomastown; Carthage at West End.
Sat., July 23—Thomastown at Vass.
Mon., July 25—So. Pines at Thomastown.
Wed., July 27—So. Pines at Aberdeen.
Thurs., July 28—Thomastown at Aberdeen.
Fri., July 29—Thomastown at Cameron.
Sat., July 30—Vass at Pinehurst; Aberdeen at Cameron, West End at Southern Pines.

tional Congress endeavoring to cut expenses. Everyone seems to agree that the government should cut expenses at least four hundred million dollars, but as yet practically no economies have been made.

It is perfectly manifest that if the taxpayers and public citizens of this republic are to succeed in drastically reducing our expenses and taxes, that this movement will have to start in the townships and counties.

Demand 25% Cut

Such a movement has started spontaneously here in this county uninfluenced by any politicians, or by any financial interest or by any established school of thought. This demand is for at least a twenty-five per cent reduction in the cost of operating the county, at least a similar reduction in operating the State and that much, or more, in operating the Federal Government.

There is probably no man in the United States that will not say that this is a very beneficial movement. But the moment that these reductions are proposed in detail, the people find that the office holders and the beneficiaries of each expenditure rush to the defense of their particular graft.

This movement at this particular moment seems to be in danger of being absolutely side-tracked and ruined by the premature and useless argument about each particular expenditure.

I wish to contribute then one idea for the consideration of the organized group started in Bensalem and whatever other volunteer groups arise, which is this: Let this meeting of citizens unanimously decide that they wish the cost of government reduced at least twenty-five per cent and to command their authorized commissioners and legislators and the officers of their own organization to cause this reduction to be made. This having been done, the eternal discussion of what items shall be cut can be left for the further consideration of those persons commanded to do the cutting.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walker visited friends in Greensboro last Sunday.

ABERDEEN WINS TO TAKE LEAGUE LEAD FROM VASS

Exciting 10-Inning Game in County League Broken Up by Maurer's Bat

S. P. DEFEATS CAMERON

A single by Purvis Ferree and a double by Bill Maurer broke up a ball game between the leading teams in the Moore County League, Aberdeen and Vass-Lakeview, in the 10th inning of a hard fought and exciting battle. The score was 3 to 2. Good fielding and good pitching in the pinches along with Maurer's hitting, featured the game. Maurer had a single, double and triple in five times up.

The game, which meant the league leadership, was a hard fought contest from start to finish. Aberdeen scored first, an error and successive hits by Russell and Hunfley sending two men across the plate in the second inning. Vass did not score until the sixth, though threatening on a number of occasions. In each of these cases Yow, Aberdeen pitcher, tightened up and either struck out his men or caused them to send flies into the outfielders' hands.

In the sixth, Thomas, Wilson and Tyson all hit safely and put two runs across for Vass-Lakeview, tying the game up. And there the score stood until the tenth inning. Vass threatened in the first half of the tenth when Tyson got on because Yow failed to cover first on a grounded to George Martin, who covered the initial sack for Aberdeen Wednesday. Keith got a hit afterwards, advancing the runner, but Matthews hit a liner plop into the hands of Brad McLean, playing second.

Then came the exciting finish. After Yow was retired, Ferree lined out a single. Max Folley got on when the catcher dropped the third strike and threw wide to first. Up came Bill Maurer, and Bill put his 200 pounds into a mighty vollop that sent the pill deep between center and left field, Ferree trotting across the plate. Aberdeen had won.

The line-up:
Vass-Lakeview—Brewer, 1b; Keith, rf, cf; Tyson, rf; A. Matthews, ss; Thomas, 3b; D. Wilson, 2b, 3b; J.

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The Peach Story

Georgia Has Shipped 881 Cars as Against 4,698 a Year Ago

Here's the peach story in a nutshell:

Up to July 19th Georgia had shipped 881 cars of peaches against 4,698 cars up to the same date last year.

To the same date North Carolina shipped 144 against 110 last year. This should be the height of the Georgia season. The North Carolina crop is just beginning to move.

N. C. Hileys are quoted at \$3.00 to \$3.25 in Baltimore, \$3.50 in New York, \$3.75 in Cincinnati.

NEW FACULTY FOR SOUTHERN PINES SCHOOLS NAMED

Fall Term, Under Frank W. Webster, New Superintendent, To Open Sept. 15th

MANY NEW TEACHERS

The Southern Pines Schools will open for the fall term Thursday September 15th. The faculty is now complete and shows many changes over previous years both in the high school and elementary grades. Frank W. Webster, principal of the Paw Creek High School in Mecklenburg county, succeeds William F. Allen as superintendent, with Ben F. Brown of Charlotte as assistant and coach. Miss Pauline Miller, of Statesville will have the English course, Miss Adoa Anderson, of Greensboro, Science and French, Miss Alice M. Stutz of Southern Pines, Mathematics and Latin, Mrs. Ruth W. Warner of Lakeview, Commercial.

For the elementary school Mrs. Ellen W. Brown of Southern Pines will have the First Grade; Miss Emilie M. Wilson, of Southern Pines, First and Second Grades; Miss Charlotte W. Miles, of Danville, Va., Second Grade; Miss Jean McL. Lane of Sanford, Third Grade; Miss Virginia Lumpkin of Richmond, Va., Third and Fourth Grades; Miss Lenora O. Riggan of Southern Pines Fourth Grade; Miss Madie L. Wade, of Moorehead City, Fifth Grade; Miss Helen Dorch of Goldsboro, Sixth Grade; Miss Ann P. Huntington, of Southern Pines, Seventh Grade.

Grub Stake Plan Inaugurated by Mrs. Keating to Aid Unemployed

By Bion H. Butler

Mrs. Francis Keating, through the agency of the Sandhills Brotherhood at Pinehurst, is carrying on a work of improvement and benevolence that is unusual in its dual results. This philanthropic woman has been giving the Brotherhood certain sums from week to week to provide work for some of the folks around the community who are feeling the depression, and in the appropriation she stipulates the work to be done. At the present time it is the removal of the undergrowth and the burned trees that suffered from the fires last spring in the vicinity of No. 1 golf course at Pinehurst.

The Brotherhood is operating through Frank Maples, who has been engaging hands and supervising the operations, which consist in digging out all the trees damaged by the fires, and cutting into convenient length everything suitable for firewood, and burning all the rubbish left after the grubbing is finished. Already a large area around the entire golf course has been cleaned up. The underbrush is taken out, all mutilated and burned trees and shrubbery have been removed, with the result that the trees remaining give the appearance of an open park. Careful study was made of the policy of approach and of the effect of the work. In consequence the change is one of decided improvement especially in the picture afforded throughout the course, for the topography of No. 1 is such that opening some of the close forests surrounding gives a

landscape effect that has hardly been suspected.

Mr. Maples lays out tracts of land and awards each tract to a workman on a specific basis of cost, the man being in effect a contractor to clean up the lot assigned him. When his job is done he gets a requisition on a store for groceries to ensure that his household profits entirely from his work. The way Mr. Maples is handling the operation is bringing results that will surprise folks when they come back in the fall, for the transformation from the burned forests to the open park among the trees that remains is certain to impress every player. Fortunately most of the trees that were damaged by fire were blackjacks, while the pines were more fortunate.

Work at Knollwood

Not content with making this improvement on No. 1 course at Pinehurst Mrs. Keating has arranged with Mr. Maples to clear up her several lots at Knollwood in the same way, taking out the undergrowth that has come up in the last few years, and clearing out around the trees that have been retained. She hopes that others on Knollwood ridges will undertake a similar line of work, and present that section in the attractive light that is possible, while at the same time helping to employ the surplus labor that is hunting work.

Mrs. Keating's theory is that never was a better time to do improvement work in the forest land of the Sand-

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Watt Smith in Frenzy Shoots Wife and Baby

Enraged After Fight with Men, Well Known Candor Resident Pulls Gun on Family

CHILD DIES AT HOSPITAL

Watt Smith of Candor, former superintendent of the Chapin peach orchards here and well known throughout the Sandhills, shot his wife and baby son while in an infuriated state of intoxication at an early hour Wednesday morning. The mother and child were taken to the Moore County Hospital where the baby died Wednesday night. Mrs. Smith is expected to recover. Smith is in the Montgomery county jail at Troy.

After an altercation with some men he found erecting a billboard on the Smith property, a few miles from Candor on the Ellerbe road, Smith left with his son Bobby and a relative, Holt Williams, for Sanford Tuesday night to see a doctor. It was nearly 4 o'clock Wednesday morning when they returned home, and Smith found that in his absence his wife and their other children had moved over to the home of Smith's mother, Mrs. Emory Smith, for the night, fearful that there might be trouble. Watt had left there in an enraged state after his fight with the billboard men.

On finding the family had "walked out on him" Smith drove his car up and down the private road between his house and that of his mother several times, then around five o'clock stopped in front of his mother's. His wife was sitting on the porch with their baby son, Clifford, about 2 years of age, on her lap. Watt is said to have called out asking his wife when she was coming home.

"Not until you stop drinking," she is said to have answered.

Fire at Wife and Baby

With this remark he is alleged to have jumped from his car with a Winchester automatic shotgun in his hand. Pointing this at his wife he fired several times. Shots pierced her neck, face and shoulders, and some struck the baby. Mrs. Smith called for someone to grab the child. Members of the family rushed from the house, others from nearby houses. Watt's brother, Hermit, not knowing Watt was shooting at anyone or anything, yelled from a window of the house to "stop frightening the children," whereupon Watt turned the gun on him and inflicted a slight wound on the face.

It is reported that Smith attempted to turn the gun on himself just as men rushed to overpower him, but that his hand was too unsteady to pull the trigger.

Deputy Sheriff U. B. Jordan of Montgomery county hurried to the scene on notification by telephone and placed Smith under arrest. Dr. Coppe hurried to the residence from Candor and administered first aid to the mother and child, after which they were rushed to the county hospital at Pinehurst. Dr. Clement Munroe informed The Pilot yesterday that Mrs. Smith in all probability would recover.

Watt Smith is said to have been brooding and drinking heavily since he retired about a year ago as superintendent of the property of S. B. Chapin, located between Aberdeen and Pinehurst. It is said that he was under the influence of liquor on Tuesday when he came upon representatives of a land bank who were erecting a sign advertising some property adjacent to the Smith property for sale. The sign was being placed on Smith's land and Smith objected. As the land bank men had secured permission, according to their story, from other members of the Smith family, they paid no attention to Watt's command to stop their work. Words followed, including the calling of fighting names, and Smith is said to have been pounced upon and beaten up by the men. He complained afterwards of bruised bones, which prompted the trip to Sanford, young

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