

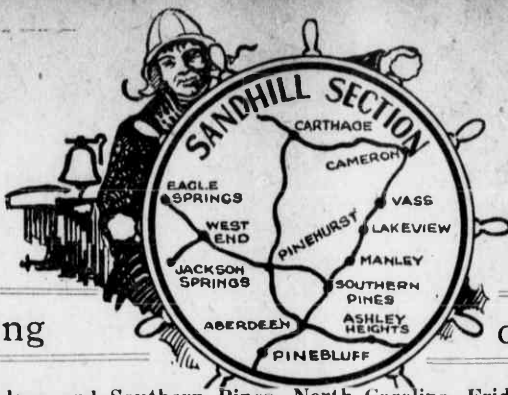
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## UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION HERE BEING STUDIED

So. Pines C. of C. Seeks Improvement of Local Roads As Relief Measure

### OTHER AVENUES OPEN

At the regular meeting of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce Tuesday the important question taken up was the matter of unemployment and the possible relief of it through road construction under the funds that the United States is placing at the disposal of the State Highway department. Dr. McBrayer has been in touch with the state highway department urging an appropriation for the work on the road between Aberdeen and Drowning creek, and an appeal will also be presented to the state department for reconstruction of the road between Carthage and Sanford, and some other work in the county. Shields Cameron and Frank Buchan telegraphed Mr. Jeffress of the state commission calling attention to the grave situation in the Sandhills villages regarding unemployment, and advising that this winter will see the need of any work that can be afforded. The fact is that something for the idle people to do is of more consequence just now than any road improvement, and the argument put up by some of the members of the Chamber was that the basis from which to figure as to what should be done within the county should be determined by the need of the idle people, for whose benefit the action of the government was chiefly directed. This matter will be further ironed out with Mr. Jeffress and the Chamber hopes to secure action in this territory in time to help relieve the tension of the prevailing idleness.

### Disturbing Question

The question of employment in the Sandhills during the coming fall and winter is beginning to disturb the thinking people of the village communities. The situation around Southern Pines, which has the largest population depending on wages is not altogether satisfactory. A couple of thousand colored people are facing a winter that at the present time is uncertain. While some of the signs point to some improvement in general business it is idle to approach winter without making some preparation to meet the conditions that are likely to prevail. Much thought is turned toward the troubled proposition that is ahead, and from one group of observers comes the suggestion that Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Manly should take up a question that has been discussed at times in recent years, that of extending the Southern Pines water service to the two outlying towns.

The statement offered is that Manly must soon provide a better water supply and that Aberdeen will have to look to the future for an increase in water and water service, and that with prices for everything low at this time the work could be carried out now to advantage, and with added benefit of solving the labor problem. The proposition that is discussed about the streets is to lay pipe lines from the Southern Pines mains to Manly and to the houses there, and also to lay mains to connect Aberdeen with the Southern Pines mains that Aberdeen may have a much larger supply and an increased pressure. Southern Pines has ample water to provide for the three communities until they have all grown to far greater population than they have now. The advocates of the scheme say the existing plant could pump the needed supply to all the communities with slight increase over the present expenses, making it possible for Manly and Aberdeen to get abundant water at a lower cost than will be possible if they continue to depend on their own supply.

### A Grave Situation

What brings the matter up just now is the need of employment for so many people, and the action by the Federal congress which has offered to provide loans to the states and communities that can employ the

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## Some Forgotten Political History Is Reviewed by E. C. Matheson



E. C. MATHESON

### Secretary of National Grange to Speak Here

Meeting Will Be Held in Court-house at Carthage Monday Night, August 1

Grange members and others in Moore County will have an unusual opportunity on Monday night, August 1, to hear the Secretary of the National Grange here. Mr. Harry A. Caton will speak in the Court Room at 8 o'clock. Mr. Caton will be in North Carolina for a series of meetings. These meetings will precede the National Grange meeting which will later be held in Winston-Salem.

It is hoped that Grange members in this County will avail themselves of this opportunity and also others who do not belong to the Grange. This meeting will be open to the public and everyone who is interested in hearing a good speaker should try to attend. It is seldom that we are fortunate in securing such good speakers as this. Please try to be on hand for this meeting and bring along anyone else who cares to come.

### MRS. SMITH AND BABY MUCH IMPROVED

Officials at the Moore County Hospital are authority for the statement that Mrs. Watt Smith and her young baby, who have been in the hospital since they were shot in Candor about a week ago, are very much improved. It was stated that while they were very seriously injured they were recovering nicely and would probably be able to leave the hospital in about a week.

### COLIN BETHUNE ACCEPTED FOR UNITED STATES NAVY

Colin Bethune is one of twenty-two young men enlisting in the United States Navy at the recruiting station in Raleigh last week. The men enlisting were transferred at once to the U. S. Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Virginia, where they will receive three months intensive training in the life and work of a bluejack in the United States Navy.

### WINNERS ATTENDING SHORT COURSE

Misses Bernice Blue and Margaret McLeod, members of the Eureka 4-H Club who won first and second prizes in the biscuit contest in the county, are spending this week in Raleigh, attending the short course for club boys and girls at State College. Their prizes were scholarships to the short course.

### TAX COLLECTIONS SLOW

Tax collections are coming in slowly for the last while, according to Tax Collector Huntley, but around seventy-five per cent of the county's revenue has come in to date, which is a pretty good showing. Advertising will begin in September and the sale of land for taxes is scheduled for the first of October.

### MEN OF CHURCH TO MEET

At the Presbyterian church tonight, there will be a meeting of The Men of the Church. J. W. Graham will have charge of the program and every member is requested to be present. Supper will be served at 7 o'clock.

### Commissioner Has Had Long and Varied Experience as Public Officer in Moore

The Pilot has a story this week from Evander Matheson, county commissioner, which explains itself, but which stands a brief introduction. Mr. Matheson, as the Grains of Sand stated, had been long enough in office to know the county, and this was proven acceptable to the people by his election to the board of commissioners for the next term. But more than that he has been so long before the people that the people know him, and that is why he was reelected, defeating a mighty strong man in his battle. And The Pilot has no hesitation in saying that at this time, when the question of taxes and county economies are before the people Evander Matheson is a valuable man in the county's employ, fully earning his salary, which is somewhere around five or six dollars a month. The truth about his relation to county affairs is that he has always been extremely discreet in his sanction of public expenditures, and it is doubtful if a more popular or a more efficient commissioner has been on the board in a long time.

### This is his story:

"When I sent my announcement as candidate for commissioner to The Pilot in the spring the Grains of Sand department remarked that 'E. C. Matheson was a county commissioner 36 years ago, is a county commissioner now, and sends in his announcement this week asking for another term. Vander ought to know the county by now.'"

There was in that statement nothing wrong, but from it some of the people inferred that I had been a commissioner 36 years, and that it was time to make a change. Others became impressed with the story that I had held nearly every office in the county including the office of county surveyor. But that is one office I never held. But here are the facts:

"From the 1870's to 1895 the county government was lodged in the hands of the justices of the peace who were appointed by the state legislature. These justices of the peace were organized into a county governing board and met at the court house in June each year. We had then as we have now, five commissioners and the last functioning of this board of justices was in 1894. At that time they appointed as county commissioners Henry A. Page of Aberdeen, J. Alton McIver of Jonesboro, Dr. John Shaw of Carthage, J. M. Wright of the extreme upper end of Sheffields Township and myself (E. C. Matheson) from the mid west section. We served 1895 and 96. From 1865 to 1875 the State and Counties had gotten into a devil of a mess and the State took over local government through its appointed agencies. The Populist-Republican fusion party came into power and found us like the boy that stood on its burning deck. During the twenty years prior to 1895 county paper or script, had risen from almost nothing to 100 cents on the dollar. There is one office that I have held that the people have forgotten and that is member of the County Board of Education.

"The fusionist legislature of 1895 made the Board of County Commissioners the Board of Education and we served in this dual capacity the balance of our term.

The fusionists were good to me and did not wholly cast me out. Their school law changed the school districts of the county and the township was made the unit. They appointed five committeemen for each township and I was appointed one for Bensalem township. Our board consisted of four white men and one colored man and I served as loyally as if I had been appointed by a Democrat.

My next political experience was sixteen years later. I was elected in 1912 county treasurer and held that office two years 1913 and 1914. Mr. Henry A. Page, my colleague of 1895 and 1896 went to the legislature in 1913 and changed the county treasurer's office to a bank or trust company. This was a wise piece of legislation. It saves the treasurer's com-

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## ABERDEEN STILL LEADS COUNTY'S BASEBALL CLUBS

Leaders Are Followed by Vass Which Is Less Than a Game Behind

### CELLARITES SWAP PLACES

Team	W	L	Pc.
Aberdeen	12	3	.800
Vass	12	4	.750
Southern Pines	7	9	.563
Pinehurst	7	8	.533
Thomastown	6	8	.429
Carthage	6	9	.400
West End	6	10	.375
Cameron	4	7	.364

Aberdeen is still leading the league by a small margin—less than a game ahead of Vass-Lakeview, the next in line. Further down the line there has been some shift of position. West End has turned loose of the cellar position in favor of Cameron; Southern Pines and Pinehurst have reversed their relative positions and both have moved above Thomastown, which lost all three games played during the week. Southern Pines won a game and lost a game, while Pinehurst was inactive; Carthage also won and lost a game; West End won the only game played and Cameron was inactive.

### Southern Pines Defeats Thomastown

Southern Pines journeyed to Thomastown Monday taking the local boys into camp 11 to 3, the game being marked by a home run for Monte, the return of Cliff Johnson to his place in left field and the pitching of Millar. For Thomastown L. Lawhon, W. Lawhon and Kelly each made a run. For Southern Pines Vann and Johnson made two runs each, Millar and Montesanti three each and Stewart one.

The line-up for this game was as follows: Southern Pines—Vann, ss; Montesanti, 3rd; Fisher, c; Wilson, 1st; Harris, 2nd; Johnson, lf; Millar, p; Case, cf; Stewart, rf. Thomastown, E. Lawhorn, p and 2nd; Gordon, 3rd; Baughn, cf; J. Thomas, 2nd and p; L. Lowhorn, c; W. Lawhorn, rf; Petree, 1st; C. Thomas, ss; Kelly, lf. An exhibition game between Southern Pines and Pinehurst was played Saturday afternoon, Pinehurst being defeated 10 to 6.

### Aberdeen Wins

In a ragged but exciting game Aberdeen defeated Southern Pines 8-6 at Aberdeen Wednesday afternoon.

Aberdeen scored four runs in the third when Bowers hit Folley and this was followed by hits by Maurer, McLean, Russell and Huntley.

Aberdeen scored two more in the fourth on hits by Folley, Maurer, McLean and a sacrifice by Martin. Southern Pines scored four runs in the seventh when Webster tripled, followed by hits by Montesanti and Fisher, and an error by Martin.

Aberdeen scored again in the seventh when Russell tripled and Martin put on the squeeze play. Bobbitt was safe on an error and continued to second and scored when Wilson made an error on a throw to first.

Southern Pines came to bat in the ninth with the score 8-3. Montesanti singled, was safe stealing second when Bill Maurer threw over the second baseman's head, scoring on Fisher's single. Miller walked. Fisher scored on a play at first when Stewart was thrown out. With the score 8 to 6 and runners on second and third and two out, Tomny Vann delivered with a line drive over short. Purvis Ferree leaped high into the air with his back towards home plate and made a beautiful catch to end the game.

There were several hundred of the wildest fans who kept up continued cheering for both sides. They got their money's worth.

### SCHEDULE

Friday, July 29—Thomastown at Cameron.

Saturday, July 30—Vass at Pinehurst; Cameron at Aberdeen; West End at Southern Pines.

Wednesday, August 3—Pinehurst at Southern Pines; Cameron at Aberdeen; Vass at Thomastown.

Thursday, August 4—West End at Carthage.

## Taxpayers' League Demands Cut of Twenty-Five per Cent In Cost of Running County

### Gobble! Gobble

Herewith Is Evidence That All Good Stories Don't Come from Kinston

The Pilot's Eureka correspondent is authority for the following story:

"Even the turkey gobblers are trying to help out in this time of depression. One in this section has builded him a nest in his coop, had taken cabbage heads for eggs and is patiently 'setting on' wondering when he is going to bring off the hatch and whether his poult will look like cabbages or turkeys."

Perhaps it's the heat.

## Aberdeen Teacherage to Operate as Club

Teachers Will Budget Expenses and Thereby Reduce Their Living Costs

Workmen are busy making needed repairs on the high school building here and other activities indicate the approach of the beginning of another school year. R. C. Zimmerman, the superintendent who succeeds N. E. Wright in that position, has been on the job since soon after the close of school and is fast getting things lined up for the coming year.

One of the most recent announcements of interest is to the effect that the teacherage will be run under a different system than in the past. The plan this year is to run it as a co-operative boarding club, the teachers budgeting the expense. Under this plan it is hoped that the entire expense to each teacher will not exceed \$22.50 per month. Expenses other than for food will be the matron's salary, cook, water, lights, heat and room rent. Mrs. L. L. Johnson will continue to serve as matron and will receive \$50.00 per month less her share of the expense. A charge of \$2.00 per month for each teacher is to be made for room rent, the money thus raised to be used for repairs to the building. It is possible that the teachers may be able to reduce the cost of board still further by permitting other roomers to share in the expense, there being more rooms than will be needed by the teachers.

During the summer months the matron will be allowed to operate the teacherage as a boarding house and for that privilege will be required to pay a room rental of three dollars per month for each person stopping there, this money to be used in repairing the building.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT TO COMPETE AT HAMLET

The Southern Pines Fire Department plans to be well represented at the meet in Hamlet next week. Practice has been going on for some time and the teams are all set to win.

The water team is made up of T. C. Vann, C. J. Simons, Alden Bowers, Ed Davis, Norma nDay and Clyde Durn. The chemical team is composed of Fred McCracken, J. C. Clark, Elmer Renegar and A. L. Adams.

The best record runs made in practice are 9 3-5 seconds by the chemical team and 11 seconds by the water team.

Besides the teams the department will be represented by Chief L. V. O'Callahan, Assistant Chief Walter J. Glue and Captain L. S. Rowell. Rowell and Adams are the official delegates to the convention.

### A CORRECTION

It was erroneously stated in The Pilot last week that the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Watt Smith had died from the effects of its wounds. The error was discovered too late for correction to be made last week. We regret the mistake.

### BION BUTLER CHAIRMAN

Committee Chosen to Make Study of Situation and Present Definite Recommendations to County Commissioners.

As The Pilot predicted, the little fire kindled over at Bensalem a few weeks ago has broken out in a genuine conflagration. Unless the Moore County Tax League, organized last Saturday at the court house in Carthage, is to fire a few sensational shots and retire, things have started in this county that are due to arouse the county, and possibly the state, and who knows but also the nation.

At a meeting of the people in Carthage about a month ago James Tufts was instructed by the preliminary organization there to issue a call to a number of representative citizens, three to each township, to meet in Carthage to see what could be done to enlarge the Bensalem movement to county-wide dimensions. When Mr. Tufts called the Carthage meeting to order he found that not three delegates from each township had come, but that each had been followed by others, and the court room was fairly filled with men and women whose talk indicated a definite interest in the subject in hand. The called meeting resolved itself into an organization by grabbing R. N. Page, who happened to be in Carthage, as temporary chairman and James Tufts as temporary secretary. The name of the organization was given as The Moore County Taxpayers' League.

A motion was made that a committee of one man from each township of the county be created with the purpose of having a working agency of limited numbers and wide distribution to act as a board of operation. These men were selected by the townships, those present from each township conferring to make the choice, thus securing representative men. The committee is composed of T. L. Blue, of McNeills; O. T. Parks, Ritters, E. M. Ritter, Sheffield, W. M. Field, Deep River, L. B. McKeithen, Greenwood; J. B. von Cannon, Mineral Springs; Sam Millar, Carthage; Jesse Page, Bensalem; Frank Shamburgen, Sandhills. While the various township delegations were conferring in the selection of their members of the committee a motion was carried instructing the committee when chosen to demand of the county commissioners a 25 per cent reduction in county expenditures, tempered with a rider from Frank Buchan that the committee find a way to show the commissioners how it can be done.

### Tax Rate Analyzed

Wilbur Currie and Evander Matheson, two members of the board who are pretty well known as reducers of expenses if they can be reduced, were present, and Mr. Currie discussed county finances to some extent, saying among other things that the board would welcome any help that would show how to reduce expenses, and also give any aid that could in any way help the committee to gain information on any subject. He also analyzed the tax rate of the county, showing that our total tax last year on county-wide schedule was 73 cents. Of this state school tax is 15.5 cents, highway bonds 14 cents, court house bonds 6 cents, county bonds 2 cents, a total of 37.5 cents, on which no reduction can be made, as this sum is fixed by law other than that of the county officials. The amounts that are flexible in the county are the county general fund of 15 cents, county schools, 12.5 cents, health 3 cents, and outside poor 5 cents, or a total of 35.5. Mr. Currie showed that a reduction of 25 per cent of the total of 73 cents of county-wide tax would mean cutting out 18.25 cents, which would have to come out of the 35.5 of the county general, county schools, health and outside poor, or leaving out the county schools levy, out of the county general, health and outside poor, which

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