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McBRAYER SEES ALL TO GAIN AND NOTHING TO LOSE

Says We Can Have Another
Road Without One Cent of
Expense to Town or State

SEES NO HURT TO U. S. 1.

In a statement to The Pilot this week on the subject of the proposed new highway between Aberdeen and Southern Pines, Dr. L. B. McBrayer says:

According to last week's Pilot and some of the arguments advanced by a few Aberdeen friends, one might be expected to believe that no car could get onto the Coastal Highway unless the double road from here to Aberdeen is constructed. Such is not the case by any manner of means. The following are facts:

1. The real Coastal Route U. S. No. 13 leaves U. S. No. 1 at Wilmington, Del., continues down the eastern shore of Maryland to Norfolk and to Elizabeth City, U. S. No. 17 to New Bern, Wilmington, Lumberton and on to Charleston, Savannah and Jacksonville.

2. The next leaves U. S. No. 1 at Fredericksburg to Yorktown and Norfolk and then follows U. S. No. 17 as in paragraph 1.

3. Leaves U. S. No. 1 at Petersburg to Norfolk and then follow U. S. No. 17 as per paragraph 1.

4. Leaves U. S. No. 1 at Petersburg on 17-1 to Rocky Mount, Wilson, Goldsboro, Wilmington and then No. 17 as in paragraph 1; or continues from Wilson by Smithfield, Dunn, Fayetteville, Lumberton or on by Raeford, Laurinburg, to Bennettsville and Society Hill, thence on No. 17 as per paragraph 1.

5. Leave U. S. No. 1 at Raleigh. Follow State Route No. 21 to Fayetteville and then to Lumberton then on No. 17 as per paragraph 1; or from Fayetteville by Raeford, Laurinburg, Society Hill and on No. 17 as per paragraph 1.

6. The next route leaving U. S. No. 311 leaving Aberdeen on Route No. 70 across railroad, up the hill and turn right on the new road to Laurinburg, Society Hill and U. S. No. 17 and the Coastal to Jacksonville.

Diversion of Traffic

Due to the efficient cooperation of Raleigh a large part of the traffic that goes over the Coastal Route or U. S. No. 17 comes through Raleigh and is diverted there over State Route No. 21, now a new U. S. Route No. 401. We suppose that Raleigh argues that she gets all the traffic that goes over U. S. No. 1 anyway and whatever amount of traffic she can get returned from the Coastal via Fayetteville will be just so much to the good. It is our understanding that during the winter season of 1930-31 every storage garage, every filling station, every policeman and nearly all the hotels were turning every car they could via Fayetteville and Coastal Highway, and but for the work of U. S. No. 1 Highway Association, Inc., this would have continued last season and this. Did any of this travel see or pass through Southern Pines, Pinehurst or Aberdeen? It did not.

Now pray tell me, why does it hurt U. S. No. 1 below here any more to leave U. S. No. 1 for Laurinburg, etc., at Southern Pines than it does at Aberdeen? What, if anything, will hinder people who desire to go south via Laurinburg and the Coastal from continuing to leave U. S. No. 1 at Aberdeen after the proposed double road is completed? As a matter of fact when the proposed new road is built between Southern Pines and Aberdeen traffic will go through Aberdeen, no matter which road they use.

Thinks Road Will Help

There is another thing of great importance, that seems not to have occurred to the alert and brilliant owner and editor of The Pilot and a few other of my distinguished friends in Aberdeen, to wit: Might it not be possible, in fact is it not highly probable that most, if not all the traffic

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Speaker Plays Economy League in Talk Before Kiwanis Club Here

Carolinas District Officers at Meeting Addressed by W. H. Hamilton of Charlotte

The Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen had as their guests on Wednesday at the Aberdeen Community House their newly elected governor of the Carolinas District, William H. Montgomery of Wilmington; their retiring governor, Herbert Hennig of Darlington, S. C., and the nine newly elected lieutenant governors of the district which covers both North and South Carolina. The club also heard a stirring talk in favor of immediate payment of the bonus to World War veterans and a bitter condemnation of the Economy League, the speaker being A. W. Hamilton of the Veteran of Foreign Wars, Charlotte post.

District Governor Hennig introduced his successor and the new lieutenant governors to the members of the local club, and "Bill" Montgomery made a brief talk on the aims and plans for 1933. He spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be back in the Sandhills, where he resided, in Southern Pines, for several years some time ago. The lieutenant governors, introduced were Wash Crompton of Lumberton, representing this division; Clyde Campbell of Newton, Hugh Aken of Greenville, S. C., F. W. Cappelman of Columbia, S. C., Claude S. Chamberlin of Kinston, G. Tracy Cunningham of Greensboro, Ralph C. Baker of Durham, Dr. J. R. Sevier of Hendersonville and Noah Garrett of Ahoskie.

Mr. Hamilton was introduced by D. M. Blankenship, commander of the Charlotte post, Veteran of Foreign Wars, and made a plea for the soldier on the ground that enough money was made out of the war by profiteers to pay the demands of the veterans several times over. He based his attack on the National Economy League on the fact that its sponsors include many of the so-called "profiteers" who didn't think much about government economy until prosperity began to turn its back on them. They are the men who ought to pay these men who fought while they were reaping in their riches. If they fight against the bonus payment we will countercharge with a demand that they return their war profits," he said.

George R. Straka, War Veteran, Dies

Resided in Southern Pines 12
Years and Erected Straka
Building on Broad St.

George R. Straka, a veteran of the Spanish-American War and of Philippines campaigns during which he received wounds from which he never fully recovered, died in the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, Tuesday. Mr. Straka, born in Austria, March 3, 1879, came to Southern Pines about twelve years ago. While here he became interested in the development of the town and erected the Straka block and then the Straka building on E. Broad street. He operated billiard and bowling parlors under the name of "The Recreation Room," where many of the citizens were wont to gather for exercise and companionship. A little over a year ago he organized Southern Pines Camp No. 24, United Spanish War Veterans, of which organization he was Commander. Mr. Straka leaves a widow and son, George R., Jr.

THAD PAGE BREAKS THE ICE FOR SENATOR REYNOLDS

Thad S. Page of Aberdeen, secretary of Senator Josiah W. Bailey at Washington, had the honor on Tuesday of escorting the new North Carolina Senator, Robert R. Reynolds, of Asheville, to the Senate chamber for his introduction to Senate officers and assignment to a seat. Senator Reynolds was given the seat held by Senator Morrison during the last session of Congress. He has been assigned to Room 233 in the Senate Office building, the Suite formerly occupied by Senator Bronson Cutting of New Mexico.

Speaks Today



FRANK PAGE

Mr. Page, vice president of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company at Raleigh, will address a mass meeting of citizens of the county at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Friday, in the courthouse at Carthage on the subject of economies in governmental affairs. The meeting is sponsored by the Moore County Taxpayers' League, and the league's chairman, Bion H. Butler, will preside. The public is invited to hear Mr. Page on a subject of which he has made a thorough study.

\$8,825 CUT IN SCHOOL COSTS IN COUNTY SINCE '29

Current Expense Item Alone Reduced \$42,585 in the Past Three Years

Moore county has reduced the current expense item of its school expenditures \$8,825 in the past three years, or from \$263,372 for the school year 1928-29 to \$220,687 budgeted for the year 1931-32, according to figures compiled in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Total cost of operation of schools in this county has been reduced from \$388,374 in 1928-29 to \$299,522 in 1931-32, a reduction of \$88,852. This total cost is divided into current expenses, the reduction in which is shown above; capital outlay, which is the erection of new buildings and permanent improvements, reduced from \$59,507 for 1928-29 to \$17,271 for 1931-32, and debt service, payment of interest and retiring bonds, which was \$65,594 in 1928-29, as compared with \$61,562 for 1931-32.

For the state as a whole the total expenses reached the peak of \$50,555.

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Christmas Seal Sale On Throughout County

Three-Quarters of Proceeds To Be Used for Tuberculosis Fight in Sandhills

The Christmas Seal Sale is on, and women of the county are busy in an effort to raise more money than usual this year for the fight against tuberculosis in Moore county. Three-quarters of the money raised here from the sale of the seals is retained by the Moore County Health & Welfare Association for its splendid work the balance going to the State Tuberculosis Association.

Mrs. Chester Williams of New York is heading the Pinehurst sale and has her aides stationed in the bank, the postoffice, the Country Club, hotels and other vantage points in town. In Southern Pines Mrs. James Millican is already receiving contributions and organizing her forces to cover the town. The seals will be sold in each town of the Sandhills.

On another page of today's Pilot is an article by Struthers Burt calling on all citizens to help drive tuberculosis out of Moore county through the medium of the annual sale of the little Christmas seals.

COUNTY ALLOTTED \$2,175 MORE OF U. S. RELIEF FUND

Will Be Apportioned to Towns
for Winter Campaign To
Aid Unemployed

TOTAL FOR MOORE \$5,375

Allotment of \$236,750 to the State's 100 counties for relief aid was announced at Raleigh this week. The distribution was the final one from the \$815,000 secured by the State from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation some weeks ago. Three previous allotments of \$188,500 each had been made.

Moore county is allotted \$2,175 in this final allotment from the present loan. The two previous allotments here were \$1,600 each, and were allocated to the various towns of the county for use in their unemployment relief campaigns. Southern Pines has received \$500, Pinehurst and Aberdeen \$400 each, other towns in proportion. Larger allotments will be made now from the larger amount given the county by the State.

Much good work has already been done with funds handed over to the towns. Aberdeen gave employment to more than 100 negroes, cleaning up village streets and the grounds of the public schools. Southern Pines had a force of men grubbing and cleaning up the parkways along U. S. Highway No. 1 leading south from the city limit, and the improvement is so great that it is to be hoped this program may be continued on to Aberdeen by the joint relief agencies of the two towns. Pinehurst employed a force of men improving the sides of the road leading out to the Moore County Hospital and for other civic projects.

\$5,000 Deep Therapy Apparatus for Hospital

Generous Gift by Pinehurst Resident Makes Possible Treatment of Inoperable Cancers

Through the generosity of a resident of Pinehurst, the latest model General Electric Therapy apparatus has been ordered for the Moore County, to add to the fine X-ray equipment previously donated to the institution. This is a \$5,000 apparatus and makes possible the treatment of inoperable cancers and similar cases here which up to now have of necessity been referred to institutions equipped with the deep therapy apparatus.

The apparatus on order for the institution at Pinehurst is the very latest and will be, it is believed the finest in the state. Delivery is expected in about two weeks. Hospital authorities withheld the name of the generous donor in announcing this acquisition to the hospital's equipment.

County Officers To Be Sworn In on Monday

Institute of Government To Be Launched at Same Time Oath is Administered

On next Monday evening, December 5, for the first time in the history of the state the oath of office will be administered to the incoming county officers before the body of the people. The plan calls for exercises in the 100 counties of the state, a feature of which will be a radio address by Dr. Albert Coates of the University of North Carolina on the "Institute of Government." Justice W. J. Adams of the North Carolina Supreme Court will be present to administer the oath to the Moore County officers.

The program, which will begin at 7:45, in the court house in Carthage, will be presided over by U. L. Spence, and every citizen of the county is invited to attend. Especially important is it for high school classes in civics to attend as they will be able to gain much valuable information as to the workings of their county government. Several short speeches will be made and the Moore county unit of the State Institute of Government will be organized at this time. It is hoped that many citizens will be present for the installation ceremony and to take part in the organization of the Moore county unit.

A Tribute

Maine Never Sent South a Finer
Example of American,
Says Editorial

(From Charlotte Observer)

Mr. Creamer's custom came almost entirely from the North and New England, but he made of himself a Southerner, taking an active hand in all community welfare works, with especial attention to the boys and girls of the section, organizing them into social bands and frequently appearing before them in lecture capacity. Whenever any local project needed help, Andrew Creamer was the first man appealed to and he was always responsible. In every way, he made of himself Southern Pines' most commanding asset. He was a lover of birds and the beautiful in nature, and the bird refuge he maintained around the Inn was the delight of all visitors.

One secret of the popularity of the man whose death has cast a shadow over the Sandhills section was located in the simple fact that he loved his fellowmen. Who ever heard Andrew Creamer say aught but good of anybody? In whatever company he might move, be beamed geniality and the smile and the word of encouragement was never found lacking. The State of Maine never sent South a finer example of the American in citizenship than the people down this way found in Mr. Creamer.

COMMERCE BODY VOTES FAVORABLY ON R. R. CHANGES

Southern Pines Chamber Would
Correct Evils in Regulatory
Control of Carriers

After hearing an interesting report on the subject by M. G. Nichols, its national councillor, the Board of Directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce voted on Tuesday to favor the report of the special committee on railroads of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States which recommends correction of many existent evils in the country's transportation system and its regulatory laws. Mr. Nichols outlined the various recommendations, making them clear to those present, after which the board approved each of the 12 subjects covered by the report.

Among the more important of these calls for a "reasonable average return that will permit in time of general business activity reasonable reduction of indebtedness and accumulation of adequate reserves;" the repealing of the existing recapture class in the Interstate Commerce act; "regulation of railroads reduced to the point where it will be confined to assurance of fair rates and of public safety and will avoid interference with functions belonging to management;" the opening up of water and highway transportation to the railroads to aid them in meeting competition; the establishment of new rates quickly instead of being forced to give long advanced notice thereof; haul clause; the accommodating of rates amendment of the long and short to current economic conditions; shortening of periods within which reparation claims may be filed against carriers for excessive rates, and by railroads against shippers for undercharges.

The Chamber of Commerce board also heard a talk by E. A. Dunlap of Sweetheart Lake favoring a new highway through that section connecting with the Lillington highway.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE GLEE CLUB HERE ON TUESDAY

The Davidson College Glee Club will give a concert in the Aberdeen High School Auditorium next Tuesday night, December 6th, at 8 o'clock and a large crowd from throughout the Sandhills is expected to avail itself of this musical treat. An Aberdeen young man, Leland McKeithen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McKeithen, is business manager of the club. Forty per cent of the receipts from the sale of tickets goes to the local school.

A. I. CREAMER OF HIGHLAND PINES INN SUCCUMBS

Long Illness Fatal To Prominent
Citizen Who Served Com-
munity for 32 Years

CAME HERE IN 1900

Andrew I. Creamer, for the past 32 years manager of hotels in the Sandhills, the last 20 of which were spent in partnership with M. H. Turner in the management of the Highland Pines Inn on Weymouth Heights, Southern Pines, passed away in Danvers, Maine, a small town near the scene of his birthplace, shortly after 8 o'clock on Monday night of this week. He was 59 years of age.

News of Mr. Creamer's death reached here late Monday night and cast a pall of gloom over the community which he has served faithfully a well for a third of a century. Always in the front rank of those laboring for the upbuilding of the section, Mr. Creamer's loss will be keenly felt. Not only did he and Mr. Turner make of the Highland Pines Inn one of the best known and most popular hostleries in the south but he was among the founders of other institutions here which have played a leading part in the life and development of the community. He was a charter member of the famous Tin Whistles golfing organization at Pinehurst, has for years been an active and enthusiastic member of the directorate of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, has given of his time and energy in aiding all organizations which had for their aim civic betterment.

Came Here in 1900

Andrew I. Creamer was 59 years old, a hotel man from boyhood and by instinct. He was identified with the hotels of the Sandhills during most of his mature life. He came to this section from Palm Beach, Florida, where he had spent a portion of his younger days in the minor occupations about the big institutions there. He came to Pinehurst in 1900 where he advanced to such prominence that when the Highland Pines Inn was built in Southern Pines his ability was recognized, and he with M. H. Turner assumed control of that institution which has been in their hands ever since.

As a young man Mr. Creamer was for several years with the Poinciana in Palm Beach, where he had a fine opportunity to make the acquaintance that during his hotel career became of the widest range. In the Holly Inn at Pinehurst for 11 years he extended his touch with the people, so that when he came to Southern Pines in 1912 he had a following that stayed by him and steadily increased.

His boyhood was spent in Damariscotta, Maine. He married Lillian Wilson. No children survive. Creamer and Turner were an inseparable pair, fitting in with each other, each building up a popularity for himself as well as for the firm and their hotel. For twenty-one years they served the community as one of the most successful hotel organizations in this country. They were prominent in all progressive movements, lacking anything that promised to broaden the business and social horizon, and their local investments were wide.

For two or three years Mr. Creamer's health has been failing, but until last spring he held to his work. Then he was obliged to go to the hospital at Fayetteville, and from that time until his death he never made sufficient recovery to give hope of regaining his health. During the summer months after the season had finished at Southern Pines, Mr. Creamer went to Charlevoix, Michigan where he carried on a large summer hotel, with the same large following that he enjoyed in the Sandhills. Many of his force from the Highland Pines went North with him, coming back in the fall year after year. In earlier days he was also connected with a hotel in New Hampshire.

The funeral will be held this afternoon, Friday at Damariscotta, a short distance from Waldboro, the place of his birth. His mother and a brother, Alton, with Mrs. Creamer, are the surviving connection.

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