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McNAIR ABANDONS PLAN TO BUILD PROPOSED ROAD

Highway Commission Accedes to Wishes of Majority in Highway Matter

MEETS S. P. BUSINESS MEN

State Highway Commissioner James McNair dropped into Southern Pines last Thursday afternoon and conferred with business men there on the subject of the proposed new highway from Southern Pines to Aberdeen. Mr. McNair informed those at the gathering that with so much opposition to it, that he had no desire to injure the road he would not further sponsor property of the Southern Pines Country Club nor to go against the wishes of the majority as expressed in the overwhelming vote recorded at the mass meeting held some two weeks ago.

If later on, the funds are available, Mr. McNair intimated that he would cooperate in any plan Southern Pines might project looking toward the construction of a road from U. S. Highway No. 1 at Manly running through the business section of the town and rejoining No. 1 at the southern limit of town, which would give tourists traffic an optional route through either the May street residential section or the business part of the village. This is a road which many of the business men of Southern Pines desire as an aid to business from motorists who now pass only through the residential section.

Because of Mr. McNair's decision to drop the road project from Southern Pines to Aberdeen the mass meeting which was to have been held in Aberdeen after the first of the year to register further objections to the road will not now be held.

Mrs. Maggie Cameron Passes Away, Aged 82

Lifelong Resident of Cranes Creek Section Was Member of Prominent Family

Funeral services for Mrs. Maggie Cameron, aged 82, who passed away at her home in the Cranes Creek section three miles from Vass at 5:45 o'clock Christmas morning, were conducted from the Vass Methodist Church, of which the deceased had long been a member, at 11 o'clock Monday morning by the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Ball of Aberdeen. Pall bearers were three grandsons, Horton Keith, Vick Keith and Thompson Braddy; two nephews, J. D. McLean and N. N. McLean and Aubrey Keith. The funeral was one of the most largely attended ever held there. Interment was in Johnson's Grove cemetery beside the grave of the husband, who passed on twenty-three years ago.

Mrs. Cameron was born and reared within less than a mile of her late home, a daughter of Garrett Thompson and Elizabeth Tyson Thompson, both members of families prominent in the history of this section. Her father was killed in the war between the states. In young womanhood she was united in marriage to Norman Cameron of Harnett county and they established a home which throughout the years was a happy meeting place for the young people of the community. Mrs. Cameron was a good neighbor and was held in high esteem by all with whom she came in contact.

Surviving are four daughters, Misses Sallie and Bessie Cameron who lived with their mother and daily bestowed upon her the most faithful and tender care throughout her long illness; Mrs. R. D. Braddy of Rockfish, and Mrs. W. H. Keith of Vass. One sister, Mrs. Janie Muse of Cameron, survives, also. Four half-sisters and brothers died within one month of diphtheria during the terrible epidemic that visited this section in the seventies.

As always, the Christmas tree at the Community Church was a source of delight to many girls and boys and to the older ones as well. Santa was there in person showing no symptoms of the depression or weariness of the busy season.

Christmas Week Brings Battle of the Year Wherein Mule Proves No Match for Pig

Gory Encounter Takes Place at Alex Blue's Place But Judgment on Slayer is Passed by Sage of Valhalla with the Aid of Nautical Almanac

By Bion H. Butler

Because I am old, baldheaded, and whiskered, and have lived for the period of a generation in the life time of men at Valhalla, which in mythology is the home of the righteous men who have joined the gods, some of the older inhabitants among the colored people attribute to me some of the traits of Odin, the ruling spirit of Valhalla of yore. So they come to me with the troubles that beset them, and I straighten out some of the troubles and hoodoo some of the rest and try to persuade happiness and comfort to perch on their banners.

Thus it came that Alex Blue, a colored man living on Rockfish near the Callery place sent a messenger on Wednesday morning to tell me of an adventure that has a strange flavor of ancient days. Alex is, as I write, the owner of a large black boar which at times has a vagary of temper. He was until this adventure took place, also the owner of a fine bay mule, which is now a memory. On Tuesday night the mule was wandering about in the feed lot intent on paying attention to his own business. The pig was also wandering about, apparently without aim or concern. He approached the mule, and from what Alex tells me the big pig said some rude thing to the mule which the

mule resented. The mule reached for the pig with his hind leg and connected. The pig was not in the mood to stand much debate so soon after Christmas, and he showed his tusks, which are about three inches long, for he is a big pig, and of some age.

Those of us who have in boyhood days studied the liberal arts in the perusal of Robin Hood and kindred classics knew the boar in field sports was a lusty bird, while the old Scotch in this community likewise recall that the native pig after generations of depending on himself in the woods range was a most formidable antagonist. Alex's pig came of pretty fair modern stock on his father's side, but his mothers for generations had been razorbacks and pineywoods rooters, and the blood-taint of war was in his veins. The mule kicked, the quarry rushed the mule, and felt a slit about a foot long in his belly. They danced around the lot, the pig getting the better of the encounter because the mule offered many times as much space to the pig as the pig offered to the mule. Those long murderous tusks ripped hoies in the mule, on his legs, in his thigh, up into the barrel of his chest, and had the encounter been offered in Russia or

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Thieves Visit Sandhills Villages; Filling Station Operator Assaulted

Covington Hit Over Head With Bottle While Bending Over Safe to Change Bill

Aberdeen and Southern Pines were the scenes of two daring robberies in this vicinity during the past week. The Southern Pines thieves successfully made their escape, but in the Aberdeen theft the three young men who stole the safe from the Farrell Ice plant were in jail soon after perpetrating the crime.

A bold assault and robbery was perpetrated upon Mercer Covington in charge of the Standard Filling Station on West Broad Street, Southern Pines, early Monday morning. Two young men driving up to the station about seven o'clock alighted and asked for two bulbs, tendering a twenty dollar bill in payment and Covington, opening the safe for change, was struck on the head with a ginger ale bottle and rendered unconscious in which condition he was found more than an hour later by John Tilghman and Edward Davis. Dr. Walter McLeod was called and the injured man was removed to his home on Connecticut avenue but was unable to give any description of the bandits or their car.

Fragments of the bottle found on the floor of the office were taken to Carthage later in the day by Chief Gargis, and it was reported that Deputy Kelly found well-defined fingerprints. About noon Monday, Covington had recovered sufficiently to state that he believed he could recognize the men and the car they were driving if he saw them again. He stated also that the safe contained about \$200 at the time the bandits entered.

Aberdeen Burglary

Three youths, two of them from Pinehurst, were captured within an hour after stealing a safe from Farrell's Ice and Coal plant in Aberdeen Christmas Eve.

The youths, Dan McDonald, 19, of Jackson Springs, Robert Hunt, 22, of Pinehurst, and Ike Hunt, 18, of Pinehurst, were taken to Carthage for a hearing before Judge George Hummer on charges of breaking and entering an office and larceny of a safe. McDonald is out on \$500 bail bond, the Hunt brothers in jail awaiting trial. If convicted they face terms of three to five years.

The arrests were made by Policeman Dees of Aberdeen, who took up the trail of the young men within a few minutes after the alleged crime was committed. William Byrd, a negro who operates a grocery store near the ice plant, saw a station wagon

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CUTTING UTILITY RATES NO SAVING, SAYS FINANCIER

Will Result in Increased Taxes and Merely Shift Burden from Investor to Taxpayer

KIWANIS HEARS McLELLAN

The saving to the consumer in reductions being demanded in light and power rates will be more than offset by increases in his taxation, Ross J. McLellan, New York public utility financier told members of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen at their weekly meeting held on Wednesday in the Community House in Aberdeen.

Mr. McLellan briefly reviewed the history of public utilities and their part in the growth and prosperity of the country, touching on the development of industries in North Carolina and explaining how this had been made possible by money from outside the state. Attempts to finance power plants in the state with local capital failing, the large utility concerns took over the plants such as those of the Cape Fear and Feechee companies and with the additional capital which they were able to furnish developed the great utilities which now serve North Carolina industry with power and the homes of the state with light.

"Every million invested by public utilities is followed by from five to ten million dollars of business development in the community served," Mr. McLellan said. "Fifty million dollars has been invested in North Carolina by Carolina Power & Light Company alone," he said, "the lion's share of this money coming from outside the state while the resultant development accrues to the benefit of the people of the state."

Discouraging Capital

He said that the attacks being made against rates would militate against the inflow of this capital, that investors are not going to continue to put their money into public utilities when they see their bonds and stocks, with the return on their investment, dropping down. This will mean only one thing, government ownership, and government ownership will mean increased taxes to support the plants, instead of support by the nation's investment public.

"The cut in rate means but a few pennies a day in saving to the individual, but it means everything to the utility companies. It means the curtailment of development along all lines." He spoke of the huge taxes paid into the State by the utility companies, taxes which would have to be made up by the individual taxpayers should the rate structure of the power companies be reduced to a point where they could not pay their way. The earnings of the Carolina Power & Light Company are at present down to a point where the company is unable to attract outside capital for further development in the state, he said.

"What these people who are yelling for decreases in rates are doing is trying to put the load on the other fellow," Mr. McLellan stated. "This is no time for that, but a time for constructive effort."

Mr. McLellan, who has spent a lifetime in the development of public utilities in various capacities and throughout the country, spoke again yesterday noon at a public meeting called by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce and held at the Country Club. He stressed many of the same points and discussed other phases of the fight against utility rates before a sizeable crowd which enjoyed luncheon at the clubhouse before the meeting.

HERBERT VAIL ASSUMES KIWANIS PRESIDENCY

The reins of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen for 1933 were turned over to Herbert Vail of Pinehurst, newly elected president, at the club's meeting on Wednesday in the Community House in Aberdeen. Mr. Vail succeeds Nelson C. Hyde. Arthur Newcomb has been appointed club secretary for next year, succeeding Mr. Vail.

Communion service will be held in the Aberdeen Presbyterian Church at 11:15 o'clock Sunday morning.

Heads Sentinel Group



P. FRANK BUCHAN

MEN'S BRANCH OF THE SENTINELS IS LAUNCHED HERE

Scope of Organization Founded in This Congressional District Is Widened

The founders of The Sentinels announced this week that the organization will no longer be confined exclusively to women. Last week they decided to permit men to take part in the effort to dispel the atmosphere of fear and favor that pervades our halls of legislation. The men's branch will have its own officers and will operate as a separate and distinct unit. The two branches will, for purposes of economy and co-operation, employ so far as possible the same secretary in each political subdivision and the gathering and dissemination of political information will be handled by one agency.

The men's branch in Moore county will be directed by an Executive Committee consisting of Frank Buchan of Southern Pines, chairman, D. D. McCrimmon of Hemp, Moses C. McDonald of West End, Hugh P. McPherson of Cameron, James Tufts of Pinehurst and G. C. Seymour of Aberdeen.

In commenting on the creation of a men's branch of The Sentinels Mr. Buchan said: "The objects and purposes of this organization are, in my opinion, ideal. It aims to prevent the republican form of government, which is guaranteed to the Constitution to each state, to function properly. The very serious situation which our country is in can be corrected only if our representatives give their best judgment to every one of the difficult problems that must be solved. They must act without fear or favor. They can do this only if their constituents give them protection against the innumerable strong lobbies that beset all legislatures. They must have assurance that their constituents will stand back of them for honestly following the dictates of their own best judgment. But voters have not been and are not doing this. The Sentinels propose to correct this condition by following every set of their representatives and by supporting those who stand up against the pressure of groups or individuals seeking special privileges, subsidies or protections.

The Sentinels are affiliated with no other organizations. They will never foster any kind of legislation. They will never express an opinion on any matter of legislation. They will only pass judgment on the fitness of their legal representatives.

From the headquarters of the women's branch of The Sentinels in Moore county comes the announcement that a temporary Executive Committee has been appointed. It consists of Mrs. George H. Maurice of Eagle Springs, chairman; Mrs. Robert N. Page of Aberdeen, Mrs. Leonard Tufts of Pinehurst, Mrs. Herbert F. Seawell of Carthage and Mrs. J. S. Milliken of Southern Pines. Groups of Sentinels will be organized in all the townships of this congressional district as rapidly as possible and meetings will shortly be started to study the important legislation that is now under discussion in Congress.

NO RECORDER'S COURT

No Recorder's Court was held on Monday of this week as the members of the court house staff were enjoying a holiday.

HUNTLEY MAKES BALANCED RETURN FOR 1931 TAXES

Tax Collector Submits Report on \$324,076 Levy to County Commission

LAND SALES TOTAL \$72,347

County Tax Collector W. T. Huntley has submitted to the Board of County Commissioners his return of 1931 taxes and shows a balanced statement as a result of his first year in charge of this important department of the county government. The report covers the year up to the sale for county taxes held in Carthage on December 5th.

Mr. Huntley's return reveals cash collections of \$251,014.68 of the \$324,076.07 levied for ad valorem and poll taxes. The balance is covered by receipts for land bid in by the county at the tax sale, \$72,347.91, and "reliefs," which is money paid back to taxpayers on errors and property illegally listed or doubly listed. There is also an item of \$798.08 for discounts, money saved by taxpayers by paying their taxes in advance.

The return shows \$2,122.99 in "discoveries," tax money received from land under-taxed or not taxed at all when it should have been and which Mr. Huntley has succeeded in collecting. He also collected over \$1,000 from filling stations, slot machines, etc., listed as Schedule B taxes, an item in the report much larger than on previous returns. Penalties on taxes not paid on time total \$2,571.34.

Three-quarters of the State's ad valorem tax has been paid over to the State from the \$247,445.88 deposited during the year in the Bank of Pinehurst, the county depository. The report shows cash on hand of \$3,518.44, this amount being on deposit in the Page Trust Company at Carthage, temporary depository for the county, at the time of making the report. The item, "Commission Retained," is five per cent of the Schedule B taxes collected, which accrues to the collector over and above his salary of \$1,800 a year.

Mr. Huntley's figures as submitted to the County Commission are as follows:

Ad Valorem and Poll Taxes	\$324,076.07
Discoveries	2,122.99
Schedule B (Filling Stations, Slot Machines, etc.)	1,006.18
Penalties	2,571.34
Total	\$329,776.58
Discounts	798.08
Reliefs (Errors and Returns)	5,615.68
Receipts on hand covering	
Cash Collected	251,014.68
land	67,539.55
Receipts on hand covering	
land (Insolvents)	4,808.36
Total	\$329,776.58
Cash Collected	\$251,014.68
Deposited with County	
Treasury	247,445.88
Cash on hand	3,518.44
Commission retained	50.36

Police Interrupt Nice Christmas Vacation

Man of Many Aliases, Guest at Highland Pines, Wanted in Washington, D. C.

A man of many aliases who the authorities say is one of the slickest "hotel beats" in the country came to the Highland Pines Inn last week. It came about this way:

Chief of Detective Burke of the Washington, D. C., police telegraphed Southern Pines police on December 23rd the description of a man wanted for skipping a sizeable board and room bill at the swank Hotel Mayflower in Washington. Chief Gargis of Southern Pines took a look over the guests at the inn on Weymouth Heights and found a handsomely dressed and immaculately groomed individual thoroughly enjoying his Christmas holiday there.

On Friday afternoon Officers Gargis and Newton paid a more official visit to the hotel and completely up-

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