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## C. OF C. CONSIDERS WORK PROJECTS TO AID UNEMPLOYED

Information Booths for Tourists at Either End of Town May Be Erected

### TO BE OPERATED BY NEEDY

The erection of information booths for tourists at the northern end southern boundaries of Southern Pines, on U. S. Highway No. 1., is being considered as an unemployment project and is to be taken up for action by a joint committee of the Committee on Unemployment and Relief and the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce within the next few days.

Information booths have been considered by Southern Pines for some time, but the expense of maintaining them, that is, employing persons to operate them and furnish information about hotels, boarding houses, cottages, restaurants, has deterred the commerce body from proceeding with the plan. It is now believed that unemployment funds might be made available, not only for the manual labor of erecting the booths but for operating them through the period of depression, thereby giving employment at small wages to needy persons in the community.

Southern Pines particularly needs such booths, in the opinion of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce and many of the town's merchants. The main body of tourist traffic, north and south, does not pass through the business section of the town, does not see many of its hotels, nor any restaurants. Thousands of automobiles pass through May Street each winter, many of which it is believed, would stop and their owners make inquiry if attractive information booths were located at either end of the town.

President George G. Herr, at a meeting of Chamber directors on Tuesday, appointed the following committee to meet with the "Project" committee of the Unemployment and Relief body and discuss this and other projects for the spreading of federal unemployment funds to a good advantage: Frank Pottle, Frank Buchanan, the Rev. J. F. Stinson, H. L. McPherson and J. W. Windham.

At present Southern Pines unemployed are clearing the parkways along the road leading from from Bennett street to the Mount Hope Cemetery. Other projects under consideration for the near future including the laying out of bridle paths in picturesque sections of the vicinity of town, including one leading to Bethesda Cemetery; fire lanes for the prevention of spread of forest fires; the painting, in cooperation with merchants and owners, of buildings needing attention in the heart of town, and possibly community gardens.

Further funds will be made available to Southern Pines as well as to all other county towns from the \$13,500 allotted the county by the state for relief of needy unemployed during the months of January and February.

It is to put this money to work advantageously that proper projects are being considered at this time.

## State Officials Here to Discuss Fire Prevention

Col. Harrelson of Dep't. of Conservation and Development a Speaker at Local Meeting

Col. J. W. Harrelson, head of the State Department of Conservation and Development, C. H. Flory, Assistant State Forester in charge of Fire Control, and District Forester W. A. Peterson were the principal speakers at a meeting of Moore county property owners yesterday afternoon in the Southern Pines Country Club. The meeting was called by the Moore County Forest Protective Association to discuss forest fire prevention in the county. The establishment of fire lanes dividing the county into sections and making possible the confining of fires to a section was discussed, and use of Federal Unemployment money for the purpose may result. L. L. Bidle, II of Pinehurst, secretary of the local association presided at the meeting.

## YEOMANS AGAIN HEADS LIBRARY IN SOUTHERN PINES

Trustees Hear Annual Reports Showing Fine Work Done Despite Deficit

### ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The annual meeting of the Southern Pines Library Association was held in the Library on Monday afternoon, January 9. A comparatively small, but enthusiastic, number of members of the Library were present and a general tone of encouragement for the coming year was noticeable. Among the more important reports submitted for the year 1932 were of the Librarian, the Treasurer, a comparative statement of the number of Library members and the report and election of Trustees and Officers for the year 1933.

The following were elected officers for the year 1933:

A. B. Yeomans, president; Eugene Stevens, 1st vice-president; Struthers Burt, 2nd vice-president; Miss Mary Schwarberg, 3rd vice president; Mrs. J. K. Walker, treasurer and George Hardison, secretary.

The following new members were elected to the Board of Trustees:

Almet Jenks, Mrs. Struthers Burt, Mrs. Jane Towne, Richard Wilson, Frank Webster, Hiram Westbrook and Paul Barnum.

Miss Anna Jenks and Mrs. James Swett were re-elected to the board and Mrs. James Boyd, Mrs. M. A. Hayes and Mrs. Gilkyson, whose terms did not expire this year, are continuing on the Board of Trustees.

The Librarian's report by Mrs. Parker W. Fisher revealed an attendance during the year of 7546 regular and 189 children for the story hour. The circulation, regular, totalled 10246 and at school 1058. Fees and fines totalled \$302.28. Books donated, 239, books purchased, 145, or total additions of 384.

These bare figures mean very little unless attention is drawn to the use of the library which has been made by the school children this fall. For the past five years the High School students have used the Library for required reading and the books issued by the Librarian gratis for this work. This has been continued this fall, but in addition the children in the grades have also had the use of books, and it is interesting and gratifying to note the appreciation manifested for this privilege. One afternoon each week

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## Walter Gilkyson Says Technocracy Unsound

Still of Opinion That Democracy Is Only Scheme Which Will Work in America

Walter Gilkyson, Southern Pines author, addressed the Kiwanis Club Wednesday noon at the Church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines, on the subject of "Technocracy." He told the members how the engineers and scientists believe that in this machine age their rules should be made to apply to human life, but expressed the opinion that they fail to take individualism into consideration, that society cannot be governed as a machine. "I am still of the opinion that democracy is the only scheme which will work in America. It is the only one which lays emphasis on the individual. It is the individual who is responsible for progress. The individual makes history; history does not make the individual."

Mr. Gilkyson described the theories and the plan advocated by the technocrats, but stated the only facts to be found in their premise are that technological employment has tremendously increased since the beginning of the machine age, about 1830; that it reached its peak in 1918; that production reached its peak in 1929, and that debt is increasing faster than either production or population. On these facts the technocrats base their conclusion that disaster is ahead, that soon the banks will have all the money, factories be jammed with unsold goods and employment practicing at an end.

## Citizens Bank May Purchase its Banking House



An Old Cut Showing Citizens Bank Building as it Looked Ten Years Ago.

## C. I. T. CORPORATION MOVES ITS OFFICES FROM ABERDEEN

Headquarters in Carolina Discount Building Closed and Books Taken to Raleigh

### BURNEY, WEAVER LEAVE

The C. I. T. Corporation, discounters of automobile paper, this week closed its Aberdeen headquarters in the Carolina Discount Corporation Building and moved its books and equipment to the Raleigh office of the company. The C. I. T. took over the automobile paper department of the Carolina Discount about a year ago and has since operated the local office, but due to the proximity of the Greensboro and Raleigh offices of the company it was found impractical to maintain a branch in Aberdeen.

The removal of the company comes as a severe blow to the town at a time when the section can ill afford to lose any of its industries. With the closing of the office two of Aberdeen's prominent young citizens are ordered elsewhere, Grady J. Burney to Nashville, Tennessee and Harold Weaver to Raleigh. Mr. Burney was manager of the Aberdeen headquarters. No provision has been made for other employees of the local office.

### GOVERNOR "FEELING BETTER"

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus was "feeling better" today but he was still confined to his bed at the executive mansion from a recurrence of a kidney ailment.

## One Person in 95 in Moore County Files Federal Income Tax Return

One person in 95 in Moore county pays a Federal income tax. On this basis there are 295 citizens of the county's population of 28,041 who pay a Federal tax on their incomes.

As small a proportion as this seems, it is above the average for the state as a whole, and away above Moore's neighboring counties. In the state 28,860 income tax returns were filed which is one for every 109 inhabitants. There are only three states in the union having a smaller percentage of its citizens filing returns.

Lee county, next door, has 117 income tax payers out of a population of 16,996, or one in every 145 persons. In Chatham county one person in 541 pays a tax; in Harnett the percentage is one in every 368 people.

The low income tax returns in this state are due largely to the scarcity of incomes big enough to tax and not to the failure of the legislature to place a levy on wealth. Six of the 100 counties have only one person paying income tax for between 1,000 and 2,000 people while four counties have only one income tax payer for

## Stockholders to Act on Recommendation of Directors on January 24th

The annual stockholders meeting of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Southern Pines, was held at its banking house on Tuesday, with three-fourths of the stock represented. The president's report and statement of the financial condition was read and commented on and it was the general opinion that the business was doing all that could be expected and showing a material increase in deposits over last year. The profits of the bank for the past year have been very small due to depressed conditions and to opportunities being scarce to profitably employ funds, but on the whole the showing was satisfactory to the stockholders and the reports ordered accepted with commendation and thanks to the official and office force.

The election of directors for the ensuing year resulted in the unanimous election of the present board, consisting of Messrs. Abraham, Bernstein, Blair, Buchan, Nichols, Riggan, Stutz and Welch. Immediately after the adjournment of the stockholders the new board of directors met and elected the following officers: Chairman of Board, J. E. Bernstein; President and Cashier, H. O. Riggan; Vice Presidents, J. E. Bernstein, M. G. Nichols and Geo. C. Abraham; Assistant Cashier, Ethel S. Jones and Secretary to the Board D. G. Stutz.

The stockholders favorably considered the recommendation of the board of directors that the bank purchase from the holding company the building now occupied and to meet again on Tuesday, January 24th to confirm or reject such proposition. It was further decided that in the event the purchase was consummated it would be necessary to reduce capital stock and surplus for that purpose.

### Dan Disappears

Business at The Pilot Halts Until He Returns with Important Announcement

Dan Ray mysteriously disappeared from his post at The Pilot linotype machine on Tuesday.

He reappeared an hour later. "It's a boy," announced Dan with a broad smile. "Nine and one-half pounds."

Richard Shaw Ray—good old Moore county names—was born at the Moore County Hospital in Pinehurst Tuesday morning. He's fine, and so is his mother.

And you know Dan's all right or you wouldn't be reading this week's Pilot on time.

over 2,000 inhabitants. Clay, in the southwestern part of the state, largely taken up in the Nantahala National forest, has no one paying income tax.

## COUNTY ALLOTTED \$13,500 MORE OF FEDERAL AID FUND

Given \$6,500 for January and \$7,000 for February to Aid the Unemployed

### N. C. BORROWS \$1,635,000

The Governor's office of relief reports securing a loan of \$1,635,000 more from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for relief in the state for January and February, \$740,000 for January and \$895,000 for February. Previous allotments secured were \$815,000 for October and November and \$571,000 for December.

The larger amounts for the winter months are made necessary because of the increasing number of families needing aid, Dr. Fred W. Morrison announces. Estimates are that 143,325 families will need help in January and 151,272 in February. The relief funds just made available will be paid in four installments, the first having been sent out.

Moore county's allotment is \$6,500 for January and \$7,000 for February, Dr. Morrison announces.

Permanent school improvement projects in 59 North Carolina counties during October, November and December, as a result of the Federal relief program, have cost a total of \$347,828, spent on projects created and carried out in keeping with the government's wishes to provide work for destitute people rather than give them funds outright, Dr. Morrison, the State relief director, announces.

Of the \$347,828 spent, \$148,777 came from Federal funds and was used to pay for labor, while the remainder, \$199,051, purchasing all equipment and supplies, came from local sources, as follows: State Literary fund, \$84,700; miscellaneous State funds, \$1,254; county appropriations, \$41,854; local school district appropriations,

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## Fine Annual Report By the Shrine Club

Shows Treatment of 348 Children in Five Years, Treasury Balance of \$2,700.

The head of the Orphans' Home at Greensboro, Dr. Phoenix, was the principal speaker at an enthusiastic annual gathering of members of the Sandhill Shrine Club, held in the Pine Crest Inn at Pinehurst on Tuesday night. John Fitzgerald, president of the club, presided. Dr. G. A. Charles of Aberdeen read a splendid report of the work accomplished by the organization during the past five years, showing treatment through the club's charge of 348 cases of children suffering with diseased tonsils, impaired eyesight and other ailments. Dr. Charles reported a balance in the club's treasury of \$2,701.45.

## ABERDEEN LAKE DISAPPEARS WHEN OLD DAM BREAKS

Practically No Damage Results from Bursting of Dike Built in 1905

### NO ACTION ON REBUILDING

The miller is out of a job and the young people of Aberdeen have no swimming hole. About 10:30 o'clock last Saturday morning the old dam built by M. H. Folley in 1905, broke at the Aberdeen Lake and by six o'clock there was but little water left except in the original creek channel. The dam gave way at a point near the little bridge on the northeast corner of the lake.

Much excitement was caused by the break and large numbers of people went down to watch the water run out, and incidentally to enjoy the fun of seeing men and boys, both colored and white, wade in mud up to their necks picking up fish which had been stranded by the rapidly receding waters.

Considerable damage was done in the basement of the H. A. Page Motor Company garage where the water backed up until it was between two and three feet deep.

As yet it is not known what arrangements, if any, will be made for restoring the dam. It is doubtful if the income from the mill would justify any very great expenditure, but there seems to be much sentiment in favor of restoring the dam for its recreational value. There has been a suggestion that unemployment relief money be used for the purpose of cleaning out the stumps in the lower part of the lake, building a sand beach on the north side of the lake and thus make an ideal bathing place. What can be done along this line has not been determined, but with the water out there is presented an opportunity for the town to add to its recreational facilities at very small outlay.

Thus far the Board of Commissioners of Aberdeen has taken no action in the matter. The fact that the lake is on property largely belonging to individuals and not to the town complicates the situation. Were it public property it is believed that authorization could be procured from Raleigh for the use of unemployment funds to rebuild the dam, clean out the lake and make of it a public playground of value to the community. It is possible that this may be arranged anyway, owing to the fact that, though privately owned, the lake has always been a public gathering place and a village asset.

## Union Services To Start Here Sunday

Aberdeen Churches Unite for Evening Worship in One Large Congregation

All of the churches of Aberdeen representing the white people will hold a Union Service at the Page Memorial Methodist Church Sunday night at 7:30.

The ministers of the various churches together with the church members have decided that all are working towards the same goal and that to meet in the various groups at the different churches Sunday nights does not accomplish enough.

The services will be held each Sunday night in a different church and some pastor other than the one of that particular church in which the meeting is held will preach.

At the Page Memorial Church this Sunday night there will be a special musical program. Mrs. E. L. Pleasants, organist at the church, will form a choir of all choir members of the different churches for the services. It is desired that all singers of the community join with Mrs. Pleasants in making the musical program a feature of the services.

The Rev. E. L. Barber, minister of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, will deliver the sermon at this meeting. Not only are the church members of Aberdeen urged and most cordially invited to attend these services but a most cordial invitation is given all to come.