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DANIELS TO SPEAK ALBION TO SING AT CHAMBER DINNER

Fine Program Arranged for Annual Meeting at Highland Pines Inn Next Thursday

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

With the Hon. Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, topping the toast list and Edouard Albion, noted baritone featuring the musical program, the best annual banquet in the history of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce is looked for next Thursday night, February 2d at the Highland Pines Inn. Mr. Albion's appearance is among the numbers added during the past week, much to the gratification of the committee in charge of the banquet. The head of the Society for the Promotion of American Music, now a resident of the Sandhills, will sing four solos.

Among other features that evening will be the appearance of the Southern Pines High School Glee Club in several songs. These youngsters were heard by the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen at its meeting this week and made a decided impression on the large audience. They are showing the training of Frederick Stanley Smith, who has them in charge. Frank Buchanan, who is arranging the musical end of the entertainment next Thursday night, says he will also have some other numbers, including a quartet of male voices. The committee is not announcing all of the program in advance, but it is understood that some surprises are in store for the large crowd expected at the dinner.

Dr. George G. Herr, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will call the meeting to order and introduce the toastmaster, Nelson C. Hyde. The business of the annual meeting will not take long, Dr. Herr states. He will have an annual report to make of the accomplishments of the organization during 1932, and Shields Cameron will have a secretary's report. The nominating committee, of which Frank Buchanan is chairman, will report the list of nominees for directors for 1933, and these will be voted upon. Officers are not elected at the annual gathering but later by the new directorate.

Tickets went on sale this week and are available from members of the banquet committee, Dr. R. L. Hart, Struthers Burt, George Moore, Frank Buchanan and Nelson C. Hyde, and are also on sale at the Broad Street Pharmacy. The tickets are one dollar each, which includes the dinner and the entertainment. The public is cordially invited. It is not just a Chamber of Commerce gathering, but an annual get to gether of the citizens of the community, a family reunion.

Mr. Daniels has not announced the subject of his address, but it will be timely and those who have heard the distinguished editor of the Raleigh News & Observer know it will be forceful and thoughtful.

MRS. H. L. HOWIE DIES AT HOME NEAR ABERDEEN

Mrs. H. L. Howie died at her home near Aberdeen Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock of pneumonia. She and the rest of her family were influenza victims, but Mrs. Howie was unable to rally as the others did, and pneumonia set in about a week ago. She was about 40 years old.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Howie leaves motherless her six children, Morrison, Edith, Harry, Jr., Robert, Ethel, Jean and Louise. Before her marriage, Mrs. Howie was Miss Ethel Mae Stubbs of Laurinburg.

The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Aberdeen Presbyterian Church of which she was a member, followed by interment in Old Bethesda cemetery.

TEACHERS MEET SATURDAY

A county-wide teachers' meeting will be held in the Carthage high school auditorium at 10 o'clock tomorrow, Saturday morning. Miss Juanita McDougald, Associate Director of the Division of Instructional Service, is expected to be present.

Noted Baritone To Sing at Banquet



Edouard Albion, with His Son Norwood

New Charter Establishing Pinebluff as Bird Sanctuary Before Assembly

Introduced by A. B. Cameron, Bill Aims To Attract and Protect All Birds

A bill to grant a new charter to the Town of Pinebluff was introduced to the General Assembly on Tuesday of this week by Representative A. B. Cameron of Moore county and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1. As reported in The Pilot some weeks ago, Pinebluff, under its new charter, will become a bird sanctuary, probably the only town in the United States incorporated as such.

The bill defines the corporate limits of the town, gives to its Board of Commissioners the management and control of the water works system, establishes the water rates and forbids the use of funds collected for the operation of the water system for any other purpose.

Section 4, establishing the town as a Bird Sanctuary, reads, in part, as follows:

"That Pinebluff within its entire corporate limits, wherein no wild bird shall ever be killed or molested except as is hereinafter provided, is hereby declared to be a Bird Sanctuary; and it shall be the duty of the town officials to use such means as they deem best to encourage the citizenry to attract and protect all birds. A number of appropriate signs shall be placed on the highway where they enter the town stating the town is a Bird Sanctuary and all birds are protected by both State and Federal law, and that harming them in any way is a misdemeanor and punishable as such.

"It shall be unlawful within the Town Limits to pursue, shoot, hurt, kill, capture, snare or net any bird; collect bird's nests, except old and abandoned nests, or eggs; and all lesser acts such as disturbing or annoying birds or placing or using any net or other device for the purpose of taking birds whether or not they result in taking such birds, except hereinafter provided.

Exception Clause

"The Board of Commissioners may upon the recommendation of two adults of good repute, owning and maintaining residence within the town, issue licenses, revokable at their pleasure, permitting owners of real estate to shoot, trap or destroy, upon their own property, any or all birds named in the bulletins issued by the

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Forest Fires

But This Time They Are Set and Controlled by Wardens To Remove Danger

The fire wardens have been busy in the last two weeks burning safety lanes in the woods from the Aberdeen and Raeford road along the territory adjoining Fort Bragg clear to James Creek, a distance of seven or eight miles, and the work has been done in such manner that the whole country east of the Seaboard railroad has been made safe. No harm has been done the trees, or anything else. This method of caring for fires has made a hit all over the Sandhills and it is predicted by the wardens that the day of dangerous fires is past.

Mother of Seven Shot, Killed Near Aberdeen

Mrs. Greeley Edmonston Victim of Husband's Gun While Shooting Rabbits

Mrs. Winnie Edmonston, wife of Greeley Edmonston, was shot and killed near her home on Bethesda Road, about one mile out of Aberdeen, early Tuesday morning. The fatal shot was fired by her husband when the pair were out rabbit hunting. Edmonston, who is employed in the Ferguson blacksmith shop in Southern Pines, was exonerated from blame by a coroner's jury which held the shooting as accidental. Seven children survive, all under 15 years of age.

Mr. Edmonston claimed that they were sitting on the side of the hill waiting for their dog to run a rabbit out of the swamp, when some crows flew by, and as he rose to shoot at them, his gun was discharged in some way, the load entering the back of his wife's head, killing her instantly. There were no witnesses to the shooting.

Sheriff Charles J. McDonald and Coroner D. Carl Fry investigated the shooting. A coroner's jury, comprising J. M. Windham, H. G. Brooks, W. A. McKeithen, Kenneth Caddell, E. W. Kinlaw and J. G. Sloane, returned a verdict of accidental death. The family came here from Blowing Rock about a year ago and was residing on the farm of the Rev. J. Fred Stinson of Southern Pines.

MRS. BURNS DIES, ILL OF PNEUMONIA LESS THAN A WEEK

Wife of Southern Pines City Clerk One of Most Beloved Women of Community

WAS IDOL OF CHILDREN

Helen Ruggles Burns, wife of Howard F. Burns, city clerk of Southern Pines, died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning after an illness of less than a week. Pneumonia developed from an attack of influenza and all efforts to save the life of one of the community's most beloved of women were in vain.

Mrs. Burns' loss will be keenly felt by all persons of all walks of life and of all ages in the Sandhills. In her lifetime, spent entirely in Southern Pines, she has endeared herself to all those with whom she has come in contact. She was the idol of the children. Possibly no one in the community has done more to shape youthful lives than she. Helen Burns was the first president of the Girl Scouts in Southern Pines, and under her supervision and guidance the organization grew into a most influential power for good. Her troop was long regarded as one of the finest in North Carolina.

At various times she taught Sunday School classes in the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, of which she was a member. She taught kindergarten classes in both her own church and the Congregational Church. Helen Ruggles, and later Helen Burns, was a second mother to most of the children of Southern Pines.

Beloved of All

Her husband's duties as city clerk placed her in contact with all classes of citizens and with winter residents, and she endeared herself to all with her sympathetic understanding of their problems. In her duties as correspondent of The Pilot for several years she has enlarged her acquaintanceship in her energetic but ever-kindly quest for news. She has been of inestimable aid to her husband in his duties as correspondent of The Associated Press and leading northern newspapers.

Helen Ruggles was a native of Southern Pines, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Ruggles. She married Howard Burns in September, 1923 and a son, Howard F., Jr., was born to them on March 20th, 1930. Surviving, besides her husband, her son and her parents, are three brothers, John, Edward and Albert.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon, Friday, at 3 o'clock at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, with the Rev. F. Craighill Brown officiating. Interment will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery.

The Town Board of Commissioners will attend the funeral in a body. Delegations will attend from the Kiwanis Club, of which Mr. Burns is a prominent member; from the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce and from other organizations of the community.

Choral Club Concert on Saturday, Feb. 4

Varied Program of Musical Members Under Direction of Mr. Smith

Under the direction of Frederick Stanley Smith the Southern Pines Music Society will present a varied program of musical numbers on the evening of February 4th, at 8 p. m., in the Southern Pines High School Auditorium. This will be a joint concert, the first half of the program to be given by the glee clubs of the grammar grades and of the high school. The latter half of the program will be given by the Choral Club. A string quartet will assist the Choral Club, featuring Charles Pierre, cellist, as soloist.

A union service of Aberdeen church congregations will be held this Sunday night, January 29th, in the Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. M. Ives of the Baptist church officiating. Special music has been arranged for the service.

50 Percent Cut in Taxes, Moratorium on Land Sales and County Bond Payments Sought by Taxpayers' League Officials

Executive Committee Approves Drastic Program and Plans Petition, Signed by All Taxpayers, to General Assembly and County Board CUTS OUT PENALTIES, LEGAL FEES

A minimum of a fifty per cent cut in the taxes on lands; a two year's moratorium on tax sales; the removal of all penalties and legal fees in tax sales, and a postponement of the payment of principal upon all county bonds was the program unanimously adopted Tuesday by the executive committee of the Tax Payers League of Moore County in session at Carthage.

Thoroughly aroused by reports from every section of the county, indicating that the entire farming population is in immediate peril of losing their homes and livelihood, the League has

prepared a petition to the Legislature and the County Commissioners, which will be distributed for signature to every tax payer in the county.

The crux of the matter is, the League says, that to save the people and to prevent wholesale tax foreclosures and bond repudiation, it is necessary to cut the taxes and to immediately face the fact that in order to do this the county and the bondholders must at once recognize that no amortization or bonds can be paid during this period of depression.

The committee considered that the citizens are face to face with an entirely new world, with entirely unprecedented conditions, and that old formulas and laws and theories will have to be discarded in favor of a realistic and practical program.

"When the people are threatened with starvation and ruin, there is neither sense nor justice in applying the old financial and legal rule of force," said a member of the committee. "It is a self evident fact that no debtor can pay more than he has; it is also self evident that a man must first eat, clothe and shelter his family in some manner, however meagre, before he can contribute to the county debts. It is also true that any law, whether made by ukase of a Tsar or a vote of the people, or a piece of voluntary foolishness, which results in the wholesale ruin of the population ought not, and cannot be enforced."

Township members vigorously stated that the idea that people will not pay their debts or taxes unless they are hounded by lawyers and advertised and dispossessed is simply not true. When the people had the money they not only paid their taxes, but their private debts. Today the money simply is not here. No amount of threats and no amount of pressure will get the legal taxes from a large part of the population.

"No more cruel or useless or dangerous procedure could be imagined than for the creditor class, and the official class, and the sanctity of contract people, to further goad folks already destitute and to add to the misery and loss already overwhelming.

"We are in the midst of a major catastrophe. Our first duty is to our own people. Bondholders and financiers and lawyers and theorists will have to wait.

"The League expects every taxpayer in the county to sign the petition. It will be mailed to them, but the unanimous and immediate support is absolutely necessary to produce any result. So it is hoped that every reader of The Pilot will cut out the coupon and mail it in. This will automatically enroll him in the League and put his name to the petition."

The petition framed by the League's Executive Committee reads as follows:

"A Petition to the General Assembly (Please turn to Page 8)

MRS. ESTHER TUFTS LEWIS AND TOWNSEND LATTING WED
Mrs. Esther Tufts Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tufts of Pinehurst, and Edward Townsend Lattin of Pinehurst were married yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. Only members of the immediate family were present. The Rev. Murdock McLeod was the officiating clergyman. Mr. and Mrs. Lattin will make their home in Pinehurst.

County Manager?

League Names Committee to Consider Full Time Employee Under Commission

In addition to the adoption of its program for drastic economy in government, a moratorium on tax sales and postponement of principal payment on county bonds, the Tax Payers League of Moore County at its executive committee meeting on Monday appointed a committee to look into the advisability of recommending a County Manager, a full time employee to serve under the Board of County Commissioners. Those named on the committee were Ralph W. Page, James Tufts and George Maurice.

The league also voted to engage the services of Edgar Ewing of Pinehurst to aid in the work of organizing the taxpayers of the county behind the league's program.

MUSIC PROGRAM SCORES HIT AT KIWANIS CLUB

Members Hear Edouard Albion, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Picquet, Helen Thompson; Others

Musical talent of the Sandhills delighted members of the Kiwanis Club at their weekly meeting held Wednesday noon in the Civic Club room in Southern Pines. So delightful was the program that the Kiwanians, usually prompt in their 1:30 o'clock adjournment, were still applauding and calling for more when the clock struck two.

Edouard Albion, well-known baritone now residing in Pinehurst, was the featured star and was in perfect voice. He sang four numbers, "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms," "King Charles," "A Little Irish Girl," and "Captain of My Soul," after which he talked to the club of his work in Washington and in the Sandhills in promoting the love and appreciation of music, of the inauguration of the free municipal concerts in the leading cities of the state through his "Society for the Promotion of American Music." He asked the club for its support of his work.

In his songs Mr. Albion was accompanied on the piano by Miss Elizabeth Mauney.

Prof. Frederick Stanley Smith presented his boys and girls of the Southern Pines High School in several songs, the Boy's Glee Club singing "All Through the Night," the girls the "Tick-Tock" song, the "A-B-C" song and "Two Little Flies." Miss Katherine Buchanan and Miss Alice Abel sang a pleasing duet showing talent and training. Miss Helen Thompson played "Rhapsody in Blue" on the piano to the delight of all.

Mrs. Charles W. Picquet and Mrs. Raymond Kennedy sang a duet, with Mrs. Picquet at the piano, and not only won the plaudits of the crowd but high praise from Mr. Albion. The Kiwanis Quartet, Mr. Picquet, Shields Cameron, Dr. Robert Sheppard and Willard Dunlop, were splendid in two renditions. The program was arranged by Mr. Picquet, newly appointed chairman of the Music Committee.