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W. J. CAMERON OF VASS PASSES IN HIS 75TH YEAR

Prominent Resident of Moore Was Born in Harnett County in January, 1859

HEALTH FAILED IN 1918

Death has claimed another beloved man of Moore.

William John Cameron died at his home in Vass last Saturday, February 4th, leaving behind him a legacy of "charity toward all and malice toward none."

Mr. Cameron was one of ten children, the son of Angus B. and Margaret Monroe Cameron. He was born in Harnett county on January 26th, 1859. His paternal grandparents came to this country from Scotland and settled in Harnett among the pioneer Scotch of that section. His grandmother was a Bruce. Three of the brothers, Angus, William and John moved over to the Vass country in the early days of the turpentine industry hereabouts and were active in the upbuilding of the community. William later engaged in the lumber business, in which he was active until his health failed in 1918. He was also prominently identified with the development of the Vass-Cameron section as a dewberry market, a large grower himself.

William John Cameron married Susan E. Bynum of Vass on January 19th, 1892, and his wife survives him. He leaves three children, Mrs. W. T. Cox and Mrs. S. R. Smith of Vass and J. Bruce Cameron of Southern Pines. Thirteen grandchildren survive, and one sister, Mrs. Christian Cameron of Jonesboro.

He was a member and for many years a trustee of the Vass Methodist Church, where funeral services were conducted at 11 o'clock on Monday morning by the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Ball, assisted by the Rev. F. B. Nablett of Glandon, a former pastor, and by the Rev. C. A. Lawrence, minister of the Vass Presbyterian Church. The pallbearers were his nephews, N. N. McLean, A. M. Cameron and W. H. Keith of Vass, E. B. Cameron of Kipling, A. A. Cameron of Jonesboro and J. D. McLean of Cameron. The many beautiful floral tributes sent to the family were carried by the girls of the Community Young Peoples Choir. Interment was in the Johnson Grove Cemetery.

No one ever heard William John Cameron say an ill word of his fellow man. Nor lives there a man today to say an ill word of him. His acquaintances were his friends, and they were legion. He was endeared of all, and his going is a community loss.

Veteran War Nurse Civic Club Speaker

Miss Gladwin to Recount Experiences in Three Wars Before Sandhills Audience

The Southern Pines Civic Club has been fortunate in securing the services of Miss Mary E. Gladwin, Ph. B., R. N., L. L. D., who will speak at the club house this afternoon, Friday, at 3:00 o'clock. Miss Gladwin is well known as an administrator and lecturer in nursing education, and also as a war worker, having served with great distinction as a Red Cross nurse through nearly four years of the World War. Previous to that she had wide experience in the Spanish-American war, the Russo-Japanese war and the Ohio flood service. Her subject of Friday will be her war work in Serbia as head of the only Red Cross nursing unit sent by the United States to that country. Such a record as this is in itself inspiring and, as Miss Gladwin is a gifted speaker, this will be an opportunity which few will care to miss. Miss Gladwin will be introduced by her life-long friend, Mrs. J. H. Andrews of Southern Pines and Akron, O. The general public is most cordially invited. No charge for admission is ever made at these meetings and the above invitation to the public applies at all times.

A Community Loss



WILLIAM JOHN CAMERON

PINEBLUFF FAILS TO GET ITS NEW CHARTER PASSED

Judiciary Committee of House Refers it Back for Vote of the Citizens

ACTION NOW UNLIKELY

After hearing arguments pro and con the No. 1 Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives at Raleigh failed to take favorable action on the bill of Moore county's representative, A. B. Cameron, to grant a revised charter to the Town of Pinebluff, referring the matter back to the commissioners of Pinebluff for a vote of the citizens. There is now said to be some question whether the proposition will go any further.

The proposed charter not only established Pinebluff as a bird sanctuary but contained provisions fixing the water rates. The charter as drawn had been vetoed by the mayor of the town but passed over his veto by the board of town commissioners, whereupon it was introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Cameron and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1. A delegation from Pinebluff attended a hearing on the bill last Thursday at Raleigh, and Walter MacNeille presented the arguments for the measure, W. D. Shannon opposing it.

Aberdeen in Default on Bonded Indebtedness

Defaults of Counties and Towns in State Aggregate Sum of \$7,500,000

Aberdeen is among those listed in Raleigh in default of payment on its bonded indebtedness, the amount given being \$8,500.

Thirty-four counties and 77 municipalities in North Carolina were in default an aggregate of \$7,509,300 on notes and bonded indebtedness on December 31st, according to data furnished a special Senate committee by the Local Government Commission. Explanation of the defaults ranged from embezzlement and bank failures to non-payment of taxes. The largest amount in default among the counties on December 31st was \$590,200 overdue in principal and interest on Carteret county notes and bonds. High Point leads the municipalities and is trying hard to refund a portion of its more than two million dollars defaulted on December 31st.

Other towns in this vicinity in default include: Hamlet \$14,000; Raeford, \$10,000; Red Springs, \$21,846; Troy, \$45,930; Vass, \$3,980.

Aberdeen Graded School was also in default in the sum of \$9,300 on December 31st.

HENRY MORGENTHAU IS SPEAKER AT PINEHURST

Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey and a guest this week at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst, addressed a large gathering at the Pinehurst Country Club last evening, the lecture being arranged by the Pinehurst chapter of the American Red Cross for the benefit of its local welfare fund.

DR. GEORGE HERR TO AGAIN HEAD COMMERCE BODY

Unanimously Re-elected President of Southern Pines Chamber by New Board

NEW MEMBERS INITIATED

Dr. George G. Herr was unanimously re-elected president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce at the first meeting of the new board of directors of that body Tuesday noon at Jack's Grill. Hiram Westbrook was chosen vice-president, M. G. Nichols re-elected national counselor, and D. D. Shields Cameron again chosen secretary-treasurer.

Four new directors, elected at the annual meeting of the Chamber held last Thursday night at the Highland Pines Inn were "initiated" to the Board Tuesday by being called upon for short talks. They were Dr. Robert Shepard, James Simons, Walter Gilkyson and Lloyd T. Clark.

A round tables discussion of national affairs led by Mr. Nichols, featured the meeting. The directors also approved of erection of an information booth at the southern end of town on Highway No. 1, as soon as arrangements can be completed for site and financing. A. Montesanti offered the logs for a log cabin and it is probable that the building will be erected in this form.

Overproduction Not The Farmer's Trouble

But Inability of City People To Pay Decent Prices for Products, Speaker Tell Kiwanis

Overproduction of farm products is not responsible for the plight of the farmer, but the inability of the city people to pay decent prices for their foodstuffs, Gordon Ward of the faculty of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute told members of the Kiwanis Club at their weekly meeting held Wednesday in the Sunday School building of the Aberdeen Methodist Church.

The farmer today is producing less food and clothing than before the depression, he said. The farm prices are following the payrolls down, and the farmers won't get their fair share until payrolls go up again. Another reason for their trouble is the high cost of handling and transporting their products to market, inefficiency in distribution facilities. He also showed by charts how interest charges and taxes for the farmer were going up hill while their incomes were going in the opposite direction, which accounts for the fact that four per cent of the farms of the country had been sold on foreclosure during the past year. Mr. Ward made a number of suggestions for getting the country out of the doldrums.

The Kiwanis Club voted to have a dance at the Pinehurst Country Club early next month.

Smith's Store Near Pinehurst Entered

One Suspect Arrested in Aberdeen Shortly After Robbery Takes Place

At about 11 o'clock Wednesday night Worth Hancock started to enter a cafe here and seeing the local policeman, A. F. Dees, in the background, suddenly changed his mind. Dees had noticed an undue plumpness in various parts of the young man's clothing and when Hancock suddenly altered his course upon sight of an officer, Dees decided something was wrong and gave chase.

Hancock was caught after a short run and when searched was discovered to have upon him a quantity of cigarettes, pennies, etc., and a few steps away was found a pistol which the officer had seen him throw away.

A telephone inquiry to Deputy Sheriff Curry at Pinehurst brought the information that Lexy Smith's store had been broken into about ten o'clock. Hancock would not talk and the police are investigating.

A Friend in Hollywood

Wherein One of Our Home Town Boys Tries To Find a Friend by the Name of Paul Green in the Studio Wilderness of Filmland

BY JAMES BOYD

(Mr. Boyd, author of "Drums," "Marching On" and "Long Hunt" and a Contributing Editor of The Pilot, is wintering in Palm Springs, California where he wrote this tale of a visit to Hollywood.—Editor).

J. B. Hello, is this the Catamount Studio?

A voice: Catamount.
J. B. I want Paul Green.
A voice: What's he do?
J. B. He's a playwright.
A voice: But what's he do?
J. B. He writes for Catamount.
A voice: You might try the scenario department.

J. B. Hello, is this the Scenario Department. I want Paul Green.

A voice: What's he do?
J. B. He writes for Catamount.

A voice: Well, we have several Mr. Green's.

J. B. This is Paul Green, the playwright. He writes plays. He wrote The House of Connelly and In Abrahams' Bosom, the Pulitzer Prize Play and—

A voice: You might try Mr. Russellberg's office.

J. B. Is this Mr Russellberg's office?

A voice: This is Mr. Russellberg's secretary.

J. B. I want Paul Green, the playwright.

A voice: Well—who is this?
J. B. This is Paul Green— This is James Boyd.

A voice: Mr. Boyce?
J. B. No, Boyd.

A voice: Would you mind spelling it please.

J. B. B-o-y-d. I'm a friend of Paul Green's. I just got in from the East. I'm at the Panjandaram Palace Hotel. I want to find him.

A voice: Oh yes, Mr. Boyer. And who did you say you were with?

J. B. When?
A voice: Now.

J. B. Nobody. My wife's in Palm Springs. She meant to come, but our youngest child—

A voice: I mean what company?
J. B. What company what?

A voice: Are you with.
J. B. I'm not with any. Will that hurt my chances.

A voice: What chances?
J. B. Of finding Mr. Green.

A voice: Why, Mr. Boyne, we have no Mr. Green.

J. B. But he's working for you. (A pause)

A voice: Call Troglodite 6952.

J. B. What's that?
A voice: That's Famous Fancies—Ginsberg—Imperial.

J. B. Is this Famous Fancies—Ginsberg—Imperial?

A voice: Speaking.
J. B. I want Paul Green.

A voice: What's he do?
J. B. He writes plays.

A voice: Is he with us?
J. B. That is the question.

A voice: Well, unless you know—
J. B. Well, unless YOU know. (A pause)

A voice: You might try the Script Department.

J. B. Is this the Script Department? I want Paul Green. What's he do? He's a playwright. Also he writes for the pictures—The moving pictures.

A voice: Script, scenario, or continuity?

J. B. Everything. He's wonderful.

A voice: Well, we've had several Mr. Green's.

J. B. But this man's name is Paul.

A voice: Well, several of their names were Paul.

J. B. That I doubt.

A voice: Excuse me?
J. B. This is Paul Green, the Pulitzer Prize Playwright, a handsome clean-cut man from North Carolina, looks like Donatello's Apollo, a great friend of Mr. Russellberg's over at Catamount.

A voice: Who is?



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J. B. Both of them are. All of them. Great pals.

A voice: Mr. Russellberg's?
J. B. Yet, at Catamount.

A voice: Well, what was your other friend's name?
J. B. Green, Paul Green.

A voice: Call Casabianca 8181.
J. B. What's that?

A voice: That's Famous Fancies—Cosmic.

J. B. Will they know?
A voice: They know more than we do. They're a subsidiary.

J. B. Is this Famous Fancies—Cosmic. I want Paul Green, please.

A voice: What's he do?
J. B. He's an animal acrobat, a great friend of Mr. Russellberg's at Catamount.

A voice: Paul Green?
J. B. God bless you.

A voice: Well, we haven't Mr. Green's number, but I think you can reach him by calling Blithering 7481.

J. B. Is this Blithering 7481? I want Paul Green.

A voice: Paul Green?
J. B. Yes, you know. Paul Green, Founder of the American Navy.

A voice: Well, I know we have his address, but I'm not the regular secretary. I wouldn't know where to look.

J. B. Well, where is the regular secretary?
A voice: She's gone off till next week. She just left.

J. B. Well, whose office is this?
A voice: This is Mr. Russellberg's office.

J. B. Give me room-service, please. Room service?

A voice: Yase, sar.
J. B. White rock and ice.

Musical Cocktail Nets \$150 for Ball Team

Benefit Performance in Southern Pines Monday Night Proved Great Success

Nearly \$150 for the benefit of the Southern Pines Baseball Club of the Moore County League was realized as a result of the benefit performance given by local talent at the Southern Pines High School Auditorium on Monday night of this week. It was a cracking good show and played to a full house.

"Musical Cocktail" was the name of the performance and it was just that. There were many ingredients to make everyone feel happy. Part 1 was a wedding done in song and story, with the following taking part: H. A. Jackson, Harry Lewis, Hiram Westbrook, P. S. Montgomery, Buddy Milam, Elmer Davis, L. L. Woolley, Dr. Robert Shepard, Stuart Cameron, Dante Montesanti, Gordon Gifford, Lewis McBrayer, Frederick Cole, J. H. Schwartz, Harry Doran, Albert Adams, Charles P. Everest, S. B. Richardson, George N. McCall and Lenox Windham. Part 2 was "The Big Broadcast" from Station S. P. B. B. A., which, of course stood for Southern Pines Baseball Association. Dr. George Herr was the announcer and made a good one.

The admission charge is 25c and 40c. Tickets are on sale at the Carolina Pharmacy.

ONE MAN HELD, OTHERS SOUGHT IN BANK ROBBERY

Ford Used by Page Trust Co. Bandits Found at Home of John Butler

BUTLER DENIES GUILT

One man is lodged in jail and the police are seeking two others suspected of implication in the robbery of the Page Trust Company in Aberdeen a week ago today when Francis Pleasants, assistant cashier, was held up and \$2,400 taken from the cash drawers and vault.

Sheriff Charles J. McDonald is withholding information during his search for the men suspected, but the man held is believed to be John Butler, salesman and automobile mechanic, who was picked up in Fayetteville on Monday.

Officers said they found in Butler's yard an automobile which was identified by Clarence Tate of Aberdeen as the one the three yeggs used in their flight after the robbery. Butler, however, was quoted by police as denying knowledge of the car.

Burlap bags such as are used to ship money were found in the machine which had no license plates.

Friday afternoon, three men walked quietly into the trust company here, held up the assistant cashier who was the only person in the place at the time, scooped up money from the counters and took a bag of money from the vault, and fled.

A despatch from Fayetteville says that the Ford coach believed to have been used in the robbery of the local bank was seized at the home of John Butler, near there Sunday, a car found to have been stolen at River Rouge, Mich., January 19. The car bore no license plates when it was located in Butler's yard in Pearce's Mill township, but the district office of the State Highway Patrol traced it by the motor numbers and ascertained that it was licensed and stolen in Michigan.

Butler has been employed off and on by the David B. Owen Motor Company in Fayetteville as a salesman and mechanic. The bank robbers car was said to have borne a North Carolina license stolen from the Owen Motor Company.

Butler denied any knowledge of the robbery and said the automobile was left in his yard Saturday night by persons he did not see.

"Arabella" Coming To Pinehurst Tuesday

Peppy Musical Comedy To Be Staged Under Auspices of Parent-Teacher Ass'n.

"Here Comes Arabella," a delightful musical comedy, will be staged at the school auditorium in Pinehurst next Tuesday night, February 14th, at eight o'clock.

This is one of the plays of the Wayne P. Sewell Producing Company of Atlanta, Georgia, and is being produced under the auspices of the Pinehurst Parent-Teachers' Association with Miss Sally Phippen of Littleton as director.

The peppy music was especially written for the production. The attractive costumes are also furnished by the company and the beautiful chorus girls alone are worth the price of admission.

The local talent cast follows: Arabella, an orphan stolen by gypsies, Miss Jo Medford; Bob Adair, a young artist, E. S. Webb; Sidney Hopewell, Frank McCaskill; Bill and Jack, Hubert McCaskill, Eddie Brant; Aunt Prudence, Miss Ruth Journey; Aunt Debby, Miss Virginia Simkins; Uncle Josh, Mr. Willard Dunlop; Henrietta, Irene Lewis; Imogene, Catherine Cole; Crystabell, Marjorie Cole; Village Gossips, 1, Miss Idelle McKenzie, 2, Mrs. Bertha Freeman; 3, Miss Elmer Bryant; Levinski, Jewish theatrical producer, "Shorty" Barber.

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