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## LEILA CARY PAGE DIES IN NEW YORK, ACCIDENT VICTIM

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Page of Pinehurst Asphyxiated on Long Island

### TRAGEDY STUNS SECTION

Leila Cary Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Page of Pinehurst died of asphyxiation at the home of her uncle, Frank C. Page in Hewlett, Long Island, early Sunday morning. Mistaking a gas radiator for a steam radiator, she had turned on the gas as she retired for the night. A maid found her lifeless early Sunday morning.

News of the tragedy to one of the most beloved of the rising generation of the Sandhills spread throughout the section on Sunday and cast a pall of gloom over the entire county. Cary Page was not only a member of one of the county's leading families, but had endeared herself to all who knew her by a personality of charm, vivacity and friendliness. She had grown up here. Everyone knew Cary, and everyone loved her.

Cary was the only daughter of Ralph W. and Leila Tuckerman Page. Her father was in another room of the house at the time. In New York on business he had asked Cary in for the week-end from her college, Bryn Mawr, where she was a sophomore. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Page, Cary and her father had spent the evening at a dance and returned about midnight. Because of other guests the house was well filled for the week-end and Cary was given a seldom used room on the third floor. Her father accompanied her to the room and bid her good night. It must have been upon his departure that Cary, mistaking the gas radiator for a steam one, turned the little wheel at the side and crawled into bed. The radiator was one of the old-fashioned kind that required lighting when turned on, but this the unfortunate child did not know. She went to sleep.

Cary was 19. Nineteen years of activity. She was not just active socially, though she was a leader among the younger society folk of the Sandhills and was introduced by her grandmother, Mrs. Walter Hines Page, at a large debutante reception and dance in Boston about two years ago. But she was active in the management of the Page interests here. She entirely supervised the cultivation and marketing of her father's dewberry crop one season. She helped with the peach crop on numerous occasions. She did well whatever she attempted. She was a finished horsewoman, riding to the hounds several winters here. There were few in this vicinity who could defeat her at tennis. She could maneuver a canoe from here to the Atlantic with the skill of an Indian.

Her parents and one brother, Anderson Page, survive. The funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Village Chapel, Pinehurst, the Rev. Dr. T. A. Cheatham officiating. The bearers were Robert N. Page, Jr., Lee Page, Richard Loving, J. V. Healy and Frank Wilder. Livingston Biddle and Paul Dana acted as ushers at the church. Frederick Stanley Smith was in charge of the music, and two favorite hymns of the deceased, "Faith is the Victory," and "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand," were beautifully sung by the choir. Mr. Smith played on the organ Handel's Largo and "Meditation-Elegy" by Borowski. Burial followed in the Walter Hines Page family lot in Old Bethesda Cemetery at Aberdeen. The floral tributes at church and grave were many and beautiful.

A large number from out of town attended the funeral, among them Mrs. Walter Hines Page of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Page and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Page of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Page of Raleigh, William Tuckerman of Boston, George Franklin of New York, General and Mrs. Albert C. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. John G. Nichols of Raleigh.



MISS LEILA CARY PAGE

## BOYETTE NAMED TO PASS ON FARM LOANS IN COUNTY

Designated as Attorney Acceptable To Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation

### D. McCORMON IS AGENT

M. G. Boyette of Carthage, has been designated as attorney for Moore county whose certificate of title for liens, chattels and mortgages will be accepted by the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Raleigh for loans to be made to the people of this county, John P. Stedman, executive vice-president and manager, announces. Mr. Boyette is county solicitor. Mr. Stedman also announces that D. McCrimmon of Carthage, has agreed to aid those of this county seeking to borrow money from the corporation in making out their applications in proper form, thus facilitating the preliminary work and helping to save and eliminate "red tape" in getting the loans through.

Fees for attorneys, paid by the applicants, are limited to one-half of one per cent of the loan, with a minimum of \$1 and a maximum of \$12.50, on chattels and liens, while the fees on real property will be governed by the amount of work involved in preparing the abstract and mortgage. Attorney, as well as county farm agents, are agreeing to perform the duties connected with making loans largely for patriotic and community reasons, Mr. Stedman states, pointing out that county agents are cooperating splendidly.

Interest on the loans is at the rate of 5 1-2 per cent and a small inspection fee, depending on the size of the loan, will be added, Mr. Stedman states.

Loans are not to be made to persons who may be interested in agriculture.

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## KIWANIS SPRING BALL TO AID COUNTY HOSPITAL

The Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen will have a Spring Ball at the Pinehurst Country Club on Friday evening, March 3d from 10 to 1:30 o'clock, the entire net proceeds of which are to be used for the support of a bed in the children's ward of the Moore County Hospital. Tickets went on sale this week at two dollars a couple, and the dance is expected to be one of the gay events of the winter in the Sandhills.

## LEONARD CAMERON ASSAULT VICTIM, FOUND DEAD IN BED

Was Shot Twice, Beaten and Left Helpless in Woods for Two Days Last July

### PAIR AWAITING TRIAL

Leonard Cameron, 26-year-old man of the Beaver Creek section who, on July 4, last, was shot twice, cruelly beaten and left in the dense woods a mile and a half from his home—presumably for dead—but after suffering untold agony from Monday until Wednesday finally succeeded in making his way home more dead than alive, was found dead in bed on last Friday morning at the home of his uncle Arch "Beaver" Cameron at Overhills, where he was visiting. Young Cameron had never recovered from his injuries and his death is thought to have resulted from his fractured skull and battered head.

The funeral service was conducted at 11 o'clock Saturday morning at Cypress Church by the pastor, the Rev. C. A. Lawrence, and interment was in the cemetery nearby. Mr. Cameron united with this church during revival services in November. The deceased is a son of Irene Cameron, who with numerous other relatives survives.

Following the assault, which created a sensation throughout this section, young Cameron named Tom Douglas and Turner Cameron, young white men of his community, as his assailants. They were tried in Recorder's Court and bound to Superior Court under heavy bond. Both men denied knowledge of this affair. The case was scheduled for trial in the recent term of criminal court, but was continued.

## Children Are Invited To Hear Mrs. Albion

A group of Pinehurst women began telephoning invitations yesterday to children in the Sandhills to attend the rendition of several children's stories by Mrs. Edouard Albion at the Carolina Theatre, Pinehurst, Saturday morning. Proceeds from this talk, which is only one of a series, will be turned over to the social service committee of the Women's Auxiliary of the Moore County Hospital, which is trying to interest children in its social service work.

Mrs. Albion will read to the children of Aberdeen on Saturday, February 25th in the Community House.

## DEFINITE PROGRAM FOR PLANTING OF RELIEF GARDENS

Committees Start Survey of Available Land and Requirement in Seeds, Etc.

### STATE SUBMITS PLAN

Plans are going forward rapidly for the planting of relief gardens. The Moore County Office of Relief has received instructions from the Governor's Office of Relief in Raleigh setting forth a definite program of farm relief for this Spring. It is believed that the planting of relief gardens and the preservation of food crops will provide a substantial amount of food for the needy during the summer and for the coming winter.

A summary of the bulletins and instructions on Relief Gardening from the Reconstruction Finance in Washington, the Governor's Office of Relief in Raleigh, and Dean I. O. Schaub, Director of Extension Service at North Carolina State College in Raleigh, has been prepared setting forth the State-wide program of farm relief:

I. Introduction:  
The purpose of this bulletin is to acquaint you with the objects and purpose of relief gardening and to furnish you with specific plans of procedure in the planting, supervision and production and preservation of food crops.

The value of these gardens is twofold:

1. Supply food.
2. Provide wholesome employment for those in need.

II. Objects:

1. To aid every relief family living on a farm to produce food for home consumption and to conserve fruits and vegetables for winter use.
2. To transfer from towns to farms as many as possible of those families now living in towns but who have had farm experience.
3. To promote subsistence gardens in towns and cities.
4. To establish community farms on which relief workers living in the towns would produce food.
5. To produce and preserve enough food crops so that the people will have something to sustain them not only through the summer but next winter as well.
6. To plant gardens, farm crops and feed crops.

III. Organization:

Director of Relief, Assistant Director of Relief, Chairman of Local Relief Committees in cooperation with Farm Demonstration Agent and Home

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## Arrested in Detroit for Page Trust Robbery

Joseph P. Ewing of Fayetteville Second Suspect Captured in Connection with Hold-up

Joseph P. Ewing of Cumberland county was arrested in Detroit last Friday for alleged participation in the hold-up and robbery of the Page Trust Company in Aberdeen on February 3d. Ewing is a member of a prominent family of the Fayetteville section, the son of Mrs. J. P. Ewing and a brother of W. C. Ewing of the State House of Representatives from Cumberland county. Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Kelly and an officer from Fayetteville brought him back from Detroit early this week.

Ewing went to Michigan several years ago to establish a silver fox farm. He later returned to his home near Fayetteville and attempted to raise foxes there but the farm was not a success and he returned to Michigan. He is married.

This is the second arrest made in the Page Trust robbery, the other suspected by police of implication in the crime, John Butler, salesman and automobile mechanic of Fayetteville, having been held at Carthage for some time. A third man is being sought to clear up the theft of \$2,400 from the cash drawers and vault of the bank during the noon hour on the 3d.

## Representative Citizens of County Oppose Move to Default on Obligations

### Calls Shakespeare

Judge Seawell Cites Poet in Tax Appeal Case of Actress Lenore Ulric

A decision of the United States Board of Tax Appeals handed down in Washington last week is of national interest because the principal in the case was the famous actress, Lenore Ulric, and of local interest here because the decision was written by Judge Herbert F. Seawell of Carthage, a member of the board. The originality of Mr. Seawell's decision resulted in considerable publicity in the press of the country, and we quote here from the story published by the Baltimore Sun:

Once in a while the most sober and solemn of tribunals will let down and take a sort of spiritual holiday. It will make a decision, for example, in the writing of which it manifestly found delight, even though the decision's effect might bring grief to somebody or some interest.

Today there came from the usually serious-minded Federal Board of Tax Appeals a disquisition upon practices in the theatrical world justifiable and unjustifiable expenses involved in these activities and the risks of too much entertainment, as shown by the premature death of William Shakespeare.

It all had to do with the claim of Lenore Ulric, former Belasco star, who wanted the board to allow her income-tax deductions of \$7,075.75 for 1927 and \$4,054.34 for 1928 as expenses in entertaining persons who might have been helpful to her in her career.

Each of this promotion entertainment, it seems, was arranged by Tun-s F. Dean, long a Baltimorean, who served Miss Ulric as business manager.

Although the board allowed certain small sums as tips to stage hands, also other sums for press agents, it was distinctly cold to the more than \$11,000 expended on entertainment.

In the course of today's decision, the board made these almost playful observations:

"When the custom arose of enter-

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## Franklin P. Womack Dies at Age of 55

Farmer and Rural Mail Carrier of Cameron Section Had Been Ill Several Months

Franklin Pierce Womack, prominent citizen of the Cameron section, passed away on Monday afternoon after an illness of several months. Mr. Womack, in addition to being a successful farmer, was the R. F. D. carrier on Route No. 1, Cameron. He was born in that part of Moore county which is now a section of Lee county 55 years ago.

Mr. Womack was an active member of the Methodist church for many years, a steward of the church and superintendent of the Sunday School. He was a man of high character and strict integrity and was greatly esteemed in his community. Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Nannie McPherson; one son, Luther Womack, and three daughters, the Misses Louise, Agnes and Grace, all of Cameron. Three brothers, Fred R. Womack of Carthage, E. E. Womack of Cheraw and J. M. Womack of Bennettsville, S. C., and three sisters, Mrs. Fred Dameron, Mrs. W. E. Poe and Mrs. J. E. Bottoms, all of Cheraw, also survive.

Funeral services were conducted from Cameron Presbyterian Church by his former pastor, the Rev. J. H. Buffalo, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Daley, his present pastor. Interment was in the Cameron cemetery. Many and beautiful were the floral tributes of the large circle of friends of the deceased, and the church was filled with relatives and friends from all sections of the county and from Sanford and Cheraw for the final rites.

## Group Passes Resolutions of Confidence in Management After Canvass of Financial Condition

### OPERATES WITHIN BUDGET

That there are two schools of thought in the county on the subject of government and taxes and the financial condition of the county and its citizens became evident last Friday when a representative group of men from all sections met in the courthouse at Carthage, went over the situation with the members of the Board of County Commissioners and the county auditor and unanimously passed resolutions opposing any movement looking toward default on any of the county's obligations.

Though the meeting was in no wise in opposition to the Moore County Taxpayers League, the action taken by those present reflected "another side" to the program of the league which calls for:

1. Legislative action to revalue property for tax purposes.
2. Legislative action forbidding foreclosure or sale of land for taxes for a period of two years.
3. Abolishment of penalties for non-payment of taxes and all legal fees for foreclosure of tax sales except six per cent and a minimum charge for advertising.
4. No increase of tax rate after revaluation.
5. Compromise with bondholders on the ground "that it is a physical impossibility to collect the principal of the bonds falling due during this plague."

### The "Other Side"

Those who gathered in the courthouse last Friday adopted the following resolutions:

"The undersigned citizens of the County of Moore, having this day met with the Commissioners of the county and having fully discussed with them the affairs of the county, do hereby resolve as follows:

"ONE—The County is operating within its budget and the financial condition is sound with the following exceptions: (a) a small operating deficit as of June 30, 1932, which will be fully offset by the collection of outstanding taxes; (b) failure to set aside previous to 1927 sufficient sinking fund requirements for the courthouse bonds. The proper tax to eventually absorb this deficiency has been levied for this purpose since 1927. There is at present ample cash on hand to take care of all operating bond interest and principal requirements.

"TWO—In view of the above condition we urge no serious consideration be given to the present agitation in some quarters that the county default on any of its obligations.

"THREE—We are of the opinion that the Commissioners should institute every proper and necessary economy, but desire to point out that pending the adjournment of the present general assembly it will be difficult to anticipate the form in which these savings should be made.

"FOUR—We heartily indorse the business administration which the present Commissioners have given to the county and urge that every citizen give them full confidence and support. Respectively submitted, M. C. McDonald, West End; J. B. VonCanon, West End; W. B. Graham Vass; R. L. Chandler, Southern Pines; O. U. Alexander, Carthage; Paul Dana, Pinehurst; D. D. McCrimmon, Hemp; D. G. Stutz, Southern Pines; S. H. Miller, Carthage; G. C. Seymour, Aberdeen; F. W. VonCanon, Pinehurst; H. McC Blue, Aberdeen, Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst; L. B. McKeithen, Cameron; R. C. McLean, Eagle Springs and H. P. McPherson, Carthage.

Wilbur Currie, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and County Auditor J. C. Muse informed the gathering of the financial condition of the county at the present time, stating that there is a large balance

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