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Taxpayers' League Reveals Figures Showing Distribution of Last Year's Tax Money Here

### PETITION IS PRESENTED

On Thursday a group of the founders and executives of the Moore County Taxpayers League met at the courthouse in Carthage to select delegates to present the League's petition to the General Assembly and to the Board of County Commissioners. The petition, which was circulated last week for signatures, seeks a reduction in taxes and lenient treatment of delinquent taxpayers who are unable to pay.

In discussing the program of the Taxpayers League Edgar Ewing, its manager, said, "It is admittedly a difficult problem to work out a system whereby the man unable to pay his taxes can be treated in a merciful way without encouraging others to take advantage of the State's lenity. The suggestion has been made that the county commissioners should be given discretionary powers to decide who are able and who are unable to pay their taxes. It may become necessary to grant such powers although such a delegation of authority would place a tremendous burden on the commissioners. An argument advanced against such a solution of the problem is that to apply a set of rules to one group of people different from that governing another group is contrary to the fundamental principles of law and good government. Yet we find a precedent for the use of discrimination in our bankruptcy laws which wipe the slate clean for an insolvent debtor while the solvent debtor is required to fulfill his obligations.

**No Desire to Dispossess**  
"Our county is fortunate in having a set of commissioners and officers who are both humane and capable. So far they have been able to avoid wholesale dispossessions of delinquent taxpayers. Those to whom I have talked feel that in calamitous times like these it is profitless, inhuman and a disgrace to the body politic to dispossess a large number of taxpayers because they are unable to pay. It is my belief that the taxpayers are going to have effective co-operation from the county commissioners in their efforts to secure a reduction of taxes and to save the equities in their properties.

"A reduction of taxes necessarily involves a reduction of governmental expenses. Any demand for reduced expenses should be made with a clear understanding of where the taxpayers

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## Ransdall President of Farm Life Alumni

### Annual Banquet of Sandhill School Graduates Saturday Was Great Success

The annual Sandhill Farm Life School alumni banquet, given on last Saturday evening, was an unqualified success. Eighty persons were present and the program was carried out with spirit and pep, making the evening one of especial delight to all present.

Officers for the coming year were elected. Roosevelt Hamsdall of Pinehurst was chosen president, Miss Mary Kelly, vice-president, and Miss Bess McCaskill, secretary.

The following program was given: Devotional, the Rev. W. S. Golden; Welcome, Joe Blue; Response, C. L. Tyson; Business; Roll call by classes.

Miss Ola Cowing acted as toastmistress and the following toasts were given: To the School, Martin Blue; Response, J. P. Kiser; To Faculty, Mrs. Z. V. Blue; Response, Miss Mary A. Black; Reading, Mrs. H. Lee Thomas; To Senior Class, Miss Mary Kelly; Response, Vance Almond; To Woman's Club, Miss Ola Cowing; Response, Mrs. Joe Blue.

### Money is Needed

Relief Fund Chairman Sees Continuation of Want and Decreased State Aid

By Dr. E. Levis Prizer

True to form demands upon the funds of the Southern Pines committee on Unemployment and Relief have, since the first of the year, steadily and rapidly increased. For example work is now supplied to double the number of persons that were listed in December and the demand for food, medicine and clothing have grown correspondingly. Fortunately this expansion, which is seasonal, was anticipated and funds were husbanded against the present need. Nevertheless expenditures have increased until they are now more than double the current allotment from State funds.

This trend would afford no cause for worry if any cessation of the extreme demand were in sight. But on the contrary conditions threaten to continue through the spring very much as at present (except of course that the weather will be warmer, while the allotment of State funds beginning with next month will be sharply reduced.

Since unemployment relief is a community matter it seems only right that the community should be fully informed concerning every change in the local situation. Thus far State aid combined with strict economy, has made it possible for the committee to do almost everything that has seemed to it advisable. But some time next month it will be necessary to curtail the work to accord with our means. The whole project will then take on more nearly the character of a private charity and how much can be undertaken will depend largely upon what, if any, additional funds the community feels able to contribute.

Although warmer weather should obviate suffering from cold, the local situation promises otherwise to remain acute. Not only is the scarcity of clothing an unceasing source of worry but many families are likely to lack sufficient food. Consequently there seems every reason for continuing relief to the limit of our ability and anyone able to contribute may rest assured that the resulting benefit will be commensurate with the sacrifice.

### EXHIBITION OF RELIGIOUS ART TODAY AND SATURDAY

This afternoon and tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon from 3:30 until 4:30 o'clock at the Church of Wide Fellowship Dr. H. Augustine Smith of the faculty of Boston University is exhibiting his collection of religious art pictures without charge to the public, and many people of the community are expected to take advantage of this opportunity to view the masterpieces and hear them described by Dr. Smith.

Dr. Smith will present a pageant, "The Gateway," on Sunday evening at the same church in which 85 persons are taking part. This religious pageant is presented the public in the series of Platform Hours of this church.

### THRISTLE CLUB HAS MIXED FOURSOME TOURNAMENT

In the Thistle Club golf tournament at the Southern Pines Country Club on Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Emmett French and Harry Vetterlein won the low gross prize and Mrs. Chester Burns and H. Heap the low net. Net scores were as follows.

Mrs. Kenneth Trousdell and Hunter Eckert, 81; Mrs. Eckert and Mr. Trousdell, 78; Mrs. Burns and Mr. Heap, 76; Miss Birdelia Bair and F. F. Carter, 105; Mrs. French and Mr. Vetterlein, 80; Mrs. A. N. Garratt and James Brennan, 86; Mrs. W. C. Lovett and John McClellan, 81, and Mrs. H. A. Page, Jr., and J. H. Valentine, 81.

## EWING IS HELD, BUTLER RELEASED IN BANK ROBBERY

Fayetteville Suspect Let Go After Habeas Corpus Proceeding

### HEAVY BOND FOR EWING

J. P. Ewing, who was last week brought back from Detroit to face charges of robbery of the Page Trust Company in Aberdeen with firearms and stealing and taking away \$2,425 from the bank, was bound to Superior Court under bond of \$5,000 on Monday. Ewing was positively identified by two or more witnesses as the driver of the car in which the robbers were riding.

Fayetteville, Feb. 22—(AP)—John Butler of Fayetteville, who has been held in jail in Moore County for 17 days in connection with the robbery of the Page Trust Company at Aberdeen, was discharged today under a habeas corpus proceeding when Judge W. A. Devin ruled that the evidence against him was insufficient to justify Butler's being detained for the grand jury.

No witnesses were placed on the stand. Attorneys for Butler obtained the habeas corpus writ from Judge Devin last Friday and served it on the Moore County authorities Saturday.

A preliminary hearing was held in Recorder's Court at Carthage Monday at which Butler was bound over to Superior Court under \$1,500 bond.

The order of the court today released Butler from the bank robbery charge altogether unless the grand jury of Moore county takes further action.

Butler was arrested February 5, two days after the hold-up when an automobile was found in his yard, described as being similar to the car used by the bank robbers and was identified as having been stolen.

## Burt Pleads for Proper Use of Federal Unemployment Aid Fund

When a man seeking work comes to our door and we want to help him we give him something to do which will be of some benefit to us. But we sit right by and let the Federal and State unemployment relief funds be spent on projects which benefit nobody. And yet these funds come out of our own pockets just as much as the money we would pay the fellow at the back door asking for a job.

So Struthers Burt told members of the Kiwanis Club at their weekly luncheon Wednesday in the Church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines. In a plea for prompt and vigorous action in the matter Mr. Burt pointed out the value of using the relief funds which are coming to the communities from the federal treasury for the improvement of our highways. "This is the one project in which one can find no flaws," he said. "It provides employment without the necessity of putting out money for supplies; it does not compete with business; it provides lasting and ever increasing benefit to the state."

Mr. Burt's subject was "Procrastination," and he blamed organizations such as the Kiwanis Club for procrastinating in matters they undertake for accomplishment. "Too much organization for the amount of action resulting," he said. Organizations of the kind should get back of a matter as important as the distribution of millions of dollars throughout the state and see that the money is properly spent. He said he knew of only a few communities which are using the Federal Aid funds for the lasting benefit of their communities and the state, mentioning Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Vass, Lakeview and Greensboro among them. "Others," he said, "are just having their unemployed dig holes and fill them up again. For years we have hoped the day would come when we would have time and money for civic and public improvements in our communities. Now that time is here and finds us without a plan. Highway planting is the one

## COUNTY ASKS FOR POWER TO FIX PAY OF OFFICERS

Bill Introduced at Raleigh Would Let Commissioners Establish Salary Rates

### ASK TAX SALE VALIDATION

At the request of the Board of Commissioners of Moore county four bills will be introduced in the General Assembly at Raleigh this week, three of which are amendments asked for in laws now on the statute books, and one validating sale of real estate for non-payment of 1931 taxes.

In one bill the commissioners ask that they be authorized to fix the compensation of the judge and solicitor of the County Recorder's Court, the sheriff of the county, the deputy sheriff and the travel allowances for the transportation of prisoners from the county to the State penitentiary.

Another bill excepts Moore county from the provisions of the law which provides a \$20 bonus for legal officers of the county for the capture of stills, a measure which, if passed, is expected to save the county a considerable amount during the course of a year.

Another bill excepts Moore county from the dog law which provides for compensation for injured parties when dogs kill turkeys, chickens and such. Because of abuses to this the county commission proposes to make the school fund recipient of these fines.

The sale of real estate for the non-payment of 1931 taxes, held and conducted by the tax collector of the county pursuant to an order of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, December 5th, 1932 is validated in the fourth measure which Representative A. B. Cameron is introducing at Raleigh.

## County Basketball Tournery Next Week

Sports lovers of this section are looking forward to the annual Moore County Basketball Tournament which will run four days next week. The tournament, beginning Tuesday, February 28th and running through Friday, March 3rd, will again be held in the high school gymnasium at Pinehurst.

This tournament is sponsored by the Educu Club of Moore County and is directed by the Athletic Committee of the club. It has become the favorite of the many events sponsored by the organization. The strong competition and keen rivalry throughout the county promises a more spirited and active clash this year than ever before.

### Boys and Girls Teams To Fight for 1933 Championship on Pinehurst Court

The children of the Aberdeen and Pinebluff graded schools are invited to attend a story-telling hour tomorrow, Saturday morning from 10:30 till 11:30 at the Community House in Aberdeen.

Mrs. Edouard Albion has consented to appear in Mother Goose costume. There will be no admission charge, but each child is asked to bring a can of soup, soup mixture, tomatoes or a silver offering in appreciation of this pleasure given to them by the Social Service Committee of the Aberdeen Branch of the Moore County Hospital. The proceeds go to the Hot-Lunch fund of these schools, Mrs. H. E. Bowman announces.

### STORY TELLING HOUR ABERDEEN, PINEBLUFF

Henry Addor and his sister, Miss Jenn, were called to Boston, Mass., on Thursday of this week on account of the serious injuries sustained by their brother, George Addor, in an automobile accident.

### GEORGE ADDOR INJURED

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### Young Composer



NATHANIEL BURT

## NATHANIEL BURT COMPOSITION TO BE HEARD HERE

North Carolina Symphony Orchestra Gives Concert in Southern Pines March 4th

### STRINGFIELD TO CONDUCT

An orchestral composition by Nathaniel Burt, youthful son of Mr. and Mrs. Struthers Burt of Southern Pines, will feature the concert to be given by the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra in the Southern Pines High School Auditorium on Saturday night, March 4th at 8:15 o'clock.

The Southern Pines Music Society is sponsoring the concert and is thereby making it possible for the citizens of this community to hear symphony music of the first calibre.

Lamar Stringfield will conduct the orchestra, and will also be featured in playing a solo of his own composition. Mr. Stringfield is particularly known for a composition of his which won a Pulitzer prize in 1927.

There will be a limited number of reserved seats on sale as the majority of the reserve seats will be taken by the patronesses. Reserved seats will be one dollar and general admission will be fifty cents and tickets on sale at the Broad Street Pharmacy only.

The program is as follows:  
I. Marriage of Figaro Overture—W. A. Mozart (1756-1791).

II. Andante (from 5th Symphony)—Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827).

III. (a) On the Steppes of Central Asia—Alexander Borodin (1834-1887).

(b) Ballet Music (from "Rosamunde")—Franz Schubert (1797-1828).

Intermission (ten minutes).

IV. (a) Prelude Aubade—Nathaniel Burt (1913-).

V. (a) La Media Noche ("Hispania") suite—Albert Stoessel (1894-).

(b) Cripple Creek (From the Southern Mountains)—Lamar Stringfield (1897-).

Surviving besides her husband are three daughters, the Misses Lillian and Althea Roberts of Southern Pines and Mrs. Rufus D. Cates of Raleigh; also five sisters, Mrs. Tom Eley, Mrs. Herbert West, Mrs. Laura West, Mrs. Beatrice Poyntz, all of London, England; Mrs. Eliza Parker of Ipswich, England, and Mrs. Ralph Trimmer of Toronto, Canada. Two brothers, Llewellyn Warne and Marcus Warne, both living in England, also survive.

Mrs. Roberts leaves a wide circle of friends in this section to mourn her loss.

A brief funeral service for the family was held in the home on Monday afternoon followed by a song service in the Baptist Church at 3:30 o'clock, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson, pastor, officiating and the following taking part in the service: Mrs. Ralph Mills, Miss Maidie Lee Wade, S. B. Richardson and J. B. Gifford. The pallbearers were Harold Fowler, William Moore, H. O. Riggan and Yates Poe. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery.

## Southern Pines Would Extend Its City Limit

Commissioners Adopt Resolution To Annex Knollwood and Country Club Land

ADDS \$1,250,000 VALUE

If action taken by the Board of Commissioners of Southern Pines on Tuesday evening is approved by the State Legislature, the corporate limits of the city will be greatly extended and something like \$1,250,000 in property valuation added to the assessment rolls. The extension takes in Knollwood and much of the Southern Pines Country Club property.

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners met in special meeting Tuesday evening to hear the report of the committee, A. B. Yeomans, E. C. Stevens and L. V. O'Callaghan on the resolution to extend the corporate limits of the Town of Southern Pines. The resolution was adopted by the board and passed on to the city attorney, E. M. Poate, for engrossment and presentation to the State Legislature.

This resolution in effect extends the present boundaries to take in all the property west of Bethesda Road from the junction of this road and Connecticut avenue to the junction at the Country Club Road south of the Robinson house, thence in a line westward so as to include all the dwellings now within the Country Club property except the clubhouse. The new line then across the Seaboard Railroad following the line of Bell avenue to the cemetery so as to include about nine-tenths of the Pine-fene property, again following the line of the old Pee Dee Road to the junction of the old Carthage road, thence south along this road to include the Pine Needles Inn and the Mid-Pines Club to the present line at the bridge over McDeed's Creek. The city thus takes in all the Knollwood dwellings. This resolution, if enacted, is expected to add \$1,250,000 in valuation to the Town of Southern Pines.

## Mrs. Roberts, Long a Resident Here, Dies

Born in England She Came to Southern Pines from Boston in 1900

Mrs. Eleanor Amelia Roberts, wife of Allen U. Roberts, died suddenly in her home at No. 39 North Ashe street, Southern Pines, on Saturday, February 17th, a victim of angina pectoris.

Mrs. Roberts was born in Kelsale, England, on January 20th, 1867 and with her husband came to Southern Pines from Boston, Mass., in 1900. She was a daughter of John and Mary Warne and came to this country from England when a young woman, the family making their home in Boston. She and Mr. Roberts were married in June, 1896.

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