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## FIGHT TO FINISH, SAYS TAXPAYERS LEAGUE CHAIRMAN

Will Battle for Lower Taxes Until Something Definite Is Accomplished

### SAYS SCHOOLS TOO COSTLY

From the headquarters of the Moore County Taxpayers League comes the announcement that its central committee has been enlarged to give additional representation to the larger townships. The committee now consists of the following men:

Jesse W. Page of Eagle Springs, chairman; T. L. Blue of Eureka, George H. Maurice of Eagle Springs, L. B. McKeithen of Cameron, S. H. Miller of Carthage, O. T. Parks of Hallison, D. A. Patterson of West End, E. Marvin Ritter of Hemp, and Dr. E. L. Prizer of Southern Pines.

In explaining the program of the league, Mr. Jesse Page, chairman of the Central Committee, said: "We are faced with what seems to be the absolute necessity of reducing taxes which have become so burdensome that for several years it has been impossible for most farmers, manufacturers and merchants in this state to make a profit.

"The Moore County Taxpayers League proposes to stay in the fight for lower taxes until something definite is accomplished. We intend to use every honorable means to persuade our legislative representatives to pledge themselves to a program to reduce governmental expenses to an amount we can reasonably support. We do not wish to advise our representatives as to how this reduction shall be accomplished. We do, however, make our plea with full knowledge of what constitutes our county and state budgets and, therefore, with knowledge of where the slashes will have to be made. Of the money collected by the Moore County tax collector last year about one seventh went for county government, almost half went for interest and amortization of bonded indebtedness, and the balance, about forty per cent, went to the support of public schools. Our commissioners have been diligent in their efforts to cut the cost of county government. Whatever additional economies they may be able to effect are not going to make any appreciable change in our county taxes.

"The service of our funded debts is the greatest county burden. Moore county has faithfully fulfilled its obligations on bonds but every year it becomes increasingly hard to preserve its good record. Some relief on this score could be given to the counties by remanding to their treasuries, for the service of the county highway bonds, a portion of the gasoline tax collected in each county. Further than that the only relief I can see would have to come through an agreed adjustment with the bondholders.

"Debate over the cost of the public schools has been raging in the General Assembly for two months.

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## 150 Dogs To Show at Pinehurst Wednesday

### 200 Classes To Be Judged in First Bench Show of New Kennel Club

More than 150 dogs have been entered in the first bench show of the newly organized Pinehurst Kennel Club to be held at the Horse Show grounds next Wednesday, March 22d. Two hundred classes are to be judged, with Boston Terriers leading the list with some 20 classes. Nine states are represented among the entries, and 14 North Carolina cities. The judging will take place from 10 o'clock in the morning until the judges have passed upon all the entries. There will be a recess for lunch.

Col. George P. Hawes, treasurer of the Kennel Club, is in charge of the entries and the arrangements for the show, and says some fine animals of all breeds are to be here. The exhibition is being given for the benefit of the Moore County Hospital.

## Unemployment Funds Unavailable For Private and Semi-Private Jobs

Southern Pines Committee Forced To Withdraw Offer to Furnish Labor

Federal unemployment relief funds loaned the State for use in its various subdivisions cannot be used to furnish labor for semi-private and private projects, it became known this week.

Announcement was made recently by the Project Committee of the Southern Pines Unemployment and Relief Committee that it would furnish labor for such projects providing the applicants agreed to furnish all materials and guarantee that the work would not affect legitimate labor. This week it found it could not go through with its offer, and the following statement was issued by the committee, comprising the Rev. F. Craig-hill Brown, Struthers Burt and A. B. Yeomans:

"On March 10th a statement was published in the local press by this committee in which the offer was to furnish labor for semi-private and private projects with the conditions that the persons interested furnish all necessary materials and guarantee that the carrying out of such projects would in no way effect the employment of legitimate labor.

"The committee finds it necessary to withdraw the offer made in that statement.

"This offer was made through a misunderstanding of the details of the policy of the State relief organization from which the local organization receives the larger part of its funds for unemployment relief work.

"The Project Committee regrets any difficulty which may have been caused by the publication of its statement."

## Kiwanis to Raise Funds For Child Hospital Bed

"One Day's Treatment" Tickets To Be Sold for Benefit of Children

The first objective of Kiwanis International is "Personal Service to Underprivileged Children" and with this as a starting point the local Kiwanis Club, realizing that their efforts as individuals would not accomplish the benefits due the many underprivileged children in this section, decided upon the plan of maintaining and supporting a child's bed in the Moore County Hospital.

From the Hospital authorities it was learned that the cost of maintaining a bed would be about one dollar a day and the suggestions offered for raising \$350.00 were many. The Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen put on a dance. Through the efforts and kindness of the citizens of Southern Pines under the leadership of Frank Burhan a community sing was held in the Southern Pines School building last Sunday afternoon. Both of these entertainments together brought the fund up to about \$100.000. In each of these cases, however, the personal service of the Kiwanis members was lacking so that the club has decided upon another way of obtaining the balance to support the bed in the Hospital.

Each member of the Kiwanis club of Aberdeen will be given at least ten tickets to sell which bear the following inscription:

"Kiwanis Hospital Bed Fund—This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ the purchaser of this ticket has contributed \$1.00 for one day's treatment of an underprivileged child in the Moore County Hospital."

Every cent that is paid to purchase one of these tickets goes direct to the Moore County Hospital for the treatment of underprivileged children who, in no other way, could receive the necessary hospitalization that they need to make them better equipped for the struggle of life and the building up of a more serviceable citizenship.

A benefit golf match featuring four of the leading players here for the United North & South tournament will be played at the Pinehurst Country Club on Wednesday for the benefit of the unemployed.

## Untimely Fire

Men of Vass Congregation Quit Service On Report of Burning House

The Rev. Mr. Elliott of West End occupied the pulpit of the Vass Methodist Church Sunday morning for Mr. Ball, who was conducting revival services in Mr. Elliott's church. Mr. Elliott was preaching a fine sermon and had the undivided attention of the congregation until someone went to the church and broke the news to one of the ushers that the dwelling of the Jessups near Vass was burning. He, in turn, caught the attention of other men and told them and one by one the male members of the congregation began to get up and leave and this continued until some ten or fifteen had gone. Naturally, the visiting minister was at a loss to know just why his congregation was acting in this manner, but one man was considerate enough to return at the close of the service and tell the preacher that his preaching was not so poor that the men walked out on him, that there was a fire nearby.

Mr. Elliott made a fine impression on those who remained and the congregation has asked him to return for a future service.

## Shrine Club Will Hold Annual Ball Tuesday

Proceeds To Be Added To Fund For Betterment of Crippled Children

The Sandhill Shrine Club will hold its tenth Annual Ball at the Pinehurst Country Club, on Tuesday evening, March 28th. For the past five years the proceeds from this dance have been used in the treatment of charity cases, and to date the number of cases treated total 343. They are as follows: Orthopedic cases, 24; eye cases, 127; tonsil operations, 182; miscellaneous relief, 10.

The proceeds from the dance this year will be added to the club's fund for crippled children. The Committee on Arrangements is composed of Donald J. Ross, Chairman, John J. Fitzgerald, G. A. Charles, Charles W. Piquet, Eric Nelson and C. H. Lyman.

The Ticket Committee is composed of the following: Donald J. Ross, Pinehurst; D. G. Stutz, Southern Pines; G. A. Charles, Aberdeen; Jesse Leigh, Hamlet; C. M. Gunn, Sanford; J. B. Thomas, Raeford; A. M. Cameron, Vass; John Fiddner, Pinebluff; P. K. Kennedy, Carthage; and W. S. Rush, Candor.

## Golfdom's Best Here For Tourney Next Week

Three Former North & South Champs and Other Notables Tee Off Tuesday

A number of former winners of the United States North & South Open golf tournament are among the entries for the big event at the Pinehurst Country Club next Tuesday and Wednesday, March 28th and 29th, and golfing enthusiasts will have their annual opportunity to study the games of the country's leading professionals. Teeing off on the famous No. 2 championship course will be, among others, Tommy Armour, 1927 champion here; Billy Burke, who won in 1931; and Willie MacFarlane, 1925 victor; then there'll be Bobby Cruikshank, runner-up in 1923, and Harry Cooper, runner-up in '27.

But they are only a few. We will also have with us the noted Walter Hagen, former American and British champion, Tom Kerrigan, runner-up in the British Open of 1920, Horton Smith, Denny Shute, Ed Dudley, Paul Runyan, Al Espinosa, Johnny Revolta, Henry Picard, Wild Bill Mehlhorn and others.

They'll play 36 holes a day for the two days for the big purse which goes to low man for the 144 holes.

## BIG ENTRY LIST FOR HORSE SHOW THURSDAY, FRIDAY

Many Exhibitors From Aiken, Camden, Columbia as Well as North Carolina

### PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The Sixteenth Annual Pinehurst Horse Show takes place next week, Thursday and Friday, March 30th and 31st, and judges from the entries coming in for all classes, it will be "better and bigger" than ever. The entry list this year covers more territory than ever before. Secretary Charles W. Piquet reports horses coming from Aiken, Camden and Columbia in South Carolina, Greensboro, High Point and Fort Bragg in this state as well as all the local equine talent.

Judging the show will be Mrs. Lucy Pomeroy Deans of Camden, S. C., Warner Baltazzi of Aiken and New York, and William Baker of Providence, R. I., Augustine Healy of Southern Pines will act as ring master and Col. G. P. Hawes as ring supervisor. The stewards are Leonard Tufts, N. S. Hurd, Verner Z. Reed, Col. Hawes and P. S. F. Randolph. Mr. Tufts is president of the Pinehurst Jockey Club which sponsors the show.

Lunches and teas will be served at the ringside by the Pinehurst Auxiliary of the Moore County Hospital, for the hospital's benefit. Mrs. Richard P. Davidson is in charge of the lunch stand. Mrs. Livingston L. Biddle, II will have the cigarette and soft drink stand, which is for the benefit of the Moore County Red Cross.

Boxes, box seats and parking spaces for either or both days may be procured from the secretary, Mr. Piquet, who says he will accept checks for same. Herewith is a brief outline of the program for the two days:

Thursday, March 30th. Forenoon, beginning at 9:30. Lightweight Polo Ponies, Heavyweight Polo Ponies, Lightweight Polo Ponies, (played over one year), Heavyweight Polo Ponies, (played over one year), Trotters in Harness, Pacers in Harness, Two and Three Year Old Trotters, Middleweight Polo Ponies, Champion Polo Pony, Best Girl Rider, Best Pair of Riders, Novice Hunters.

Thursday Afternoon, beginning at 1:45—Combination Class, Saddle Ponies, Saddle Horses, Carolina Class for Hunters, Handy Hunters, Ladies' Hunters, Novice Saddle Horses, 4-Line Escort Wagons (Fort Bragg Artillery), Officer's Chargers, Heavyweight Hunters, Ladies' Saddle Horses, Lightweight Hunters, Open Jumping Class, Road Hacks, "Touch and Go."

Friday morning at 9:30—Two and Three Year Old Pacers, Champion Trotter, Champion Paer, Lightweight Army Polo Ponies, Heavyweight Polo Ponies, Champion Army Polo Pony, Best Boy Rider, Saddle Ponies, Carolina Saddle Class, Best Pair of Saddle Horses, "Hie Over Stakes."

Friday afternoon, beginning at 1:45—Sandhill Class for Qualified Hunters, Five Gaited Saddle Horses, Saddle Stakes, Novice Jumpers, Five Gaited Saddle Horses (15.2 and over) Enlisted Men's Artillery Class, Heavyweight Hunters, 75mm. Guns (Fort Bragg), Military Gymkhana (Fort Bragg), Saddle Horses, Middleweight Hunters, Team of Three Hunters, Pair of Hunters, Modified Olympic Course, Champion Five Gaited Horse, Champion Hunter, Champion Three-Gaited Saddle Horse.

## MRS. THOMAS BARRON DIES AT HOME IN SOUTHERN PINES

Mrs. Elizabeth McCourt Barron passed away in her home on May street in Southern Pines on Wednesday afternoon, following a long illness. Funeral services will be held in St. Anthony's Church at ten o'clock this, Friday, morning, the Rev. Father Morrisey officiating. Interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery will follow. Mrs. Barron was born in St. Johns, N. F. on August 31, 1873 and with her husband, Captain Thomas Barron, had made Southern Pines a winter home for several years.

## Heads Horse Show



LEONARD TUFTS

## HENRY A. PAGE, SR. NOMINATED FOR ABERDEEN MAYOR

Choice of Mass Meeting Held Monday To Name Successor To Henry Blue

### ELECTION ON MAY 2D

Aberdeen will elect a new mayor on Tuesday, May 2d, and unless the ticket nominated at the town caucus held in the high school auditorium on Monday night of this week goes askew, Henry A. Page, Sr., will be chosen. Mr. Page will succeed Henry McCoy Blue, who has served as mayor for the past four years and who desired to be relieved of the duties attendant upon the city's executive officer.

Seven men were nominated for the Board of Town Commissioners on Monday, five of whom will be elected in May. The nominees are H. W. Doub, Frank D. Shamburger, Henry McC. Blue, J. D. McLean, J. Vance Rowe, A. L. Burney and H. A. Gunter. Of the above Messrs. Shamburger, McLean and Doub are present commissioners and Mr. Blue mayor. The two others on the present board are Dr. A. H. McLeod and John Sloan.

Feeling that Aberdeen had been as efficiently and economically managed as possible under conditions existing throughout the country during the past few years the mass meeting Monday night extended a unanimous vote of appreciation to Mayor Blue and to the present board of commissioners for their good services. At the same time the city treasurer read a detailed financial report of the town's affairs covering the past two years which revealed the strenuous efforts made to keep outgo within income.

It is understood that Mr. Page has agreed to accept the office of mayor if duly elected on May 2d, and that Aberdeen will be efficiently managed during the next two years there is no doubt in the minds of those who know him.

## Percy Thomson New Tin Whistles Head

Elected President of Famous Golfing Organization to Succeed E. H. Batson

Percy W. Thomson was elected president of the famous Tin Whistles golfing organization of the Pinehurst Country Club at the annual meeting of the organization held in the club-room yesterday morning. He succeeds E. H. Batson. A. S. Gilman was chosen vice president, C. B. Hudson secretary and treasurer and C. L. Becker manager.

Newly elected to the board of directors to succeed members whose terms expire this year were J. H. Walker, W. W. Windle, Eric Thompson, Fred Wolstenholme and Joseph Driscoll. They succeed Halbert J. Blue, N. B. Hersloff, Henry Hornblower, J. D. Hunter and J. P. Williams. Remaining on the present board until 1935 are Warren Bicknell, A. S. Gilman, Dr. M. W. Marr, P. W. Thomson and W. H. B. Ward.

## CITIZENS BANK IN SOUTHERN PINES OPENS ITS DOORS

Permission For Operation on Unrestricted Basis is Granted by State Department

### BIG GAIN IN DEPOSITS

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Southern Pines was opened for business "without restriction" on Wednesday morning by permission of the State Banking Department, the first of Moore county's banks to open. Not only were the officers and directors the recipients of much praise for bringing about the opening of the institution, but the depositors showed their confidence in the bank by deposits of more than \$50,000. Not a quarter of this amount was withdrawn, it was stated by officials.

The bank's opening was a signal for better feeling generally throughout the section, and merchants reported increased business as a result. A feeling of optimism supplanted that of wonderment. People who had been holding tightly to their last dollar or quarter or dime let it go in the knowledge that again they could draw upon their account or have a place to cash checks.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company is an institution of 28 years standing, having been established on May 22d, 1905, the incorporators being C. T. Patch, C. B. Groat, W. F. Junge, P. H. Beck and C. D. Tarbell, the first three mentioned being present residents of Southern Pines. Messrs Beck and Tarbell have died. The original quarters were in a little red brick building on the site of the present Patch Department Store. The bank moved into its present home on February 8th, 1926. H. O. Riggan is president of the Citizens, Miss Ethel Jones assistant cashier.

No permission has as yet been granted for the opening of the Page Trust Company, with two offices in the county, Aberdeen and Carthage, and the Bank of Pinehurst at Pinehurst. Nothing is known locally as to when these institutions will resume business, but an Associated Press despatch from Raleigh mentions the possibility of one or two State-wide commercial and industrial banking institutions arising through mergers of numerous banks about the state, listing the Page Trust Company as one of the institutions which may figure in the plan. The despatch reads:

"Gurney P. Hood, State bank commissioner, said prospects for the projected \$6,000,000 commercial bank and the \$1,000,000 industrial bank, each with branches in every part of the state, were 'good.'"

"Although Hood said plans for the reorganization and reopening of the North Carolina Bank & Trust Company, with 17 offices and the Page Trust Company with 14 units, have not been abandoned, these chains were expected to form the backbone of the new organization.

"The state now has 195 banks licensed for unrestricted business with 126 still remaining closed."

It is rumored that neither the North Carolina Bank & Trust Company nor the Page Trust Company is anxious to enter the proposed statewide bank as projected by the bank commissioner, but would prefer, if possible, reorganization as separate institutions.

It seems likely that in the event the organization of the new statewide bank is determined on, it will take some little time to perfect it and make the necessary arrangements with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which may mean that there will be a few days delay in the opening of the banks involved. According to reports current yesterday, the number of banks to be included in this proposed institution is more than fifty.

Noel Laing of Southern Pines, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Laing, is riding Mrs. T. H. Somerville's horse, "Trouble Maker," in the Grand National Steeplechase today at Aintree, England. "Trouble Maker" was schooled in Southern Pines for the Maryland Hunt Cup event which he won at Baltimore last year.