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ABERDEEN WINS, LOSES IN FIRST LEAGUE GAMES

Defeats Vass-Lakeview in Opener but is Shut Out by Southern Pines

BIG CROWDS AT GAMES

Aberdeen defeated its old rival, Vass-Lakeview, to open the season in the Moore County Baseball League, but its glory over this victory did not last long, for it went down in stinging defeat before its arch-rival, Southern Pines, on Wednesday afternoon to the tune of 3 to 0. It was one of the fastest games ever played on the Southern Pines diamond, and witnessed by a large crowd.

It was pretty much a pitchers' battle. Aberdeen couldn't hit Ketchum's slow ball, and Maurer for Aberdeen struck out ten of the Southern Pines. The nearest Aberdeen came to scoring was when Russell drove what appeared to be a home run to right field, the ball nestling under an automobile. Solomon, however, scrambled under the car in time to relay the ball home and catch Russell at the plate. Southern Pines scored in the first when Vann drove Harris home with a clean hit. A bunt brought in the other two runs, Webster scoring from second and Harris all the way from first when Weatherspoon laid down a pretty one which Aberdeen threw around the diamond too late to catch either baserunner. The teams played good baseball.

A big crowd from all over the county saw the opening game of the season on Monday at Southern Pines when Aberdeen defeated Vass-Lakeview 5 to 2. Thomas and Yow were the opposing pitchers, Thomas allowing Aberdeen but five hits, while Vass hit Yow safely five times. Aberdeen was presented with the trophy for winning last year's championship, and the 1933 was on.

The batting order of the battle between Aberdeen and Southern Pines on Wednesday was as follows:

Aberdeen—Ferree, ss; Foley, lf; Upchurch, 2b; Russell, cf; Dumeer, c; Martin, 1b; Huntley, rf; Bobbitt, 3b; Maurer, p.

Southern Pines—Webster, ss; Harris, 2b; Weatherspoon, lf; Vann, 3b; McMillan, c; Solomon, rf; Walker, rf; Patterson, 1b; Millar, cf; Ketchum, p.

ACTIVE WEEK IN REALTY MARKET

Beckwith Adds To Knollwood Property; Mrs. Towne Buys Dr. Herr House

Before leaving for his summer home at Boston H. H. Beckwith, of Knollwood secured from H. B. Emery two additional lots at Knollwood. Of these No. 215 adjoins his fine property on Crest road extending toward Serpentine drive and taking the big piece of the block. The other is 409A, across Crest road from his house. Mr. Beckwith has made extensive development in the Homewood cottage during the winter, enlarging the buildings and extending and embellishing the gardens until he has created one of the most interesting spots in central North Carolina. In days to come this reproduction of the old home of the Byrds of Virginia more than a century ago will be as famous as its original. Further development of the new property along with some more work on the house and gardens will be carried on during the summer. The attitude of Mr. Beckwith in this increasing of his Knollwood holdings is in line with the work that Judge Way has been carrying on in getting his property on the other side of the Midland road in condition for further development.

John L. Given has Reinecke & Company engaged in some additions to his Pinehurst home, which are to include enlargement of some of the rooms and additional small buildings for garage and servants' quarters.

At Pinehurst the renting of cottages for the balance of the season contin-

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A Real Son of the American Revolution



John McLeod, Jr. as photographed for The Pilot by Hemmer

Father of Moore County Man Was Born Before America's Freedom

John A. McLeod, Jr., Robust and at Work on His Farm in Eureka Section

By John A. Leland
John McLeod, Jr., lives in the Eureka section of Moore county, and is 79 years of age. He has seen this country pass through three major conflicts, which is in itself rather unusual. But the unique, the remarkable, the almost unbelievable distinction which John McLeod, Jr. possesses, is that his father was born before the American Revolution!

John McLeod, Sr., was born in Scotland about 1770. The "about" is authentic, since it is on his tombstone. Soon after his birth he was brought to this country by his parents, who settled on what is still known as the McLeod place, near Aberdeen. The house which John Sr. built when he was a young man, constructing it out of sturdy beams and timber held tightly together by wooden pegs instead of nails, is occupied today by his grandson, John D. McLeod.

During the early years of this country's struggle for independence John McLeod, Sr., was just a little fellow. But be that as it may, towards the close of that war he was big enough and old enough to come so near losing his life in it that it couldn't have been very comfortable for him.

Naturally, the McLeods were Tories, having but lately come from Scotland, and having a stronger feeling of filial affection for old England than for this country of new towns and old wildernesses to which they had come. So, in 1781, when Thomas Wade, Colonel of the Minute Men of Salisbury District, was roaming over the state fighting red-coats and Tories, John McLeod, Sr., was an eleven year old Tory.

Colonel Wade's Mistake
Colonel Wade, very much the dashing patriot of his day, and riding high on the wave of patriotism that was sweeping the country, usually had things his own way in North Carolina. But in one instance he failed to consider what effect a certain act of his might have upon the Scotchmen of Moore county, and that failure landed him in the middle of a big surprise. On one of his expeditions Colonel Wade very foolishly allowed some of his men to steal some cloth from a young Tory lady named Marren McDaniel. They drew sabers and slashed it from the loom, and carried it away with them.

No fiery cross; flamed from the hills to call the Clans together. No pibrochs were played on bulging bagpipes to stir the blood of the men from Scotia. But swiftly and silently the word was passed, farmhouse to farmhouse, and at the end of the next day the Tories were ready. Wade and his men were encamped at Piney Bottom, near Southern Pines. Between

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A Little Patch

Busy Week for Commissioner, What with New Daughter and Re-election

Charles S. Patch of Southern Pines was not nearly so interested in his re-election to the Board of Commissioners when nominated at the town caucus last week as he was in another important forthcoming event. Both events, however, transpired most satisfactorily. A daughter, Hazel Eleanor Patch, was born to Mrs. Commissioner on Sunday night, and Mr. Commissioner was re-elected on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Commissioner and Hazel Eleanor are all doing well.

ASK CAMERON TO STATE VIEWS ON FINANCE PROGRAM

The Sentinels Want Expression from Representative on Appropriation and Tax Bills

CONSIDER QUESTIONNAIRE

The Sentinels announce that they have asked Moore County's representative in the General Assembly, Angus B. Cameron, to write, for the benefit of his constituents, his views on the appropriation bill and the tax bill passed in the current session. In stating the reasons for making this request of Mr. Cameron, Edgar Ewing, secretary of The Sentinels, said:

"It has been a long time since a North Carolina budget has aroused so much feeling as the one for the next biennial. The Legislature has been deluged with petitions, letters, telegrams and delegations. Editors have used almost endless columns in airing their views on the questions involved. The questions of taxes is so vital that the voters are entitled to know the reasons that actuate their representatives in opposing or supporting the appropriation for public use of a sum of money that amounts to a very substantial part of the total income of the people of the state.

"It is timely to have honest and frank discussions of the state's principle activities. The question of the public schools has not been handled in a way to go to the roots of the problem. Great timidity has been shown by almost everyone who has felt called upon to speak on this subject. It is not improbable that The Sentinels will send a questionnaire to the voters of Moore county with a view to finding out what is the prevailing belief as

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NO UPSETS MARK TOWN ELECTIONS; SMALL VOTE CAST

Stutz Again Mayor of Southern Pines, H. A. Page, Sr., New Manager of Aberdeen

OTHER OFFICIALS CHOSEN

Lack of interest, undoubtedly due to the fact that there were no contests, featured Tuesday's election in the various towns of Moore county. But a small percentage of the registered vote was polled. Caucus candidates were elected in every instance.

Dorsey G. Stutz was returned as mayor of Southern Pines. Mr. Stutz has served as member of the Board of Commissioners and as mayor for 14 years and embarks upon another two year term with the full approval of the voters. Four commissioners were re-elected in Southern Pines, L. V. O'Callaghan, Charles S. Patch, Alfred B. Yeomans and George W. Case, Frank Welch, Jr., was elected to succeed E. C. Stevens, who was not a candidate for re-election. Welch polled 102 votes against 23 for Dr. L. M. Daniels.

Henry A. Page, Sr., was elected mayor of Aberdeen to succeed Henry McCoy Blue, the present incumbent. Mr. Blue was named on the new Board of Commissioners, the other members of which will be J. D. McLean and Frank Shamburger, re-elected; J. Vance Rowe and Hardin A. Gunter. Blue and Gunter succeed H. W. Doub, Dr. Alex McLeod and John Sloan. Less than 100 voters cast their ballots in the Aberdeen election.

Pinebluff adopted its new charter which established the village as a bird sanctuary, the only one in the country as far as is known here, and also fixes the water rates over which there has been so much controversy in the past. The voters selected a new mayor, J. W. Pickler, who steps into the shoes of A. G. Wallace and re-elected its present Board of Commissioners, J. D. Adeox, Cecil Farrell and M. W. Miller.

Carthage re-elected J. E. Muse as mayor and chose the following Board of Commissioners: C. F. Barnes, J. A. Lang, D. H. Parks, H. G. Poole and C. B. Shaw.

Vass took more interest in its elections than other towns of the county, 125 of the 135 registered voters turning out. H. A. Borst was re-elected mayor, receiving 89 of the votes cast. A. M. Cameron, L. H. Furr and W. D. McCraney were elected to the Board of Commissioners.

Some excitement was caused at the caucus held in Southern Pines last Friday night when the ticket for Tuesday's election was selected. Dr. L. M. Daniels presented a resolution condemning the caucus method of naming candidates. "It is not truly representative; it deprives more than half of our citizenry of their voting privilege. Voting privileges are often abused by non-citizens; it allows an organized minority to control our town elections," said the resolution, and called upon Moore county's representative in the General Assembly to have the act under which a caucus operates repealed. The motion, after a brief discussion, was tabled.

At this caucus Mayor Stutz answered numerous questions regarding bond issues and gave a brief statement of receipts and disbursements from the general fund as of March 31, 1933. He gave the revenue of this fund as \$42,333.20, and disbursements: Fire Department, \$3,100; Police, \$3,070; Streets, \$9,037; publicity, \$2,416; administrative expense, \$2,746; deficit on June 30, 1932, \$3,490.

A standing vote of confidence was given the mayor and board.

REV. BLACK OF RED SPRINGS WILL PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Rev. J. B. Black, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Red Springs will preach Sunday morning at the Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen. Rev. E. L. Barber will deliver the Inspirational Sermon for the Flora Macdonald College this week-end, and will fill Dr. Black's pulpit Sunday morning.

Plan For New Bank To Take Over Page Trust Company Is Submitted To Depositors

Re-elected Mayor



DORSEY G. STUTZ

Who Has Served as Mayor or Member of the Board of Commissioners of Southern Pines for 14 Years.

A. F. POPHAM, LONG WINTER RESIDENT HERE PASSES AWAY

World War Veteran Had Played Prominent Part in Upbuilding of Community

DIED AT NORTHERN HOME

A. Fleming Popham, prominent winter resident of the Sandhills for some twelve years, died at his home in Lee, Massachusetts on Monday of this week after an illness of about ten days. He had left Pinehurst but a short time before, after occupying "Column Lodge," near the Carolina Hotel, all winter. He was 67 years old.

Mr. Popham has played a prominent part in the upbuilding of two Sandhills villages during his dozen or so years here. He first came to Pinebluff where he made his home for a number of seasons and where he has long maintained kennels for his fine hunting dogs. During the past few years he has interested himself in the development of the estate of J. B. Lloyd on Linden Road, Pinehurst, acting in a supervisory capacity during the construction of Mr. Lloyd's residence and the landscaping and terracing of the extensive acreage which surrounds it. Mr. Popham was not without experience in this, as for several years he managed a large ranch in Alberta, Canada for members of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Company of New York.

World War Veteran

He was a veteran of the World War, having served actively in France with the 308th Infantry, 77th Division, and was gassed while at the front. His grandfather before him was a major with General Steuben in the thick of the American Revolution, and later became president of the national organization of Revolutionary heroes, the Order of the Cincinnati.

Mr. Popham has always had a keen interest in sports, especially in hunting dogs and horses. His dogs have won many blue ribbons in prominent shows. He was a keen fisherman, and an expert with both rod and gun.

Besides his widow, who is well known throughout the Sandhill for her interest and activity in the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary and the Sandhills Woman's Exchange, he leaves a sister, Mrs. F. H. Gunning, of Pinehurst, and three children, two daughters and a son.

Services were held at St. James Church in Scarsdale, a former home, on Wednesday afternoon, with interment following in the Scarsdale Cemetery.

Mr. Popham leaves a host of admiring friends in this vicinity. His loss to the community will be keenly felt.

Would Be Under Absolute Control and Direction of Reconstruction Finance Corp.

MEETING HERE TONIGHT

A new banking institution under the absolute control and direction of the Federal Reconstruction Finance Corporation will take over the closed Page Trust Company in the near future if plans now being worked out by officials and depositors of the latter institution materialize as expected.

Meetings of Page Trust Company depositors were held in Raleigh and Carthage the forepart of this week, and a meeting of depositors of the Aberdeen branch has been called for 8 o'clock tonight, Friday, in the Community House in Aberdeen. At the session in Carthage on Tuesday a motion was made and carried recommending that depositors in each town where there is a branch of the Page Trust form a local organization and appoint one or two representatives to the general meeting to be held in the ballroom of the Carolina Hotel, Raleigh, next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. At this meeting the interests of depositors and the plan for organizing a new bank will be discussed, and local representatives will report back to their local organizations.

At the Raleigh and Carthage meetings Ralph W. Page explained the plans for the organization of a bank under the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. He explained that the proposal involved no consolidation and no merger but was simply an absolutely new bank set-up with Reconstruction Finance money under Reconstruction Finance control, management and policy. The proposed plan for the new institution is as follows:

1. Capitalization of the New Bank
The Common Stock shall be \$800,000 and shall be divided into 80,000 shares of a par value of \$10 each, to be sold at \$15 per share. Page Trust Company will purchase 20,000 shares of said stock. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation will be asked to subscribe to and pay \$10 per share for 80,000 shares of 6 percent Cumulative Preferred Stock.
Therefore, the initial capital and paid-in surplus of the new bank will be \$2,000,000.
2. Cash Made Available for Depositors in Page Trust Company.
The new bank will agree to purchase with cash the best assets of Page Trust Company in the amount of \$300,000, but no assets shall be so purchased by the new bank, except such as are acceptable to an Appraisal Committee of the new bank and consist of:
 1. United States Bonds or other United States obligations.
 2. State of North Carolina bonds or notes.
 3. Notes fully secured by United States or North Carolina bonds or notes.
 4. Sound notes eligible for redemption with the Federal Reserve Bank.
 5. Notes fully secured by marketable collateral.
3. New Bank Protected by Substitution Agreement and by Security.
Page Trust Company would enter into an agreement with the new bank by the terms of which it would, upon demand of the new bank at any time over a period of six months, exchange for any asset which it had sold to the new bank either cash (if available) or any unpledged asset which the Page Trust Company retains. In the case of exchange of bonds or Notes of the United States or the State of North Carolina, such exchange shall be on the basis of the then market value.

Furthermore, the certificates of common stock in the new bank shall be by the Commissioner of Banks, as Trustee, as security against any loss which the new bank may sustain over a period of eighteen months on any asset, except bonds or notes of the United States or the State of North

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