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## MISS RICHARDSON WINS IN LEGION BEAUTY CONTEST

Daughter of Former Mayor of Southern Pines Crowned "Miss Sandhill" by Judges

MISS NAOMI MELVIN, 2D

Miss Dorothy Richardson of Southern Pines became "Miss Sandhill" on Wednesday night. The attractive daughter of S. B. Richardson, former mayor of Southern Pines, was adjudged the winner of the American Legion Beauty Pageant before a crowd which overflowed the High School Auditorium. Forty-five young ladies of the Sandhills paraded in evening gowns before the three out-of-town judges, and the process of elimination was the most difficult task they were ever called upon to perform, they stated.

The evening was a great success. Not only was there the parade of beauties from all the villages of the Sandhills, but an entertaining program of music and dancing was put on between the successive eliminations. Among the numbers presented were Miss Maidie Lee Wade, soprano soloist; Stuart Cameron, baritone; the Misses Katherine Buchan and Alice Abel in duets, and selections by the Causey brothers. The Darksown Four, Messrs. Buchan, Montgomery, Vann and Woolley, assisted by the Legion quartet, Messrs. Cameron, Duniop, Shepherd and Adams, staged a miniature show which scored a decided hit. Miss Ruth Thompson won the plaudits of the crowd with her tap dancing. Mrs. Ruth Thompson presided at the piano.

Miss Richardson is a graduate of Southern Pines High School and is at present serving as secretary in the offices of Reinecke & Company, contractors. Second place in the contest went to Miss Naomi Melvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Melvin of Aberdeen. The judging dwindled down to four before the choice of Miss Richardson was announced, the others, in addition to Miss Melvin, being Miss Katie Lee Ward and Miss Lillian Johnson, both of Southern Pines. Miss Richardson was sponsored by the Highland Hardware House, Miss Melvin by the Coca Cola Bottling Works of Aberdeen.

### Loving Cup to Winner

A beautiful loving cup was presented to the winner by R. E. Denny in a few well-chosen words. Miss Richardson will represent Sandhill Post of the American Legion at the State Legion convention, Wrightsville Beach, in August. The State winner to be chosen during the 1933 National convention.

The entire affair was beautifully staged and run off by Ted Pauley and his assistants, professional production men.

The success of the affair was due in great measure to the cooperation of business firms who sponsored the different contestants and the attractiveness of the group was enhanced by gowns furnished by local shops.

After the pageant, a large part of the audience repaired to Odd Fellows Hall where a dance was held in honor of the successful contestant.

Among the entries in the Beauty Pageant were the following:

Miss Katherine Melvin, Miss Sally Matthews, Miss Ruth McNeill, Mrs. Clarence Edson, Miss Pauline Poe, Mrs. Ruth Warner, Miss Pat Lumpkin, Miss Dorothy Richardson, Miss Alice Weatherly, Miss Alice Abel, Miss Anna Christian, Miss Katherine Wylie, Miss Lorena Montesanti, Miss Teresa Montesanti, Miss Charlotte Miles, Miss Jeanette Welch, Mrs. Fred Blue, Miss Catherine Graham, Miss Ruth McInnis, Miss Katie Lee

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## MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IS NAMED

The General Assembly on Tuesday finally enacted the omnibus bill naming boards of education for the counties of the state. Those named to serve for Moore county are as follows: Dr. J. F. Davis, C. P. Jones, J. W. Graham, J. E. Muse and F. W. Vancannon.

## Bride of Sandhills Business Man



MRS. FRANCIS M. DWIGHT

## Miss Jessie Mae Sugg of Ellerbe is Bride of F. M. Dwight of Lakeview

Popular Member of Vass-Lakeview School Faculty Weds Prominent Nurseryman

A wedding of interest to a wide circle of friends in both North and South Carolina and especially in the Sandhills was solemnized at high noon on Wednesday in the Ellerbe Presbyterian Church when Miss Jessie Mae Sugg of Ellerbe and Francis M. Dwight of Lakeview were united in marriage.

Intimate friends and members of the two families attended the ceremony, which was beautiful in its dignity and simplicity. The vows were spoken before the bride's pastor, the Rev. W. G. Thomas, and the ring ceremony was used.

The church was attractively decorated for the occasion. Stately long leaf pines formed a lovely background for tall baskets of laurel and Dorothy Perkins roses, and candles on tall white standards, ivy-twined, cast a soft glow upon the scene.

The wedding music was furnished by Mrs. Ralph Cox of Ellerbe, and "Meditation" and "Melody of Love" were among the numbers. Prior to the ceremony, Miss Annie Dougherty of Boone sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told."

First to enter was Miss Anna Bell Sugg, sister of the bride and her only attendant. She was becomingly attired in Ashes of Roses crepe and wore a shoulder corsage of pink roses, sweet peas and daisies.

To the strains of the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin the bride entered with her father and joined the bridegroom and his best man, Minto Dwight, of Eastover, S. C., at the altar. She wore a gown of poudre blue crepe trimmed with self color lace, and carried an arm bouquet of roses, sweet peas and daisies.

The ushers were Edwin Dougherty of Boone, Harris McRae, Buick Woodley, Jimmie Cowan and Leo Bryant, all of Ellerbe.

Following the ceremony the wedding party and out-of-town friends were guests at a delightful reception

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## ABERDEEN, SOUTHERN PINES STORES CLOSE WEDNESDAYS

Stores in Aberdeen and Southern Pines will be closed on Wednesday afternoons starting next week, May 17th, until September 20th, as is the usual summer custom. Merchants of both towns took action during the week, and agreement was practically unanimous among them to observe the Wednesday half-holiday during the warm months.

## Golf All Summer

Decision to keep the No. 1 course of the Southern Pines Country Club open throughout the summer months was reached at a meeting of officials of the club held yesterday morning. This news will be enthusiastically received by business men and residents of the town who appreciate the value of the open golf course to the community throughout the year.

Special summer rates will be made, and the greens fees for daily play made most attractive, it was said. The club is expected to be used more this summer than usual, as many persons accustomed to going away summers plans to remain this year.

## SOUTHERN PINES ASKS POWER TO LEVY SCHOOL TAX

Cameron Introduces Bill To Supplement Funds, Fixing 30-Cent Limit

A bill to permit the Southern Pines Special School District to supplement its school fund was introduced in the General Assembly at Raleigh last Saturday by Representative A. B. Cameron of this county. In the words of the bill, it provides:

"That Southern Pines Special Character School District, in the County of Moore, as heretofore and now existing, shall hereafter be authorized and empowered, under existing law applicable to said district, to levy and collect annually a school tax upon all taxable property in said district to supplement the funds received from the State for the operation and maintenance of said schools in said district, a sum not exceeding thirty cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable property in said district... and no law enacted by the General Assembly now in session shall have the effect to repeal any existing law applicable to said school district, to the extent of the levy of taxes herein authorized, whether such law be general or special, unless by the specific terms of such act, the law applicable to said school district conferring power to levy and collect such taxes in said school district is repealed and abrogated by mention of said school district by name in such repealing clause."

## WOMEN SHOWING GREATER INTEREST IN GOVERNMENT

Beginning To Realize Their Part in Investment in Future Says Mrs. V. Z. Reed, Jr.

PRaises CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Before her departure for Colorado on Wednesday, Mrs. Verner Z. Reed, Jr., of Pinehurst, said she proposed to discuss with women in Denver the advisability of forming a branch of The Sentinels there. "I believe," said Mrs. Reed, "that the women of America are becoming more and more keenly interested in affairs of government. Our vote is still so new a thing that until recently we were apt to consider politics as belonging almost completely in the masculine realm, or as a peculiar and uninteresting hobby of the relatively few women who devoted time and attention to it. Now, however, I feel that all thinking women realize that they are living at a time when history is in the making and that it is not only our investment in the future but our duty to our children to take an intelligent interest in what our legislators are doing."

"Although it is not to be hoped that everyone will agree on the best methods to be pursued by the administration—for that would be the millennium—yet I feel that we must all agree that the present administration is doing all in its power to bring about a speedy return to normal prosperity. If there are some who feel that our Chief Executive is asking for more powers than Congress can rightfully bestow, they should realize that unusual situations require unusual remedies. There can be no comparison between the earnest activity in Washington today and the Congressional apathy and apparent inability to function that marked our former administration. It is so easy to criticize and destroy and so difficult to construct any thing worthwhile that I think we should applaud the courage and effectiveness of our President so far and give him our confidence and support and a fair trial before making any criticism.

"Senator Bailey was recently subjected to some criticism for voting against certain administration measures. His letter to his constituents published in last Sunday's newspapers was intensely interesting. Whether or not one agrees with his views Senator Bailey is to be congratulated in his courage and honesty in stating them clearly for the people of North Carolina. It is to be hoped that the voters will have more of this kind of contact with their representatives. Indeed, it is to promote just this kind of intimacy and understanding between voters and lawmakers that The Sentinels was organized. It is to be hoped that Congressman Lambeth will find the time and the inclination similarly to favor his constituents.

## Seymour, Avery Attend Depositors' Meeting

Find Plans for Reorganizing Page Trust Company Have Not Reached Final Stage

At a meeting of depositors of the Page Trust Company's Aberdeen branch, held in the Community House here last Friday evening, G. C. Seymour and L. T. Avery were named to represent them at the meeting of depositors of all branches, held Tuesday in Raleigh. Upon his return from the Raleigh meeting Mr. Avery stated that they had a conference with Gurney P. Hood, State Superintendent of banks, and submitted to him a set of questions which Mr. Hood took under consideration. Mr. Avery also reported that discovery was made at the Raleigh gathering that the bank reorganization had not reached a final stage yet, that apparently definite arrangements had not been made with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. It is understood that Ralph W. Page is in Washington this week working on the reorganization plan with Treasury Department and R. F. C. officials.

## Birds and Beer

Pinebluff Apparently Does Not Believe They Go Well Together

Here's hoping birds don't like beer. A week ago Pinebluff citizens voted to make their village safe for the feathery ones. They established the town as a bird sanctuary.

Now, at their request, Representative A. B. Cameron has introduced a bill in the Legislature forbidding the sale of beer in the village. Moore county will be arid in several spots if bills introduced by Mr. Cameron during the past week become law. One forbids the sale of "wine, beer or other beverage authorized to be sold under the Revenue Control Act of 1932 within a radius of one and one-half miles of the Quaker Children's Home." Another would make the village of High Falls dry in the same manner.

## DISASTROUS FIRE SWEEPS BUSINESS SECTION OF HEMP

Postoffice, Laundry and Stores Are Gutted by Early Morning Blaze on Sunday

3 TOWNS SEND APPARATUS

The most disastrous fire to visit Moore county for some time destroyed five buildings in the heart of Hemp early Sunday morning and threatened the entire business section of the little village in the north end of the county. The loss has been estimated as close to \$50,000.

The business establishments burned out were the Hemp Laundry, Child's store, the Standard Mineral Company's warehouse, a billiard room and a barber shop. The Hemp postoffice was also destroyed. The adjoining brick bank building, now used as a dry goods store, was saved.

First news of the fire reached this section shortly after 5 o'clock Sunday morning when a telephone call for aid was received by the Southern Pines Fire Department. Chemical apparatus made a fast run to the scene, delayed only by a stop for gasoline in Carthage. Carthage and Asheville also sent apparatus, the Carthage department, first on the scene, doing splendid work in confining the blaze until the arrival of aid from the other towns. The firemen met a serious water situation by pumping from a barrel placed beneath a railroad water tank, the tank filling the barrel as rapidly as the engine pumped it out. The only hydrants were located near the Pinehurst Mills. It is believed to have started in the laundry.

The loss of the buildings, comprising nearly half of the business section of the village, is a severe loss to Hemp, especially coming at a time when conditions preclude much possibility of rebuilding. There was some insurance on some of the burned structure, and it is hoped that arrangements may be made to replace at least one of them. Unemployed will be put to work clearing the debris and removing the eyesore of ruin in the heart of town.

A small fire on the west side of Southern Pines called out the department there later on Sunday morning. The house of James Simons, near the baseball field, was aflame when the firemen arrived. It took 400 feet of hose to reach the building from the nearest hydrant on Leak street. One room on the second floor and one side of the house were badly damaged.

## Mr. and Mrs. Vittum Weds 50 Years Ago

Southern Pines Residents Celebrate Golden Wedding with Daughter in California

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vittum of Southern Pines and Beverly, Mass., observed their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 30th at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. R. Shock, in Glendale, California, where they spent the winter. A special despatch to The Pilot from Beverly says:

The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Vittum (Nellie A. Besse), took place in Peabody, Mass., where both were born, on April 30, 1883 and in 1887 they moved to Beverly when Mr. Vittum purchased the Beverly Times.

Mr. Vittum, who was one of the best known editors in the state, learned his trade as a printer in the office of the Peabody Press and later became associated in the business. He made the Times one of the best known weeklies in Massachusetts and established the daily in 1893. It proved successful from the start and has always been a power for community advancement. Mr. Vittum, a thorough newspaper man took a keen interest in the affairs of the city, advocated many of the projects which have helped to make the city one of the most progressive in the state. Vittum sold the Evening Times, Dec. 20, 1919 to Walter E. Hubbard of Brattleboro, Vt., and later published

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## ABERDEEN SENIORS TO PRESENT COMEDY TONIGHT

"And Home Came Ted," a comedy in three acts, will be presented by the Senior Class of Aberdeen High School at the school auditorium tonight, Friday, at 8 o'clock. Those taking part are Jim Gailey, Madeline Folley, Hazel Palmer, Allan Freeman, Katherine Johnson, Fred Weaver, Raymond O'Coin, Hazel Adcox, Clifton Blue, Mozelle Darnell and Henry Wilder.