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Grade Crossing Elimination as Unemployment Project Championed by Lambeth

Congressman Sees Big Opportunity To Save Lives Through Use of Federal Aid Funds

\$9,805,300 FOR N. C.

In a statement given The Pilot this week Representative Walter Lambeth of this Congressional district declares for a program of grade crossing elimination in North Carolina through the use of Federal Aid funds. Mr. Lambeth says:

With the Industrial Recovery Bill nearing enactment in a form apparently very little subject to change so far as the main features of the program are concerned, I believe that our people are ready and eager for an early start along the lines of advance proposed. Especially, perhaps, is this true of the public-works title. I want to discuss briefly the opportunities presented in the way of highway construction, with particular reference to the elimination of some of the grade crossings now responsible for many deaths and injuries every year.

Section 204-a of the bill as amended in the House reads: "For the purpose of providing for the emergency construction of public highways or related projects, the President is authorized to make grants to the several States in an aggregate amount of \$400,000,000. Sec. 204-b proceeds to change the basis of apportionment among the States from the one previously existing, so that the \$400,000,000 will be apportioned one-fourth to area, one-fourth to mileage and one-half to population, instead of one-third each for population, area and mileage. Thereby it is estimated (unless this provision shall be changed) that North Carolina will receive \$9,805,300, an increase of \$180,000 over what otherwise would have been her due.

The term "grant" is used in the sense of a free gift. No grant need be matched to any extent whatever by the State. Limitation to 30 per cent of the cost of labor and materials, affecting a wide variety of other projects opened to States, counties, municipalities, etc., and even private enterprise, with provisions for supplementary loans do not concern us here. I call attention to the further fact in this connection that the new road appropriations are additional to the already existing ones, which, as enacted by the last Congress, did not require matching by the States.

To Spend \$400,000,000

For the total expenditure of the \$400,000,000,000 the Bureau of Public Roads in the Department of Agriculture will have the primary responsibility as under the Federal Highway Act of 1921. The Federal district engineer will be its representative, as before. But I shall presently quote a provision for enlisting the services of the State Highway Departments or Commissions; and no doubt where, as in North Carolina, the organization is thoroughly competent, it will be given wide scope. Especially will it presumably function with regard to feeder or secondary roads as provided for in Sec. 204-2.

An important provision: Neither under construction within municipalities nor upon payments per mile do the limitations of the Federal Highway Act apply.

Regarding labor, it is provided that no convict labor may be employed, that "so far as practicable and feasible" no employee other than executives, et al, shall work over thirty hours a week, that preference in employment shall be given specified classes beginning with ex-service men and local residents, and that "just and reasonable wages" shall be paid.

Getting down to the specific provisions for grade-crossing elimination and related matters, I quote from Sec. 204-a-1: "For expenditure on the Federal-aid highway system and extensions thereof into and through municipalities. The amount apportioned to any State under this paragraph may be used to pay all or any part of the cost of highway construction, including the elimination of hazards

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Our Johnny



Johnny Allen, former Aberdeen Hotel clerk, now star pitcher of the New York American League team, let the hard hitting Philadelphia Athletics down with but one hit in a game played during the past week, and struck out the champion home run hitter of the league, Jimmy Foxx, three times in succession.

YOUTH OF TODAY MUST REBUILD A BROKEN MORALE

Dr. Julian Miller Pleads With Graduates to "Make Democracy Safe for the World"

16 AWARDED DIPLOMAS

Upon the shoulders of the young people graduating from high schools and colleges today falls the task of rebuilding the morale of America and Americans, the discovering of a new philosophy of life, because we of the present generation in control have fallen down, Dr. Julian S. Miller, associate editor of The Charlotte Observer, told the Senior Class of Southern Pines High School and those gathered with them for their graduation exercises in the school auditorium on Wednesday night. Dr. Miller delivered one of the finest addresses heard in this section in a long time.

Apologizing for the chaos wrought by his own generation, a period marked by war and destruction of life and property, by a general breaking down of our economic, moral, religious and education system, he expressed regret that "there is no one to tell you what you should do."

Constitutional government is being thrown out the window. We are passing through a political revolution, converting cherished democracy into a form of socialism. At present we are rejoicing in anything which will relieve the American people of their staggering burden. But it will fall upon the shoulders of these young persons to reshape democracy. Woodrow Wilson said something about making the world safe for democracy. You have got to make democracy safe for the world. You must decide on our form of government, must build anew."

Dr. Miller emphasized the importance of building a new morale. Our faith is shaken, he said, in all lines. We have neglected the building of manhood in our mad rush forward in

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Moore County to Get \$3,060 for June Relief

Receives First Installment This Week. Improvement in Employment in State Reported

Moore county receives this week the first of four installments of \$3,060.00 allotted to the county for June relief, the Governor's Office of Relief sending the checks out to county treasurers to be followed by the three other installments as the month passes.

North Carolina will have \$851,300 available for June, about 13 per cent less than was requested of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and about 20 per cent less than the \$866,000 received for May.

"Reports from all sections of the State indicate a considerable improvement in employment," the report said. The lesser amount available is expected to be sufficient to take care of the more pressing needs, especially in view of the general reports of improvement in employment.

Graduating Class of Southern Pines High School



Reading from left to right, Top Row—Robert Cameron, John Adams, Charles Beck; Middle Row—Eleanor Adams, J. D. Arey, Jr., Ruth Travis, Harold Tate, Mary Welch and Robert Dorn; Bottom Row—Margaret McCall, Hunt Fisher, Allan Thurman, Patricia Hyde and Carlisle Page.

Serious School Problem Confronts Authorities in Southern Pines

Reduced State Appropriations, Unless Supplemented Locally, Will Mean Meagre Facilities

By Bernice Kenyon Gilkyson

The School Board of Southern Pines is very anxious for every resident to understand the facts about the change in our school system. To most of us, the proposed change from a nine-months school term, under part State and part District support, to an eight-month school term entirely under State support, means only one thing: the children will go to school for one month less than they have been going for most of the past thirty years. This does not look serious, as one month of school more or less does not seem so very important. But the facts are far different from what they appear to be on the surface.

The following facts and figures have been compiled to show you how things really stand.

Up until the present time, the State has been presumed to support our schools for six months of each year. For this it has levied a 15c land tax. In order to provide the additional three months of schooling, and to maintain all year two extra high-school teachers and one extra elementary teacher (all three of which have been absolutely necessary to prevent overcrowding in classrooms and to keep the school work up to standard), the Southern Pines School District has levied an additional tax, 33c this past year. Thus the citizens of the Southern Pines School District have been paying a total tax of 48c for operation of their schools. Actually, the money given us by the State has by no means covered the cost of six months schooling without the three extra teachers. It allows us only about half the cost of fuel. It gives us only \$310, a year for janitor service in two large buildings. It gives us not one cent for maintenance of the school buildings, and not nearly enough sanitary supplies to keep the schools clean. The citizens of the Southern Pines School District have been, by their local tax of 33c, transforming their schools from crowded, under-staffed, and out-of-date six-month schools into warm, clean, healthy, modern, well-run nine months

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Favor Bank Plan

Page Trust Depositors Here Vote for Liquidation and Reorganization

Aberdeen depositors of the Page Trust Company at a meeting held in the Community House last Friday night, voted unanimously in favor of the proposed plan for organizing a new bank to take over the closed Page Trust Company, the North Carolina Bank & Trust Company and the Independence Trust Company of Charlotte. The vote was taken after the large number present had listened to the report of the committee which looked into the plan for liquidation and reorganization.

It is understood that most of the towns in which the Page Trust Company has branches have passed favorably on the new bank, though Raleigh depositors are objecting. After a meeting this week a request was made of Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood to extend for one week the time limit for depositors to register objections to the plan, but Mr. Hood has expressed himself as opposed to any extension. The time limit expires June 19th.

Notice of assessments for 100 per cent of their stock holdings have been sent to all stockholders of the Page Trust Company, and unless payment is made by June 22nd, judgments will be docketed.

SOUTHERN PINES SEEKS R. F. C. FUNDS FOR MUNICIPAL HALL

The directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, at a special meeting held yesterday, voted to send Dr. L. B. McBrayer to Washington to look into the possibility of securing funds from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the building of a Municipal Hall in Southern Pines. Frank Buchanan was named to appear before the Board of Town Commissioners to ask that body to send a representative along with Dr. McBrayer.

A huge still of 30 gallons capacity was captured last week near Cameron by a federal officer and two deputy sheriffs. One negro was caught after a chase.

DIRTY BASEBALL FAILS TO WIN FOR ABERDEEN TEAM

Russell Crashes into Pinehurst Player in Last Desperate Effort to Save Game

WEBB IS KNOCKED OUT

Outplayed by Pinehurst in a Moore County League game on the Aberdeen diamond on Wednesday afternoon, the Aberdeen team resorted to dirty baseball in the last of the ninth inning in its effort to win with the result that one man was knocked out and the contest ended in what for a moment threatened to be a free-for-all fight.

Pinehurst led from the first inning when it scored two runs off Pitcher Bobby Pleasants of Aberdeen by clean hitting aided by those fielding. Three more runs were added in the second, and Aberdeen picked up a couple of runs. There the score stood going into the last of the ninth. Then, with one out, Bradford McLean got to first on an error. Foley fouled out. Bill Maurer made first on another error, McLean getting to third from which he scored on a wild pitch.

Leonard Russell came to bat. Two out, two runs needed to tie the score. One man on base. It was a tense moment for the large crowd of Aberdeen rooters who had seen their team go six innings without a run and were having their first excitement in a long time. Russell swung at a low ball, sent it high in the air along the first base line. First Baseman Webb of Pinehurst was under it, ready for the catch which would end the game. But before the ball hit his glove, something hit him a hard enough blow to knock him out. Russell had crashed into him on his way to first, purposely, to all appearances. Russell claimed he did not see him, a thin excuse, for there is no reason for a baserunner not seeing where he is going. Umpire Phillips of Southern Pines called Russell out for interfering with the catch. The excited Aberdeen rooters crowded on the field. Players gathered around Webb, lying prostrate on the diamond. A few fists started to fly but cooler heads prevailed. Aberdeen claimed Russell was not

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20 Pct. Cut in Valuations in County Realty

Commissioners Vote for Horizontal Reduction Rather Than Revaluation

SET DAYS FOR HEARINGS

At the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on Monday, it was ordered that a horizontal cut of twenty per cent be made in the valuation of all real estate in Moore county for taxation for the year of 1933. Many of the counties in the state are this year making a horizontal cut in the valuation on which last year's taxes were based, in order to give relief to taxpayers, rather than to entail the expense of a revaluation. This twenty per cent cut, added to the relief effected by the State's providing for the eight months schools, should make a considerable reduction in county taxes this year.

In some cases, additions and improvements have been made on real estate since April 1, 1932, and in other cases the opposite is true, buildings have been removed or destroyed. To adjust such property values, the Commissioners will sit as a Board of Equalization and Review and hear those who wish to have adjustments made on the 19th, 20th and 21st of June. On Monday 19th, citizens of Sandhill and Mineral Springs townships will be heard; on Tuesday 20th, those having property in McNeill, Carthage and Greenwood townships and on the following day, those having property in Bensalem, Sheffield, Ritter and Deep River townships will present their cases.

The Board voted to levy the maximum "Schedule B" taxes authorized by the public laws of 1933 to be levied for the year beginning June 1st, 1933, and the tax collector was ordered to proceed to collect said "Schedule B" taxes.

It was ordered that the improvements at the jail and county home be made at once.

What, More Beer!!

Applications for license to sell beer were approved, as follows:

Herbert Stutz, for the sale of beer in Hemp; N. P. Ray for the sale of beer in Southern Pines; William L. Simonds, Aberdeen, for the sale of beer on the premises of Mrs. Creel; C. N. Boaz, for the sale of beer in or near Cameron.

J. T. Spigle was granted the right to peddle lawful wares in Moore county for a period of one year from date free from tax on account of his being a disabled World War veteran.

D. Mack Parson was appointed constable for McNeill township upon his posting bond in the amount of \$250, the same to be in force and effect until December 1, 1934.

It was ordered that the M. M. Way tract of land of 84 acres known as the M. C. Stutts land, Carthage township, be listed for taxes for 1933 as 74 acres as per a survey by the county surveyor. To correct a similar error, the W. H. Branson tract, listed previously as 100 acres, was ordered listed as 80 acres, the correct acreage, for 1933 taxes. L. E. Weather- spoon was relieved of \$500 valuation on real estate on account of the destruction by fire of a dwelling, the same to apply to 1932 and 1933.

Money for support was allowed as follows: To Sam McNeill, McNeill township, for support of four orphaned nieces making their home with him, \$5 per month; to Mandy Williams, Carthage township, \$2 per month.

COMEDY TONIGHT TO BENEFIT FUND FOR ABERDEEN DAM

"The District School," a play sponsored by the Aberdeen Home and Garden Club, will be produced by local talent tonight, Friday, at 8:00 o'clock at the Dixie Theatre in Aberdeen Lake dam. The admission fee is to be 15 and 25 cents. Leading citizens of Aberdeen are to play the principal parts and a full house is expected.