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TO LET CONTRACT SOON FOR U. S. 1 SOUTH OF HERE

Stretch from Aberdeen to Drowning Creek Among First Jobs to Be Awarded

LONG FIGHT AT AN END

Word comes to The Pilot from Raleigh to the effect that the paving of U. S. Highway No. 1 from Aberdeen to Drowning Creek will be among the first projects let by the new State Highway Commission.

This is the stretch of road for which the entire Sandhill section from Sanford to Rockingham has been fighting to have improved for several years, being one of the very few sections along Route 1 from Maine to Florida which is not concreted. Delegations have visited Raleigh innumerable times urging the improvement, have returned empty handed or with vague promises. Now, with federal funds available and with the dire need for employment projects in this section, the new commission has, it is understood, agreed to let the contract for almost immediate construction. It is understood that local labor will be employed insofar as possible.

Members of the Committee on Roads of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen waited on the commission at Raleigh on Tuesday and made another plea for the letting of the work. Those who made the trip were Gordon Cameron of Pinehurst, chairman of the committee and a member of the Board of County Commissioners, J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen and Sheriff Charles J. McDonald of Carthage. So secretive were they about results of their expedition to the capital The Pilot suspected something had transpired. They refused to be interviewed. But The Pilot has its own correspondent in Raleigh and learned from most reliable sources that the long fight is about over.

In addition to the Kiwanis Club of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, civic bodies in Aberdeen, Sanford, Rockingham and other points along U. S. No. 1, and the U. S. No. 1 Association itself have been engaged in the effort to have the Aberdeen-Drowning Creek stretch paved. Other projects sought for Moore county include the paving of the road from Carthage to the junction of U. S. No. 1 between Cameron and Sanford.

Both Warehouses Here To Operate This Season

Saunders Back at Old Stand, Roberts & Cozart in Aberdeen Warehouse

B. B. Saunders will be back in Aberdeen again at his old stand, having signed a contract for the big brick warehouse which he operated every year since Aberdeen has been a tobacco market, except last season.

The Aberdeen Warehouse, where Mr. Saunders was located last year, has been rented to Roberts & Cozart, who are well known to all the farmers of this section, and will be operated by them here the coming season.

A full corps of buyers has been assigned to the Aberdeen market, and except for one or two changes the line-up will be the same as last year. With a much better prospect in this immediate territory, and the market opening September 19th, only four weeks behind South Carolina and border markets, Aberdeen should have a most successful season, both as to pounds sold and the market average.

PEACHES BRINGING GOOD PRICES; CULLS OVER 80c

The peach market has been active all week, with prices running all the way up to \$3.50 and culls bringing over 80 cents a bushel. Shipments have been mostly by truck, few orchards having enough fruit ready as yet for carload lots. Some good sales were reported during the week by A. Barker and others.

Large shipments of cantaloupes and watermelons have also been made from the Sandhills during the past week.

Waring Residence at Pinehurst Sold



New Home Acquired by Mrs. Isabelle C. McMullen

Mrs. R. W. McMullen Buys Waring Property in Pinehurst for a Home

One of Largest Real Estate Transactions of Year Recorded at Carthage

One of the largest real estate deals of the year in the Sandhills was consummated this week with the recording of a deed in the County Clerk's office for the former residence of the late H. G. Waring to Mrs. Isabelle C. McMullen, for many years a winter resident of Pinebluff and Southern Pines. The attractive Waring homestead on Linden Road, Pinehurst, and nine acres of well landscaped property surrounding it are involved in the transaction. The price paid was not announced but is said to have run into large figures.

A year ago the Niagara Spray & Chemical Company of Middleport, New York took over the property and after reconditioning the house, furnishing it throughout from the stock of the Pinehurst Warehouses and with Philadelphia decorators, placed it on the market. Mrs. McMullen, who has leased houses both in Pinebluff and Southern Pines since the burning of her own home in the former village some time ago, recently looked over the property, was delighted with both house, grounds and location, and the purchase resulted. R. F. Potts, Jr., of Southern Pines acted as agent for Mrs. McMullen in the transaction.

To Maintain Stables

Mrs. McMullen is the wife of R. W. McMullen, prominent engineer who enjoys a national reputation. He recently supervised the construction of one of the country's largest bridges, spanning the Hudson River in New York state. Mr. and Mrs. McMullen and their family of sons and daughters have been coming to the Sandhills for many years. They spent their summers at Hyannisport, Cape Cod, Mass. The children are all athletic enthusiasts, interested in sports which prevail here, especially equestrian. They plan to maintain private stables on their newly acquired estate.

The property is just one mile from the Carolina Hotel and has long been a showplace along Linden Road with its picturesque avenue of magnolias leading for about 100 yards to the entrance to the house.

Another real estate transaction closed during the past week is revealed in the office of the County Clerk in the transfer of title to property in Pinehurst from one of the heirs of the late M. B. Johnson to two other

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RICHARD TUFTS ELECTED BY CAROLINA GOLF ASS'N.

Richard S. Tufts of Pinehurst was elected secretary and treasurer of the Carolina Golf Association at the annual tournament held in Linville last week. Paul Haddock of Charlotte was elected president, Julian Morton of Linville first vice-president, and Paul Cushman of Greenville, S. C., second vice-president.

Over 200 Members

Moore County Hospital Birthday Club, But a Month Old, Proves Great Success

Barely a month old, the Moore County Hospital Birthday Club, founded in Southern Pines by Mrs. M. G. Nichols, already numbers more than two hundred members. The two hundredth enrolled several days ago, and the list has been swelling so rapidly there is no telling how many more have joined at the time The Pilot goes to press.

The club is open to everyone, and there is no initiation fee, no dues, none of the responsibilities usually attendant upon joining a club. All one does in "signing up" is to promise to remember the Moore County Hospital with some gift, whatever one can afford, on his or her birthday. Since the club was founded early in June a number of birthdays of members have occurred, and more than \$30.00 has already been received for the institution. Think of what it is going to mean when 1,000 members have enrolled, as they undoubtedly will by the end of the year. Should the average gift be one dollar, the hospital treasury is enhanced by a thousand dollars a year, which in turn means a thousand patient days for charity cases.

Mrs. Nichols, who conceived the idea for the club, is the secretary and treasurer. To her should be sent names of persons desiring to be enrolled in this worthwhile organization, and to her should be sent the gifts on your birthdays. Vice president of the club is little Miss Ann Reed Perkinson, aged three, for one of the primary purposes of the birthday club is to interest the rising generation in their hospital. A large percentage of the members are children, and a special effort is being made to enroll as many children of the community as possible in the club.

So far Southern Pines has the only branch of the birthday club, but other villages of the county are planning to establish branches in the near future.

MOORE FARMERS LOATHE TO ABANDON COTTON ACREAGE

Up to the first of the week only 162 acres of the 1,137 due to be abandoned in Moore county in the cotton reduction program had been signed up for destruction, figures released by Charles A. Sheffield at State College revealed. In the state as a whole over 100,000 of the 363,000 acres assigned North Carolina for abandonment had been pledged to the federal program. Less than 30 percent of the state's 90,000 cotton growers had signed contracts on Monday, with Wednesday night set as the end of the reduction campaign. County workers have put in a busy week trying to sign up more farmers.

SCHOOL COST PER PUPIL REDUCED \$14. IN 3 YEARS

This Despite Increased Enrollment of 94 Pupils, Southern Pines Report Shows

REGISTRATION IS HEAVY

In its desire to set forth facts to aid residents of the Southern Pines School District in deciding pro or con the important question of an eight months school term with State support and county control or a nine months term under its own administration unit and with local funds to supplement State funds, The Pilot this week asked R. L. Chandler, secretary of the School Committee of Southern Pines for a statement of operating costs for the past three years. A table containing itemized figures appears on page eight of this issue.

"I have not included debt service and capital outlay requirements," said Mr. Chandler, "as those items would have to be taken care of whether we had six, eight or nine months school terms. I have confined the figures to operating expenses only.

"I desire to call your attention to a few facts in connection with these costs. First, here are the figures relating to enrollment and average daily attendance for the three school years: 1930-31 Enrollment, 1,914; Attendance, 811.

1931-32 Enrollment, 1,040; Attendance, 926.

1932-33 Enrollment, 1,108; Attendance, 933.

"Larger daily attendance and enrollment necessarily increase expenses.

"The average cost per pupil based on average daily attendance for the three years was as follows: 1930-31, \$48.03; 1931-32, \$36.50; 1932-33, \$33.59.

"I might mention that in 1932-33 figures are included one new truck costing \$1,050 as this was a replacement truck and was charged to operations instead of being capitalized.

Supplemental Funds

"You will note that in each of the three years in question it was necessary to supplement State funds to operate the constitutional State term of six months, and that the State does not pay all the operating costs for the six months term.

"We have every reason to believe that the apportionments for the coming eight months term will be approximately the same as were allowed for six months last year, therefore it would appear imperative that State funds be supplemented for the eight months term the coming year.

"Figures for the school year 1933-34 are not available at the present time as the State School Commission has made no apportionments for the coming year, has established no salary schedule, neither has it established the teacher load for the coming year.

"A maximum local levy of 30c on each \$100.00 of valuation is asked but a levy of only a sufficient amount to operate the schools will be levied.

"There will be a substantial reduction in the amount of taxes levied for school purposes, as the levy made last year in this district was 33c per \$100.00 valuation for operating expense, while the maximum that can be levied under the proposed new plan is 30c per \$100.00 valuation, and besides this reduction the County Commissioners have made a reduction in valuations on real estate of 20 percent which will give us a substantial reduction in taxes as compared with past years.

"I find that reliefs, land sales, commissions, etc., in 1930 amounted to 10 percent of the total levy and in 1931 to approximately 20 percent of the levy. Settlement has not been made for 1932 therefore I cannot give you figures for that year.

"I might mention that during school years 1930-31, 1931-32 sixteen teachers in our schools were paid supplements to State salary schedule while during school year 1932-33 only four teachers were supplemented in their salaries. It should also be noted that each year apportionments from the State have decreased, with in-

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Local School Tax Would Be Hardship Says Van Camp

Relief Provided by State Legislature Comes at Most Opportune Time, He Writes

Editor, The Pilot:

While there has been much in the papers in the past few weeks in reference to the school situation there have been very few facts set forth that in any way aid the taxpayer in deciding how he should vote in the coming special election to determine whether it will be best to accept the prescribed uniform eight months term guaranteed to all schools of the state without recourse to tax of any kind on real estate, or whether to surrender this relief and give our school board authority to levy additional tax to employ additional teachers and to pay all teachers larger salaries than prescribed by the State, and to pay the entire expense of our additional month of school.

This is the question the taxpayer is asked to vote upon.

It will be seen at once that it is a question concerning which the voter is entitled to definite information on both sides before he can be expected to make an intelligent decision. Naturally the voter, especially if he is one that must shoulder the additional tax to pay the added expense, is going to ask what special advantage it is going to be to pay all these extras, which leads him to ask what kind of a school does the State propose to give us if we elect to abide by its provisions. I shall first endeavor to tell as briefly as possible what the State proposes to give us and, to be more easily understood, I shall confine my reference mostly to the white school as the colored school will be provided for fully as well as the white.

The State proposes to furnish an eight months term entirely at State expense and it is for this purpose that the much discussed sales tax has been levied. The number of teachers is determined by the average daily attendance, each teacher throughout the state being expected to teach the same number of pupils, known as the teacher load, and to receive a uniform salary according to his grade and years of experience. On the basis our school will be entitled to four teach-

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SERVICES AT BENSLEM FOR MRS. MARGARET ANN CURRIE

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Ann Currie, who died at the Moore County Hospital on Sunday, July 2d were held at Bensalem Church on Monday at 11 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Mr. Newton, assisted by the Rev. Lacy McDuffie.

The deceased was 82 years and six months old and had lived all her long useful life in the Curriesville community. She was the widow of the late Dr. D. A. Currie and before marriage was Miss Margaret Ann McKenzie.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Ursula Currie of the home, Mrs. Fuller Munroe, Curriesville and four sons, Donald Currie of Pinehurst, Leon and Tucker Currie, also of the home and the Rev. Grover Currie, pastor of the first Presbyterian Church of Mullins, West Virginia. A host of relatives throughout the county also survives.

NO DECISION ON INJUNCTION IN GUARANTY BANK CASE

No decision has as yet been rendered in the injunction proceedings brought last week in Charlotte to prevent the organization of the new Guaranty Bank from the Page Trust Company, the North Carolina Bank & Trust Company and the Independence Trust Company of Charlotte. Organization plans are continuing and without legal entanglements the new bank is expected to get under way in the course of the next few weeks.

COTTON PRICE SOARS

Farmers are much encouraged over the cotton crop prospects, with the staple closing on the market in Charlotte on Wednesday at 11:65 cents a pound, the highest since early March, 1931.

ALSO ECONOMY, SAYS BOARD OF 8-MONTH TERM

Southern Pines Commissioners Adopt Resolution Heartily Endorsing Nine-Month School

SAY TAX WILL BE LESS

In a resolution adopted at its regular meeting this week, the Board of Commissioners of Southern Pines endorsed the nine-months school year as necessary for the maintenance of the city's "present enviable reputation as a place of residence." The resolution reads as follows:

Resolved that the Board of Commissioners heartily endorses the plan for a nine months school in Southern Pines for the following reasons:

1. The general welfare of the Southern Pines school district depends principally upon the trained intelligence of its people. With an eight months school dependent entirely on State funds teachers would be dropped, class rooms would be overcrowded, building and equipment would deteriorate, important extra-curriculum activities would be eliminated and the whole standard of the school would be lowered. The net result would be a generation of young people leaving school imperfectly equipped to meet the material and spiritual problems of an age demanding a higher degree of intelligence than any in the history of the world.

2. Our winter residents demand a school equal to the best; a school which can take a child from any other school in the country and can continue its education without loss of time or efficiency; a school offering full college preparatory work for those desiring it. Lacking this we shall lose some of our most valued present winter residents. Others who might otherwise establish winter homes here will be prevented from doing so. This will mean a serious economic loss to the whole community. It will also mean that we shall lose a group of highly educated, enlightened people who are capable of and willing to contribute to the spiritual life of the community—people interested not only in our outdoor sports but in our library, the churches, the civic club, our musical activities, etc.

3. A special tax required to supplement State standards and term will be somewhat less than the special school tax paid during recent years. Last year the tax was 33 cents. This year owing to economies in operation it will not exceed 30 cents. A favorable vote, therefore, does not mean increased taxes.

4. Our community owes its present enviable reputation as a place of residence largely to the fact that we have always insisted on the maintenance of the highest possible standards in our school. We should endeavor in every possible way to raise these. To lower them is out of the question and would be false economy on the part of the tax payers.

CANTALOUPE FLY WHEN TRUCK UPSETS IN ABERDEEN

Cantaloupes were scattered all over the place when a huge truck upset at the intersection of the Aberdeen-Rae ford and the Aberdeen-Laurinburg roads late last Saturday night. The driver, approaching from Laurinburg, put on power to take the grade approaching the Rae ford road, not knowing his road ended there. The truck hit the ditch on the north side of the Rae ford road and up-ended, hurling the entire cargo of crates of melons into the air. The driver was uninjured.

SYMINGTON AND SCOTT WIN YADKIN CLUB TOURNEY

For the week ending July 8th the golf tournament of the Yadkin Club at medal play, best ball of pair was won by Dr. J. Symington of Carthage and George W. Scott of Star with a best ball of 60 net.

The very interesting part of this play was the way in which they paired. Dr. Symington had a net 70 while Mr. Scott took 7 strokes net, yet together they negotiated a 60 net.