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## CITIZEN WINDS UP 30-YEAR CAREER AS LOCAL PAPER

Member of Original Staff, Bion Butler Describes its Modest Beginning in Southern Pines

M. B. CLARKE FOUNDER

By Bion H. Butler

Sixty years ago R. O. Moorhead, editor of the Register at Brockwayville, Pennsylvania, caught me as I was passing his office, and said he understood that I was a printer. I confessed that I had hung around a printing office considerably, setting type, feeding the job press, sweeping out, selling papers, which qualified me. That conversation started me with a monthly salary of \$15 on a newspaper career that is still rather virulent in its form. Two years later I was publishing the paper. Then followed a period of drift as a tramp printer all over this country and nearly twenty years later I was back in the old village again and publishing the paper once more.

One morning a young chap drifted up to the shop and asked for a job. I put him at work. He was M. B. Clarke, another tourist printer. He was a good worker, and ten years later he wrote me from Southern Pines, N. C., that he projected a paper in his village and wanted me to join a little in financing it. Which I did. I had bought some ground in the vicinity and planted an orchard and vineyard, and was preparing to move South. When he found that I was coming down here Clarke insisted that I should join him in his paper venture. But as I had my hands full looking after my own development I told him I could not entertain his scheme, but that I would help him as much as I could.

Clarke had formed a stock company, which embraced nearly everybody in the little village, and his directors made a dicker with me to pay me six dollars a week to help the paper to function. Clarke had gathered up a second hand press, a limited amount of type, and in a room in the second story of a building on the alley back of Patch's store as at present located, we carried on. We were an interesting force.

Clarke was a live newspaper man and a good printer. L. P. Stradley, a fine old Philadelphia printer, one of the most skillful and reliable I ever knew, was a compositor on the job. He was down here for his health, and worked a few hours a day for a small sum, but he knew how to set a clean proof and do it right. A. S. Ruggles was the pressman, and he knew how to make the old press do good work. I think Ruggles was about the only fulltime, able seaman in the craft, for Clarke was more or less of an invalid. Ruggles was a good hand and dependable. Clarke was a good news hustler, but we had two others who were geniuses. One was an invalid by the name of Whitehead, if I am right in my recollection. He could devote only a limited time to his work, but he could recognize a bit of local news and he could write it. But he could not stand much physical exertion, although he covered the local field for the weekly in excellent manner. We had also a young woman who could put in a certain amount of time, and she had the knack of doing the right thing with social affairs.

### Newspaper Enterprise

One illustration will show the methods we pursued. When Charlie St. John had his Piney Woods Inn in working order a banquet was given at which Gov. Aycock was the guest of honor. Place cards were laid at the tables for the big group of guests and Clarke secured the diagram of the tables with the name of each guest. As the dinner progressed the paper was brought into the dining room and laid before the guests with the diagram and name showing the location of every one present, every guest receiving a copy as a souvenir of that evening.

The paper was backed by a company of the local people and interests, W. M. Blue, A. S. Newcomb, H. P. Bilyeu, S. S. Thomas, J. N. Pow-

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## The Pilot Takes Over Local Newspaper Field

Acquires Plant and Equipment of the Sandhill Citizen, Published Here For Close to 30 Years, and Will Maintain Offices Both in Southern Pines and Aberdeen

Through purchase from George R. Ross, The Pilot this week takes over the local field formerly covered by the Sandhill Citizen. The Citizen will continue to be published to serve a specialized field, as outlined in other columns of this issue, but the news field of this immediate territory will be covered exclusively by The Pilot. Offices will be maintained in both Aberdeen and Southern Pines.

It has been a self-evident fact for some time that the two weekly newspapers were serving locally where one would suffice, and negotiations have long been pending for the merger of The Citizen and The Pilot. When Mr. Ross, long a resident of Jackson Springs, recently purchased The Citizen terms were agreed upon whereby he retains the name and prestige of The Sandhill Citizen for the paper to be developed over a wider field under the able editorship of Prof. C. L. Newman, and The Pilot takes over the plant, equipment and local news field formerly served by The Citizen. The Citizen will be printed by The Pilot, Inc.

The Sandhill Citizen has served the people of Southern Pines faithfully and well for almost thirty years. Its history, recorded in other columns today, is a proud one. Its passing from the field as a local newspaper will be a cause of deep disappointment to scores of subscribers to whom it has been a weekly messenger for more than a quarter of a century. But its name will live on, and in its chosen field The Citizen will undoubtedly develop into one of the outstanding periodicals of the two Carolinas.

The Pilot henceforth will be sent to all former subscribers of The Citizen, the two subscription lists being thrown into one.

## Three Hundred Dollars Needed for Completion of New Aberdeen Dam

Clean, Supervised Bathing Facilities for Sandhills Dependent Upon Raising of Fund

All material for the new Aberdeen dam is on the ground and there is only one thing in the way of filling the lake and providing bathing facilities for the people of the community by August 15th. Three hundred additional dollars are needed for the completion of the work.

More than half the necessary fund has been raised, but further contributions are essential to the success of one of the most important undertakings in the Sandhills in some time. G. A. Charles, chairman of the committee, said yesterday. The lake will be available to all residents of the section, whether from Aberdeen or not, and contributions from towns in the neighborhood are invited. Southern Pines has generously responded, and substantial sums have come from Pinehurst. The major part of the work at the lake has been completed, the cleaning out of stumps and debris from the bathing beach section, the smoothing down of the sandy beach, the elimination of objectionable features along the shore, the preliminary work on the new dam itself. To abandon the work now would be a fatal step, for much of what has been completed would of necessity have to be done over again. Mr. Charles and others interested urgently appeals to the residents of the entire Sandhills section for donations to "set it through," providing a clean recreational center and "swimming hole" for young and old under proper supervision.

Checks may be sent to G. A. Charles or to The Pilot at Aberdeen or cash handed to any of the committee, among them Mrs. W. A. Blue, Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson and H. W. Doub. Boys desiring to contribute time instead of

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## PINEHURST SILK MILLS GRANTED 90-DAY STAY

The Pinehurst Silk Mills at Hemp have been granted a 90-day extension of their present three-shift operation program, thereby delaying the laying off of some 200 employes as threatened by the adoption of the new textile code. The Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen and others appealed to Senators Bailey and Reynolds and Representative Walter Lambeth for such an extension on the grounds that the unemployment situation in Moore county was such at present as to threaten serious results if more people were suddenly thrown out of work.

## MEETING POSTPONED

There will be no regular monthly meeting of the Men of the Church this month. The program will be combined with the August meeting.

## New Postmaster



P. Frank Buchan

Word was received in Southern Pines last Friday morning of the appointment of P. Frank Buchan as acting postmaster of that city, and Mr. Buchan has been busy receiving the congratulations of friends and neighbors since then. The appointment has met with general approbation throughout the community. The new postmaster succeeds Mrs. Mary Powell Black, who has been acting postmistress since the death of her father, Postmaster John N. Powell, last year. Mr. Buchan assumed office early this week and has been busy "learning the ropes."

At its meeting Tuesday the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, of which Mr. Buchan is an enthusiastic member and a former president, passed a resolution of congratulation and best wishes to the new postmaster.

## Mrs. C. E. Pleasants Town Clerk of Aberdeen

Appointment Follows Resignation of W. W. Maurer, Due to Absence from City

Following close upon the announcement of the resignation of Henry A. Page, Sr., as mayor of Aberdeen because of his enforced absence from the city much of the time comes that this week of W. W. Maurer as town clerk, for the same reason. Mr. Maurer, who succeeded W. J. Huntley upon his appointment as county tax collector, is making his headquarters in Sanford and has found it almost impossible to attend to the clerical duties of the local office.

The appointment of Mrs. Charles E. Pleasants as town clerk here followed close upon the acceptance of Mr. Maurer's resignation, a move which meets with unalloyed approval of the residents of Aberdeen. Mrs. Pleasants was for many years connected with the Carolina Discount Corporation here and is a woman of ability and energy and well equipped for the task assigned to her.

## LAMBETH PUTS UP BATTLE FOR NEW POSTOFFICE HERE

Calls on President to Oppose Abandonment of Authorized Public Works Program

SAYS MONEY PROMISED

Fear that President Roosevelt's pronouncement against new federal buildings will militate against postoffice buildings approved for Southern Pines, Sanford, Rockingham and North Wilkesboro sent Congressman Walter Lambeth scurrying to the White House this week to register strenuous opposition. What the result will be it is early to predict.

Nine hundred postoffice buildings already authorized by the 72d Congress are at stake. Preliminary work has already begun on these projects, the four mentioned above being in Mr. Lambeth's district.

Ninety million dollars had been appropriated and among those provided were 15 postoffices in North Carolina. The public buildings appropriation was diverted to use this 90 million for the first money for the forest army, such to be replaced later by the general public works legislation.

Accompanying Mr. Lambeth to the White House were Representatives Pou of North Carolina and McMillan of South Carolina.

Mr. Lambeth left a brief for the President in which he contends that Congress was promised explicitly by Democratic majority leaders last March that the diversion of funds would be temporary and that the public works act had earmarked a sufficient sum to carry out the building program.

Mr. Lambeth said that he understood that Budget Director Douglas favored deferring construction of the buildings on the alleged grounds that such would be too heavy a strain on the budget. Mr. Lambeth will remain in Washington to confer with the President as soon as the chief executive has recovered from his present slight indisposition.

His brief submitted this week discloses statements of leaders taken from the Congressional Record that the diversion of funds was only temporary, also data to establish that of the various appropriations made for relief and re-employment, little consideration is given mechanics, such as carpenters, bricklayers, and other high class artisans.

## The Archers Company to Move Plant North

Local Industry Transferred to Bristol, Conn., from Attractive Knollwood Building

The Sandhills section is about to lose one of its few industries in the removal of The Archers Company of Knollwood to Bristol, Conn., where it will be housed with the Horton Manufacturing Company. Strenuous efforts have been made by Carl Thompson, head of the company here, to have the plant maintained here, but for purposes of economy the Horton company is concentrating its varied interests at Bristol and has "called in" the plant here in which it has extensive holdings.

The Archers company plant has been one of the show places of the section, with its attractive stone building on Midland Road between Southern Pines and Pinehurst. The future of the local plant is unknown, but efforts will be made to house some industry or shop therein. The Archers Company will continue its industry in the game of archery locally, according to Mr. Thompson, probably maintaining headquarters for the development of the sport in the country clubs at Pinehurst and Southern Pines. Archery has become very popular locally and tournaments will continue through the winter months, it is said. Mr. Thompson expects to spend much of his time here.

President Roosevelt this week named Frank R. McNinch, former mayor of Charlotte, chairman of the Federal Power Commission over the objections of Senators Bailey and Reynolds.

## No Absentee Votes

Attorney General Brummitt So Rules in Case of Special School Elections

Absentee voting is not permissible in special school elections, Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt ruled this week. This will affect a large number of property owners of the Southern Pines School District in the forthcoming election there. Many have registered who will not be here in August, leaving their ballots to be recorded for or against the nine months school. According to Mr. Brummitt, these ballots can not be recognized.

## DRY FORCES CALL MASS MEETING TO ORGANIZE FIGHT

Gathering is Announced for Tonight, Friday, in Courthouse at Carthage

The United Dry Forces of Moore County will be organized at a special mass meeting of citizens of the county called for this evening, Friday, at 7:30 o'clock in the courthouse at Carthage.

Announcement of the meeting was made this week by Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage and C. C. Jones of Cameron, members of the State Central Committee. "All persons in Moore county interested in law enforcement are urged to be present at the meeting," said the announcement sent to The Pilot.

Mr. Seawell stated on Monday that this first gathering will be for organization purposes only, that no speakers of statewide prominence would be here at that time, but that later on several distinguished citizens of the state would be invited to address gatherings to be arranged for various parts of the county.

State Drys plan to conduct an active campaign against repeal of the 18th Amendment from now until the referendum in the fall, and Seawell and Jones, to whom has been entrusted the building of sentiment in Moore county, expect to carry the fight into every township.

## Jeffress Said To Favor Broad St. Extension

Project Would Provide Ready Access to Business District, Prove Unemployment Aid

That State Highway Commissioner E. B. Jeffress and other members of the commission look with apparent favor upon the extension of Broad street, Southern Pines to a junction with U. S. Highway No. 1 south of Manly, with an underpass to eliminate crossing the Seaboard tracks at grade, was reported to members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce at their meeting in Jack's Grill Tuesday. Dr. G. G. Herr made the report for Frank Buchan, chairman of the special committee on roads. Dr. Herr and Mr. Buchan called on Mr. Jeffress in Raleigh last week.

Mr. Jeffress stated that he would have engineers here soon to look the project over. This is one of the projects being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce at this time to aid unemployment here, and is greatly favored by the business interests of the town inasmuch as the new road would divert traffic through the business section. Southbound tourists would be given optional routes at the junction point, permitting their passing through town either via the residential section along May street or the business section through West Broad street. Northbound tourists now have optional routes at the junction of South Broad and U. S. 1 at the city line.

Another project which would provide much employment for unskilled labor is the extension of curbs and gutters in Southern Pines, a matter which will have the attention of the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting.

## \$2.84 SAVING IN TAXES IF 9-MOS. SCHOOL ADOPTED

Frank Buchan Gives Salient Facts in Support of Continuation of Full Term

LAUDS BUSINESS COURSE

"The voters of the Southern Pines district I think should be acquainted with the following facts regarding the proposed supplement which we are going to be called to vote on soon," said P. Frank Buchan, postmaster of Southern Pines in an interview with The Pilot yesterday.

"The school board has been requested to submit a budget for the coming year but as the State has not definitely committed itself as to how much it will pay, it is impossible for the school board to say just how much it will require from local funds to give us a good nine months school; however, it is their intention to give us as good a school as they can, keeping in mind all the time the fact that they must hold the expenses down just as far as possible.

"There is still a debt on our school property which must be paid by the taxpayers in the local district whether we have an eight months school or nine months school, or a school at all.

"This debt service, the school board figures, will amount to 22c a hundred and we cannot get rid of this, under any condition.

"The school board is asking for the authority to levy 30c instead of 33c as last year, and this is based on a 20 per cent reduction in valuation. They assure me that it is not their intention to use the entire 30c but they cannot tell just what part of it will be necessary to use until they find out definitely from the State what they will get from it. Some of the teachers under the State ruling will not receive over \$62.00 or \$63.00 per month. The school board feels that this is not sufficient salary for a competent teacher. I believe it is their intention for the salaries to range from \$75.00 to approximately \$100.00 per month for the teachers and when you consider the fact that after the teacher pays his board, his traveling expenses to and from Southern Pines, buys clothing and spends time at summer school, there isn't much left.

### Important Adjunct

The State allows nothing whatever for the Commercial course. The commercial course at Southern Pines has meant a great deal to the boys and girls who for financial reasons have not been able to get to college. And even if they do go to college, it is worth a lot to them, but I think we should consider most how it would affect the ones who are unable to enter college that they may get some knowledge of business, shorthand, typewriting, etc. in this school. You will find a considerable number of these graduates holding positions of responsibility in the community, a benefit to themselves and family.

The state allows nothing whatever for music in the school. I do not believe there is a person in the Southern Pines school district who will not agree that the music in the school last year was one of the best things for the school children. Last year it was made possible by the contributions from some of the local people; this year it will be impossible under the present financial conditions to expect these people to repeat this. If we have this music it will have to be paid for out of the local funds or a part of it. In other words, summing the whole thing up, it looks to me that if we vote for the eight months school and against the nine months school we will be voting to do away entirely with our commercial course, to do away entirely with our music. We will be voting to have our children stay in a half heated building during the cold winter months, as I am assured by the board that the State's allotment for fuel will not keep this building heated.

### Tax Saving

"The State allows nine dollars per month for truck drivers while the school board having the interest of the patrons at heart has paid a living

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