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## MANY SIGN N. R. A. CODE AGREEMENT IN SOUTHERN PINES

Mayor Stutz and Dr. Herr Heard Committee to Back President's Program 100 Percent

### ABERDEEN ORGANIZES

With Mayor D. G. Stutz and Dr. George G. Herr, president of the Chamber of Commerce, as chairman, and a committee representing civic bodies, womens clubs and church organizations in the process of organization, the machinery to put Southern Pines one hundred percent on the N.R.A. map was set in motion here this week.

The N.R.A. signs, issued to those who have signed the agreement to support the National Industrial Recovery Act at the solicitation of President Roosevelt, are already appearing plentifully in windows throughout the community. Up to noon yesterday twenty-five employers of labor in Southern Pines had turned in their signed agreements to Postmaster P. Frank Buchan. The big emblem with the NRA and picture of the eagle are issued to those signing the code when their slips are handed to the postmaster.

The following have already signed up in Southern Pines:

Mack's 5-10-25 Cent Stores, Hoskins' Motor Service Company, Colton's Garage, Clark's Garage, Page Motor Company, D. Pender Grocery Company, P. T. Barnum, Inc., Lorenson & Company, Baker's Food Store, McNeill & Company, W. H. Mumford, electrical contractor, Ed's Cafe, Broad Street Pharmacy, Dr. W. C. Mudgett, J. N. Powell, Inc., The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Mrs. Hays' Shop, C. L. Hayes' Sandhills Book Shop, C. T. Patch Department Store, The Valet, Inc., Vermont Market, Highland Hardware House, Throver's Pharmacy, Southern Pines Theatre Company and The Family Laundry.

A number of others have signed but have not as yet turned their slips in to the postmaster. Some have signed under certain conditions, cases where the trade of which they are a

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## Citizen Wins Whether School Vote is Yes or No

Cut in Valuations and County Tax Rate Mean Saving This Year, Anyway

Pretty much has been printed from various writers concerning the proposition to be voted on by the people of the Southern Pines school district at the coming election, but the figures below from Ralph Chandler, secretary of the school board, probably tell the situation as concisely as anything can. They compare the two years 1932 and 1933, with their taxes as they were and as they will be whether the thirty-cent levy carries or not.

As an illustration a piece of property is assumed as worth \$1,000.

In 1932 the taxes on that property at 71 cents county and 55 cents special school totaled \$1.26 on the \$100, or \$12.60 on the \$1,000 valuation of the property. \$12.60

In 1933 the valuation of the property has been reduced twenty per cent, making it \$800.

This year the county tax is 68 cents and the special school tax to apply on bonds is 22 cents, a total of 90 cents which on the valuation of \$800 is a total of \$7.20

If the proposed tax does not carry the reduction of the school tax in the district this year as compared with last year is \$5.40

This is a reduction of 43 percent.

Now the board is asking a levy of 30 cents to carry on the extra month of school which the State does not provide for and to help pay the extra teachers that the State does not allow, which on the \$800 valuation would be \$2.40 cents. This added to the \$7.20, which is this year's tax on the new valuation of \$800, makes a total of \$9.60, as compared with \$12.60 on the same property last year, which is 23 percent of a reduction from last year. Mr. Chandler says possibly the full 30 cent levy will not be necessary, in which event the outlay would be less than thirty cents.

## Aberdeen Tobacco Market Plans Stimulate Confidence in Growers

Return of Saunders To Old Stand and Good Crop Prospect Expected to Spell "New Deal"

By Bion H. Butler

The announcement that Banks Saunders is coming back to Aberdeen for the tobacco marketing season, and that Cozart and Roberts will be runners up at the other warehouse will stimulate a new confidence in the prospect for the tobacco farmer. The markets open September 19, with Saunders in his old buildings, the brick warehouses, which he built and operated and backed to the extent that over its counters hundreds of thousands of dollars have been paid to the farmers of the section tributary to Aberdeen.

When Gales Johnson some twenty-odd years ago came to Raeford to undertake to introduce the growing of tobacco he brought with him a youngish chap as field marshal B. B. Saunders. Things rolled high for a brief period, and then the war in Europe broke and the United States had a temporary fit of insanity when cotton, tobacco and all other American products went floeey over the interrupted commerce. Johnson became entangled in the disruption, but Saunders, not having the financial responsibility that Johnson carried, was passed in the storm, and emerging with some of the fragments in his hands he set about to continue in the path Johnson had outlined. He encouraged a new industry which has brought vast sums of money to the Aberdeen country, and although the recent depression has had its severe effects, Saunders comes back again to grab prosperity as it appears over the horizon. It looks as if he will be a figure in restoring to this section the better conditions that prevailed in the past. It is my conviction that if Saunders is backed by the people of this field in the efforts he is making he will, with the new deal that is now appearing in sight bring prosperity here on a scale bigger than before.

The tobacco situation has changed in the last two or three years and the results are now becoming apparent. In the past year the acreage crop of bright leaf has doubled in this section, and the crop is one of the best made in years. Very little damage of any kind is reported from disease, from weather from second growth leaves, the crop being of excellent quality even to the ground leaf. Last year about two million pounds was sold at the Aberdeen market. "Judge" Avery says he would not be surprised if that figure is doubled here this year, and he is a pretty close observer.

Weather and crop conditions have been more than usually favorable in making a crop of quality. Mr. Avery says the tobacco in this territory is the best he has ever seen here, and that it has but little to rival it in any other section he has seen this year. "It is more suitable for cigarette type than ever," he said, and fortunately for the tobacco grower the cigarette trade at this time is booming. The trade reports say the cigarette production in May of this year reached 13 billions, which is the record for all time, even including the wild production of war days. The tobacco companies have been carrying on extensive advertising campaign until they have almost reached the girl babies in the cradles, and the cigarette output is taking tobacco. Last year made the smallest crop since 1924, while this year the clearing financial sky is helping to increase consumption of tobacco, and it looks as if the demand will be good if

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## LOCAL TRUCK OFF FOR NEW YORK AND CHICAGO

Lloyd Clark's fleet of trucks set sail on Tuesday for long voyages. Laden with cotton laundry bags and cotton cloth from the Laurinburg Mills one truck in the care of Wallace Johnson and Clark Daugherty is bound for Chicago, and will have a return cargo of Swift's pork and beans for Rocky Mount. Two trucks are bound for New York, one in charge of Herbert McKenzie and Al McNeill, and the other in charge of Jack Phillips of Cameron.

## KIWANIS AT CARTHAGE

The weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen was held in the library at the Courthouse in Carthage on Wednesday.

## Cosmopolitan

Forty-three States and Foreign Countries in School District Registration

Forty-three states and foreign countries are represented on the registration books for the forthcoming school referendum, D. Al. Blue, in charge of the registration tells The Pilot. North Carolina leads, of course, with Pennsylvania second and the following states in order:

New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Michigan, Rhode Island, Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, West Virginia, Indiana, Maine, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Texas, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri, Maryland, Nebraska, California, Louisiana, Arkansas, Minnesota and the District of Columbia.

Eleven foreign countries are represented as follows: Canada, 8; England, 6; Italy, 4; German, Greece and the Argentine two each; Ireland, Scotland Denmark, Japan and Switzerland, one each.

## 1,000 SEE VASS BEAT ABERDEEN IN TEN INNINGS

League Leaders Tie Count in Last of 9th But Lose in Extra Period

In one of the most thrilling games ever played in the Moore County League, Vass trimmed the leading Aberdeen team by 7 to 5 in ten innings on Wednesday. The contest was staged before a crowd of approximately 1,000 on the Aberdeen field.

Going into the ninth inning Vass had a 4-2 lead, but in the last of this frame Aberdeen staged a rally off of the tiring Court Thomas, who, up to this point, had been exceedingly stingy with his hits. With men on second and third Mackie Caldwell was sent in to hit for Pitcher Bill Yow and he promptly singled over second, both runners scoring to knot the count.

Aberdeen failed to bring Caldwell around and the game went into the first extra inning. Dave Wilson was first up for Vass and he greeted Relief Pitcher Ralph Leach with a rousing triple. Joe Matthews laid down a bunt which scored Wilson and when the play was made at the plate he went to second, and scored on Tyson's single with what proved to be the winning run. Tyson also scored in this inning to make the score 7-4.

In the last of the tenth Aberdeen threatened but failed to bring more than one runner across the plate. Thomas was plainly tired, but he received good support and received a big hand when he whiffed Upchurch for the second out with runners on second and third.

Thomas pitched all the way for the winners while Yow, Leach and Martin went into action for Aberdeen. Kenny Keith and Max Foley were the fielding stars.

Southern Pines received its Wednesday game by forfeit when the Cameron team failed to put in an appearance. Fifteen extra minutes were allowed, but at 3:45 Umpire Walters called the game.

## Southern Pines Loses

Last Thursday afternoon Vass trimmed the Southern Pines outfit on the Southern Pines field. The score was 10 to 6.

Vass jumped into an early lead and were never headed. At one time they had the score 10-1 in their favor, but Southern Pines rallied in the last three frames to make the score look a little more respectable. The contest was halted four times because of showers.

Tew was on the mound for the losers, but was relieved in the sixth by Millar. Worth McMillan pitched for Vass until the ninth when Court Thomas went in. Tew got four singles in five trips to lead the hitting, while Tyson featured with a long home run

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## SCHOOL QUESTION TO BE SETTLED AT POLLS WEDNESDAY

Registered Voters of District to Decide Fate of Nine Months Term Here

### NO REDRESS POSSIBLE

Whether or not Southern Pines will continue to offer a nine months school course to its children will be settled at the polls next Wednesday, August 9th.

Only those who have specifically registered in the School District will be eligible to vote. Absentee ballots will not be counted under a ruling by Attorney General D. G. Brummitt.

The polls will be open all day in the Municipal Building on East Broad street.

Those who are in favor of a special tax to supplement the State fund, that Southern Pines may operate its schools an additional month and pay its teachers more than the State allowance, as it has done for some time, will vote a ticket on which will be printed the words, "For Local Tax." Those who oppose same will vote a ticket on which will be printed the words, "Against Local Tax."

At the close of the election the registrar, D. Al. Blue, and the poll holders, A. S. Ruggles and S. B. Richardson will "count, canvass and judicially determine the result of said election and make return thereof to the Board of Commissioners of Moore County."

### Decision is Final

Citizens should understand before casting their ballots, that there is no redress from the decision of Wednesday's referendum. Should the majority of the ballots say "Against Local Tax," the local school must operate entirely under State allotment of funds, an amount for eight months of operation equal to or less than the amount formerly allowed for six months. No other referendum may be held in the matter this year. Southern Pines High School ceases to be a fully accredited school.

The local tax to be voted upon to permit supplement of the State funds is not to exceed 30 cents on each \$100 valuation of taxable property in the school district. The legal notice of the special election in this regard reads:

"\* \* \* to supplement the funds provided by existing law for the eight months public school term for said school district so as to provide a sufficient fund for the maintenance and operation of said school in said district for said eight months school term and likewise provide for an extended term of public schools in said district, not exceeding nine months or 180 days during each year and for the purpose of operating schools in said district of a higher standard than those provided for by State support, as prescribed by existing law \* \* \*"

## Week Sees 1933 Peach Season About Ended

Demand at Candor Slow and Market Dull.—Some Growers Made a Profit

This week practically wound up the 1933 peach season. Demand at Candor was low and the market dull. Elberta bushels in carload lots brought 80 to 85 cents, Georgia Belles 55 to 60 cents. Two hundred and sixty-three cars moved out of North Carolina the first three days of this week, making a total for the season up to Wednesday of 629 car lots. A large percentage of the crop this year was moved by truck, however.

A few local growers report to The Pilot that they made some money on the 1933 crop. Others broke even, a few lost money. The fruit was of high quality but the demand was not as great as hoped for. There is still some local fruit available.

## H. F. SEAWELL JR. WINS YADKIN CLUB EVENT

Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage won the Swatfest, last week's Yadkin Club tournament on the Pinehurst Country Club course, surviving the ordeal to the 14th hole. Others in order were Vail, J. Bowman, Whitney, Currie, Ferree, McCaskill, Dupont, Symington, Scott, Black, E. Bowman, Hagood and Adcox.

## Dr. McBrayer Sponsored Resolution Last March for Nine Months School Here

### In Thick of Fight



MAYOR D. G. STUTZ

Mayor Stutz, Chairman Herr and Secretary Chandler of School Board Answer Arguments

### SET FORTH FACTS, FIGURES

That Dr. L. B. McBrayer, one of the opponents of the nine month school term in Southern Pines, himself sponsored a resolution urging the General Assembly to authorize a special tax to continue such a term as recently as March of this year is the salient point brought out in a communication received by The Pilot this week.

The communication, signed by Mayor D. G. Stutz, Chairman George G. Herr of the School Board, and Ralph L. Chandler, secretary of the board, terms statements made in the press last week by Dr. McBrayer "misleading and do not present the facts," and endeavors to present to those who will vote at next Wednesday's referendum the true situation as it exists in regard to the local schools.

The statement reads: On the 7th of March, 1933, Doctor L. B. McBrayer wrote the following resolution, which was submitted to the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce by the committee of which Doctor McBrayer was a member and Mr. P. Frank Buchan was chairman, and which was unanimously adopted by the Chamber:

"WHEREAS, Southern Pines special school district is composed of a large extent of citizens that have moved here from other states, and are able to and do not object to paying additional special taxes for schools, and WHEREAS, many families spend the winter here who patronize our schools and add much to the taxable value of our property, and WHEREAS, for these and other reasons we are desirous of maintaining our school at or above present standards,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we request our Representative and Senators in the General Assembly to . . . provide that the Southern Pines school district be authorized to levy a special tax to continue a nine months school of present standard or better, and add such additions to our equipment as may seem desirable to us."

(Signed: P. Frank Buchan, Chairman, Walter Gilyson, Rev. J. Fred Stimson, D. D. S. Cameron and DR. L. B. McBRAYER.)

To judge from his letter published in the last number of The Pilot, Doctor McBrayer has changed his mind since last March. Why?

The statements made in the Doctor's letter are very misleading, and do not present the facts. From what he says, one would infer that the State intends to appropriate as much money for an eight months school next year as the total amount expended for nine months school last year; and that, in consequence, \$2,000.00 more would give us a nine months school. This would be very, very nice; but it is not true.

### The Actual Costs

Actually, the total cost of Southern Pines schools, white and colored, was \$31,158.46, which is not far from Doctor McBrayer's figures: BUT, the State paid only \$16,917.05 of this sum, and the school district paid, from local taxes, \$14,241.41 (\$4,614.35 to supplement the State's allowance for six months, and \$9,627.06 to pay for the additional three months of the nine months term.)

Now, for the coming year, the State proposes to pay, for an eight months term, LESS than the State paid last year toward the six months term. That is, if we depend on the State alone, we shall have about \$16,000.00 IN ALL, to operate schools which cost, last year, \$31,999.64.

Again, Doctor McBrayer figures the yield of the proposed special tax of 30c on the hundred dollars upon the assessed valuation of 1932. He forgets that the assessed valuation of the county was reduced by 20 percent this year: so that now, instead of the \$5,521,581.00 he speaks of, the assessed value is only \$4,400,000. Allowing for the shrinkage which invariably occurs, a 30c tax cannot be expected to yield

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## SHOULD NOT VOTE ADDITIONAL TAX, SAYS McBRAYER

Can Get Better Teachers for Less Money, He Says in Discussing School Question

We should not vote a 30c tax, says Dr. L. B. McBrayer in a statement to The Pilot, for the following reasons:

Because the proponents will not come out in the open and tell us in detail what they intend to do with this large amount of money.

Because many of the statements made by proponents are misleading and are not based on facts. Because the Negroes have been led to believe, so I am informed, that they will not pay any of the 30c tax, but will get the advantage of a nine months school, while the opposite is true. The Negroes will pay the 30c tax on any realty or personal property they may own and will only get an eight months school, judged by last year. This the State will furnish them without any tax on property.

It is reported that a village about a mile from the school house has been promised that their children will be carried to and from school on a bus. The State will run the eight months school and pay all expenses connected therewith. A law passed by the last legislature, see section 28 of the School law provides for "the transportation of all school children who live more than two miles from the school house by the nearest traveled route." Our School Committee could not if they would transport the children within the two mile limit, and I am sure they would not attempt to repeal or set at naught a law passed by our General Assembly.

Section 26 of the School law passed by the last General Assembly says: That from and after May 1, 1933 the control and management of all facilities for the transportation of school

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## LINDSEY SHEPARD OF PINEBLUFF DIES SUDDENLY

Lindsey R. Shepard, prominent and popular young man of Pinebluff, died suddenly last Saturday night. Though ill for several months his death came as a great surprise and shock to his many friends in Pinebluff and throughout the section. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard had made their home in Pinebluff the past two years, during which time Mr. Shepard has been U. S. Mail messenger between Aberdeen and Pinehurst and, in the winter season, a member of the staff of the Sandhills Daily News.

He is survived by his wife, his parent, Mr. and Mrs. Green S. Shepard of Rockingham two brothers and three sisters. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the home of the parents in Rockingham and were largely attended by a host of saddened friends.