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VASS BANK, PAGE ROBBERY, MURDER CASES, DOCKETED

Important Trials Scheduled for Superior Court at Carthage Next Week

JUDGE STACK PRESIDES

Several cases of more than ordinary interest are scheduled for trial in Superior Court in Moore county next week, which will convene on Monday with Judge A. M. Stack of Monroe presiding. Turner Cameron and Tom Douglas, white men of the Cameron section, charged with the murder of a neighbor, Leonard Cameron, will be tried for one of the most brutal deeds that has been committed in the county in recent years; J. P. Ewing, member of a prominent family of Fayetteville, and John Butler will be heard in connection with the robbery of the Page Trust Company's bank at Aberdeen, and J. A. Keith, D. A. McLaughlin, J. H. Gardner, A. D. McLaughlin and P. L. Gardner, officers and directors of the closed Bank of Vass, are scheduled to be tried on charges of violating the banking laws.

Three murder cases in addition to the one named above are on the docket. The defendants in these are Jake Klutz, white, of Salisbury, charged with killing a colored man with his automobile; Edgar Garner and Ernie Sheffield, white, charged with the murder of a Sheffield boy who was killed when the automobile in which the three were riding was wrecked, and Obia Godwin, colored, who is alleged to have fatally shot Pete Harrington at a colored road house between Southern Pines and Aberdeen.

The Allen case, in which Mrs. Allen and several of her children of Lakeview will answer charges of assaulting P. L. Gardner and J. H. Gardner with deadly weapons, and numerous other cases of less interest are included in the list.

Tax Sale Next Month, County Board Votes

Commissioners Offer Reward for Capture of Cal Wortham, Accused of Shooting Woman

The Board of County Commissioners in regular session on Monday of this week ordered the tax collector to sell on the first Monday in September the real estate of all taxpayers in the county who are delinquent for 1932 taxes, and to advertise said property for four weeks during the month of August immediately preceding the sale.

A reward of \$25 for the arrest of Cal Wortham, colored, was authorized by the board upon condition that the town of Southern Pines offer a like amount, which the local board has authorized. Wortham, said to be a dangerous character, is wanted for the shooting some three weeks ago of Stella Murchison, a colored woman, in West Southern Pines. Wortham is reported to have made a number of threats against the woman's father and family.

Two constables were appointed by the commissioners, R. L. Pratt, Jackson Springs Camp, for Mineral Springs township, and A. R. Laubscher, Vass, for McNeill township, each officer being required to post bond in the sum of \$250, same to be approved by the board.

It was ordered that the Board recommend to the State Highway Commission that the following roads be placed in the State system: The county road leading from Route 74 to Glendon and Harpor's Cross Roads; the county road leading from Route 75 through Cameron to Spout Springs connecting with the highway to Fayetteville from Sanford; the county road from Carthage through Vass to Manchester. It was also decided to recommend the completion of Route 64 from McConnell through Highfalls and the building of a bridge across Deep River, the hard surfacing of Route 75 from Route 50 through Carthage Route 70 at Pinehurst, and the hard surfacing of Route 1 from Aberdeen to the Richmond county line.

W. T. Jackson and J. B. Ritter were granted license to sell beer in Hemp. On account of his being a disabled Spanish American War veteran, W. C. Marlin was granted a peddler's license for Moore county without charge.

Noel Laing, Noted Steeplechase Rider, to School Race Horses Here

Southern Pines to be Headquarters for Training Racing Mounts During Winter Months

NOTED STABLES COMING

Noel Laing, who was riding his father's horses before he grew out of short trousers and has become one of America's leading steeplechase riders, is to make his headquarters for the schooling of thoroughbred hunters and steeplechasers in Southern Pines this winter. He will share the stables on Weymouth Heights which his father, William A. Laing, of Amisville, Virginia, has operated for many years.

Young Laing will bring down a string of horses to winter here. Among them will be famous mounts from the stables of Mrs. T. A. Somerville in Virginia. It was one of Mrs. Somerville's steeplechasers, Trouble Maker, which Laing rode in the Grand National at Aintree, England, last spring, being one of the few Americans to finish the toughest steeplechase course in the world. He will also school here a steeplechase horse recently acquired by Mrs. Verner Z. Reed, Jr., of Pinehurst and Newport, R. I., a new comer to the racing game. Other horses which Mr. Laing will train include a string from the stables of Thomas Gay, of Richmond, Virginia.

The Southern Pines country has been found ideal for the schooling of race horses and hunters, as exemplified by the success of Trouble Maker, trained here before its great success in capturing the Maryland Hunt Cup at Baltimore two years ago in what was, up to then, record time. Other horses schooled here have won important races elsewhere, the Carolina Cup at Camden, S. C., among them. The establishment of headquarters here by Laing will in all probability lead to the coming of other training stables and the further development of this immediate section as a horse center.

William A. Laing will again have a string of hunters here this winter for the use of those who ride to hounds with the various packs of the section. A large number of private owners have reserved stalls for their mounts at The Paddock for the winter, and the prospects appear bright for one of the best seasons, from the equestrian standpoint, in many years.

Struthers Burt Fights For New National Park

Witness Before Senate Committee on Rockefeller Plan to Convert Jackson Hole

Struthers Burt, author and dude rancher, testified before a Senate land committee today that he approved the Rockefeller plan to convert the famed Jackson Hole of Wyoming into a national park, says an Associated Press despatch from Jackson, Wyoming, under date of August 7th.

Mr. Burt said he had lived in Jackson Hole for twenty-five years and he sold his own Bar B. C. ranch to Mr. Rockefeller to be added to the park. "I felt I had a moral obligation to do my part," he said.

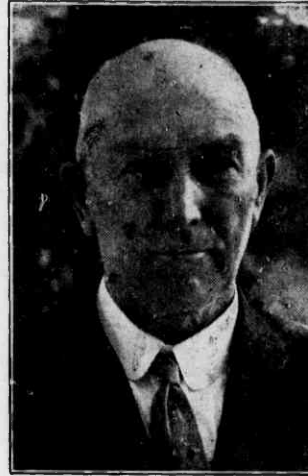
The first witness called in the investigation of the controversy over the Jackson Hole park extension, Mr. Burt said he had never heard of the unfair methods which some settlers in the Hole asserted were used by Rockefeller interests to gain control of deeded land.

For an hour he discussed with members of the Senate Land Committee's subcommittee on Western lands the Rockefeller plan and the history of Jackson Hole for the last twenty-five years. He was questioned by Senator Gerald P. Nye, Republican, of North Dakota, chairman of the committee.

The author testified he had never heard of any discussion concerning a monopoly of the dude ranch business as a motive for the park extension. He said it was the object of a group of ranchers in the northern Jackson Hole country, as far back as 1916, to keep the region a "primitive wilderness" as Rockefeller proposed.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., revealed his plans six years ago and announced he would purchase more than 90,000 acres of deeded land and turn it over to the government to be used as an extension of Yellowstone National Park. He has spent more than \$1,000,000 in buying lands since that time.

Employment Head



M. C. McDONALD

OFFICE TO ENROLL UNEMPLOYED TO OPEN IN CARTHAGE

Advisory Committee for Moore County Named to Supervise Federal Aid Projects Here

M. C. McDONALD CHAIRMAN

An office will be opened in Carthage today, Friday, for the enrollment of unemployed desiring work on federal aid jobs in Moore county under contract. Inquiry may be made at the time was announced this week. James Davis of Carthage will be in charge of the office, which will be located either in the Courthouse or the fire house, it is understood. The definite location had not been decided upon yesterday, but inquiry may be made at the Courthouse by those desiring to list their names for work.

At the request of State authorities an advisory committee was named this week to supervise employment of federal aid projects in Moore county, M. C. McDonald of West End, former county commissioner, is chairman, the other members being Chairman of the County Commission Wilbur H. Currie, Mayor J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen, Howard Burns, city clerk of Southern Pines, Edgar Brown of Hemp and L. B. McKeithen of Cameron. This committee met at the Courthouse for organization purposes, electing Mr. McDonald chairman at that time.

Among the first projects for which local labor will be employed is the paving of U. S. Highway No. 1 from Aberdeen to Hoffman, the contract for which is expected to be let next week. All men out of work and desiring jobs must enroll at this new office to be eligible for employment under federal aid.

MR. CHEATHAM CALLS FOR NEW DEAL IN TEMPERANCE

"The Lord preached temperance but not prohibition," the Rev. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst told members of the Kiwanis Club at their meeting in Aberdeen Wednesday. No law can be enforced without public sentiment behind it. It is not right for a small minority to obstruct the will of the majority," he said.

Prohibition has not solved the liquor problem, Mr. Cheatham stated. The results hoped for in the passage of the 18th amendment did not materialize, and the issue must be tackled again and more constructively. The solution lies in education for temperance rather than in prohibition, and will be solved by "the overwhelming body of reasonable national opinion in America," not by extremists who cannot look at the proposition sanely.

Mr. Cheatham bemoaned the contempt for law which has grown since the amendment, the accumulation of money by unscrupulous devotees of the underworld. He read from "The Christian Century," an active dry paper, its acknowledgment of the defeat of prohibition, its call for temperance to supplant it.

"Give the people their freedom, but educate them to use their liberty temperately."

U. S. SPENDS \$50,000 FOR RELIEF HERE IN TEN MONTHS

State Authorizes Discontinuance of All Work Relief Projects from Now On

NEW PAY RATE TOO HIGH

The Federal Government has expended \$50,000.00 in Moore county since last October for relief purposes, reports William V. Carter, Jr., of the County Relief office. The largest sum received during any one month was \$7,000.00, the smallest amount being \$2,400.00 in July.

Allocations from the Governor's Office of Relief in Raleigh to Moore County Relief covering a period of ten months are as follows:

October, \$3,200.00; November, \$3,775.00; December, \$4,050.00; January, \$6,500.00; February, \$7,000.00; March, \$7,000.00; April, \$7,000.00; May, \$6,000.00; June, \$3,060.00; July, \$2,400.00; Total, \$49,985.00.

"We have a total of 3,958 cards on file in the county," says Mr. Carter. This does not represent the present active case load, but the total number of cases on file totalled at the end of ten months. Of this number 3,411 case cards are on file showing the amount of food, clothing, medicine, hospitalization, etc., rendered each case through work relief or direct relief or both. The balance of the cards, 547 have been recorded, but these have not received aid. This does not represent the total number of persons turned down but probable cases."

Cases on file by districts for July follow:

Aberdeen, 462; Cameron, 230; Carthage, 488; Eagle Springs, 331; Eureka, 200; Glendon, 164; Hemp, 150; High Falls, 255; Jackson Springs, 81; Needham's Grove, 21; Niagara, 76; Pinebluff No. 1, Pinebluff No. 2, 142; Pinehurst, 248; Southern Pines, 375; Spies, 405; Vass, 188; West End, 142. Total, 3,958.

Emergency Federal Relief funds spent in each local district of the county were as follows:

Spies, \$2,356.69; Carthage, \$5,324.90; Needham's Grove, \$670.56; Eagle Springs, \$2,808.24; Glendon, \$1,497.52; Cameron, \$2,194.54; High Falls, \$1,928.08; Eureka, \$2,203.59; Niagara, \$1,501.80; Vass, \$1,973.94; Southern Pines, 4,694.83; Jackson Springs, \$1,396.10; Pinehurst, \$4,885.35; West End, \$1,355.56; Aberdeen, \$977.71; Pinebluff No. 1, Pinebluff No. 2, \$566.80; Hemp, \$1,367.58; Hemp and Spies, \$95.00; total, \$44,237.09.

Mr. Carter reports a balance on hand of \$80.30.

No More Work Relief

Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Emergency Relief Administrator, has issued the following regulations applying to relief work in the country at large.

On and after August 1, 1933, no one and local relief administrations may not employ any persons under sixteen years of age on work relief projects.

Ranges of pay—On and after August 1, grants made under the Federal Emergency Relief Act of 1933 can be used in paying work relief wages only at or above thirty cents an hour. The local prevailing rate of pay for the type of work performed should be paid if it is in excess of 30 cents per hour.

On and after August 1, 1933, no one employed on a work relief project shall be allowed to work more than eight hours in any one day, nor more than thirty-five hours in any one week (or one hundred and fifty hours in any one month) if the work involved is physical labor.

In acting upon the above regulations, Ronald B. Wilson, Acting Director of Relief for the State of North Carolina, issued the following in-

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INFIELD THROWING STUNT FOR BASEBALL FIELD DAY

Charlie Picquet yesterday announced a new stunt for Baseball Field Day on September 4th, infield throwing against time. Regular infields of the league will compete. The ball will be thrown from catcher to shortstop, shortstop to first base, first to second, second to third and third to pitcher. The League team making the best time wins a special prize.

Southern Pines District Votes in Month School by Overwhelming Majority

Thanks Voters

Southern Pines School Board Pleased with Expression of Confidence at Polls

In a statement issued yesterday to the press, addressed to "Our Friends in the Southern Pines School District," the School Board says:

"The overwhelming vote in favor of the nine months school is an expression by the people of this community in favor of the longer term. It means first and foremost that you are determined the children shall have a fair deal and a new deal and that no one will be permitted to tear down a structure that has taken years of conscientious effort to build up. It shows that children are loved in this community, and wanted here.

"The school Board feels that this great outpouring of voters to support them is a fine testimonial of the people's confidence in its board. The Board wishes to thank each and every one who gave of his time, means and efforts so unsparingly in bringing about the splendid victory. Never have we seen our people so united in a common cause and we are happy beyond words.

"The Board pledges itself to operate the schools economically, always with the welfare of the children as the uppermost thought and consideration. Again we thank everyone who so kindly helped us and we are deeply grateful, grateful beyond expression."

-SOUTHERN PINES SCHOOL BOARD-

George G. Herr, D. D. S., Chairman
Ralph L. Chandler,
Mrs. J. S. Milliken,
Frank Maples,
E. Levis Prizer, M. D.

U. S. N. 1 PAVING FROM ABERDEEN SOUTH APPROVED

Stretch as Far as Hoffman to Be Paved With Sand Asphalt at Once

The stretch of U. S. Highway No. 1 from Aberdeen south which civic organizations of the Sandhills have been pleading for years to have paved is on the first list of approved projects released during the past week by the State Highway Commission. It will be a federal aid job and will be started as soon as the contract can be let. The paving will be sand asphalt and for the present will extend from Aberdeen only as far as Hoffman. This will leave a stretch from Hoffman to Rockingham which needs paving but which has been improved more recently than the Aberdeen-Hoffman mileage.

Moore county was granted another project in the first approved list. The road from Hemp to the junction of federal aid route 26 located on federal aid route 124 is to be surface treated.

It is understood that the road from Carthage to its intersection with U. S. Highway No. 1 between Sanford and Cameron will be among the projects soon to be approved, giving Moore county a fair share of the federal aid highway money allotted to North Carolina and providing employment for many idle hands.

No report has been heard from Southern Pines' application to extend Broad street to U. S. No. 1 north of town to divert traffic through the business section but the Highway Commission is understood to look with favor on the plan.

NEW BOOK BY BION BUTLER TO BE PUBLISHED SOON

A forthcoming publication from the pen of Bion H. Butler, editor of The Pilot, is announced in the advertising columns this week. Mr. Butler has recently completed a veritable "History of the Sandhills" in his volume, "Old Bethesda," to be published by Grosset & Dunlop, with a limited de luxe edition of fifty copies to be followed by a popular edition.

Five Hundred Twenty-Three of 674 Registered Favor Local Supplemental Tax

ONLY 78 "NO" BALLOTS

Residents of the Southern Pines School District registered their approval of the continuance of a nine months school in Southern Pines by an overwhelming majority in the special election held on Wednesday of this week.

Of the registration of 674, 523 expressed themselves in favor of a local supplemental tax to provide the additional month of schooling. Only 78 voted against the supplement, 73 of the registrants failing to cast their ballots. The polls were open from sun-up to sun-down.

The size of the majority came as a great surprise to a large number of people. So bitter was the campaign waged prior to the referendum that a much closer vote was expected, and there were not a few who predicted the defeat of the extended term.

The Southern Pines schools will continue to operate for the full nine months, thereby continuing their status as fully accredited institutions. The vote authorizes a supplemental tax of not to exceed 30 cents on the hundred dollar valuation for the additional month over the State-supported eight months, for the supplementing of teachers' salaries over and above the State limits, the engaging of additional teachers where necessary, the supplementing of salaries for bus drivers, the continuance of a school superintendent, and adequate funds for providing cleanliness, sanitation and heat in the schools throughout the school year. It continues the operation of the schools in the hands of the local School Board.

In a statement to The Pilot the board promises to use every effort to operate the schools economically but without sacrificing the welfare of the children. It is hoped that the full 30 cent tax will not be necessary to provide the funds needed.

Though no announcement has been made to the effect, it is believed probable that Frank T. Webster will return as superintendent here, and that members of the present faculty will be re-elected as a body for the forthcoming year.

At the polls on Wednesday former Sheriff D. Al Blue acted as registrar and S. B. Richardson and A. S. Ruggles as poll holders. The vote was canvassed in the office of City Clerk Howard Burns and the result known early Wednesday night.

Many More Sign NRA Code Through Sandhills

Long List in Aberdeen After Merchants Meet.—Southern Pines Meeting Tuesday

Signing up of the NRA code continues throughout the Sandhill section, many more business houses showing the eagle in their windows this week than last.

At a meeting in Southern Pines Tuesday afternoon plans for a 100 percent sign-up here were made. A cooperative spirit was manifested by those present, though it was apparent that many did not understand the provisions of the code. Another meeting will be held next Tuesday afternoon at the City Clerk's office.

At a meeting of the committee appointed by the merchants of Aberdeen the N. R. A. code was unanimously adopted and practically all merchants and business houses pledged their support in seeing that its rules are carried out.

Furniture and hardware stores opened at 8 o'clock and closed at 5. On Saturdays they will remain open until 9 o'clock. Grocery stores will open at 8 and close at 6, except Saturdays when they will remain open until 9 o'clock; dry goods stores will open at 8:30 and close at 5:30 except Saturdays when they remain open until 9:30; drug stores and filling stations

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