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SOUTHERN PINES PAYS OUT \$31,000 IN THREE MONTHS

Sum Includes \$15,000 in Principal on Bonded Indebtedness, \$16,007 in Interest

PAYMENTS ANTICIPATED

In the past three months, or from May 15, 1933 to August 15, 1933, the town of Southern Pines has paid out on its indebtedness \$31,007.50. The detail of this reduction of principal and interest is indicated by the following table:

	Int.	Prin.	Total
May 15	\$2,411.25	\$1,000	\$3,411.25
June 13	3,036.25	5,000	8,036.25
July 15	3,210.00	4,000	7,210.00
Aug. 9	7,350.00	5,000	12,350.00

Total ...\$16,007.50 \$15,000 \$31,007.50

All of these sums, which except for a small payment of \$240 to the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company of Winston-Salem, are paid in New York, have been paid from two to three weeks before coming due. This is done to save the taxpayers commissions, amounting to a fourth of one per cent on interest payments and an eighth of one per cent on bonds. This not only saves the commissions, but it indicates the condition of the town treasury when payments are made in advance of maturity, which materially strengthens the New York regard for the credit of the town.

Southern Pines has paid out of its fiscal year July 1, 1932 and ending treasury since the beginning of the June 30, 1933 \$19,000 in retirement of bonds and \$34,260 in interest, a grand total of \$53,260 to date.

In addition to this the Town Treasurer has purchased \$5,000 in town bonds at a price of \$3,586.80, a saving to the tax payers in this particular instance \$1,413.20. These bonds which are not yet due were bought with funds from the serial bonds sinking fund and are held by the City Treasurer.

The bonded indebtedness of the town June 30, 1932 was \$584,000, a year later on June 30, 1933 it was 565,000. Bonds retired during the year in the sum of \$19,000 accounts for this difference.

Howard Burns, clerk and treasurer, says the financial situation is in good shape, as the figures indicate. The property valuation as assessed for taxation is \$3,071,355. By virtue of recent legislation in reduction of taxes and valuations the taxpayer will have a smaller burden on his shoulders this year. The reduction in debt will also be felt in the reduction of interest payments.

Prof. William A. Miller Dies at His Home Here

Resident of Southern Pines Ten Years Passes Away After Long Illness

Professor William A. Miller passed away in his home on Vermont avenue, Southern Pines at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning following a long illness. Mr. Miller was born in Texas Valley, Cortlandt county, New York on October 16, 1854, and following his retirement from the public schools of Matawan, N. J., came to Southern Pines in 1923 and built a comfortable home here in 1930.

Funeral services will be held in his late home at five o'clock this Friday, afternoon, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson officiating. The body, accompanied by Mrs. Miller, who will go north this evening. Interment with Masonic ceremonies will be in the old historic Tenent Church yard, Freehold, N. J.

Dr. Miller was the son of George Miller and Lucinda Woodward Miller. He leaves, besides his widow, a sister, Lillian and three brothers, Dr. Albert Miller, Edward Miller and Merritt Miller.

ADDING TO RESIDENCE

W. C. Fownes, Jr., of Pittsburgh is adding a sun parlor to his home on the Midland Road in Knollwood. The work is being done by contractors from Pittsburgh.

Water Wagon Licked

Merchant's Resolve to Abstain Upset When Hill Billy's Alfalfa Disappears

Tom Kelly tells the story. A Broad street business man was in "Doc" Mudgett's office getting ironed out for something. A whiskered patriarch from the sticks came in, and while the merchant was recuperating "Doc" gave the "hillbilly" the once-over, including everything. The two started out together each with a prescription in his hand and some sound advice in his head.

The business man was not wholly satisfied.

"Doc," he said, "you rub it in too hard on me, and let this old freak off too easy," pointing to the brother from the sticks. "You say I have to stay on the water wagon. Now, I'll do that if you give old Santa Claus another prescription to Alex Fields' shop requiring that ball of moss to be mowed off of his chin."

"Doc" added another prescription, and the merchant went away happy, for he didn't believe the whiskers would be harvested. But Tom Kelley says the old tyke with the face spinach is a kindly old gazebo, and he figured that if he could do something to help "Doc" relieve the ailing business man it would be a neighborly job. He went down to Alex Fields' barber works and had the prescription filled. Then he came up to the merchant's store.

"You dadgasted old son-of-a-gun," said the merchant. "I told the fellows I was to look not on wine when it was red in the cup as long as you remained unshorn, and now you bust up the whole future. May the Lord have no more mercy on your concatenated old hide."

TOBACCO HARVEST NOW UNDER WAY IN SANDHILL BELT

Better Prices Looked For From Good Local Crop Than Prevail on Border Markets

Tobacco harvest has commenced in earnest in the Moore county belt, with a crop that seems to be turning off a type of leaf of excellent quality. From the ground up the general average is above the usual, with weather rather satisfactory for the harvest. The farmers appear pretty well pleased with the crop, although prices as indicated in the South Carolina markets are not wholly to their liking. The figures as reported from that section indicate from twelve to fifteen cents, which some look on as fairly satisfactory for the early sales, but which others criticize. It is said that the type of leaf down that way is not as good as up here, and tobacco men express the opinion that the Moore and Hoke county crop on the home market will be awarded a higher price than that quoted from the border markets.

Corn never looked better than it does this summer. A good crop of ears and fodder is showing in all directions. Pea vines and soja beans are also highly promising. The sweet potato outlook is for an abundant yield. Garden crops are right gratifying as a rule although the dry summer had a bad effect on things that were coming on before the rains of a few weeks ago set in. A generous tomato crop is seen almost every place. Scuppernongs are doing all they can to encourage the man who expects to vote for the repeal of the prohibition amendment. The late melon crop is good. Late gardens give much promise if nothing comes up to interfere.

MILTON MARLOWE CORBETT DIES ON HIS 2D BIRTHDAY

On August 10 death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Corbett, near Carthage, carrying their little son, Milton Marlowe away. He died on his birthday at the age of two years. The funeral was conducted at Caldee Church Friday at 11 o'clock by the Rev. E. L. Barber of Aberdeen.

EWING NOT GUILTY IN PAGE TRUST CO. HOLDUP, SAYS JURY

Member of Prominent Fayetteville Family Freed After Trial in Superior Court

BANK HELD-UP FEB. 3d

J. P. Ewing, member of a prominent Fayetteville family, was on Wednesday acquitted of a charge of robbery with fire arms in connection with the hold-up of the Page Trust Company in Aberdeen. The case consumed all of Tuesday and Wednesday, reaching the jury about 4:30 p. m., and the verdict of not guilty was returned a little more than an hour later. Ewing, who did not go on the stand, was represented by Attorneys Russell Clegg of Carthage, J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen and Q. K. Nimocks of Fayetteville.

The sensational hold-up occurred on last February 3 when two men walked into the bank and with drawn pistol compelled Francis Pleasants, bank employee, to lie down on the floor while one of the two went into the vault and stuffed the paper money available into a bag. The men then dashed to a waiting car and sped away with a third man at the wheel.

The State sought to show that Ewing was the driver of the car and that while not committing the actual robbery was an aider and abettor, which under the law is classed as a principal and punishable as such. He was identified as the driver by Emmett Staton of Marshville, who was standing on a street corner adjacent to the bank waiting for a ride and saw the car pass four times, and by Gene Thompson of Ashley Heights.

Owned Car, State Said

The State offered evidence tending to show that the car used in the robbery was the same as a car alleged to have been owned by Ewing that was left in the back yard of Ewing's friend, John Butler, in Fayetteville on Saturday night, February 4, and that Ewing left that night for Detroit, where he was arrested a few days later when he attempted to pass a piece of currency with the serial number of a bill stolen from the bank.

Introduced as evidence was \$73 in paper money which officers procured from a woman in Detroit who said that it was money paid to her by Ewing. Some of the bills were ragged and were alleged to be similar to money taken from the bank which had been fixed up to be sent to the treasury to be exchanged for new currency.

The defense offered witnesses who testified that they were acquainted with Ewing and that he was not the driver of the car and was not an occupant of the car. Prominent Cumberland county men testified as to the defendant's good character. With Ewing throughout the trial were his mother, a sister, a brother and a sister-in-law.

The jury that acquitted Ewing was composed of E. W. Bost, A. L. Brown, R. F. Lemons, B. C. Northcutt, Jesse Oldham, Alton Richardson, Tom E. Short, Baxter Smith, Claud Thomas, J. L. Fields, A. H. Havis and J. A. Stutts.

Ewing was brought to trial last May, but the jury disagreed and a mistrial was ordered. He had since been held in jail in Carthage. John Butler was indicted an accessory after the fact of the robbery, but no other arrests have been made.

CAMERON-DOUGLAS MURDER CASE ON AT COURTHOUSE

Judge A. M. Slack on Monday ordered a special venire of seventy-five men to serve as jurors on the murder case in which Turner Cameron and Tom Douglas of Cameron are defendants. This special venire was ordered to appear at the courthouse at two o'clock Wednesday, but at adjournment of court on Tuesday all witnesses were excused except those connected with the Ewing case, for appearance after disposition of that case.

The Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen will have a picnic and baseball meeting at Watson's Lake on August 30th.

Aberdeen Lake, With New Dam Built by Popular Subscription, Ready for Bathers of Sandhills

Work of Beautifying Shore, Started Last March, Completed at Cost of \$3,000

FACILITIES FOR ALL AGES

In Aberdeen a broad, beautiful expanse of water has replaced a spread of mud and roots. Since last January, when the dam broke and left nothing of the lake but an ugly bottom and a trickle of water, the place has been the eye-sore of the Sandhills. Today the lake is flowing over a strong new dam, and a bigger and better bathing beach is ready for immediate use.

Work was started on the beach in March, before funds for building the dam were available, and since that time the work has progressed steadily. The building of the beach necessitated the removal of a small knoll and untold quantities of muck and mud, and replacing these with a thousand loads of sand. Two bridges were built on the approaches to the lake, and two 50-year-old houses on the shore were removed. Trash and debris of long standing have been removed, and the entire place has undergone a process of complete renovation.

The beach is for young and old. For the very small children a one-half acre area is from ten to fourteen inches deep, with a small tower in the center. For the slightly older ones who are potential swimmers a stand has been built in two feet of water. For the swimmers there is a large tower and spring-board in seven feet of water. The entire beach is isolated by strong posts.

Aberdeen Justly Proud

The completed project is something of which Aberdeen is justly proud. Much of the credit should go to H. W. Doub, president of the Aberdeen Good Fellows Club. Under his ultimate supervision some 300 unemployed have been worked for seven months, and a total of \$3,000 has been expended for labor and materials on a beach and dam that couldn't have been built in normal times for less than \$5,000. Funds were raised by popular subscription, residents of other Sandhills towns as well as Aberdeen contributing. Among those intensely interested in the project, and a generous donor, was W. C. Fownes, Jr., of Pinehurst. Hundreds have given of their means, from small boys and girls carrying pennies to checks for upwards of \$100.

U. S. No. 1 Association To Meet Next Week

To Discuss Improvements and Advertising and Elect Officers at Sanford

U. S. Highway No. 1 Association, of which Theo Barrow of Sanford is president and Shields Cameron of Southern Pines secretary, will hold its annual meeting in Sanford next week, the 23rd to be exact. Officers and directors for the next fiscal year will be elected.

Among the subjects to be discussed will be the prompt paving of the stretch from Aberdeen to Hoffman, a project approved by U. S. and State authorities but understood to be temporarily held up. At least it was not on the most recent list for immediate construction, though one Moore county job was, the surface treating of the road from Hemp to the junction of federal aid route No. 26. A despatch from Raleigh says permission to construct the Aberdeen-Hoffman stretch "is expected soon, after straightening out of details."

THANKS COMMITTEE

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce at Tuesday's meeting voted to discharge the committee in charge of the campaign for the nine months school here, with a vote of thanks.

Careless Bride

First Customers at New Sandwich Shop in Aberdeen Furnish Real Excitement

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Batchelor of Aberdeen are wondering whether it's a good omen or a bad one that the first customers in their new Sandwich Shop, alongside the Bobby Burns filling station on Route 1, were a bride and groom.

The couple stopped for a bite. During the conversation that ensued Mr. mentioned the fact that he and Mrs. were married the day before. About two hours after their departure the groom returned, much excited over something. He announced that the bride had left three rings in the ladies' room. Mrs. Batchelor investigated and found the rings, with three large diamonds of considerable value, safely reposing on the washstand where they had been left.

Mr. Bridegroom sank into the nearest chair and called weakly for a cup of black coffee. When he had sufficiently recovered he explained that his wife had not missed the rings until they were entering Rockingham. He drove the 26 miles back to Aberdeen in 22 minutes.

SOUTHERN PINES ON TOP AFTER 2-HIT GAME BY LAWHON

Biggest Crowd of Season Sees Aberdeen Helpless Before Masterful Pitching

With Ed Lawhon twirling two-hit baseball and his mates giving him good support in the pinches, Southern Pines downed the Aberdeen team on Wednesday afternoon before some 1,500 fans surrounding the Southern Pines field in one of the "crucial" games of the Moore County League season. The league lead was at stake.

The final score was 4-1. Southern Pines bunched its seven hits well and finally succeeded in defeating their old nemesis, George Martin.

The locals jumped into a 2-0 lead in the second inning. Tew and Stewart singled and Vann was hit by a pitched ball. With two down Fisher came through with a nice single to center and a pair of runners cantered across the plate.

Aberdeen threatened several times but failed to score except in the sixth. Seven errors behind him and four passes placed Lowhon in difficulty several times, but he bore down and came out of the hole.

In the sixth Ferree walked, Russell advanced him to third with the second hit off Lawhon, and Martin scored him with a long fly to left field.

In the last of this frame Southern Pines scored its other pair of tallies. Stewart led off with a walk. Vann was safe on an error. Fisher hit to the infield and was safe on a fielder's

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Injunction Halts County Tax Sale

Postponement to October Gives Farmers Chance to Sell Their Tobacco First

At the request of a number of taxpayers of the county, Judge G. H. Humber and Herbert Seawell went to Monroe last week and obtained a restraining order signed by Judge A. M. Stack, enjoining the county commissioners and tax collector from selling the land of delinquents for county taxes until further order of the court. The sale will be postponed, it is thought, until in October, thus giving the farmers time to sell their tobacco and other farm crops and procuring money with which to pay their taxes. This will mean a substantial saving in costs.

SCHOOL FACILITIES OFFERED TO OF STATE

Chamber of Commerce Invites Citizens of Raleigh to Avail Themselves of 9-Month Term

RALEIGH PAPER 'INSULTED'

Sincere in its desire to offer the facilities of the Southern Pines School District, one of the few in North Carolina to vote a fully accredited nine months term for the coming school year, to other residents of the state, the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday passed a resolution inviting Raleigh parents to send their children here, at the same time discussing a plan to issue a state-wide invitation of similar purport.

The Raleigh invitation was published on Wednesday morning in the News & Observer. That evening the Raleigh Times made an editorial attack on Southern Pines, taking the invitation as an insult to the citizens of Raleigh in its assumption that the Chamber of Commerce was "rubbing it in" because the Raleigh School Commission had voted down a referendum on the nine months term question. The gist of the article was that Raleigh was an educational leader in the state when Southern Pines was but a pup, and so on.

The Raleigh News & Observer, on the other hand, saw the picture as it was meant to be conveyed by the local body, and The Pilot reprints its article, written by Frank Smethurst of the N. & O's editorial staff.

The people of Southern Pines who voted special taxes for a nine months school and the people of Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh who prefer to worry along with an eight months system, represent two conflicting views of an essentially simple problem. Both groups are moved by an identical purpose—economy.

The people of Charlotte and Greensboro, directly, and the people of Raleigh, indirectly, have said they cannot afford the expense of supplementing the advantages of the State's mediocre uniformity.

Can't Afford Not To

The people of Southern Pines have said they cannot bear the expense of that mediocrity.

Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh have been paying lip service to the theory that education pays.

Southern Pines has demonstrated to its own satisfaction that in practical values it does.

Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh see through a glass darkly but Southern Pines looks education in the face.

Southern Pines, someone will suggest, is moved by conditions peculiar to itself. And it is. But there's scant comfort for the patriotic in those peculiarities. They arise from the fact that the outside world touches Southern Pines more intimately, probably, than any other community in North Carolina.

People from the East and the West and the North have settled there. Some of them merely maintain winter homes thereabouts. Most of them are concerned that the schools provide adequate educational facilities for their children. Once they may have been attracted by climate, by the relative cheapness of the land and living. But the same canny shrewdness that might have been intrigued with cheap land would also turn a cold eye on cheap and inferior schools.

The truth is the people of Southern Pines are measuring schools and school facilities by the present standards of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Most of the other communities of North Carolina are content to tolerate a condition of educational reversion on the doubtful pretext that at least the schools cannot be as bad as they once were.

To Southern Pines, the natives as well as the outsiders who have established interests there, good schools mean money in the pocket. No schools, no winter residents.

To Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh good schools represent a vague investment in the future of children but children are children and the future is far away.