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What Purpose is Served by Annual Sale of Land of Delinquent Taxpayers?

Who Owns the Laud Bid in by County, and What's It All About Anyway?

WHEN 'n' WHERE 'n' WHY?

What purpose is served by Moore county's annual sale of property of delinquent taxpayers?

Who owns the property bid in by the county at these tax sales?

These are questions asked of The Pilot at this time each year. The Pilot frankly admits it can answer them but vaguely.

Let us pick at random a name on this year's delinquent tax list. Tracing this name back we find that it has appeared on the list each year since 1927. This person's property has been sold by the county five times, has been bid in by the county five times, will be sold by the county again this year and again bid in by the county. But it continues to be taxed each year in the name of the person originally advertised. Whose property is it? It is annually sold, but is it bought? The county gets a tax sale certificate for it each year, but continues to tax the original owner.

The Poor Doggie

There is upwards of \$100,000 due on back taxes, property on which the county has tax sale certificates, property taxed and re-taxed year after year, property which is producing no revenue to the county. In many instances the accrued taxes now exceed Proposal To Stage Big Event the value of the property. Who is ever going to reinstate this land to a tax-producing basis? And what's going to become of the county eventually if it isn't reinstated. The list grows each year. More and more land is sold-but not bought-and becomes non-revenue producing. Some time in the sweet bye and bye, if more and mittee in charge was called last Fricounty's little cupboard is going to Air Line officials that certain adver-Mother Hubbard's.

ses go on just the same whether April. somebody's hundred acres becomes non-revenue producing or not. Sometal cards from the Collector.

Sold Out Six Times Lots of people are going to be ad-

Black Ink

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County in Good Shape Finan-cially, Meeting All Payments Due, Says Currie

The most encouraging court ouse news of recent months is that the county is in good shape financially. It has not had to default in a single case, being able to take care of its interest and bonds. A few weeks ago it seemed that it would be necessary to secure a loan of a couple of thousand dollars in anticipation of tax collections, but this has not been necessary, due to the fine response of the people. And as Wilbur H. Currie, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, gave out this information, his smile came near reaching the proportions of a grin. We hear so much of the bad news," he said, "that I think we should let the people know the good.'

WEEK OF APRIL 9 SET FOR DOGWOOD FESTIVAL HERE

Greeted With Enthusiasm in Community

The week of April 9th has been set for the Dogwood Festival to be held in the Spring in Southern Pines.

A hurried meeting of the commore fail to pay their taxes, the day morning on word from Seaboard take on a very close resemblance to tising matter which should contain the definite date was about to go to Of course there's always the State press. Town officials and Chamber of Legislature. Last session the solons at Commerce directors assembled, voted Raleigh voted to cancel all taxes un- to definitely stage the festival next collected prior to 1927. That was a year, and set the date. The Scaboard big help to Mr. and Mrs. Delinquent, was immediately notified and will use but it didn't bring anything in to Mr. its best efforts to interest northerners County Treasurer. And Mr. Prompt in including this event in their iti-Taxpayer has to shoulder the burden nevary when coming north from of the Delinquent family, for expen- Florida and other southern resorts in

Robert Lee Hart is general chairman of the Festival committee and beth has had dry leanings until rebody has to make up the difference. plans to call a meeting in the near cently but has been won over to the The bigger the Delinquent family be- future when plans for the affair will belief that national prohibition has ing over its national activities within comes-and its growing all the time be discussed. As reported in The been a failure and that something a period of nine weeks in March, -the greater the load for those who Pilot last week, special days will be pay up when they get their little pos- set aside for feature events, such as New England Day, Old Slave Day, Bailey and Congressmen Doughton relief operations. Lives lost in those

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WET-DRY FORCES **Mass Meeting Called in Pinehurst** to Vote on Proposed Civic Council ACTIVE AS VOTE **ON REPEAL NEARS** Organization Plan and By-Law To Be Discussed Next Thursday Night

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PINEBLUFF

of Campaign

would without doubt follow the lead

of the 33 states that have so far voted

and go for repeal of the 18th amend-

ment. The anti-repeal folks then got

rate" have been active on the plat-

form. Cameron Morrison, former

Governor and Senator, last week

went on the air and will speak in

other places this week against re-peal. Three leading Republicans,

Jake F. Newell, Charlotte, Senatorial

candidate; Clifford Frazier, Greens-

boro, candidate for Governor, and

Charles A. Jones, Lincolnton, former

congressman and now national com-

mitteeman, have joined the "dry'

forces, despite the record of their

K. Burgess, Raleigh, dry leader, Dr. William Louis Poteat, president eme-

ritus of Wake Forest College, Dr.

Henry Louis Smith, and numbers of

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Before leaving Washington for his

ome in Thomasville this week Con-

gressman Walter Lambeth of this

district announced that he would cast

else must be tried.

Lambeth To Vote

for several generations. Cale

dictions.

party

Issue Goes to Voters Tuesday A mass meeting has been called for After Whirlwind Wind-Up citizens of Pinehurst and community next Thursday night, November 9th RESULT IN N. C. UNCERTAIN at 8 o'clock when the proposal of a group of representative residents of the village to organize a Pinehurst The repeal campaign, getting off to Civic Council is expected to be ratia late and dragging start, now gives fied. The meeting comes as a result promise of running through its last of action taken by a committee comveek with a vituality that apparentprising L. L. Biddle, II, Thomas R. ly could not have been imagined two Cole, T. H. Craig, Raymond Johnson, weeks ago, and the activity adds still F. T. Keating, Lexie Smith, Richard more uncertainty as to the outcome Tufts and Robert E. Denny, held last in North Carolina on November 7. Thursday afternoon in Mr. Denny's Some weeks ago the general imoffice. The movement originated with

pression was that North Carolina the Sandhills Brotherhood of Pinehurst. The above committee was unaninous in recommending to the coming meeting that an organization be perfected in Pinehurst to be known as the Pinehurst Civic Council, that such organization have a membership open to resident and non-resident persons, both men and women, who have sufficient interest in Pinehurst to make application and to pay small annual dues.

The committee further recommencouncil may designate.

of the community desire to make it

Branch Chairmen Named for 1933 For Repeal, He Says **County Roll Call of the Red Cross** Congressman Joins Senators Bailey and Reynolds Against Membership Quotas Allotted **Retention of 13th Amendment** Various Sections; Share of

Funds for Local Use By D. C. Phillips

Every person is familiar with the his vote for repeal at the North Caro- activities of the Red Cross, and most lina election on Tuesday. Mr. Lam- of us realize and appreciate just what it has meant to this county. But look-April and May, Red Cross relief Thus far, Senators Reynolds and workers were engaged in 26 disaster Military Day, etc. Sub-committees and Lambeth are among those who few weeks numbered 420 and 40,000 have come out openly for repeal. families were directly affected. Dur-Postmaster General James A. Farley ing the past year the American Red

Tennis Champion

PILOT



HERBERT D. VAIL

Herbert D. Vail of Pinehurst is the 1933 tennis champion of Moore county. Vail won the singles tournament on the Southern Pines courts ded that the Pinehurst Civic Council last Friday. defeating Richard Sugg be governed by a Board of Councilors of Southern Pines 6-0, 6-1, 6-2. That to be elected by the membership, afternoor Vail and his partner, Cole, lost in u e doubles finals to Edward J. Burns, Carthage and Ten Flowers. Rockingham, after a hard fight-set match for the doubles championship, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. Vail, paired with his sister, Mrs. Richard Tufts, won the mixed doubles from C. Mon-

tesanti week. Thirty players took part in the various events.

JUDGE HUMBER ILL

Judge George H. Humber was ill on Monday of this week and unable to to the type of organization desired meet his weekly appointment with law breakers. S. R. Hoyle, vice-recorder, had charge of the court.

> **Vote Tuesday** Polling Places Open for Repeal **Referendum from Sun-up**

Polling places throughout the county will be open on Tuesday from sun-up to sundown. If you are on the lists, vote. If not, you can't. The ballots present two propositions: one, for or against the holding of a State convention on repealing the 18th amendment; two, candidates to the State convention if No 1 proposition passes

to Sun-down

FIRST IN NEWS, **CIRCULATION &** ADVERTISING

S of the Sandhill Territory Aliss North Carolina Care University of N. C. FIVE CENTS eeting Called in Pinehurst University of N. C. Market Market Market Strengthered Circle Control University of N. C. Market Market Market Strengthered Circle Control University of N. C. Market Market Market Strengthered Circle Control University of N. C. Market Market Strengthered Circle Control University of N. C. Market Market Strengthered Circle Control University of N. C. Market Strengthered Circle Control University Strengthered Circle Control University Strengthered Circle Control University Circle Control University Strengthered Circle Control Aberdeen and Southern Pines, North Carolina, Friday November 3, 1933.

of School Debt Service Asked

Board of Education Recommends Load Be Equally Distributed Rather Than Districted

ASKS \$200,000 U. S. LOAN

In addition to recommending to the Board of County Commissioners that \$200,000 be borrowed from the federal government for a new school building program, the County Board of Education at a meeting Monday night went on record as favoring the county taking over the school debt service and spreading the load equally over the entire county. At present each district pays in proportion to the debts against that distric.

It is estimated that the uniform rate for this debt service based on a \$20,000,000 valuation, uld be approximately 38 cents. This would mean a great easing of the tax burden for a number of districts now paying heavy special taxes, while for others it would mean an increase.

At present the general county-wide rate for school debts is seven and one half cents. Many of the districts pay much more. Carthage has the highest rate of any district in the county with 871/2 cents Cameron follows with a rate of 82½ cents; West End, 74½; Aberdeen, 72½, Vass-Lakeview, 671/2. So it is clearly seen that these districts would profit much by a uniform rate of approximately 38 cents. On the other hand, the Pinehurst rate is 361/2 cents, Southern Pines

291/2, Eureka and Hallison 171/2. These districts would suffer an increase

The Board of Education passed a esolution recommending to the County Commissioners that loans be secured from the Federal Government on the 30 per cent rebate plan to be used in a building program as follows:

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Eurake, nine rooms and an auditorium	\$20,00 0
	\$20,000
Carthage High School, four rooms	7,000
Carthage, colored, cight rooms and auditorium	20,000
Academy Heights, Pinehurst	
colored, auditorium	6,0 00
Pinehurst, white, improvements	
to old building	6,000
Vass-Lakeview, general	
improvements	5,000
High Falls, twelve rooms and	
auditorium	30,000
Hemp graded school, four	00,000
rooms additional	0.000
	8,000
West End, six rooms	
additional	12,000
Eagle Springs, six rooms	
and auditorium	12,500
Spies or Sign Board, ten rooms	
and auditorium	28,000
Aberdeen colored, twelve	,500
rooms and auditorium	23,000
	20,000
Aberdeen, white, general	

so busy that those who had seen this stated in the repeal column began to question their former belief. Now the repeal forces have shown some life with a counter offensive, even though a sort of one-man war, which causes prophets to tend towards earlier pre-Clyde R. Hoey and Judge E. Yates Webb, two of the "Shelby triumvi-

such councilors to become chairmen of whatever committees the mass meeting may designated and which further experience of the board and subsequent semi-annual meetings of the

The final and principal recommendation of the committee to the mass meeeting was that the meeting designate a committee to draw an organizaion plan and by-laws, that such organization be as flexible as the people

and that the mass meeting to open for the free expression or opinion as

and the proper functions it shall pur-

vertised and sold out this year for the sixth successive time. It would be more but for the nice thing the Legis- McKee To Rest Here lators did for them last session. Oh yes, most of these people still live on the land they've been sold out of five times. That doesn't matter. The New York Candidate and Party county only sold them out. It didn't really buy anything. They still get tax bills each year so it must still be their land. Or if it isn't, nobody knows whose it is.

And then the advertising costs are added each year too, so that piles up election, is coming to Pinehurst when along with the taxes. There are some it's all over-either to celebrate or to net has been enjoying a vacation at 2,500 names on the delinquent tax forget. list this year. They are going to be Taxpayer who does pay up, of course, and possibly Postmaster General In other words, it's YOU,

We don't know just how many York on Thursday night, the 9th, and property owners there are in the be here for ten days of rest and county but we'll venture to estimate golf. Others in the party will be Harthat those 2,500 on the delinquent list ry M. Durning, collector of the port a resolution passed at Wednesday's bluff, 25; Mrs. Leonard Tufts, Pineat least one-third of the total, of New York and McKee's campaign meeting held in the Pinehurst Com- hurst, 200; Mrs. J. S. Milliken, South- W. B. GRAHAM APPOINTED Which leaves two-thirds to pay all. manager; Justice Joseph M. Calla- munity Church, asked that the Board ern Pines, 250; Mrs. R. L. Oldham, And how long it will be before two- han, J. J. Duffy, George Fennell, Leo of County Commissioners defer ac- Vass, 25; Mrs. M. C. McDonald, West thirds becomes half, and so on ad J. Ehrhardt and John Kadel. infinitum, we will leave to better McKee is bucking the Tammany 000,000 for new schools in Moore cand Manor, 25. Highfalls, Glendon pointed by the Democratic Executive statisticians than we are.

It's just as we said in the beginn- Fusion-Republican candidate, Fioring. We are a bit vague on these mat- ella H. LaGuardia, former congressters. We'd appreciate enlightenment. man

After Mayoralty Fight

to Spend Ten Days at Pinehurst

Joseph V. McKee, whose threecornered fight for Mayor of New

York City will end with Tuesday's

advertised next week, for the next York theatrical producer, has been golf Courses of Pinehurst and South- quota branch chairmen for the com- chapter treasurer will, as soon as the four weeks in fact, and the advertis- down this week supervising the open- ern Pines. A number of his aides in ing cost is tacked on to their bills. ing of the Bronx Club at Pinehurst. the Department of Justice were here Shamburger, Aberdeen, 150; Miss to the branch chairman the local Those who don't pay their taxes even Sam is going to dash up to New York with him. They spent one afternoon after seeing their names in the paper Monday night, cast his vote Tuesday at the Southern Pines Country Club ing, Cameron, 25; Mrs. R. L. Sugg, tory of such branch chairman, to be naturally don't pay their share of and come right back down. Mr. Mc- and spoke in high praise of this the advertising, either, so the county Kee and his party, including Edward course as well as those they play- ice, Eagle Springs, 25; Mrs. W. MacC. branch. has to pay that. And the county is the T. Flynn, Bronx Democratic leader ed at Pinehurst.

James A. Farley, will leave New

BOARD ASKED TO POSTPONE

will speak at Raleigh today, Friday, Cross has reached into the homes of platform and repeal the eighteenth amendment. It is expected that the The Red Cross, and the red cross is a very set of the entire house delegation will go to Ra-

leigh to greet Farley.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL PLAYS

Attorney General Homer S. Cummings of President Roosevelt's cabi-

The Magnolia in Pinchurst during the

the club's Public Affairs committee to

at a future meeting.

urging the voters of North Carolina six million families. In Moore county to stand by the national Democratic thousands of people have been aided The Red Cross is a voluntary or-

ganization, and when you join you the responsibility of raising the mem-

do so because you want to, and when bership quota is given. you give relief you give because you want to and not because it is a habit chairmen of the chapter, which con-

Keep the spirit of giving willing.

Headquarters, R. E. Denny, Acting lar or the higher memberships of con- repairs and protection against the Chairman of Moore County Chapter, tributing and sustaining members, is Sam A. Scribner, retired New past week, much of it spent on the announces the following membership retained by the chapter treasurer; the shop to be built according to State munities of the county: Mrs. Frank roll call is copied, immediately remit Jean Addor, Addor, 5; Lucile Lov- quota of funds raised in the terri-Carthage, 100; Mrs. George H. Maur- expended in the territory of such

> Blue, Eureka, 25; Mrs. Edgar Brown, This ruling will require that any Hemp, 75; Rev. D. G. Mathepson, funds expended by the chapter as such Jackson Springs, 25; Mrs. John Mc- must be raised from other sources, from this school, the county board has ACTION ON SCHOOL LOAN Wooley, Manly, 15; Mrs. C. L. Dutton, every community to raise an excel- cipate in this program. The Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen, in Niagara, 10; Mrs. Harold Page, Pine- lent fund for its own local activities.

TO COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

candidate, Mayor O'Brien, and the county for one month, and instarcted and Spies are under Hemp. Committee to fill out the unexpired In many of the above branches, the term of C. C. Jones of Cameron, represtigate the proposal and report branch chairmen have appointed spec- signed, as a member of the county ial roll call chairmen and to these school board.

Those favoring repeal will cast improvements their ballots for Bruce H. Lewis of New Furniture to be distributed where needed Central bus garage Total expenditures not to exceed

The State is setting up the requirement that all counties having housing At a recent meeting of the branch provision for all busses, so the central bus garage allotment of \$5,000 is for LOCAL GOLF COURSES or because you are forced to do so. stitutes the executive committee, it a proposed building in Carthage was ordered that only fifty cents of where all trucks could be assembled With the direction of National each membership, whether of one dol- during the four months vacation for weather. The plan includes a repair specifications, in connection with the storage feature.

5,000

13.000

5,000

\$200,000

None for Southern Pines

The explanation of the fact that no recommendation in regard to the Southern Pines school is included in the list is that Southern Pines has been set us as a separate administrative unit. As no requests have come in assumed that it prefers not to parti-

County Superintendent H. Leo Thomas, who has gone into the matter thoroughly, is of the opinion that the approximate rate of 38 cents would be reduced two and a half cents each W. B. Graham of Vass has been ap- year as the debt would become smaller.

Under the proposed plan, it would not be necessary to begin making

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tion on the proposal to borrow \$20,- End, 25; Mrs. Ada Tabbit, Samar-

Southern Pines; those against for S. H. Miller of Carthage.