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## ADVISORY BOARD TO AID WORK OF RELIEF BODIES

Plan Set in Motion for Efficient  
Management of CWA and  
PWA Projects

### PUBLIC SUPPORT ASKED

By Bion H. Butler

Some little criticism was heard when The Pilot a couple of weeks ago printed a letter from W. V. Carter, Jr. concerning his termination with the county relief work. But the letter had the effect of calling attention to what is about the most striking influence at present in the county, and as a final follow-up Jesse Page, chairman and G. C. Seymour, members of the Advisory Board of the Relief association and the CWA work in the county have informed The Pilot that marked changes in many respects will characterize the administration of the detail of affairs. It is apparent that the situation is about to clarify, and that the mistakes, which have been the logical result of the conditions under which the work was instituted, will be fewer in number as the workers better understand the complicated influences and obstacles that have to be faced.

The Advisory Board, appointed by Mrs. O'Berry, the state head, consists of Jesse Page of Bensalem, Gordon Cameron of Pinehurst, O. B. Welch of Carthage, Mrs. Guthrie of Cameron, Dr. Davis of High Falls, and E. W. Reinecke of Southern Pines, a group of capable citizens, well known and trusted by the people of the county. This committee, appointed by Mrs. O'Berry, and thus given official standing, is to act in official capacity as advisor for the county public relief work.

### Aims of Committee

At a meeting of the committee last Saturday at Carthage Mr. Page and Mr. Seymour were instructed to place before the people of the county some conception of what the relief workers have in contemplation and are trying to do. These two men, representing the full committee, in talking over the situation said they expect to undertake to interest the people much more largely in standing by the work that is outlined, and in making that work as much of a success as government, state and county officials, with the help of all the people, can bring about. They explained that mistakes have been made, that false leads have been followed, that some disappointments have resulted, and that some of the criticism that has been made has been justified, that some has not been based on full information, and that other things might be argued in defense were it the purpose to argue or defend, which is not the case. What the committee has in mind is to correct defects, improve the achievement of the efforts, bring the people to the support of the movement, and to extend the benefits of the projects in every way possible.

This whole thing is a big experiment, an emergency that was created on the briefest notice to meet and overcome the most difficult situation the county has probably ever faced. Quick action was necessary, and the creation of committees and boards from such available material as could be quickly assembled, to work under new laws that had to be made hurriedly, and with material that was wholly new. Nobody knew how to approach the problems that arose, but those problems had to be met, and immediately. So the quick action was undertaken, and with no time for deliberation, and with the chief head at Washington it was not possible to make a smoothly-working machine on a minute's notice. The experiment bumped into some things it did not anticipate and mistakes were certain to be a feature of the effort.

### Advisory Labor Board

To further secure desired results an advisory labor board has been created with M. C. McDonald of West End chairman, J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen, Howard Burns of Southern Pines, Wilbur Currie of Carthage, M. J. Boyette of Carthage, Edgar Brown

## Watch Out for Gangsters in Southern Pines Next Friday

But Don't Be Afraid if You Hear  
Whistling in the Dark  
That Night

Gangsters in the Sandhills? Perhaps not, but patrons of the Sandhills Little Theatre will be surprised at the talent displayed by various prominent citizens of this section as they play the part of New York gunmen in "Whistling in the Dark." This is the initial presentation of the Little Theatre group this season and will take place on Friday and Saturday, January 26 and 27, in the High School Auditorium.

The cast includes stars of "Come Out of the Kitchen" and several newcomers, all of them well-known in the Sandhills. Dick Wilson, better known as a golf star but a dramatist of no mean ability, plays the lead. He is ably supported by Miss Betty Osborne, Douglas Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Walters, Miss Sara Faulkner, Lloyd Gardner, Robert Cornwell, Stuart Cameron, William Montgomery Agnew, Jerry Ashton and Charles (Buddy) Milan.

"Whistling in the Dark" had a very successful run on Broadway and was highly praised by the metropolitan critics. Under the competent direction of Harvey Cripps, experienced director, writer and actor, the local players are rapidly adapting themselves to their roles, and a worthwhile evening's entertainment is in store for residents of the Sandhills. Thrills, comedy and tragedy are delightfully mixed in this rip-roaring melodrama. An ingenious plot snappy dialogue, a beautiful heroine, and a splendid cast, coupled with popular prices, all combine to make the presentation of "Whistling in the Dark" one of the outstanding events of the season in the Sandhills.

And now for the announcement of the prize contest being sponsored by the management of the Little Theatre.

To the five people who submit the most complete list of the names of nationally advertised tooth pastes, the Little Theatre will award two tickets each to the forthcoming production. This novel contest begins on Monday morning and closes at noon on Thursday. All lists are to be given to Miss Alice Wheeler at the Sandhills Book Shop, Miss Wheeler, Lloyd Gardner and Douglas Gregory are the judges. Winners will be announced Thursday night. Members of the Little Theatre and their families are ineligible to compete.

The seemingly incongruous topic for the contest—tooth paste—in reality has a direct bearing on the plot of "Whistling in the Dark," as those attending the play will see.

Tickets for the production will be placed on sale immediately and the members of the local Boy Scout troop will make a house-to-house canvass of Southern Pines. Tickets will also be on sale at the door on the nights of the play, or may be purchased in advance from Dick Wilson or Douglas Gregory.

It is very probable that Edward Childs Carpenter, co-author of "Whistling in the Dark" and well-known in the Sandhills, will be present on the opening night.

### ABERDEEN JUNIOR ORDER INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

New officers of Aberdeen Council Number 193, Junior Order United American Mechanics were installed at the regular meeting of the council last week.

Following are the new officers: Councilor, J. Vance Rowe; vice councilor, F. E. Flinchum; financial secretary, C. L. Williams; recording secretary, D. B. Herring; assistant recording secretary, R. J. Bradley; chaplain, J. G. Farrell; warden, K. G. Deaton; conductor, Paul Kellis; inside sentinel, Raymond Wicker; outside sentinel, Z. J. Paul; council deputy, R. J. Bradley; trustees, H. A. Gunter, W. H. McNeill, W. C. Wickler.

Ford S. Worthy, brother-in-law of U. L. Spence of Carthage, has been appointed by President Roosevelt United States Marshal for the eastern district of North Carolina.

### Invited to Banquet



GOVERNOR EHRLINGHAUS

## TAX REPORT FOR 1933 ACCEPTED BY COMMISSIONERS

Board Also Approves Creation of  
Sanitary District at  
Knollwood

### TAX COLLECTOR BUSY

A recessed meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held on Monday of this week, and much business was transacted.

On motion of Frank Cameron, seconded by Gordon Cameron and unanimously carried, the final settlement of 1932 taxes, a statement of which follows, was ordered accepted and the insolvents' 1932 taxes of \$6,752.98 were ordered placed in the hands of W. T. Huntley for collection. It was further ordered that Mr. Huntley spend his entire time until the first Monday in February in collecting said taxes.

The final statement of 1932 taxes follows:

Taxes Charged—Original	
Levy	699.87
Schedule B	2,105.35
Penalties	3,537.61
Insolvents collected	638.31
Cost on Sales	4,114.40
Penalties on Sales	3,340.93
Total	\$32,779.24

Taxes Deposited	\$231,551.27
Discounts	1,020.26
Reliefs	2,716.27
Land Sales	64,228.30
Insolvents	6,752.98
Cost of Sales	4,114.40
Penalties on Sales	3,340.93
Total	\$313,724.41

Funds in Page Trust Co.	6,549.11
By Check	505.72
Total	\$320,779.24

It was ordered that the chairman instruct the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company of Raleigh to deliver bond pledged by Page Trust Company to secure Moore County funds to the Bank of Pinehurst in the amount of \$3,000; that such bond be accepted at market value and placed in the county's sinking fund.

It being proved that there was no objection, the Board of Commissioners approved the creation of a sanitary district at Knollwood, and the matter will be taken up with the State Board of Health.

It was ordered that \$25 be donated to the Joseph Henson post for the purpose of helping to pay the expense of entertaining the 12th District of the American Legion.

A permit for the sale of 3.2 beer near Southern Pines on Highway 1 was issued to L. G. Bass.

### FATAL LIQUOR FEUD?

County authorities are investigating the reported violent deaths of a white man and a colored man near the Fort Bragg Reservation in the Swainheart Lake vicinity early this week. A liquor feud is believed to have resulted fatally for the two. Their names are not known.

## GOVERNOR INVITED TO ADDRESS 1934 CHAMBER DINNER

Date for Annual Banquet Awaits  
Word From State Executive  
as to Convenience

### WALLACE IRWIN TO TALK

Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus of North Carolina has been invited to be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, to be held within the next few weeks. A definite date has not been set as the committee has given the Governor the option of several dates. Mr. Ehringhaus is expected to accept the invitation to speak here within the next few days.

In the invitation sent to the Governor the committee in charge of the banquet pointed out that his addressing the Chamber's annual dinner may have a significant bearing upon his political future. His attention was called to the fact that of the two speakers at the dinner a year ago, one has since become Ambassador to Mexico, the son of the other Secretary of the Treasury in President Roosevelt's cabinet, Josephus Daniels and Henry Morgenthau, Sr., were last year's guests of honor.

Struthers Burt heads the committee in charge of the banquet, the other members being Frank Buchan, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson, Dr. L. B. McBrayer and Nelson C. Hyde, with Dr. George C. Herr, president of the Chamber of Commerce, an ex-officio member. The committee has other speakers in view, among them a newcomer to the Sandhills colony of authors, Wallace Irwin, famed for his Japanese schoolboy stories and other fiction. Mr. Irwin is as well known as a genial after-dinner speaker as a writer, and will make a talk in lighter vein which, if it is anything on the order of his recent talk before the Kiwanis Club, will keep the banquet in an uproar. An invitation has also been extended to Coleman W. Roberts, president of the Carolina Motor Club, to attend the dinner, and Congressman Walter Lambeth will likewise be here if his duties at Washington will permit. It is hoped that James Boyd will accept the toastmastership.

In addition to the list of speakers Prof. J. Stanley Smith is arranging a musical treat for the guests at the dinner, and one or two stunts are being prepared by way of amusement. The dinner is to be held at the Highland Pines Inn, the date to be announced as soon as word is received from Governor Ehringhaus.

### BURT PRESIDES AT MEETING FOR HIGHWAY BEAUTIFYING

Struthers Burt, Frank Buchan and Dr. L. B. McBrayer attended a meeting of the Highway Committee of the Carolina Motor Club in Charlotte on Tuesday at which time the club's state beautification plans were launched. Struthers Burt is chairman of the highway beautification committee and presided at a gathering of prominent men from all parts of the State. Recommendations were made that wayside parks be established along highways, automobile junkyards be restricted and licensed, cash and honorary awards be made communities that show greatest improvement in highway beautification, and a state policy adopted to provide for uniform beautification and development in each county. Both Mr. Buchan and Dr. McBrayer were among the speakers as well as Mr. Burt.

### "NO SOUTHERN PINES TO ABERDEEN ROAD—JEFFRESS

In reply to an inquiry sent Chairman E. B. Jeffress of the State Highway Commission as to the possibility of building the additional road from Southern Pines to Aberdeen which started so much agitation here over a year ago, Mr. Jeffress writes The Pilot that "an analysis of traffic shows that the existing highway is sufficient to take care of the present volume and we have not money available for this construction at the present time. It was thought best to complete all links of U. S. 1 and we are proceeding on that plan."

## County Revenue Decision; Votes to Borrow Quarter Million for School Program

### Currie Explains

Board Felt It Could Not Af-  
ford To Let Present Op-  
portunity Go By

In commenting upon the recent decision of the Board of County Commissioners to borrow funds from the Federal government for a school building program, Chairman W. H. Currie, speaking for the Board, said that after weighing the matter at great length and considering the amount of money that could be obtained for the schools by the repayment of an amount so much smaller, the Board felt that the county could not afford to let the opportunity go by. The commissioners felt, he said, that every child in the county was entitled to a good school and in certain sections of the county it was absolutely essential to have modern buildings and equipment. When the building program is complete, the county will have modern school buildings in every section of the county and the taxation for schools will be the same from one end of the county to the other, he said.

Asks \$221,500 from PWA for  
New Projects, \$30,000 from  
State for Additions

### EQUALIZE SCHOOL DEBTS

The Moore County Board of Commissioners, at a recessed meeting held at the Courthouse in Carthage on Monday afternoon, reversed its recent decision and endorsed unanimously two proposed loans for repairing old school houses and erecting new ones, totaling \$196,125.00. The first loan is for \$30,000.00, and will come from the State Library Fund to be repaid in ten annual installments at 4 per cent interest. The other will come from the Public Works Administration and is for \$166,125.00, to be repaid in thirty years at 4 per cent interest.

The small loan of \$30,000.00 is to be used by the County Board of Education to finance a part of the material for proposed Civil Works projects as follows:

Southern Pines, col., 4 additional rooms, \$2,500.00; Southern Pines High, renovating, \$3,000.00; Aberdeen, auditorium for Grammar School, \$3,500.00; West End, six additional rooms; Carthage, four additional rooms and fire proof staircase, old Grammar School building, \$5,000.00; Hemp, six additional rooms, \$4,750.00; Pinehurst, renovating Grammar School Building \$6,500.00; Total \$30,000.00.

The above amounts represent a part of the estimated cost of materials necessary to complete these projects. The estimated total cost of the projects proposed through the Civil Works Administration will reach approximately \$120,000.00, or four times the amount which the county will be required to furnish.

### May Not Get All

It is not certain that the CWA can handle all of this program. The County Commissioners and Board of Education are applying for the State loan to finance the county's share of the materials in order to be prepared to take advantage of as much CWA money as may be necessary to put all school plants in good shape. In the event the CWA should not be in position to approve and complete these projects, the loan will be cancelled and the money will go back into the State Treasury without obligation on the part of the county.

The county will receive, if the application goes through successfully, from the Public Works Administration a total of \$221,500.00, but will pay back only \$166,125.00 over a period of thirty years at 4 per cent interest, with the possible deference of the first payment for three years. The County Board of Education proposes to spend this money on projects as follows:

### Where Money Goes

Eureka, ten classrooms, one auditorium and furniture, \$34,000.00; Southern Pines, eight classrooms and furniture, \$34,000.00; Bensalem Township, ten rooms, one auditorium and furniture, \$34,000.00; Upper Sheffield Township, ten classrooms, auditorium and furniture, \$34,000.00; Highfalls, ten classrooms, one auditorium and furniture, \$34,000.00; Aberdeen, col., eight classrooms, one auditorium, furniture, \$25,750.00; Carthage, col. eight classrooms, one auditorium, furniture, \$25,750.00; Total, \$221,500.00.

The federal law governing the Public Works Administration requires that plans and specifications for these projects be carefully worked out by approved architects, and each project advertised and let by contract.

The total proposed expenditure from both the OWA and PWA funds will total \$341,500.00, and will cost the county only \$196,125.00 at 4 per cent interest.

The commissioners also endorsed the proposition of equalizing the school debts of the various "bond taxing units" of the county to become effective in 1934.