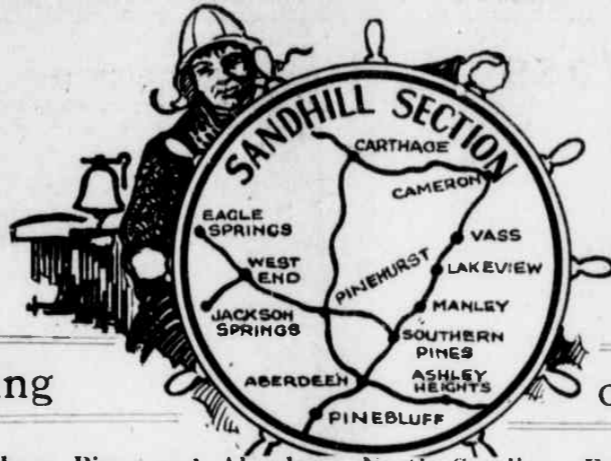


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FIVE CENTS

Central Carolina Telephone Co. Moves Headquarters Here ---To Install Full Dial System

R. S. DuRant, General Manager, To Maintain Offices and Residence in Southern Pines

PLAN SERVICE FOR HEMP

Several months ago a committee from Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce traveled to Siler City and invited R. S. Durant, vice president and general manager of the Central Carolina Telephone Company to move his office and residence to Southern Pines.

During the past week Mr. DuRant has moved here. Extensive rearrangements have been made to provide additional office space in the quarters occupied by the telephone company on East New Hampshire avenue and the Stroud residence, situated at 54 East Massachusetts avenue, has been leased by Mr. DuRant.

To Install Dial System

Southern Pines will be the virtual headquarters for this company and for the Coastal Telephone Company, of which Mr. DuRant is also general manager. This latter company operates exchanges in Beaufort, Ridgeland, Estill, Hampton, Branchville and Holly Hill, S. C.

Coincident with this news came the announcement that the Central Carolina Telephone Company has completed plans for converting the Southern Pines and Pinehurst exchanges to full dial. Work will be started immediately. The first step to make the conversion to dial operated service will require the mounting of dials on each telephone connected with the Central Office equipment installed at Southern Pines and Pinehurst. It is estimated that it will require two months to complete the work for both towns. The present plans contemplate cutting the Pinehurst office to dial operation on September 1st. It is anticipated that Southern Pines will be cut over to dial operation around October 1st.

The change to dial operation will not require changing of the present telephone numbers.

When the telephone company's in- (Please turn to page 8)

Sewer Plant Project To Proceed at Once

Start of Work in Southern Pines Authorized by Federal Administration

Word was received here this week from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, office of the State Engineer at Chapel Hill, that work on the project for enlargement of the sewage disposal plant in Southern Pines may proceed at once. Copies of the approved contracts were returned to the City Clerk and one forwarded to the successful bidders on the job, the Elliott Building Company of Hickory. Paul M. Van Camp of Southern Pines is the consulting engineer.

This is one of the projects for which the town recently borrowed over \$40,000 from the federal government. Contracts have also been let for the others, the new water tank and the extension of water mains and hydrants through the Weymouth Heights and Morganton Road section.

City Clerk Howard Burns stated yesterday that he looked for the starting of the sewage plant project within the next three weeks. Much local labor is expected to be employed on this job.

SANDHILL POST TO MEET AT ABERDEEN NEXT FRIDAY

Sandhill Post 134, American Legion will hold its regular meeting at the Aberdeen Methodist club room next Friday, July 20.

At this meeting the report of the nominating committee for officers for the ensuing year will probably be made. The officers will be elected at the August meeting in time for them to attend the convention in Greensboro.

Baby Page Today

Kiwanis Club's Efforts Net \$146 Toward Support of Hospital Bed

The Pilot this week presents a Baby Page which calls for deserving congratulations. These congratulations go to the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen, which sponsors the page, and to the well over 100 persons and business interests which contributed to it. Each name on the page represents one dollar.

The proceeds of this page of 146 names go toward the support of a bed in the Children's Ward of the Moore County Hospital, maintained by the Kiwanis Club. The club raises \$365 each year for the purpose. One dollar a day supports a child in the hospital. The fund therefor cares for the equivalent of 365 poor children in need of hospital care each year.

It is gratifying to find so many hands outstretched to aid the hospital through the Kiwanis Fund and The Pilot is proud to play its small part in the donation of space in this issue for the Baby Page.

COUNTY RECEIVED \$185,658 RELIEF MONEY IN YEAR

More Than \$19,000,000 in Federal Funds Expended in 100 Counties of State

9,036 ON PAYROLL HERE

Slightly more than \$19,000,000 in federal funds for relief were expended in the 100 counties of North Carolina during the fiscal year just ended, July 1, 1933 to June 30, 1934. Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State relief administrator, reports. Of the \$19,098,995.15 expended, \$9,832,352.98 was in CWA payrolls and \$2,329,752.50 was in CWA costs of materials, while the balance of \$6,936,892.67 was in the FERA expenditures.

Moore county during the past fiscal year received a total of \$185,668.60 from all of these funds, including \$84,570.22 in CWA payrolls, \$13,713.32 in cost of materials used in CWA projects, and \$87,385.06 in expenditures made since April 1 by the CWA successor, the FERA, Mrs. O'Berry states.

Another report shows that during the life of the CWA, which started November 16 and ended April 1, 1934, the total number of men on the payrolls, with some duplication, was 967,545, the average of men at work each week was 43,979, and the average payroll for each person during the life of the CWA \$1,049.34.

In these strictly CWA projects November 16, 1933, and April 1, 1934, Moore county is shown to have had 9,036 men on the payroll, some of them duplications, an average of 411 men each week during the life of the (Please turn to page 8)

BUILDING INDUSTRY AND EMPLOYEES ORGANIZING

Along with the pick up in the building industry in this section there has developed some considerable activity among the men working in the various trades in connection with it. It is reported that the Moore County Journeymen Painters have already organized and that a chapter of the International Society of Master Painters and Decorators has been chartered by the parent organization which has headquarters in Peoria, Ill.

The journeymen carpenters have been invited to attend an organization meeting at the courthouse in Carthage Saturday, July 21, at 3 p. m. A collective bargaining agreement between the employer and employee organizations is being drawn and it is hoped that it may become operative in a short time.

YOUTH KILLED AS LIGHTNING BOLT HITS HOUSE HERE

Walter Wilson Dead, Roy Dees Hurt, Others Shocked After Monday's Electrical Storm

WORST STORM IN YEARS

Walter Wilson, 20 years old, an employe of W. H. McNeill of Southern Pines, was killed by lightning in the severe electrical storm which struck this section on Monday afternoon of this week. Roy Dees, friend of Wilson and also employe by Mr. McNeill, was knocked down and injured by the same bolt. Both young men were rushed to the Moore County Hospital but Wilson was dead when they arrived there.

The youths were standing in the doorway of the home of Mrs. Tracy Lewis, located near the Seaboard tracks between Niagara and Lakeview. The bolt hit the chimney of the house, ran down the chimney and out the door in which the boys were standing. Both dropped, and Wilson was probably killed instantly. Mrs. Lewis, who is a sister of young Wilson and a sister in law, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and her two small children were also knocked down by the lightning, but suffered only from the shock.

Wilson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wilson of Woodville in Surry county. He had been making his home with his sister near Lakeview while working for W. H. McNeill on his farm located between Lakeview and Southern Pines. The body was sent to Woodville where the unfortunate young man was laid to rest on Wednesday.

Heavy Damage Done

The storm which struck the community on Monday was the worst in this section in some time. The Vass-Lakeview section was almost inundated by the cloudburst, crops being badly damaged, traffic held up on the roads, cellars flooded with water. Many roads were impassable for some time after the rain ceased.

The casualties from lightning were preceded a week ago by a bolt which struck near the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Boaz near Cameron. Robert Boaz was sitting on the front porch of the house when the lightning struck a large oak tree near the porch. The tree was literally torn to pieces. Young Boaz suffered a long gash across the stomach and his feet were badly lacerated. He was knocked unconscious and his skin is said to have turned a dark color. His watch and chair were partially melted by the heat. His wife was also rendered unconscious but appeared to have suffered no ill effects upon recovering consciousness, and at last report Boaz was improving.

B. C. WEBSTER WEDS MISS MARY LOIS DORSETT

A wedding of much interest to their many friends in this section of the state was solemnized Saturday, July 7, at 2 o'clock when Miss Mary Lois Dorsett, of Raleigh, became the bride of B. C. Webster, of Southern Pines.

The ceremony was performed at the Baptist parsonage, Siler City, by the bride's pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe.

Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for a bridal trip through western North Carolina.

The bride is the daughter of the late John P. Dorsett and Mrs. Etta M. Dorsett, of Siler City, route two, but has made her home in Raleigh for the past few years, where she held a position with the Southern Bell Telephone Company.

The bridegroom, who is the son of Mrs. B. B. Webster, of Bonlee, holds a position with the Standard Oil Company of Southern Pines and plays shortstop on the local baseball team.

CONGRESSMAN LAMBETH'S FATHER DIES IN WINSTON

John W. Lambeth, prominent business man and citizen of Thomasville and father of Congressman Walter Lambeth of this district, died at the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem on Tuesday, July 3d, at the age of 66.

Sandhills Sixteen Sings "The Great Divide"

Reunion Dinner of Former Organization Follows Discovery of \$146 in Old Bank Account and Dividend Follows the Dinner

Money talks. It also sometimes sings. After a lapse so long that the populace was beginning to wonder what had become of it the Sandhills Sixteen, famed musical organization of this section, sang again the other night. Money did it.

When the Sandhills Sixteen more or less busted up and retired a few years ago Dr. Robert P. Shepard was treasurer. "Doc" went away and studied dentistry and kinda forgot about the Sixteen and the treasury in his quest for the latest dope on molars and bicuspsids. Then all of a sudden the other day he made a discovery. There was a credit of \$146 in the Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Southern Pines in the name of the Sandhills Sixteen.

"Bob" tore around town, breaking the news to all the Sixteeners still living in these parts. Heads went together. A committee was appointed. A blow-out was planned. The banquet room of Jack's Grill was reserved for last Friday night. The basses, baritone, first and second tenors were all invited to bring what was left of their lilying larynxes and partake of a chicken dinner, interspersed with some of the songs which thrilled the hearts of Moore and adjoining counties for many years.

An even dozen put in an appearance. Dr. L. E. McBrayer, who was president when last the clan functioned, was there. Treasurer Shepard was there, and Louis McBrayer. Levi Packard, Al Adams, Sam Richardson, Tom Kelley, Frank Buchan, Bill Dunlop, Shields Cameron and E. B. Garrett of Fayetteville. It was a big evening.

And when it was all over the check paid and the waitresses duly tipped, the balance of the \$146 was counted. There was still plenty for a dividend. Thirteen were voted in on "The Great Divide," the dozen who were present and Thad S. Page of Aberdeen, secretary to U. S. Senator J. W. Bailey, who couldn't get here from Washington. Each man received \$10.60. And the bank account was closed.

Something for the benefit of the Sandhills may come out of the discovery of the bank roll. For at the dinner it was voted to meet again in a month and discuss the advisability of reorganizing the Sixteen for future concerts. The boys found they could still sing, and it is to be hoped they won't confine it to their own little gatherings. They were a big Sandhills advertisement in their day, and should let us hear them again.

West End at Top of Sandhill League

Southern Pines Clinches Claim to Cellar by Losing to Vass Wednesday

Table with 4 columns: Club, Won, Lost, Pct. Rows: West End, Aberdeen, Vass, So. Pines.

Schedule of Games for Coming Week

Friday, July 13: Vass at Southern Pines; Saturday, July 14: West end at Vass; Wednesday, July 18, Aberdeen at Southern Pines.

A vicious assault on George Martin in the third frame gave West End seven runs and a 7-3 victory over the Aberdeen team on Wednesday afternoon. The contest was played at Aberdeen before a large crowd.

Coy Thomas again demonstrated his right to the title of the best pitcher in the Sandhills League as he limited the heavy-hitting Aberdeen team to eight hits, three of these coming in Aberdeen's half of the big third to net the home team two tallies.

The relief pitching of Brad Pleasants was the feature of the game. Entering the contest in the fourth inning, he held the West Enders to two hits for the remainder of the game and only two balls were hit out of the infield.

At the beginning of the game both teams were tied for the league leadership, each having won six games and dropped two.

Vass won its second straight victory on the same day by downing Southern Pines by 8 to 4 before the smallest crowd of the season on the Southern Pines field.

Callahan pitched another nice game for the winners, limiting the home team to three hits, two of them of the scratch variety, while Vass was touching Myrick for thirteen safe blows.

Joe Matthews' double and Hiram McInnis' single, his first of the four hits he secured, gave Vass a tally in the opening inning. Three more in the third and two in the fourth put the game on ice. Southern Pines threatened only in the fourth, when they tallied twice, although Vass errors gave them several other chances to score. The defeat gave Southern Pines undisputed possession of last place in the league standings.

The first victory of the season for the Vass team was a 3-0 shutout hurled by Callahan last Saturday afternoon, West End being the victims.

Charlie Ritter pitched a beautiful (Please turn to page 4)

Ed Newton's Assailant Gets Six Month Term

Colored Man Ran Afoul of Officer and His Dog and Was "Most Et Up"

Walter Morrison, colored of Satorium, was given six months on the roads for assaulting Officer Ed Newton of Southern Pines with a fruit jar and for resisting arrest. Newton, a night officer, attempted to arrest a card of Negroes and Morrison raised the jar to strike him. They grappled for some time, the Negro attempting to gain possession of the officer's pistol and in the scuffle the Negro was shot in the leg. Newton's German police dog went into action against the Negro, and, as one person expressed it, "et up his legs." The court gave Morrison six months, which, along with the badly torn legs and the wound from the pistol, will help him to remember the folly of his way for some time.

Claude Baldwin, the driver of the car of which Morrison was an occupant, was given 60 days for transporting liquor and driving while intoxicated, and deprived of his right to drive for 90 days.

THESE THIEVES SPECIALIZE IN ELECTRIC REFRIGERATORS

Thieves, evidently bent on keeping cool, have been breaking into homes in the Pinehurst section that are closed for the summer and attempting to make away with electric refrigerators. Entrance was gained by "jimmying" the locks, prying the doors open with crowbars.

The Cunningham house in Pinehurst was entered and the Frigidaire removed to the yard, but the thieves were frightened away. Fingerprint Expert Lawrence Kelly was able to get some good prints from the refrigerator.

A few nights later the Morrell house in Knollwood was entered and all that has been missed in this case is the refrigerator.

JUDGE HUMBER AND CLERK OF COURT WILLCOX ILL

Friends of Judge George H. Humber will learn with regret that he is still confined to his room in the Carthage Hotel by illness.

John Willcox, clerk of the court of Moore county has been ill for the past several days, but is now showing some improvement. He underwent treatment at the Moore County Hospital during a part of last week, returning to his home on Saturday, but on Tuesday of this week was still unable to resume his duties at the court house. His illness was attributed to malaria.

County Calls Election On Federal Loan

Voters To Determine Aug. 18 Whether To Go Through With New School Program

\$232,000 INVOLVED

A county-wide election has been called by the Moore County Board of Commissioners for Saturday, August 18, to vote on the proposal to borrow \$232,000 from the Federal Government for the new school building program. The program involves the erection of seven new buildings and additions to seven old ones.

The calling of the election comes as a result of objections raised in various parts of the county. There are said to be many taxpayers who object to the county borrowing such a large sum at this time. And there are objections to the plan, which is tied up with the proposed federal loan, of equalizing the school debt throughout the county. Objections to the latter were filed with the Public Works Administration in Washington some time ago by the Board of Commissioners and the School Board of Southern Pines and concurred in by Pinehurst authorities. These officials maintain that taxes in Southern Pines and Pinehurst will be unproportionately increased by the redistribution of the school debt, and regard the proposal as unfair and in all probability illegal.

The election, for which there will be a special registration prior to August 18, will determine whether or not the county will proceed with the borrowing of the money, already authorized by the Federal authorities. That there will be plenty of fireworks in the campaign between now and the election goes without saying. The County School Board will command the forces lined up for the loan, while Pinehurst, Southern Pines and other districts are organizing against it.

Tobacco Markets Here To Open on Sept. 13

Dates Set Subject to Approval of Federal Officials.—Good Prices Predicted

The Aberdeen and Carthage tobacco markets and others of the Middle Belt will open Thursday, September 13, under a decision of the sales committee of the Tobacco Association of the United States. However, the date must be finally approved or set by federal officials.

Had the recommendation of the National Association of Auction Tobacco and Loose-leaf Tobacco Association been accepted, the market would have opened two days earlier on September 11. These organizations made their suggestion at a recent conclave held in Asheville.

The Eastern Carolina Belt markets are scheduled to commence operation on August 23, two weeks prior to those here, and the Old Belt is to start up on September 25. Local tobaccoists and warehousemen have stated their approval of the arrangement.

Tobacco sellers estimate that this year's season, in spite of the reduced crop will, continue as long as past years. Also, they estimate that tobacco generally will be of good quality and prices will be high.

All Aberdeen and Carthage warehouses are expected to operate again this season.

PARALYTIC STROKE PROVES FATAL TO R. O. BOBBITT

R. O. Bobbitt, 56 years old, died at his home near Aberdeen last Monday afternoon following a paralytic stroke he sustained in the office of Dr. Caddell of Hoffman, a few hours earlier, where he had gone for treatment. He leaves a wife and 5 children surviving him.

The funeral services were conducted at Old Bethesda Cemetery Tuesday afternoon, by the Moore County Burial Association of Hemp, with the Rev. E. L. Barber officiating.