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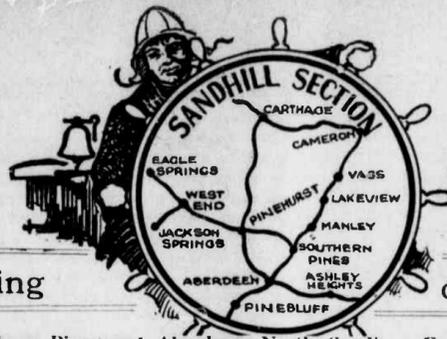
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## \$26,000 SEWAGE PLANT PROJECT UNDER WAY HERE

First of Three Jobs Under \$42,000 Federal PWA Loan Launched

### WILL AID EMPLOYMENT

Work started this week on the enlarged and improved sewage disposal plant for Southern Pines. The Elliott Building Company of Hickory, which was awarded the contract on bids opened some time ago, has a force of men at the plant on the double road. The project involves the expenditure of approximately \$26,000 of the fund of \$42,000 recently borrowed by the Town of Southern Pines from the Public Works Administration.

City Clerk Howard Burns stated yesterday that he expected the contractors to whom the jobs of erecting the new water storage tank on the James Boyd property in Weymouth Heights, and the extension of water mains and hydrants in the Weymouth Heights and Morganton Road sections of Southern Pines to start work within the next two or three weeks. Authorization for proceeding with these projects, for which the balance of the large federal loan is to be utilized, was received from the PWA last week.

The several jobs mean the employment of much local labor and increased payrolls for the community during the "off season."

## Man In Hospital After Fall From New Bridge

George Wood Injured.—Span to Be Completed in Next Two Weeks

The first accident to occur on the construction work at the new bridge over the Seaboard tracks at the southern end of Southern Pines sent George Wood, of Florida, a steel worker, to the Moore County Hospital on Wednesday afternoon. Moore fell off the scaffolding erected under the arch over the tracks, and landed heavily on the tracks. Fellow employes rushed him in a car to the office of Dr. Bowen in Southern Pines, and Dr. Bowen carried the man to the hospital. His injuries were reported as serious but not critical.

The work on the new bridge is progressing rapidly, the span having been completed this week and the finishing details now being in progress. It is expected that possibly two weeks more will see the new span open for traffic over U. S. Highway No. 1. Pedestrian traffic will be protected on this new bridge, which was not the case on the former structure, the main reason why the local Chamber of Commerce waged a campaign for the project. Children going to and from school were formerly in constant danger of accidents.

## ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE IS KIWANIS CLUB SPEAKER

W. Russell Clegg of Carthage, Democratic candidate for the State Legislature from Moore county, talked on conditions throughout the country at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club held Wednesday in Pinehurst. It is Mr. Clegg's belief that things are getting better, that labor is becoming better educated and, given greater rights, will in the future be less inclined to strikes; that capital is coming under greater control, that the day of great wealth concentrated in the few is over. He sees a Square Deal for all, including the farmer, under the New Deal.

## 40 HOSPITAL HEADS OF EASTERN CAROLINA HERE

A group meeting of hospital executives and managers of the eastern district of North Carolina, extending from Greensboro to the coast, was held in Pinehurst on Wednesday night. Much valuable information on hospital management and experiences was exchanged by those in charge of the institutions in this section of the state. Some 40 attended the session and while here visited the Moore County Hospital.

## Leonard Tufts Heartily Endorses Farmer Aid Plan of Mrs. Blue

Sees Development of Market for Crops and Labor on Good Times and Bad

Impressed with the suggestions made by Mrs. Z. V. Blue of Eureka in a recent issue of The Pilot, Leonard Tufts writes a strong endorsement from his summer home in New Hampshire. Mr. Tufts says:

"One of the most interesting articles I have read for some time is Mrs. Z. V. Blue's on the use of crops for money. Her idea might be almost indefinitely extended and the cooperative mill at Carthage perhaps could act as the exchange. A receipt from them of a bushel of corn could be used for the payment of taxes or a can of paint.

"The great value to my way of thinking, is that it puts a definite cash value on oats, corn, hay, etc., as on cotton and tobacco. At present cotton and tobacco are the only two crops that a farmer can always sell without any trouble. There are also such things as pulp wood, tar, cross ties, cord wood, etc., much of which can be sold in the county.

"The various schools and county institutions could use wood for heating just as easily as Judge Way uses it in his greenhouses. They could give credit for wood hauled to the various places on a man's taxes, perhaps paying one-half in cash and one-half in tax credits.

"Many of the roads in the county need resurfacing with sand clay or gravel. For years now the state has dug the sand out of ditches and either spread it over the surface which results in a "wash board" road or left it on the edge so that the sand throws the car out of control and heads it for the ditch. Sand clay roads in sandy country seldom need ditches (We have none in Pinehurst) but they should be frequently resurfaced and thus built up.

"I feel sure the state could and would give farmers a credit of so much a yard for clay delivered on the road just as we used to when we first built the hundred of miles of roads in the county. Arrangements could be made with the state to clay or gravel certain sections in various parts of the county and these state credits could be used in paying taxes or in buying paint.

"Let's not let Mrs. Blue's idea die. Let's call it the Z V B. It will take a little time and thought to develop it but it will be worth to the county and its citizens. Since it should help both the county and the P. W. A., I'd suggest that it be done by the sheriff with clerical aid, if need be, furnished by the P. W. A. It should be done on a permanent basis so that the farmer can depend on a market for his crops or his labor in good times and bad."

## 4-H Club Camp This Summer in Pinebluff

Mr. and Mrs. Sutfenfield Donate Land for Recreation of County's Young People

An announcement that will be of interest to the 450 4-H Club girls in Moore county and to their friends is that Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sutfenfield of Pinebluff have given land for a girls' 4-H Club camp there, and that the camp will be ready for occupancy in August. Miss McDonald, home agent, has been desirous for some time of providing a place for recreation for the young people of the county, and it seems that her dream is becoming a reality. Tents will be used in the camp until funds can be secured for a building.

There are ten 4-H clubs in the county, in which home projects which include a plan, record and activity in the home situation are carried on. After completion of the project, a reward of merit is given.

## BURGESS BUYS OLD CHAPEL ON SITE FOR NEW RESIDENCE

Harris Lewis has sold to T. S. Burgess the old structure on Maine avenue, Southern Pines, formerly used as the Christian Science Chapel, and the new owner plans to rebuild as a modern dwelling.

## Loss Mourned Here



ALBERT VITNUM

## TO AID FARMERS TO FENCE FIELDS FOR BEEF CATTLE

County Relief Director Explains Details of Pasture Contracts and Fencing Loans

### 3 OPTIONS OFFERED

The director of relief in Moore county calls attention to the fact that it is not yet too late for those desiring to do so to submit land to the State office for pasturing beef cattle which are being shipped into the state. Even small tracts that will graze as few as fifteen head of cattle will be accepted where there are several in the same section. Pasture data sheets may be obtained from the office of Miss Elizabeth Head, in Carthage.

There are four options in the pasture contract for cattle. Under Option A the North Carolina Relief Administration agrees to furnish all necessary fencing materials and labor to make necessary fencing improvements for cattle grazing on the pasture land for the use of the pasture for three years, the fence to become the permanent property of the land owner.

Under Option B the relief administration will furnish all necessary fencing materials and the fence will be constructed at the expense of the lessor and this contract will cover a period of two years.

Option C states that the lessee (the relief administration) agrees to pay annual taxes (may be taxes in arrears) on the said pasture land already fenced, not exceeding a total annual consideration of an amount to be specified.

Under Option D the lessee agrees to pay a cash annual rental at so much per head per month according to the weight of the cattle. Where rental is on a cash basis and the relief administration pays for fencing materials, labor, or both, the cost of same will be charged against the pasture rent agreed upon.

Lowland and grassy areas are the kind desired for pasture and any person in the county having land of this type whether fenced or unfenced should get in touch with the relief office in Carthage and necessary arrangements for having the land inspected will be made.

## KIWANIS GOLF TOURNEY NETS \$20 FOR HOSPITAL

The Kiwanis Club golf tournament last week, held for the benefit of the club's fund for support of its bed in the children's ward of the Moore County Hospital, ended in a tie for first place between Herbert Vail, the club's secretary, and Ollie Adcox of Pinehurst. It was a kickers' handicap, with 72 as the lucky number. Twenty dollars was netted for the fund, the contestants paying one dollar entrance fee.

## ALBERT VITNUM, 77, DIES AT HIS HOME IN BEVERLY, MASS.

Esteemed Winter Resident of Southern Pines Was Former Newspaper Publisher

### SERVED IN LEGISLATURE

Albert Vittum, long an esteemed winter resident of Southern Pines, died in his home at 23 Columbus avenue, Beverly, Mass., Saturday morning, July 14th. Funeral services were held in his late home at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Born in Peabody, Mass., in 1857, Mr. Vittum became one of the best known publishers of suburban newspapers in New England, being for 25 years editor and publisher of the Beverly Evening Times, and of many other papers.

Serving for two terms, 1906-1907, in the Massachusetts Legislature as house chairman of the railroad committee, Mr. Vittum was also a member of the Republican Club, Odd Fellows, Red Men, Elks, Wenham Golf Club and Boston City Club and of the Duane Street Congregational Church.

As a guest of Highland Lodge, Southern Pines in 1907 he became interested in the growing town, and in that hotel, and later became a seasonal visitor at the Hollywood, after his retirement from business in 1919 coming quite early in the winter and remaining until late spring. Long a director in the Southern Pines Country Club and donor of the Vittum Cup, greatly interested in the Southern Pines Library and in the Church of Wide Fellowship to which he was a liberal contributor, he numbered a wide circle of friends and acquaintances all deeply concerned with the evidences of failing health so plainly perceptible during the past winter.

### Married Over 50 Years

Mr. Vittum married Nellie A. Besse in Peabody, Mass., April 30th, 1883, and while on a visit with Mrs. Vittum to an adopted daughter, Mrs. Wakefield Shock in Glendale, Cal., last year they celebrated their golden wedding.

Mr. Vittum's genial greeting will be sadly missed on Broad street, and many expressions of regret, as well as of sympathy for Mrs. Vittum, have been voiced. It is understood by the many friends of Mrs. Vittum that she will return to the winter home on Connecticut avenue late this autumn.

## Charles Sadler, Sr. Dies of Pneumonia Attack

Built and Operated Present Park View Hotel for Many Years Here

Charles J. J. Sadler died in the Moore County Hospital early Tuesday morning, failing health leading to a fatal attack of pneumonia. Born in Milwaukee, Wis., June 3, 1848, Mr. Sadler came to the old Piney Woods Inn from Milford, Pa., in 1898 as an employee of the proprietors, St. John and Sons, and in 1908 began the erection of the Juneau, now the Park View Hotel which establishment he ran until its sale in 1925 to the Flachslanders. Once closely identified with the hotel business of the Sandhills falling health of late years had kept the deceased more or less closely confined to his home on Ridge street.

Funeral services were held in St. Anthony's Church, of which congregation Mr. Sadler was a member, the Rev. Father Dillon officiating, at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. The body was sent north on the evening train for interment at Milford, Pa. Surviving are a son Charles, and a daughter Mrs. Frank Shea, both of Southern Pines. Charles Sadler and Mrs. Shea accompanied the body north.

### SHEPARD WINS TEAM MATCH

Dr. R. P. Shepard of Southern Pines won first place in the annual team match of the Yadkin Golf Club with a net of 64 over the Pinehurst No. 1 course, which is in perfect condition.

O. C. Adcox of Pinebluff and Gordon Keith of Aberdeen tied for second place with a net of 65.

## Public Weighs Arguments Pro and Con Proposal to Borrow \$232,000.00

### Big Strike Here!

Peach Pickers, Not To Be Outdone by Longshoremen, Walk Out

Strikes know no condition of servitude, no locality. The longshoremen and San Francisco can't lay claim to all the excitement this week.

A strike in several peach orchards in the vicinity of Hamlet on Monday effectively halted picking of the crop in a number of orchards. The pickers were being paid seven and one-half cents an hour. They struck for higher wages.

## ABERDEEN ROUTS SOUTHERN PINES TO TUNE OF 21-1

Hard Hitting and Numerous Errors Put Winners Back in Tie for League Lead

### VASS WINS A COUPLE

### SANDHILLS LEAGUE STANDING

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
West End	7	3	.700
Aberdeen	7	3	.700
Vass	4	5	.444
So. Pines	1	8	.111

### Schedule for Coming Week

Again West End and Aberdeen are tied for the league leadership as they meet this afternoon, Friday. The game will take place on the West End diamond. Southern Pines makes another attempt to win a game on Saturday as they go to Vass for a contest, Vass will tackle the Aberdeen team on the Aberdeen field in the only game scheduled for next Wednesday afternoon.

The Aberdeen ball team enjoyed to the full a field day on Wednesday afternoon as they literally swamped the Southern Pines outfit under a barrage of base hits to walk off with a 21 to 1 victory before a crowd of about 600.

The winners started in the first frame as five hits, a walk and five errors by the Southern Pines fielders gave them nine runs. They coasted along on this lead until the fifth, when they tallied twice more.

Then in the sixth the hitters broke loose again to count seven times on five hits, as the losers obligingly contributed several more errors. Meredith Park had pitched for the home team until this frame, but was replaced on the mound by Millar in the middle of the hostilities. The final three runs came in the eighth.

Pleasants started on the mound for Aberdeen, but George Martin took over the pitching duties in the fifth. George was greeted by the rally that gave Southern Pines its one and only tally.

Bill Maurer and Max Folley with three hits each led the big parade of hitters. Freeman was the only Aberdeen player who failed to secure at least one hit, and he was credited with only two trips to the platter. Purv Ferree personally escorted four runs across the plate and featured in the field with several nice plays.

Southern Pines was held to seven hits by the two pitchers, Pleasants allowing only one, and the losers kicked in with nine errors to help things along.

Vass increased its victory total by two during the past week by downing West End on Saturday by 12 to 6. The game was featured by the hefty slugging of the Vass outfit and the numerous arguments throughout. Vass also downed Southern Pines Friday by an 8 to 7 score. Both games were played on the Southern Pines field.

Hiram McInnis rapped out four (Please turn to page 8)

Set Lure of Federal Loan Against Problems of Taxation in Deciding on Vate

### ELECTION ON AUGUST 25

The public is weighing pro and con the proposal to borrow \$232,000 from the federal government for a school expansion program in Moore county, a proposition which will be submitted to the electorate of the county on Saturday, August 25th. The questions involved are these:

1. Shall Moore county expand its bonded debt for the purpose of providing new buildings, additions and improvements to old buildings, in the face of the already heavy load which the taxpayers are now carrying?

2. Shall the present debt of the various school districts of the county be equally apportioned over the whole county, making the load 45 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for each district, regardless of who incurred the debts?

Arguments in favor of the first question hinge around the fact that it is now possible to borrow from the Public Works Administration at a low rate of interest, and receive a certain portion of it as a federal grant. Opponents argue that the taxpayers of Moore county cannot afford, at this time, to further bond the county, and point to the sales of land for taxes in the county during the past few years as evidence of the inability of large numbers of property owners to meet the present assessments against them.

Arguments in favor of Question No. 2 center on the point raised that it is the county's duty to operate the school system, that therefore the county should distribute the debt load equally among its component parts.

### Shifting of Debts

Opponents maintain that it is unfair and possibly illegal to load debts of one township or school district on another, and cite, among other items of unfairness that Carthage, under the terms of the proposal on which the people will vote will reduce its present school carrying charge of 87 cents to 45 cents whereas Eagle Springs, for instance, with a present school debt load of 22 cents, will be jumped up to 45 cents. Why, they ask, should the property owners of Eagle Springs be made to pay for past debts incurred by Carthage?

Under the proposal here, according to County Superintendent of Schools H. Lee Thomas, is how the various units of the county's school system would be affected:

Vass-Lakeview present rate, 67 cents. Would be reduced 22 cents. Aberdeen, now 72 cents. Reduction, 27 cents. Cameron, now 82 cents. Reduction, 37 cents. Southern Pines, now 29 cents. Increase of 16 cents. Pinehurst, now 36 cents. Increase 9 cents. Eagle Springs, now 22 cents. Increase 23 cents. Eureka and Hallison, now 17 cents. Increase, 28 cents. Carthage, now 87 cents. Decrease 42 cents. Hemp, now 57 cents. Decrease 12 cents. West End, now 74 cents. Decrease 29 cents.

Says Superintendent Thomas of the rest of the county:

"The upper end of Sheffield, Ritters, outside the old Hallison district, all of Deep River, Bensalem, outside of Eagle Springs district, and small parts of Carthage, Greenwood and Sandhills Townships, are now paying only 7 cents on the hundred for county schoolhouse debts. This would be raised to 45 cents, according to the plan. The portion of Mineral Springs Township in the neighborhood of Jackson Springs is now paying 7 cents county and 17 cents Mineral Springs Bonds, or 24 cents on debts, which is 21 cents less than the equalized tax would be."

### BACK ON THE JOB

John Wilcox has resumed his duties as clerk of the court after several days' illness.