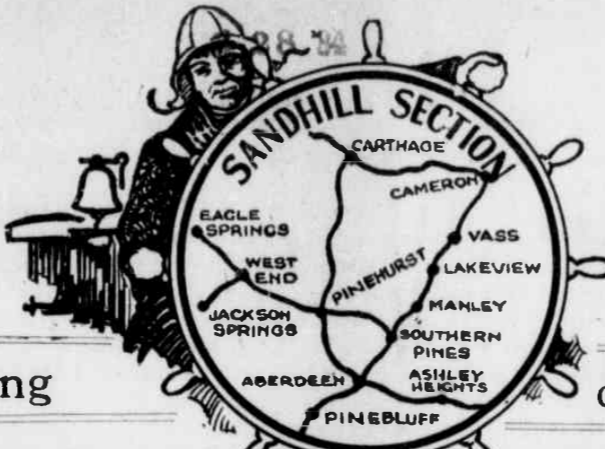


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Seawell Sees Big Job Ahead For Next State Legislature

Most Important Problems Relate
to Public Debt and Tax-
ation Methods

SUGGESTS CURES FOR EVILS

In a statement given The Pilot this week Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage points out what he sees to be the job ahead for the 1935 Legislature, for which he is a candidate from Moore county. He places re-adjustment of the public debt and re-arrangement of taxation methods on the forefront of our problems, and suggests some cures for present evils. Says Mr. Seawell:

"Many grave problems, closely linked to the welfare and betterment of the people, will confront the 1935 Legislature. It will require and demand of Legislators a clear head, a clear eye and sober and concentrated thought and effort. In 1932 the election centered on national affairs, most people were too tired and too sorely afflicted with thoughts of relieving depression, to give any serious thoughts to conditions locally.

"Great economic problems overshadow all other issues just at this time. Can we readjust our public debt and re-arrange our method of taxation without impairing our general governmental agencies and departments devoted to upbuilding and aiding our welfare, good health and education. The first great economic problem to confront the Legislature will be the tax situation. Collection of adequate taxes is an unquestioned necessity for maintenance of the government. Excessive and oppressive taxation, however, will destroy the peace and contentment of the people and overthrow government itself. History proves that any government which collects vast sums from the people and spends the same according to the whims of its politicians and beneficiaries will speedily become corrupt. It will destroy the liberty of the individual, create favored classes and favored families and reduce the general masses of people to serfdom.

"Duplication and multiplicity of office holders is contrary to the genius of a free and self governing people and ought not to be tolerated. We now come face to face with what is not a necessary governmental agency. A man sometimes takes dope until he actually believes that it is necessary to his existence. Decentralization of administrative agencies may be a very difficult task for the Legislature, as some of our many Boards and Bureaus in a new and modern world seem very essential. We should determine beforehand the amount of revenue obtainable by just and reasonable taxation and gauge expenditures to come within that amount. This proposition may lay pretty heavily on the heart and mind of some politician who has political debts to pay.

Law of Diminishing Returns

"An excessive and oppressive tax often results in collection of less revenue. We then come to the rule of The Law of Diminishing Returns. To sell a man's home for taxes and let the County buy same is a waste of time and money and results in his neighbor letting his house also go for sale to the County. Which sale, of course, is not a sale but just a sort of vain procedure. When there is no incentive for a man to own his home, government is on the verge of a collapse. When a great percentage of homes in this county are sold for taxes and bought in by the County the situation is very serious. There must be a remedy prescribed and all old tax matters in the county must be adjusted. There then should be between the governing authorities in the county, County Commissioners, and whoever represents this county in the 1935 Legislature cooperation and endeavor to adjust this situation. Every time a business transaction is taxed it tends to put a restraint on trade. The method of collection of taxes must be made simple and easy, but before this can be brought about there must be re-adjustment.

Readjustment Must Come

"In readjusting our affairs and setting our house in order, we should

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DR. BOWMAN AND SON WIN MEDAL TOURNEY

Dr. H. E. Bowman and Bill Bowman of Aberdeen won first place in the Total of Pair Medal Tournament of The Yadin Golf Club of Pinehurst with a net score of 141.

O. C. Adcox and D. A. Currie, of Pinehurst were second with a net score of 146.

Gordon Keith of Aberdeen and Dr. Shepard of Southern Pines took third place with a net score of 150.

Peach Season Now in Full Stride

Fruit Reported of Fine Quality
and Price Outlook is
Encouraging

The peach season in the Sandhills is at last in full swing. The Georgia Belles are moving this week and next and the Elbertas will begin to move before the end of next week, the peak of the Georgia Belle movement to be reached probably about the middle to last of next week with the Elbertas beginning to move rapidly the following week, the Hales coming just behind the Elbertas.

A spirit of optimism pervades the orchards. The Georgia and Arkansas crops are reported to have fallen some what short of the earlier estimate, and weather conditions have retarded the ripening of the North Carolina crop to such an extent that the bulk of the Georgia crop is expected to be well out of the way by the time the main movement here gets underway.

Albert Burkner, commission merchant operating out of Pinehurst, reports that in the orchards he has contacted the fruit is of the best quality in five years, with the condition of the Elbertas being worth special notice. Prices are improving. Quotations Thursday were: Georgia Belles, \$1.15-\$1.40; Elbertas, \$1.35-\$1.50. F. O. B.

Up until Thursday noon approximately 125 cars of North Carolina peaches had cleared through Aberdeen, 85 of these coming out of Norfolk-Southern territory. Besides this there has been a heavy truck movement, much of the early crop having been shipped by truck due to the fact that it ripened too slowly to permit carload shipment in many instances.

The orchards report a lively demand for the lower grades and culls and prices for them have been very satisfactory.

GEO. B. COX DIES IN MOORE COUNTY HOSPITAL

George B. Cox, aged 58 years, died in the Moore County Hospital Saturday morning, July 21st, having been taken there for treatment on Wednesday. Funeral services were held in the Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, the pastor, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson officiating, and at the grave in Mt. Hope cemetery by members of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

Mr. Cox came to Southern Pines from Asheboro, some 25 years ago and was in business as a plumber. Surviving are a widow and two daughters, Mrs. Ted Farmer, of Pinehurst, and Miss Lucille Cox, of Southern Pines, and a brother, N. P. Cox, of Asheboro.

JR. O. U. A. M. STARTS HERE WITH OVER FIFTY ON ROLL

An organization meeting of the Junior Order United American Mechanics was held in the Masonic Hall, Southern Pines, Thursday night, July 19, for the purpose of applying for a charter for Southern Pines Council No. 76, and the election of officers for the proposed council. Some 35 were present. Following this meeting another was held in the same place, 53 being present, on the following Monday night. When the council was formally instituted, the degree work being put on by Aberdeen Council No. 193.

A meeting of the council is set for Wednesday night, August 1. P. F. Buchan is councillor of the local body.

KIWANIS HEARS ABLE ADDRESS BY MRS. Z. V. BLUE

Paints Clear Picture of What
She Found in Survey of
2,300 Homes in County

FAVORS EXCHANGE PLAN

By Howard Burns

Mrs. Z. V. Blue and Mrs. J. H. Satterfield, representatives of The Federal Bureau of Home Economics, gave a very clear picture of the findings of many of the farm homes of Moore County in an address Wednesday to the Aberdeen Kiwanis Club.

Mrs. Blue said that out of a survey of twenty-three hundred homes it was found that 78.4 percent of them were occupied by white farmers of which 60 percent owned their home, the remaining 40 percent were rented or owned by others than the family occupying the house. Mrs. Blue stated of the twenty hundred homes 83 percent were badly in need of painting and 55 percent had leaky roofs, needing repairs or replacements. Twenty-two percent of the houses had only one room. In the survey it was found the sanitary conditions were bad, and many of the families were getting their water from creeks for drinking and cooking purposes. There were only 5 percent of the houses that had running water. It was found that 87 percent of the kitchens needed kitchen sinks and 90 percent of the total number of houses were lighted with kerosene lamps and heated from open fire places.

Mrs. Blue in conclusion said that she did not recommend farmers borrowing money for improvements if it could possibly be avoided due to the uncertainty of crops. She thought possibly a plan might be worked out for the exchange of the crops of the farmer for finished lumber and the repairs be made by the farmer. She stated she had been able recently to exchange surplus farm produce for finished lumber and for other things needed on the farm. She further stated she would like to see a plan worked whereby the farmer might sell his surplus crop to the government for the army, the navy, and government hospitals. Unless something of this kind can be worked out many of the farmers are hopeless, she concluded.

Officer Newton Gets Man Wanted in S. C.

Acts on Tip from W. E. Blue,
Who Became Suspicious of
Man on His Porch

Shortly before 11 o'clock last Thursday night W. E. Blue, manager of the Pender Store, heard a noise on the porch of his home on South Ashe street. Upon asking what was wanted, he received the reply, "It is all right, just seeking shelter from the rain," but as the rain had ceased some two hours before. Mr. Blue thought the matter required investigation, and came down town for officer Newton who soon located a stranger in the Seaboard depot. When the man gave evasive replies to questions, Newton arrested and searched him finding several old railroad passes issued to J. E. Buster, of Columbia, S. C. A further search of his baggage revealed valuable jewelry, a typewriter and a camera.

A wire to Columbia brought Mr. Buster to the telephone with a description of the grip, typewriter, camera and jewelry, and the prisoner, who called himself Kenneth Lane, was imprisoned in the local jail until Friday noon when Chief of Police McAlister of Columbia came up and escorted the prisoner homeward charged with forcible entry and theft from the Buster home on Monday night.

HAIL STORM DAMAGES CLAY ROAD CROPS

A hail storm in the Clay Road community on Monday morning did considerable damage to crops. The big farm of J. L. Matthews seemed to be in the center of the storm and corn and tobacco there were badly torn by the large hailstones.

SOUTHERN PINES AND ABERDEEN WIN FROM VASS

West End Still Holds to Top
Position by Defeating
Aberdeen 3 to 2

GAME HERE TODAY

STANDING OF CLUBS

Through Game of Wednesday, July 25

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
West End	8	3	.727
Aberdeen	8	4	.667
Vass	4	7	.364
So. Pines	2	8	.200

Schedule of Games for Coming Week
This afternoon, Friday, Southern Pines tackles Vass on the Southern Pines field as the locals try to rack up their second win in succession. On Saturday afternoon Southern Pines journeys to West End to take on the league leaders in a contest. The only game scheduled for next Wednesday afternoon brings the same two teams together, this time on the Southern Pines field.

On Saturday afternoon Southern Pines journeyed to Vass and came through with its second win of the season and its first this month in the wildest, weirdest game ever played in this section. The final score was 22 to 20.

Under a scorching sun, and with no breath of air stirring to relieve the heat, the two teams battled for three hours and ten minutes before the nine innings were completed. The first inning alone consumed fifty-five minutes.

Southern Pines jumped on Flem and his successor, Dave Wilson, for six runs in the opening frame. As wildness and a sore arm bothered Park, starting pitcher for the locals, Vass came up to tally one less. Park was replaced in this frame by Humphries, who labored on the mound until two were down in the ninth.

After this big first inning Southern Pines continued its slugging, while Humphries kept Vass fairly quiet. In the sixth the winners sported a lead of 17 to 6.

Alton Matthews replaced Wilson on the mound and in turn gave way to Court Thomas.

Vass came to life in the seventh for four runs, got two more in the eighth. Then in the ninth errors and some heavy hitting gave them eight runs before anyone realized what was happening. With two down Millar was rushed to the box and he retired McInnis for the final out.

"Red" Kennedy, backstop last year with Pinehurst, caught for Southern Pines and led the hitting parade with five hits in seven trips. He had a triple and double included. Harris got four knocks to rank next. A triple by Court Thomas, of Vass, was the longest hit of the day.

The winners gathered 18 safe blows to 16 for the home team. Vass helped the locals considerably by committing 11 misplays.

Several arguments between players and umpires further enlivened the game, and a hot time was had by all.

On Wednesday afternoon the Aberdeen team downed Vass in a fast, snappy ball game in which Brad Pleasants outpitched Howard Callahan to win by 3 to 1. A crowd of about 500 saw the game, which was played on the Aberdeen field.

Callahan had all the better of the argument on paper, but Pleasants, while not appearing so effective, was invincible in the pinches and really pitched beautiful baseball. He yielded eight hits, but scattered them effectively. Callahan allowed only three hits and fanned 10, but in the fifth Park was hit by a pitched ball and, with two down, Ferree came through with a long single to score Park with the only earned run of the game. Infield errors accounted for the other tallies.

In the first inning Vass threatened and continued to hit throughout the game, but in the pinches they could hit only weak rollers or pop flies. They made a serious threat in the ninth when they scored their only run, but with two down and the tying runs on base, McInnis lined out.

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How School Bond Issue And Equalization Will Affect District Finances

Be Sure to Register

Books Open Tomorrow for
School Bond and Debt
Equalization Election

Beginning tomorrow the registration books of the county will be open in the various precincts each Saturday until August 18, for the purpose of registering the voters of the county for the election on the proposed bond issue and equalization of the county school debt.

A new registration has been ordered and you cannot vote unless you register, as the vote will be against the registration.

The books in the Southern Pines precinct will be at the municipal building and the registrar is J. M. Windham.

Miss LaNita Wimberly Weds at Old Bethesda

Becomes Bride of Joseph I.
Chandler, Jr., in Private Ceremony at Historic Church

The historic Old Bethesda Presbyterian Church was the scene of a beautiful and impressive wedding last Saturday evening at six o'clock, when Miss LaNita Wimberly became the bride of Joseph Ingram Chandler, Jr., in a private ceremony, the Rev. Ernest Lowry Barber, pastor of the church, officiating.

Miss Vanessa McLean rendered the nuptial music. The wedding march from "Lohengrin" was played for the processional and Mendelssohn's march for the recessional. McDowell's "To a White Rose" was softly played during the ceremony. Prior to the ceremony, Miss Nancy Wimberly, sister of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly." The altar, before which the vows were spoken, was banked with long leaf pines and southern smilax, intermingled with crepe myrtle and trailing ivy. The bride was attractively dressed in white crepe with matching accessories and wore a shoulder corsage of talisman roses and swansonia.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Chandler left for a trip to South Carolina beaches and Charleston. After August 12th they will be at home at 235 1-2 North Green Street, Greensboro.

Mrs. Chandler is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wimberly of Aberdeen. She received her musical education at Flora Macdonald College and her business training in Durham. For the past two years she has been State Publicity and Publication Superintendent for the Christian Endeavor, and has many friends throughout the Carolinas. A series of parties has been given in her honor throughout the State.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ingram Chandler of Charleston, S. C. He has made his home in Jacksonville for the past two years, but was transferred to Greensboro, where he is connected with the Studebaker Agency. Mr. Chandler commands a wide circle of friends throughout the two Carolinas and Florida.

AMERICAN TENNIS PLAYERS STAGE GREAT COMEBACK

Frank Shields, a Sandhills favorite after many appearances on Pinehurst courts in North and South tournaments, won the deciding match for the United States on Wednesday in the final round of the 1933 Davis Cup competition America lost the last two singles matches to Australia last Saturday, won the doubles Monday with George Lott and Lester Stoeffen, and came from behind to win Wednesday when Sidney Wood defeated Crawford and Shields trounced McGrath in straight sets.

The United States meets England in the challenge road starting tomorrow. Three of the American team, Shields, Lott and Stoeffen, played here in April.

Figures Submitted by County
Superintendent Show Amounts
of Increase or Decrease in
Tax Burden for Each District
in the County.

TOTAL INCREASE \$232,000

Responding to the somewhat urgent plea for information on the part of the general public as regards the issues at stake in the coming special election on the school bond question, The Pilot presents herewith some figures from the office of H. Lee Thomas, county superintendent of schools, which purport to show just how the proposed bond issue and equalization of the school debts of the various districts will affect the finances of each area involved.

From these figures it will be seen that Southern Pines, Pinehurst, and Mineral Springs (outside Pinehurst and West End) will all pay more under the county unit system, as will also what is termed the "non-existing special district area." The districts of Cameron, Vass-Lakeview, Carthage, Aberdeen, West End, Eureka, Eagle Springs, and Hemp will all pay less.

It will be noted that Pinehurst, Southern Pines and the "non-existing special district area" are to receive some new construction, but not in any instance is this new construction equal to the increases in tax burden. Some of the districts will receive no benefit other than the scaling down of their taxes, while others will receive not only an appreciable scaling down of their tax burden but much new construction as well.

Mr. Thomas's figures follow:

Southern Pines

According to a statement furnished by our county auditor, John C. Muse, the outstanding district indebtedness of the Southern Pines District, maturing after June 30, 1934, is \$50,000 and its property valuation for the year 1933 is \$4,422,595. The valuation is 22.072 per cent of the county total, \$20,996,146. The total requirements necessary to retire this old indebtedness of the Southern Pines district is \$68,243.75. The proposed indebtedness for new building and rooms for this district is \$43,000. The total tax requirements necessary to retire the old indebtedness plus the proposed or new indebtedness on the district plan (if district plan of repaying proposed indebtedness were possible) is \$119,419.77. The total tax requirements necessary to retire the old plus the proposed or new indebtedness, as above stated, on the county wide plan is \$209,649.23, or \$99,629.46 more than on the district plan.

Pinehurst

The outstanding indebtedness of the Pinehurst School District maturing after June 30, 1934 is \$97,019.75 and its valuation \$4,486,968 or 22.3275 per cent of the \$20,996,146 total county valuation. The total tax requirements necessary to retire the old district indebtedness is \$111,890.34. The proposed indebtedness for new auditorium and repairs to grammar school is \$11,500. The total tax requirements necessary to retire this old indebtedness plus the new or proposed indebtedness on the district plan (if district plan of repaying proposed indebtedness were possible) is \$125,920.14. The total tax requirements necessary to retire the old indebtedness plus the new or proposed indebtedness, as above stated, on the county wide plan is \$212,700.53, or \$86,780.49 more than on the district plan. The county has assumed future requirements of Pinehurst of \$4,720.

Mineral Springs Outside Pinehurst and West End

The outstanding indebtedness of Mineral Springs Township outside Pinehurst and West End districts, maturing after June 30, 1934, is \$4,619.25. The property valuation is \$358,472, or 1.7338 per cent of the county total. The total tax requirements necessary to retire this old indebtedness on the district plan is \$5,366.08. The total tax requirements

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