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FIVE CENTS

BUDGET ESTIMATE INDICATES A TAX RATE OF 70 CENTS

County Board Meets To Consider Budget and Sets Sept. 3rd for Tax Sale

ACCEPT PINEBLUFF LAND

A 70-cent tax rate for Moore county, the same as a year ago, appears as likely from the budget estimate, published in this week's Pilot.

The Board of Commissioners met on Monday in regular session with all members present. Several matters of importance were to be considered, among them being the budget for next year, and it was necessary to meet again on Tuesday to complete the business. The summary of the uniform budget estimate tentatively fixes the tax rate at 70 cents.

It was ordered that the real estate of the delinquent taxpayers who have failed to pay the taxes for the tax year of 1933 be sold on the first Monday in September, 1934 at 12 o'clock noon at the court house door in Moore county and that said sale be advertised as provided by law during the month of August.

It was ordered that the county pay to the Federal Emergency Relief fund the sum of \$250 per month beginning as of July 1, 1934 and continuing until June 30, 1935 for the relief work in Moore county upon condition that said Federal Emergency Relief Administration take over and assume the entire list of the persons drawing relief from Moore county known as the outside poor list, both monthly and quarterly.

The present appropriation for the purpose of continuing the policeman in the town of Hemp was ordered continued through July, August and September.

The Board voted to accept a deed from J. H. Suttentfield for building lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 22, 23 and 24 in the town of Pinebluff and the alleyways located between lots 10 and 11 and 22 and 23 in Block A-4, the same to be used for 4-H club work in the county.

Local Chamber to Hear Official of U. S. Body

Manager of Southern Division Will Address Southern Pines Group Next Wednesday

Owing to the absence from town of so many of the officers and directors the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce did not hold its regular bi-weekly meeting on Tuesday, but will meet instead on Wednesday noon of next week to hear a talk by L. P. Dickie, manager of the Southeastern Division, Chamber of Commerce of the United States. Mr. Dickie will discuss economic problems and the Chamber's attitude toward President Roosevelt's recovery program.

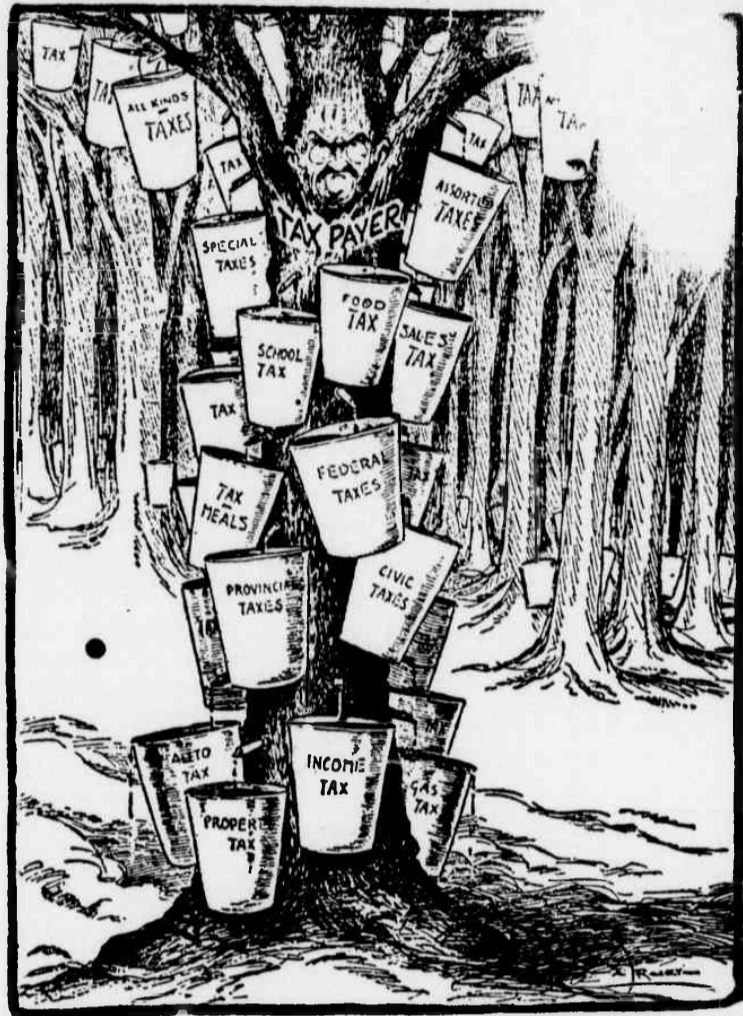
Efforts are being made to have the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen meet jointly with the Chamber of Commerce officials at this meeting next Wednesday to hear Mr. Dickie.

FREIGHT RATES ON COAL TO N. C. LOWERED

The North Carolina Corporation commission today won another important victory in its efforts to secure lower railroad rates for Western North Carolina industries when the interstate commerce commission ordered that carload rates from Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky into the state over all routes be the lowest rate over any route, on the basis prescribed by the commission in the case recently won by the commission against the Aberdeen & Rockfish and other railroads.

The decision was based on a petition of railroads running into North Carolina, which asked relief from the long-and-short-haul provisions of the interstate commerce act. The commission thereupon put the Aberdeen decision's lowest rates into effect on all routes for 90 days, with instructions that the carriers meanwhile make application for establishment of new rates, and, failing this, the rates now ordered are to continue until further notice.

Little Man, What Now?



—From the Montreal Star

Who Knows? That Look May Be Occasioned by the Sight of Another Pail, Labelled "\$232,000 Bond Issue," in the Offing

FOUR CANDIDATES FOR COMMANDER OF SANDHILL POST

Buckingham, Stephenson, Sinclair or Hemmer Will Be Elected at Meeting Tonight

FULL SLATE ANNOUNCED

Sandhills Post No. 134 of the American Legion, the Southern Pines post, will elect its new slate of officers tonight, Friday, at the meeting to be held in the Civic Club building. There are four candidates for post commander and it is anybody's race. The successor to the present incumbent, Mayor J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen, will be one of these: L. C. Buckingham of Pinehurst, John H. Stephenson of Southern Pines, J. F. Sinclair of West End or John Hemmer of Pinehurst.

The candidates for 1st vice-commander are F. M. Dwight of Lakeview and Ernest Wilson of Manly; for 2d vice commander, Charlie Fields and Dan Horner, both of Pinehurst and N. E. Andrews of Manly.

Candidates duly nominated for other posts are as follows: Chaplain, The Rev. A. J. McKelway of Pinehurst; Sergeant at Arms, Raymond Burkman of Pinehurst; Historian, R. E. Denny of Pinehurst; Finance Officer, L. V. O'Callaghan of Southern Pines; Publicity Officer, Nelson C. Hyde, Southern Pines; Service Officers, L. L. Wooley, Southern Pines; D. C. Ritter, West End; R. E. Denny, Pinehurst, J. Vance Rowe, Aberdeen and T. M. Edwards, Pinebluff. The adjutant will be appointed by the newly elected commander.

Post officers are anxious to have a big turnout for tonight's meeting, which opens at 8 o'clock. In addition to the election of officers much business is to be transacted.

COUNTY MUST FORECLOSE ON DELINQUENTS AFTER SEPT. 1

Attention is called to a notice to delinquent taxpayers which appears elsewhere in this paper. Property owners who have not paid their taxes for the years 1927 through 1931 may still do so before September 1 and avoid foreclosure proceedings. Foreclosure proceedings are not left to the will of the commissioners, but they are required by law to abide by the rules laid down for them to follow, and September 1 has been designated as the time for foreclosure proceedings to be instituted.

NORTH CAROLINA NOT GOING INTO COAL BUSINESS

Not to Work Newly Acquired Moore County Mines Unless Forced To

SO SAY STATE OFFICIALS

The State of North Carolina has no intention of going into the coal business, even though it has just purchased a farm in Moore county with some million or more tons of coal under it, State officials said this week. On the other hand, if the next legislature should cut budgets to the point where the State could no longer afford to spend \$750,000 a year for coal, most of this amount going to West Virginia coal mines and to the railroads for hauling it, it could still manage to keep the inmates of its institutions warm with this Moore county coal, it is admitted.

There are no plans being made now for either the mining or use of this coal, so far as can be learned. But it is admitted that the time may come when this coal may come in handy either for actual use in State institutions or as an ace up the sleeve of the State in dealing with coal companies if and when coal prices ever get down on a competitive basis again. At the present time all coal prices are virtually fixed by the coal code authority in Washington. But if coal prices ever get back on a competitive basis again, this State coal farm may help the State in getting better prices than it otherwise might, it is agreed in Raleigh.

Approximately 1,000 acres in the "Horseshoe" section north of Carthage were acquired by purchase by the State as reported in last week's Pilot.

GEORGIA TOBACCO PRICES HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR

Sales on the Georgia tobacco markets continue in fair volume with prices generally about twice as high as last season's average, although the first dissatisfaction of the year was reported from Moultrie, where there was a drop of six to eight cents under Monday's high.

The farmers were said to be "jubilant" over the prices, but, after the decline today, there was some dissatisfaction with the money offered by the buyers.

Tifton said offerings there this week seemed to be of a higher grade than the leaf sold during the first week of the season.

GIRL HITCH HIKER ASSAULTED; TAXI DRIVER ARRESTED

Negro Captured by Aberdeen Posse is Held Without Bail on Serious Charge

SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED

Melvin McLaurin, 25, Negro taxi driver of Gibson Station, arraigned on Monday in Recorder's Court, was ordered held for Superior Court without privilege of bail after a preliminary hearing on a charge of criminally assaulting Ina Catharine Jordan, 19, of Greensboro. The case was tried before Vice-Recorder S. R. Hoyle.

Ina Catharine and her 17-year-old sister, Mary Elizabeth Jordan, claimed that they had been to Fayetteville to sell handkerchiefs they had made and were hitch-hiking on the Fayetteville-Aberdeen highway last Saturday night, hoping to make their way back to Greensboro that night. Near a filling station about four miles from Raeford they stopped a car and asked the driver for a ride. They asserted that they withdrew their request for a ride when they found the driver was a Negro, but he assured them he was a taxi-driver from Sanford and that he would be glad to bring them 18 miles on their way home.

Near Aberdeen, according to the girls' story, the Negro turned off the main highway and forced them out of the car at the point of a pistol, committing a capital crime against the older. They were then ordered into the car again, and after driving down the Laurinburg road several miles, the Negro again attacked the older girl, it is said. He then carried the girls to a point near Aberdeen and after many threats to kill them if they told what had happened he put them out, the girls stated.

The girls hunted up Officer Dees in Aberdeen about 2:30 Sunday morning and told him of the occurrence and he and a posse found McLaurin some two miles from town where his car had stalled. He is said to have confessed to the crime after having been lodged in jail. He was not placed on the stand at the hearing, but entered a plea of not guilty.

The Misses Jordan stated that they were daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Walker Jordan of Greensboro.

New Bridge Over S. A. L. Tracks Here Completed

Traffic Opened on Tuesday on Span Which Provides Safety for Pedestrians

The new concrete bridge over the tracks of the Seaboard Air Line Railway at the southern end of Southern Pines was opened to traffic on Tuesday and local citizens have been admiring the structure since. The bridge was built by the Hobbs-Peabody Construction Company of Charlotte for the State Highway Department, the result of efforts of the local Chamber of Commerce to have a wider span with provision for pedestrian as well as motor traffic replace the old bridge, never safe for the pedestrian.

Detour signs which carried traffic through the heart of the business section of town during construction work on the bridge were removed on Tuesday. The guard rails on either side of Morganton Road leading to the bridge from east and west have yet to be put in place but this work is expected to be completed by the forepart of next week.

MERRILL AND OVERTON TO OPEN NEW DRUG STORE

Earl E. Merrill and J. T. Overton, until the past week employees of Throthers Pharmacy, have leased the store adjoining the new A. & P. Store in the McBrayer Building on West Broad street, Southern Pines, and plan to open a drug store on the first of September. The store is now being remodeled for the purpose, with E. V. Perkinson, contractor, in charge of the work. This will give Southern Pines three drug stores.

\$342,380 Increased Load for Taxpayer if New School Bond Issue is Approved

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Tomorrow, Saturday, is final registration day for the special School Bond Issue election on August 25th. The following are the duly appointed officials in the various election precincts:

EAST CARTHAGE PRECINCT:
Registrar—P. H. McDonald,
Judges of Election—Wilbur Shields, John Fields.

WEST CARTHAGE PRECINCT:
Registrar—C. C. Muse,
Judges of Election—H. H. Frye, L. C. Wallace.

BENSALEM PRECINCT:
Registrar—Alex Brewer,
Judges of Election—Carl Monroe, E. W. Bost.

HEMP PRECINCT:
Registrar—A. H. Bray,
Judges of Election—Marvin Ritter, C. C. Hunsucker.

SPIES PRECINCT:
Registrar—W. J. Baldwin,
Judges of Election—Fulton Monroe, Turner Brown.

SPENCERVILLE PRECINCT:
Registrar—Willie Dunlap,
Judges of Election—D. A. Dunlap, Milo Hussey.

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C. E. PLEASANTS, LEADING CITIZEN OF ABERDEEN, DIES

Born in Cary He Moved to Moore County in Early Life

LEAVES LARGE FAMILY

Charles E. Pleasants, one of Aberdeen's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at his home on Bethesda Road at 2 o'clock on Tuesday morning after a long illness. He was 74 years of age.

Mr. Pleasants was born in Cary but moved to Aberdeen in early life. He devoted himself to many civic interests, playing an important part in the development of the community. He was a member of the Page Memorial Methodist Church. During the last few years of his life he was the custodian of old Bethesda Church and of its large and historic cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Belle Blue before her marriage, and eight children, Mrs. Ruth McLeod, of Carthage; Mrs. Laura Hausman, of New York City; Mrs. Pattie McAninch of Chicago; Mrs. W. D. Caviness, of Aberdeen, and W. K. Pleasants, of Hamlet; Charles Pleasants, Jr., Malcolm B. Pleasants and Francis Pleasants of Aberdeen; four sisters, Mrs. N. A. McKeithen of Carthage and Mrs. Lura Ray of Niagara; Mrs. Zadie Leach of Aberdeen and Mrs. Rena Simms of Winter Garden, Florida; and one brother E. L. Pleasants of Aberdeen.

One of the largest funerals held in Aberdeen in some time was conducted by Mr. Pleasants' pastor, the Rev. W. C. Ball, assisted by the pastor of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church, the Rev. E. L. Barber, in the old Bethesda Church at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Prominent men in all walks of life in the community attended. Among the honorary bearers were G. C. Seymour, J. T. Harrington, John D. McLean, J. W. Graham, T. M. Sharpe, J. K. Melvin, T. S. Melvin, Dr. H. E. Bowman, Dr. Alex H. McLeod, M. H. Folley, T. D. McLean, J. R. Page, Henry A. Page, Sr. C. M. Wilson, C. J. Johnson, J. G. Farrell, C. L. Guion and David S. Knight, Sr.

The active bearers were grandsons of the deceased, John Edward Pleasants, Bradford Pleasants, Bobbie Pleasants, Glen Caviness, Archie McLeod and Curtis McLeod. Mr. Pleasants was laid to rest in the family plot in the old cemetery grounds directly opposite the church.

Pilot Presents Figures from County Audit for Consideration of Voters on Aug. 25

BOOKS CLOSE SATURDAY

As briefly as possible The Pilot presents the question on which the residents of Moore county will be called upon to vote on August 25th, (registration for which closes tomorrow, Saturday) as follows:

PROPOSAL — County to borrow \$166,000 from U. S. Public Works Administration and \$66,000 from State Literary Fund, a total of \$232,000.

To shift burden of taxation from School Districts to County, making a uniform .45 cent rate for schools indebtedness in all townships regardless of present rate, thereby raising some rates, lowering others.

PROGRAM—To carry out the following school construction program:

Group A—New Buildings	
8 new classrooms, aud. and furn. Carthage colored	\$ 25,750
10 new classrooms, aud. and furn., Sheffield Township	34,000
10 new classrooms, aud. and furn., at Highfalls	34,000
10 new classrooms, aud. and furn., at Eureka	34,000
10 new classrooms, aud. and furn., Bensalem Township	34,000
8 new classrooms, aud. and furn., Southern Pines	34,000
8 new classrooms, aud. and furn., Aberdeen, colored	25,000
	\$221,500
Less 30 percent Grant	65,000
Total Loan	\$166,000

Group B—Additions to Old Buildings	
Pinehurst, White, Repairs	\$ 4,000
Pinehurst, Col., Auditorium	6,000
Pinehurst, Co., Seats	1,500
Aberdeen White, Auditorium	8,500
Aberdeen, White, Seats	1,800
So. Pines, Col., 4 rooms	8,000
So. Pines, Col., Seats	1,000
West End, 6 rooms	12,000
West End, Seats	1,200
Hemp, 6 rooms	12,000
Hemp, Seats	1,200
Carthage, 4 rooms	8,000
Carthage, Seats	800
Total	\$ 66,000
	166,000
Grand Total	\$232,000

SCHOOL DEBT—The present outstanding school district indebtedness is as follows:

Bonds and State Loans	\$ 443,325
Present Property Valuation of County	20,096,146
Total Tax Requirements necessary to retire present outstanding bonds and State loans	610,259
Total Tax Requirements necessary to retire Present and Proposed Indebtedness on County-wide plan	952,639
Increased load for taxpayers	342,380

County's Finances

The above is the picture of the School Debt situation now and as proposed. To properly weigh the advisability of adding to the burden of the taxpayers the picture should also include the Consolidated Financial Balance Sheet of Moore county including all county-wide funds excepting the school funds, and The Pilot herewith presents the last audited statement made by Everett, Zane & Muse, certified public accountants, same being for the year ending June 30, 1933:

Assets:	
Treasurer: Current Ac. count	\$ 7,826.81
Savings Account	4,475.89
Page Trust Company (Unavailable Account)	934.62
1932 Taxes (Including unremitted tax collections of \$6,549.31 on deposit in Page Trust Co., closed)	38,954.83
Sundry Receivables	1,635.36
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