

SOUTHERN PINES MEN'S CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Southern Pines Men's Club held its annual meeting on Monday night and re-elected the following officers for next year: E. C. Stevens, president; J. W. Newton, vice president; E. W. Merrill, secretary and treasurer. Arthur S. Newcomb was added to the board of trustees for a three-year term.

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At the CAPITAL



By M. R. Dunnagan, The Pilot's Raleigh Correspondent

Has Funds in Hand

North Carolina has a bill of \$6,773,437.50 in bonds and interest on bonds to pay January 1, but Governor and State Treasurer are pleased that they have the money in the treasury to meet the bill and on time. There have been times in the past few years when the officials did not know how to meet the semi-annual bond and interest bills and at the same time pay the current operating expenses of the State and its activities. January and February are usually lean tax months, and the teacher salary bill which must be met each month is a huge recent addition to payments. However, these, too, will be met.

The bonds which will be retired January 1 amount to \$3,358,000, which include \$2,633,000 in highway bonds and \$50,000 in bridge bonds; \$875,000 in special school building bonds. Interest to be paid amounts to \$3,215,437.50, on bonds outstanding, going as follows: \$2,181,440, highway; \$35,062.50, bridges; \$10,000, World War veterans loan fund; \$82,460, general fund; \$296,475, special school building bonds. The bulk of the total, \$1,814,440, comes from the highway fund.

New License Plates

The 1935 motor vehicle plates went on sale at the Revenue Building in Raleigh and at 45 branch offices in the State Saturday, December 1, and may be used on automobiles on and after December 15, Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell announces. New and unregistered cars bought before November 15 must have licenses for the last quarter of this year also, Mr. Maxwell states. Car owners are asked to present when applying for licenses, the cards that have already been mailed them, so it will be easy to issue the new plates. Otherwise title must be presented.

The law requires that the licenses be on cars used on January 1, and Mr. Maxwell issue a solemn warning that no one, two or more days of grace will be allowed. A few days were usually allowed prior to last year, but that leeway was suspended and motorists were required to have their licenses on the first. That will be the requirement again this year, the commissioner states. He urges the owners to get their licenses as soon as possible, so as to prevent the usual last-minute rush, as a result of which they often have to stand in line for hours.

The Banking Recovery

North Carolina State banks are "on their way" toward pre-depression recovery, the report of condition of banks, as of October 17, showing that the resources have climbed since the banking holiday order March 4, 1933, to a position almost equal to that of 1924. Resources October 17 had reached the high of \$260,137,391.99, as against \$288,379,564.91 October 10, 1924, and \$194,133,058.47 on October 25, 1933. Commissioner Gurney P. Hood's report shows. Deposits October 17 had reached \$2,883,485,881.22, an increase of more than \$85,000,000 over those of June 30, 1933. Commissioner Hood estimating that with the addition of national bank reports, the resources of North Carolina banks have increased about \$125,000,000 in about 15 months, from June 30, 1933.

While deposits have increased, little variation is shown in loans and discounts. Loans showed a slight increase over those of last June 30, but a little below the loans a year before. On October 25, 1933, they were \$76,045,935. Last June 30 they were \$68,369,11, and last October 17 they were \$69,629,798.

Individual deposits increased from \$68,000,000 to \$95,000,000 in a year, while individual savings deposits increased from \$2,000,000 to \$32,000,000 in the same period. In addition to increases caused by sales of tobacco, cotton and other commodities, money is coming out of hiding and is again being placed in banks, due to security and safety felt as a result of deposit insurance.

The State now has 212 banks in operation, a decrease of 28 from the 240 open March 5, 1933. Two new ones have opened, one nationalized, one

consolidated, eight voluntarily liquidated and 20 are being liquidated, Mr. Hood reports.

State Finances

North Carolina's general fund collections for the first five months of the fiscal year increased 12.24 percent, of \$1,078,866.74, totaling \$9,874,075.22, as compared with \$8,797,208.48 for the same period last year. November collections were \$1,395,085.69, an increase of 33.13 percent, or \$347,298.90, over the \$1,047,786.71 in November, 1933. The three percent sales tax brought in \$2,985,533.50 in the five months, more than a million dollars more than in the same five months of last year, and amounted to \$739,555.15 in November, as compared with \$595,391.07 in November, 1933.

The gasoline tax, for the highway fund, was \$1,642,713 in November, much higher than for any previous month in the history of the State. This is the tax on 27,709,162 gallons, as compared with 26,198,038 gallons in October. The November tax is on gasoline sold in October. The total highway fund for November was \$1,798,611, a substantial increase over the same month last year. For the five months the highway fund collected was \$8,280,758, an increase of \$1,068,526 over the \$7,212,232 collected in the similar period last year. The license plate receipts for the calendar year reached \$6,624,766 at the end of November, as compared with \$5,254,228 for the same period last year.

PINEBLUFF

Mrs. Lelia Mason and daughter, Vera of Penn Yan, N. Y., and Miss Winifred Higgs of Friendship, N. Y., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. De Yoe last week.

Mrs. J. R. Parker and two children spent last week with Mrs. Parker's sister, Mrs. J. R. Lampley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Suttentfield spent Thanksgiving in Greensboro as guests of Mrs. D. C. Clapp.

Several Pinebluff young people were home from college for Thanksgiving. Miss Sallie Allison from Flora Macdonald, Morrison, Howie from Wingate and Lacey Adcox from teaching at Plymouth, N. C.

Mrs. W. H. Mercers of Staten Island, N. Y., is spending a few weeks with Miss Louise Bruton.

Mrs. J. H. Suttentfield entertained her circle of Bethesda Presbyterian Church Monday at a turkey dinner. Twenty-three members and five guests were present.

Charles Warner of Norristown, Pa., arrived in town last Wednesday.

Esther Farrell entertained several of her little friends last Friday night.

Mrs. Stanley Gresley of Lake Lure, N. C., spent several days last week with Mr. Gresley at Pinebluff Inn.

Mrs. Charles Miller and daughter, Betty, of Staten Island, N. Y., were week-end guests of Miss Louise Britton.

Miss Frances Van Huel was given a surprise party last Friday night at Pinebluff Inn, the occasion being her eighteenth birthday. Thirty-five young people spent the evening dancing and playing games after which plentiful refreshments were served. The chaperones were Mrs. F. F. Krug and Mr. and Mrs. Martin James.

Miss Lida Hutchings of Madison, Ind., is spending a few weeks with Mrs. R. P. Gibson.

The Home Demonstration Club will meet December 13 at Mrs. J. R. Lampley's at 2:30. A special effort is being put forth to have all members present as officers for the coming year will be elected.

NIAGARA

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Twombly and children moved here from Manly the past week.

Miss Pauline Moore and Miss Helen Cockman of Carthage were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Garner at the Tina Cottage.

Miss Harriet L. Gay and L. F. Martin left last week for Sarasota, Florida where they plan to spend some time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Corser of Vine-land, N. J., stopped over with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Goddard while enroute to Orlando, Fla.

Miss Nettie Williams of West Orange, N. J., accompanied by Mrs. E. B. Franklin of Freehold, N. Y., arrived Sunday and are located in Miss Williams' home, the New Hampshire cottage, for the winter season.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Paul of Bristol, N. H., are recent arrivals and are occupying their home on Vermont avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wilson of the Hazel Cottage were called the past week to Mendota, Ill., on account of the illness of Mrs. Wilson's father.

John H. Smith spent a few days last week visiting friends in Raleigh.

The Sunday School is thriving under the able leadership of L. M. Rhodes.

Preaching service will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Wilson and son, Derold of Tilton, N. H., arrived recently and plan to spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Finer at the New York cottage.

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Keep Road Funds For Roads, Legion Urges

George Ross Pou Outlines Aims of New Highway Protective Organization

The Highway Protective League of North Carolina is a new organization for the announced purpose of preventing diversion of highway funds, extending improvements on the State and county highway systems and, if a surplus develops, give the automobile owners the benefit in reductions of gasoline and license plate taxes, George Ross Pou, general counsel, announces.

The organization is composed of highway contractors and material men, dealers and owners of automobiles and all citizens interested in seeing that the fees paid by automobile owners and operators go to the designated purpose -- highways, Mr. Pou states. Citing that this State has the finest highway system in the nation and saying this is the reason for the great advancement in recent years, Mr. Pou says the system is not complete, that many miles of inadequate roads still connect important centers and that many county roads, cared for by State funds, need to be graded, drained and surfaced.

The purposes of the league are given as follows: the prevention of further legislative diversion of highway funds; the enactment of an amendment to the State Constitution prohibiting diversion of funds; a sound and proper revision of motor license fees; the promotion of safety upon our highways, and, the adoption of a rational highway plan for North Carolina.

Motorists "pay every day for maintenance and construction they aren't getting because highway funds are being diverted for uses foreign to highways," Mr. Pou states.

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