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ABERDEEN ASKS CHANGES IN STATE SCHOOL SYSTEM

Mass Meeting Adopts Resolutions Calling for Drastic Revisions

OPPOSE CENTRALIZATION

Resolutions calling for a revamping of the school system of North Carolina in a number of particulars, recently adopted by a mass meeting of citizens of Aberdeen, have been sent to County Superintendent of Schools H. Lee Thomas; to W. R. Clegg, representative in the State Legislature, to State Senator U. L. Spence and to the State Superintendent of Education, Clyde Irwin. The points brought out by the Aberdeen citizenry are:

In view of the emergency in our educational situation in North Carolina, and being deeply interested in the problem of public instruction, and especially concerned for our local schools, we the citizens of Aberdeen, in a mass meeting held in the High School Auditorium on Friday evening, December 14th, do earnestly resolve:

1 That the eight months State-wide, State-supported school term should be continued as a basis on which to build an adequate school system.

2 That school districts should be given the right to supplement, independent of the rest of the county.

3 That teachers' salaries should be increased to the level of 1929-30.

4 That the teaching load should not be increased under any circumstances.

5 That we favor the restoration of power to county and district school boards. We go on record as opposed to any further centralization of power in Raleigh.

6 That schools should have the right to add such courses as Home Economics, Agriculture, Commerce, Music, Art Appreciation, etc., to their curriculum.

7 That teachers' salaries should be based upon Years of College Training plus Years of Experience up to four years.

8 That we are in favor of the Administration of State School affairs by the State Superintendent of Education, together with a small, select committee of seven to nine men, instead of the present top-heavy and expensive system.

9 We feel strongly that the future welfare of the children of North Carolina will be seriously impaired if the legislature does not make proper provision for them.

The Aberdeen meeting was called by the Committee on the Emergency in Education in North Carolina, of which the Rev. E. L. Barber is chairman and Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson secretary.

Liquidation of Bank of Vass Completed

Depositors Get 22.5 Percent Dividend After Sale of Assets for \$61,525

Liquidation of the Bank of Vass, which closed its doors in the fall of 1931, was completed last week when depositors and other common creditors of the institution received checks aggregating \$28,004.05, representing a dividend of 22.5 per cent. This, with a five per cent dividend paid several months ago, brought the amount received by depositors to \$32,184.97 in addition to \$19,706 in offsets. Preferred claims of \$2,267 were paid in full, according to reports of the State Commissioner of Banks. The bank realized \$61,525 on its listed assets of \$184,849. The net cost of liquidating the bank was given as \$5,751.16.

S. P. LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY

The annual meeting of the Southern Pines Library Association will be held next Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the library, at which time officers and trustees for 1935 will be elected and reports of the year's work of the association read. All members and friends of the library are invited to the meeting. E. C. Stevens is president of the board.

Henry A. Page, 3d., of Aberdeen Wins Coveted Rhodes Scholarship

Only Successful Candidate from North Carolina. He Will Pursue Studies in England

One of the four Rhodes Scholarships to be awarded this year to the South Atlantic states came this week to Henry Allison Page, 3d of Aberdeen, the only successful candidate from North Carolina.

The honor, looked upon as the highest attainable by college undergraduates in the United States, provides a two-year scholarship at Oxford University in England. If the records of the fortunate ones are satisfactory after these two years they are given the option of studying a third year at the English university.

Young Page is at present a student at Princeton University. He began his education in the schools of Aberdeen where at an early age he displayed marked scholarship ability. He will be graduated from Princeton this June and in the early fall leave for Oxford to pursue his studies, specializing in English literature.

Twelve candidates took the examination, held in Atlanta, Ga., for the four Rhodes scholarships to be awarded in the third district. In addition to young Page the successful ones were Duncan Lee of Chatham, Va., a student at Yale University; William S. Mundy, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., a student at the University of Virginia, and Willard D. Lewis of Atlanta, Ga., student at Harvard.

Thirty-two Rhodes Scholarships are assigned annually to the United States, after competitive examinations held in each state. The country is grouped in eight districts, and successful candidates in the state examinations then meet in district competition, with four selected from each district. Selections are made on the basis of the candidate's record in school and college, supplemented by references of persons who know him and by a personal interview with the Committee of Selection. There is no written examination. Judges of the candidates were: Dr. M. Ashby Jones, of Atlanta, chairman; Prof. R. P. Brooks of the University of Georgia, secretary; Prof. R. K. Gooch of the University of Virginia; Prof. J. A. Rice, of Black Mountain College, N. C., and Prof. J. E. Norwood of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.

The scholarships were founded some years ago by the late Cecil A. Rhodes and have a value of \$2,000 a year.

Church Reports Year of Gratifying Activity

Officers Elected at Annual Meeting of Wide Fellowship Congregation

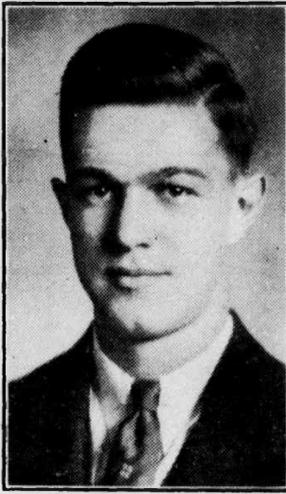
The annual meeting of the Church of Wide Fellowship, on January 3rd showed gratifying activity and financial improvement in all the work of the Church and its allied organizations. Gift benevolences exceeded the apportionment.

The elections were as follows: Trustees for three years, Charles L. Austin, Mrs. Clarence Durgin and Mrs. Ernest Poate; Deacon for three years, George W. Case; Clerk, Charles P. Everest; Treasurer, Charles L. Austin; Assistant Treasurer, C. Maxwell Grey; Treasurer of the Building Fund, David S. Packard; S. S. Superintendent, Charles L. Austin; Assistant Superintendent, Paul Blue; Ushers, E. C. Eddy, Clarence Edson, Charles P. Everest, J. Douglas Gregory and C. Maxwell Grey; Music Committee, Miss Birdie Bair, Mrs. Lillian B. Miles and Mrs. V. R. Sweezy.

It was voted to approve an expanded program for Sunday night services, featuring religion as interpreted in art, drama, music and literature.

Dr. C. Rexford Raymond, pastor, will interpret the poem, "King Robert of Sicily" at the evening service this Sunday, January 13. He will show how Longfellow's famous poem illustrates the power of poetry to teach religion. This poem is the story of a sin, its punishment, with forgiveness following repentance. It is a miracle story in the atmosphere of the Middle Ages with distinct lessons for our own times.

Rhodes Scholar



HENRY A. PAGE, 3d

TO START WORK ON STEEPLECHASE COURSE AT ONCE

Hunt Race Meeting on New Site Is Planned For This Spring

Work is expected to get under way within the next week on the new steeplechase course to be constructed midway between Southern Pines and Pinehurst on the Midland Road, and it is hoped to have the course in shape for a hunt race meeting the first Saturday in April.

Phillip S. P. Randolph, Jr., racing secretary of the Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association, leaves for New York this week to take up with the national association the awarding of the Saturday following the Carolina Cup meeting at Camden, S. C., to the local course. He, with Noel Laing, prominent steeplechase rider and trainer, went over the proposed site this week, staking out a tentative course. Three tracks will be provided, one for timber races, one for brush events and an inside track for flat racing.

Another sizeable crowd witnessed last Saturday's flat races on the Pinehurst track, and a large crowd is expected tomorrow for the third meeting of the season. Horses are reported to be fit for tomorrow's card of five events, with several new ones to face the barrier.

In response to a demand on the part of a large number of people who are unable to attend races on Saturday afternoons the Steeplechase association this week decided to hold meetings on Tuesday afternoons as well, and the first of these mid-week events will be next Tuesday, January 15th at 2:00 p. m.

The admission price to the meeting has been changed by the association from 50 cents to \$1.00, but the \$1.00 includes grandstand seats and free parking of cars. Previously grandstand seats were \$1.00 in addition to the 50 cent admission charge.

Plan Boys' Club

Movement Launched for Organization to Keep Alive Scout Movement

The Southern Pines Boy Scout house will be thrown open to boys of the city over ten and under 16 years of age on next Friday evening, January 18th, at 7:30 o'clock. Refreshments will be served without charge and an interesting speaker will be on the program. Plans are to be discussed for the formation of a boys' club to continue until such time as it may be feasible to resume scouting activities. It is believed that the need exists for such an organization and it is hoped by the directors that parents will cooperate and make the club a great success here.

WARNS OF DANGER TO YOUNG LIVES ON NO. 1 HIGHWAY

Correspondent Asks Action in Building Sidewalk For School Children

ALONG MAIN THOROFARE

"Some child is likely to be killed any day between the Southern Pines School and the overhead bridge at the south end of town. Can't the Town or some relief organization do something about a walk along May street so the children going to and from school may proceed without danger of losing life or limb from passing automobiles?"

This communication, received this week by The Pilot from a prominent resident of Southern Pines, again brings to the forefront one of the town's crying needs. The matter has been discussed at various times by the Chamber of Commerce and by the School Board, and several articles have appeared in The Pilot, but still nothing is done about the matter.

There is no sidewalk on this main thoroughfare through the residential section. May street is also U. S. No. 1 highway. There is more traffic on this street than on any in town. Automobiles travel at a high rate of speed much of the time. It is also the main route children from the Pinecone section and the southern limits of Southern Pines traverse in attending school. If there is any street in town which needs a sidewalk, it is May street.

If projects for the unemployed are still being considered here, this should be the first one approved. The work should be started at once, however, whether or not a relief project; should be completed before the prediction issued in our correspondent's communication comes true.

All highways are dangerous these days. Every possible step should be taken by the authorities to lessen the danger, especially to children, and in this particular case there would seem to be no reason why immediate steps should not be taken in the cause of safety.

Reckless Driving Arrest Starts Curbstone Critics

Windham Defends Action of Mayor's Court in Holding Colored Man For Trial

Donny Marsh, colored, driving a station wagon in which were a number of children bound from the Knollwood section to schools in Southern Pines, was arrested Tuesday morning by Officer Gargis on Pennsylvania avenue on a charge of reckless driving. After a hearing in Mayor's Court he was ordered held under \$100. bond for appearance in Recorder's Court in Carthage next Monday.

In connection with the arrest of Marsh, The Pilot is in receipt of a statement signed by J. M. Windham, which says:

"I understand that some one has criticized the Mayor's Court, the police and the witnesses for their action in the arrest of a negro for careless driving through the business section of Southern Pines Tuesday morning, saying among other things that the police arrested the wrong party.

"I do not know how the critics arrived at their conclusion in the matter as the witnesses in the case testified that they saw the car as it was driven through West Broad street at a high rate of speed, and these witnesses waited on the corner of West Broad street and Pennsylvania until the car returned, again at a high rate of speed, when it was stopped and the driver arrested.

"Two valuable lives have been lost in Southern Pines recently in automobile accidents. The witnesses in this case are interested only in the safety of the people of Southern Pines, particularly the children. Fifteen minutes earlier scores of children on their way to school were crossing Broad street at this point. I shudder to think what would have happened had this man passed this point when these children were crossing. It is time reckless and fast driving were stopped in Southern Pines, and only by

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Huntley Turned Down for Reappointment to Office of County Tax Collector

Heads Bank



DORSEY G. STUTZ IS NEW PRESIDENT OF CITIZENS BANK

Mayor of Southern Pines Elected Tuesday; Albany N. Y. Man is Named Cashier

At an adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company here Wednesday afternoon Dorsey G. Stutz, mayor of the town was elected president of the bank; Geo. C. Abraham was elected to the office of vice-president, and M. L. Hodgkins of Albany, N. Y., was installed as the new cashier of the institution which has served the section for more than twenty-five years. Miss Ethel Jones, who has been acting as cashier since the death of H. O. Riggan more than a year ago, will act as assistant cashier.

The new president reports that the bank has total resources of more than half a million dollars, and deposits have increased one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars during the past twelve months. It was the only bank in the section to open unrestricted immediately following the holiday declared by President Roosevelt.

Mr. Hodgkins, the newly elected cashier, will become a new member of the bank's staff and a new citizen of Southern Pines. A nephew of Mr. Abraham, he comes highly recommended for the position he will occupy in the institution.

Family of Nine Lose All As Fire Destroys Home

Residence of Charles Phillips on Cameron Route 1 is Totally Destroyed

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips on Cameron Route 1 was completely destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon, rendering a family of nine persons homeless. Not only were the house furnishings and clothing lost, but the family savings of \$150 and some 400 cans of fruit and vegetables.

Mr. Phillips and a number of his sons were at work on the farm some distance from the house, but Mrs. Phillips and her daughters were in the kitchen when the flames were first noticed. Two young children in another part of the house were rescued. The origin of the fire is unknown. No insurance was carried.

Friends and neighbors in the Cameron section have heartily responded to the call of Mrs. J. M. Guthrie of Cameron for aid for the family.

DR. DANIELS MOVES INTO NEW PENN. AVE. BUILDING

Dr. L. M. Daniels moved this week from his former location on East New Hampshire avenue to his new building on East Pennsylvania avenue, Southern Pines.

Board of Commissioners Gives Position to One of Its Own Members, L. R. Reynolds

ACTION GREAT SURPRISE

At a meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Monday, L. R. Reynolds of Highfalls, who recently began his second term as county commissioner, was elected tax collector for the county for the term of office beginning February 1st. Mr. Reynolds succeeds W. T. Huntley, who has held the office for the past three years, and in view of the splendid record made by Mr. Huntley and his widespread popularity as a collector, the election of a successor has come as the greatest surprise of anything that has occurred in county officialdom in several years.

There were nine applicants for the position: Mr. Huntley, Mr. Reynolds, Miss Annie McKeithen, J. R. McInnis, E. B. Keith, Ben Wood, H. H. Fry and N. C. McLeod and A. B. Cameron. The election of Mr. Reynolds has created a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners, which it will be the duty of the clerk of the court to appoint someone to fill.

The board turned thumbs down with a frank rejection and refusal the written demand of the Carthage School District that the Board of County Commissioners of Moore county assume the payment of the bonded indebtedness of said district and to levy a countywide tax to pay same, on the ground that the buildings erected by said indebtedness are necessary to maintain the six months' term as required of the county under the law.

It was ordered that the Montesanti Spaghetti Camp be granted a permit for license to sell legal beer; that the National Reemployment office in the court house be allowed an amount not exceeding \$10 per month for incidental expenses; that Rob Davis, colored, of Ritters township be allowed \$5 per month for support, and that John Murchison, colored, of Sandhills township be admitted to the county home.

Commerce Directors Plan Annual Meeting

Committee Is Named to Secure Speaker and Make Plans for Annual Banquet

Directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce voted Tuesday at a meeting held at Montesanti's to hold their annual meeting and banquet the last of this month, and the following committee was appointed to plan the affair: Dr. George G. Herr, chairman; Robert L. Hart, E. W. Reinecke, Hiram Westbrook, Ralph Chandler, and Frank Buchan.

This banquet is one of the events of the winter season in the Sandhills. Prominent speakers have come here to address the members and their friends for many years, and there is always an amusing program of stunts and merry-making. Last year Governor Ehringhaus was the guest of honor; the year before Ambassador to Mexico Josephus Daniels and former Ambassador to Turkey Henry Morgenthau, father of the present Secretary of the Treasury, were the speakers.

Directors for the new year are also elected at this meeting, and the following nomination committee was named yesterday to prepare a slate: Frank Pottle, chairman; Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Frank Buchan, C. J. Simons, and E. W. Baker. Officers are elected by the incoming directors.

JURY LIST DRAWN FOR FEBRUARY SUPERIOR COURT

The following have been named for jury duty for the February term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases: W. N. Sneed, Isaac Brewer, Grover Mashburn, John Ferguson, E. T. Hardy, M. C. Muse, W. G. Sneath, J. B. Gifford, Peter Dowd, M. W. Hussey, G. H. Purvis, W. G. Havener, Carlton A. Thomas, A. L. Burney, J. D. Thompson, Leon Thomas, J. G. Shields, B. C. Wallace, W. M. McLeod, C. H. Evans, J. P. Swett, A. D. McLean, A. Cleve Dunn and J. C. Nall.