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Attorney General Here Tuesday as Honor Guest of Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Seawell to Be Introduced by
State Senator Spence at
Dinner Tuesday Night

AT THE MID-PINES CLUB

Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell of Sanford, principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce to be held next Tuesday night at the Mid-Pines Club, will be introduced by State Senator U. L. Spence of Carthage, Moore county's member of the upper house in the General Assembly. Word was received from Mr. Spence yesterday that he would accompany Mr. Seawell here, and that in all probability Senator John Sprunt Hill and George Watts Hill of Durham would be in the party.

Arrangements have been completed for the dinner and annual meeting, and tickets went on sale several days ago. They have been priced at \$1.25, and may be purchased at the Broad Street Pharmacy, Thrower's Pharmacy, Sandhills Drug Store, Hayes' Book Store and at the following hotels: Highland Pines Inn, Mid-Pines Club, Park View, Southland, Hollywood, Jefferson Inn, Highland Lodge and The Woodworth in Southern Pines, and The Carolina in Pinehurst.

Dr. George G. Herr reports completion of the program of entertainment for the evening, a varied and versatile one. The business necessitated by the fact that it is the Chamber's annual meeting will be speedily despatched, he states, "and the fun begin." The only business will be the report of the nominating committee followed by election of directors for 1935, and the annual report of the secretary, Shields Cameron.

This is the first year the banquet has been held in the Mid-Pines Club, which a year ago adopted Southern Pines as its home. It was due to this fact that the committee in charge of the dinner was prompted to officially welcome the John Fitzgerald hostility into Southern Pines by having the annual meeting there. Mr. Fitzgerald is a director of the Chamber of Commerce and active in civic affairs locally.

The banquet will start promptly at 7:30 o'clock. Those failing to purchase tickets ahead of time will be taken care of at the door up to a certain number, but it is advisable to purchase tickets in advance that the committee may arrange the tables accordingly.

Dr. Derthick Preacher In Pinehurst Sunday

President of Milligan College,
Tenn. to Occupy Pulpit of
Community Church

Dr. H. J. Derthick, president of Milligan College, Tennessee, will occupy the pulpit of the Pinehurst Community Church this Sunday, February 10th. The Sandhills Brotherhood will hear Dr. Derthick at 9:15 Sunday morning and he will preach at both the morning and evening services, 11 o'clock and 7:30 respectively.

Dr. Derthick, who has accomplished a great work in the field of education, particularly among the mountain people, is a speaker whose dynamic and attractive personality has made him a welcome visitor here before. His messages are always arresting and his visit is anticipated with great pleasure by his many Sandhills friends. A cordial welcome is given to everyone to hear these addresses.

FIREMEN'S BALL AT COUNTRY CLUB ON FEBRUARY 19TH

The fifth annual Firemen's Ball will be held at the Southern Pines Country Club on February 19th, with music to be furnished by Fred (Red) Kibler and his Casa Nova Orchestra. This orchestra has won wide acclaim in the two Carolinas and is playing a season engagement at the Club Chalfonte in Pinehurst. The proceeds from the affair are for the benefit of the Southern Pines Fire Department.

Toastmaster



HERBERT F. SEAWELL, JR.

Carthage Attorney to Preside at Lincoln Day Dinner in Greensboro

The annual Lincoln Day Dinner will be held this year in the ball room of the King Cotton Hotel in Greensboro, on Tuesday night, February 12th. H. F. Seawell, Jr., Carthage attorney, has been asked to preside as toastmaster for the occasion. Former Governor, Theodore Christinson of Minnesota, who at the present time represents the Fifth Minnesota District in Congress, will deliver the principal address. Chairman Worth D. Henderson of Greensboro, of the Lincoln Day Dinner Organization, re-

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UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR W. T. HUNTLEY AS TAX COLLECTOR

County Board Retains Incumbent
After L. R. Reynolds
Declines Post

W. T. Huntley, who for the past three years has served as tax collector for Moore county, was unanimously elected for another term by the Board of County Commissioners in the regular monthly meeting held on Monday.

L. R. Reynolds, elected to this post at the January meeting, informed the board by letter that he could not serve so a second election was declared in order and Huntley was chosen.

Mr. Huntley has filled the place in a way that has been most acceptable to the public, and the action of the commissioners in retaining him is generally approved.

The Board decided to relieve A. P. Thompson, a disabled filling station operator, of the payment of a "Schedule B" tax so far as the county is concerned, and to recommend that the State Revenue Commissioner do likewise.

It was ordered that the Highfalls Manufacturing Company be relieved of \$80.60 corporate excess for the year 1934 on account of an error in listing.

William and Lydia McKeithen, an elderly colored couple of Vass, were ordered admitted to the County Home.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY TO MEET TUESDAY MORNING

A meeting of the Southern Pines Auxiliary of the Moore County Hospital will be held next Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Jackson H. Boyd on Connecticut avenue, with all those interested, whether or not members of the auxiliary, invited to attend.

CAMERONS HAVE SON

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Shields Cameron announce the birth of a daughter on Wednesday, February 6th at the Moore County Hospital.

COLORFUL CAREER ENDS IN DEATH OF DR. E. M. POATE

Author, Physician, Lawyer, Soldier Succumbs to Pneumonia
in Southern Pines

BORN IN JAPAN IN 1884

Southern Pines lost one of its most distinguished and widely known citizens in the death on Friday of last week of Dr. Ernest M. Poate. No more versatile individual has ever made the Sandhills his home. Author, physician, lawyer, architect, soldier, he attained an enviable reputation in all his chosen fields. He succumbed after a brave fight against pneumonia, at his home on Ashe street.

An athlete when a student at Cornell University, where he played at end on the football team, Dr. Poate's health first became impaired in France during the World War where he served as a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps. He came here to recuperate and, though his life was despaired of at the time, he fought his way back to a degree of health by sheer force of will power and a refusal to surrender. It is told of him that he said to his doctors, "I can't afford to die."

Because he was always of an active and studious nature, and also to keep his mind occupied, Dr. Poate turned to the mastering of his various professions. He left himself no time to think of his health.

An author of note, he wrote not only under his own name but many pseudonyms; as physician he specialized in psychopathology, and was for a time member of the faculty of the medical school at Duke University; he was a member of the North Carolina bar, acted for a time as local magistrate; in 1931 was judge of the short-lived local recorder's court, and more recently served as town counsel.

He was the author of a widely-read series of articles on child hygiene appearing in The News and Observer last year with the sponsorship of the Health Committee of the Raleigh Woman's Club.

He was elected president of the North Carolina Neuro-Psychiatric Society at a meeting held at the State Hospital in Raleigh on January 18.

Dr. Poate's versatile career brought him in contact not only with his fellow citizens but with men of affairs throughout state and nation.

His death from pneumonia brought to an end a colorful life, begun in a land far from the place of its conclusion, for he was a native of Japan, having been born in Yokohama, October 10, 1884.

Funeral services were held at his late residence at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the Rev. C. Rexford Raymond of the Church of Wide Fellowship officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mayor D. G. Stutz and Commissioners A. B. Yeomans, George H. Case, Frank Welch, C. H. Patch and L. V. O'Callaghan, of Southern Pines and J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen. Honorary bearers, members of the Moore County Medical Association, included Doctors W. C. Mudgett, James Milliken, J. W. Dickie, E. W. Bush, A. H. McLeod, W. G. McLeod, J. C. Bowen and also John Barron, H. A. Thrower and N. L. Gibbon.

ART EXHIBIT AND MUSIC TODAY AT CIVIC CLUB

This afternoon, Friday at 3 o'clock, all those interested in art are invited to the Civic Club to see an exhibit of various kinds of arts and crafts, under the leadership of the Southern Pines artists, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Fowler, of the Kraft Studio on Massachusetts avenue. This will include Japanese prints, block printing, wood carving, pottery, etc. Miss Ruth Clair, who is spending the winter with the Eddys, will also give an exhibit of her own hand-made pottery. Mrs. Hafer will play some piano selections. Refreshments will be served by a hospitality committee comprising Miss Julia Mowry, Miss Mary Bleimeler, Mrs. Robert Rose and Miss Isabel Graves.

Felix Leslie Johnson, Aberdeen, Lieutenant Commander in Navy

Son of Late J. McNeill Johnson
Wins Promotion; Has Had
Thrilling Career

By Blon H. Butler

I have an interesting little note from one of the boys of several years ago, Felix Leslie Johnson. Felix was one of the young chaps around Aberdeen until one day the late Robert N. Page recommended him for appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Then he went away. Once in a while he comes back. He dropped down at my house shortly before Christmas and in our little conversation he intimated a prospect of being promoted to Lieutenant Commander in the navy and sure enough when he got back to San Pedro, California, he found the commission in his Christmas stocking.

James McNeill Johnson was the young officer's father, and one of my highly esteemed friends. Naturally I like to see the boy move ahead. He is an excellent young chap. I like to see any of the boys get ahead. In 1933 Lieut. Johnson was assigned to the battleship Tennessee on which he now has been made Lieutenant Commander. The Tennessee is one of the foremost vessels of the navy, of over 32,000 tons displacement, 624 feet in length, 98 feet in width and carrying a battery of twelve 14-inch guns with an equal number of smaller guns. It would fill a street in Southern Pines from the railroad station to the municipal building, and leave mighty little room on either side. It is one of the leading half dozen ships of the navy and one of the masters of the naval world.

This bit of information is of interest because Felix Johnson is one of the boys of our own community, liked by everybody, and he appears to be coming along at a highly creditable gait. I have gathered up an outline of his service with the navy and its starts with the World War and comes through to the present time with right

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Head of Salem College Delights Audience Here

Dr. Howard E. Rondthaler Takes
Civic Club and D. A. R. on
Trip With Washington

One of the most delightful occasions of the season was the combination D. A. R. and Civic Club meeting at the Civic Club house on Tuesday afternoon, under the pleasantly humorous leadership of Dr. Howard E. Rondthaler, a large company of men and women journeyed with the first president of the United States of his famous official visit to the Carolinas, in great state and ceremony, listening to his own comments as they went, quoted from his personal diary, kept at the time. It made them feel much better acquainted with the "Father of His Country," and also how near to us that period was—less than 150 years ago!

Other interesting parts of the program were the invitation to all visiting daughters to rise and tell what chapters they were from. This was responded to by about 15 ladies, from various parts of the country. Also, about twenty Salem College graduates were asked to rise and give their names and graduating year.

Singing by a trio of ladies from the Chaminade Club of Raeford was much enjoyed, the ladies being Mrs. Marshall Thomas, Mrs. Ina Bethune, and Mrs. Arch Currie. During the reception which followed the lecture, Miss Selma St-gil played the piano and refreshments were served by the hostess committee of the D. A. R.

NEXT GYMKHANA TO BE HELD ONE WEEK FROM TODAY

The Equestrian Gymkhana at the Southern Pines Horse Show ring, postponed from last Friday, will be held a week from today, on Friday, February 15th, the committee announced yesterday. There will be no events there this afternoon, but next Friday the biggest and most exciting horse and rider program of the winter is promised, the committee working on a number of feature attractions and stunts for that afternoon.

Promoted



FELIX LESLIE JOHNSON

DEPUTY SHERIFF GETS MAN AFTER FOUR YEAR HUNT

Kelly's Fine Detective Work
Lands Nicholson, Alleged
Murderer, In Jail

CAPTURED IN MISSOURI

A man hunt that began in Moore county four years ago, extended across the continent into California and led from place to place throughout the country, came to an end in Missouri last week, and on Monday night John Nicholson, alias Joe Swindell, alleged knife-murderer of Joe Little of the White Hill section, was lodged in Moore county's jail to await a preliminary hearing scheduled for Saturday of this week.

To Chief Deputy Sheriff L. A. Kelly goes the credit for the accomplishment of this, the greatest piece of detective work in the history of the county.

Nicholson, also a resident of the White Hill section, is said to have got into trouble with Little following defamatory remarks about Little's wife, and the slaying resulted. After the crime, which occurred on January 9, 1931, Nicholson fled the county, but throughout the years Kelly has been on his trail. Several times he has had his man located, but Nicholson always moved on before the officer could catch up with him.

For the past three months, it is said, Nicholson's mother had been receiving letters postmarked "Nevada, Missouri." After writing to officers there and giving a description of the man he was seeking, Kelly went to Nevada to see if he could locate

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STORY OF "MADONNA OF THE CHAIR" ON FILM SUNDAY

The relation of art to religion will be most attractively shown at the Community Hour next Sunday night at the Church of Wide Fellowship. Motion pictures will tell the story of how Raphael's masterpiece, the "Madonna of the Chair," was begun. Another reel will show the historical setting of Michael Angelo's paintings on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. This is perhaps the most wonderful painting in the world, and contains three hundred and forty-three different figures, portraying many Biblical incidents.

Admission is free at these Community Hour services. The service will begin promptly at 7:30 p. m.

JUDGE SHAW TO PRESIDE AT SUPERIOR COURT TERM

A term of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases will convene in Carthage on Monday with Judge Thomas J. Shaw presiding. The term will in all probability be short as few cases are on the docket.

SOUTHERN PINES ORGANIZES FOR LOCAL RELIEF

Sets Up Temporary Committee
and Issues Appeal For Funds
For Needy Cases

REV. MR. BROWN CHAIRMAN

Southern Pines started organizing for relief on Monday night. At a meeting held in the Civic Club, at which Dr. Levis Prizer presided, a temporary organization was set up with the following committee named: The Rev. Craighill Brown, chairman; Mrs. C. H. Durgin, Mrs. W. N. Hutt, Dr. George G. Herr and the Rev. J. Fred Stimson.

This committee has called a meeting of representatives of churches, civic organizations, fraternal bodies and auxiliaries to be held at the home of Mrs. Durgin on Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at which time a permanent organization will be set up. Need for local funds for relief is great since the government has turned back to the towns the responsibility for its own cases, except where government employment is involved. Families with no employable members must be cared for locally, and there are at present 16 such families here, some in need of complete relief, some partial. Contributions are already being received by Mr. Brown toward their care, and all funds will be most welcome.

It is planned to interest persons in individual cases as much as possible, and already one resident of Southern Pines has taken the responsibility for one of the worst local cases, assuming support of a family for three months. The committee yesterday gave The Pilot three sample cases, and hopes that some residents able to do so will get in touch with Mr. Brown and look after these needy persons. Other cases are similar and information about them may be learned from the committee. The three cases mentioned are:

- No. 1. Old woman, white, absolutely devoid of means of support, helpless. Complete relief required. Estimate, \$7.00 per week.
- No. 2. Mother, white, a widow, and son hopelessly ill of tuberculosis. No means of support. Complete relief required. \$10.00 per week.
- No. 3. Old woman, colored, ill and with no means of support. Complete relief. \$5.00 per week.

It is hoped that organizations as well as individuals may be interested in assuming responsibility for some of the 16 cases. At present all local relief funds have been exhausted, and the demands upon the committee are greatly in excess of contributions. No outside State or federal money is available, and an urgent plea is made for assistance that Southern Pines may be in a position to look after its needy and unfortunate.

TUFTS ARGUES AGAINST INCREASED HOTEL TAX

James Tufts of Pinehurst appeared before the Senate Finance Committee at Raleigh last week to argue against an increased tax rate on resort hotels, basing his argument on the fact that these hotels are open only about half a year and should not be required to pay a full year's rate.

KIWANIS URGES STATE TO RE-ROUTE HIGHWAY 15

The Kiwanis Club at its meeting Wednesday passed a resolution to appeal to State Highway Commission Chairman Capus Waynick to restore U. S. Highway 15 to its former route leading to the Sandhills via Sanford, rather than from Durham to Raleigh as recently changed.

RUNNING AND TROTTER RACES TOMORROW AT PINEHURST

Horse racing starts up again tomorrow, Saturday afternoon, on the Pinehurst Race Track, under the auspices of the Pinehurst Racing Association. In addition to running races there will be two trotting events and a mule race in which farmers will compete for prizes. P. S. P. Randolph, the racing secretary announced yesterday. The largest crowd of the season is looked for.