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SANDHILLS SAVES U. S. 15; FORMER ROUTE REINSTATED

Important Highway Will Go
Through Carthage, Pinehurst
and Aberdeen

BIG CROWD AT HEARING

U. S. Route 15 will follow its former routing through North Carolina southward until it gets to Pinehurst, where it turns to Aberdeen and then via Laurinburg into South Carolina and on to Waterboro, S. C., the State Highway and Public Works Commission decided Wednesday after hearing arguments for several hours.

It decided also to have U. S. 401 leave Route 15 at Creedmoor, pass through Raleigh and via Lillington, Fayetteville and Raeford to Laurinburg, where it will again hit Route 15 and go with it, presumably, through South Carolina to Waterboro. These decisions will have to be officially adopted by the American Association of Highway Commissioners before becoming effective.

The delegation of a hundred or more folks, probably nearly 50 from Moore county, a large number from Harnett, and numbers from Durham, Pittsboro, Sanford, Rockingham, Fayetteville and Raleigh, as well as those from Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Carthage, attended the hearing.

Big Sandhills Delegation

In the Sandhills delegation were committees from the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen, among those going being A. S. Ruggles, R. S. Durant, S. B. Richardson, Chan Page, Colin Osborne, Hiram Westbrook, Alton McLean and Shields Cameron of Southern Pines, T. B. Wilder of Aberdeen, James Tufts, C. W. Picquet, I. C. Sledge, Dr. T. A. Cheatham, W. L. Dunlop and Gordon Cameron of Pinehurst, State Senator U. L. Spence and others of Carthage.

The trouble over the routing seems to have developed last summer when a change was made in the 15 route, having it leave the original 15 at Creedmoor and pass Raleigh, Fayetteville, Raeford and Laurinburg. This change was made by the then Chairman E. B. Jeffress and the late John D. Waldrop, engineer but the change was not made official, presumably because of the death of Mr. Waldrop and because Mr. Jeffress was stricken down soon after.

Route 15, originating in Harrisburg, Penn., originally passed through Oxford, Durham, Chapel Hill, Pittsboro, Sanford, Carthage, Pinehurst and via Jackson Springs to Rockingham, where it stopped. The change last year shifted it over to Raleigh, Fayetteville, Raeford and Laurinburg, into South Carolina. All of the points now, by the new decision and the decision to establish 401 as indicated above, are taken care of, except Rockingham, which has No. 1.

Senators U. L. Spence, John Sprunt Hill and W. P. Morton spoke for keeping the original routing of No. 15, which was done, except that both 15 and 401 will miss Rockingham when the numbering becomes official. The change was not on the North Carolina map, but had been used by maps issued by oil companies, causing confusion.

The commission members expressed the hope that the new plan would be satisfactory to a large majority of the people interested.

WEAVER AWARDED CONTRACT FOR REBUILDING WINE PLANT

Marvin S. Weaver of Aberdeen was this week awarded the contract for rebuilding the winery in Aberdeen for operation by the Garrett Company, makers of Virginia Dare wine. The contract price was approximately \$4,200, and work is already well under way. Huge vats and machinery for manufacture have already arrived on the scene, and shipments of dewberries are being received at the plant. A railroad siding has been run along the side of the building.

DR. ELMOND AT DUKE

Dr. C. Rexford Raymond addressed the Rural Church School at Duke University last Tuesday on "The Minister in the Life of the Community."

TRIO THWARTED IN ATTEMPT TO ROB HART DRUG STORE

Open Gunfire When Interrupted
at Doors of Broad St. Pharmacy
by Officer Newton

SUSPECT PROCTOR GANG

Three men, caught in the act of attempting to break into R. L. Hart's Broad Street Pharmacy in Southern Pines at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, opened gunfire on Night Patrolman Ed Newton. Newton returned the compliment from behind a corner of the building from which he had been watching their movements, and the trio fled. They had a Plymouth car, on which they had placed license plates, stolen from the car of Dr. George G. Herr of Southern Pines. Newton escaped being hit by the shots of the gang. Whether any of his shots hit their mark he does not know.

The officer had noticed the car with the three men in it driving around town during the night, and his suspicions were aroused. He lay in wait behind the buildings along West Broad street. When he heard the car approach the corner of Broad and Pennsylvania avenue he stuck his head around the corner of the building occupied by the E. C. Stevens real estate agency, and as he did so looked into the eyes of one of the men who had alighted from the car and was near the rear door of the pharmacy. Another man was at the front door, the third at the wheel of the car. It was the man in the car who opened fire. The others rushed for the car, Newton firing as they climbed in and made a speedy getaway. The men appeared to have burglar's tools.

Officer Newton says one of the trio looked like one of the leaders of the old Worth Proctor gang, which has been breaking into stores in this section for several years. Most of the members of the gang are now serving sentences in jail, but some are out. A general alarm has been sent through the state for the gang.

June 27 Last Day to File HOLC Applications

Home Owners Desiring Aid Must
Act Within Next Two
Weeks

The attention of home owners in distress who desire aid of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, was this week called to the fact that under the amendment of the HOLC act, recently passed by Congress, the period for filing new applications will expire at midnight, June 27, 1935. After that date, no applications will be received from home owners who are in distress and who are eligible under the law for assistance, and he urged that all those desiring assistance file their applications at once.

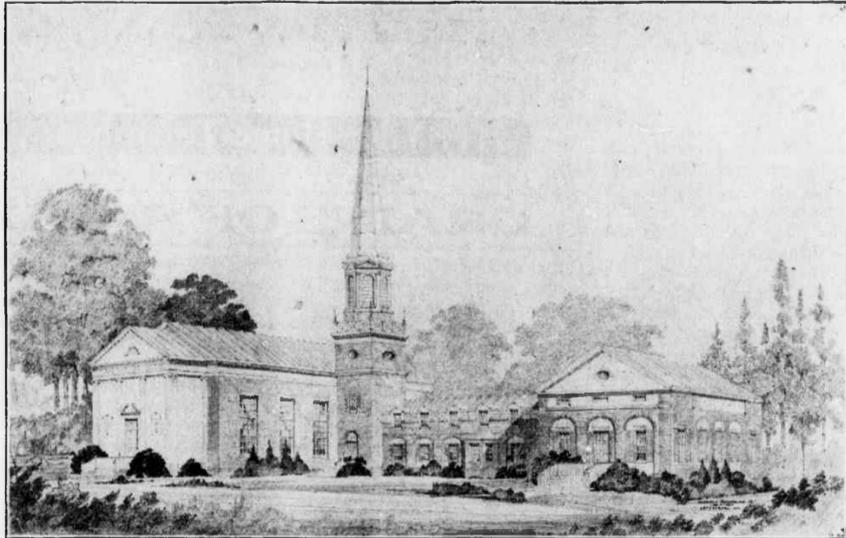
The District Manager stated that regulations, as to eligibility, remain virtually unchanged, and those desiring complete explanation of what cases are eligible may receive either by calling at the District Office, Third Floor, Post Office Building, Raleigh, or writing for an explanation. Office hours of the corporation, for the summer, became effective two or three weeks ago, and are from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Mr. Rodgers stated that these hours have been changed, for the convenience of the public, and application clerk will be on hand in the District Office until 5:30 every afternoon until the time limit for filing applications expires.

Attorney Duncan Matthews of Southern Pines has application forms here.

HOSPITAL DIRECTORS DISCUSS NEW ADDITION

Directors of the Moore County Hospital met last night to discuss the raising of necessary funds for the proposed addition to the hospital, and several plans along this line were advanced. An effort is to be made to procure federal funds to add to local and other contributions. In the absence of Verner Z. Reed, Jr., president of the board, George H. Maurice, vice president, presided at the meeting.

Architect's Drawing of Proposed Southern Pines Baptist Church



PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR START OF NEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Southern Pines Congregation
Sees Cornerstone Laying
In Near Future

FUND NEARLY ADEQUATE

Prospects are the brightest they have been in several years for the construction in the near future of the new Southern Pines Baptist Church, and efforts are being made now to raise the small balance of money needed to start work on the edifice. The church recently acquired through outright purchase the property at the corner of New York avenue and Ashe street. Plans have been approved for a true Southern type church building to serve as the main unit of the church which it is the ultimate plan of the congregation to erect. This unit carries out, in large measure, the original plan for the finished edifice as shown in an architect's drawing on this page.

The Southern Pines Baptist Church has been making rapid forward strides during the pastorate of the Rev. J. Fred Stimson. It has, in addition to a large regular membership and congregation, one of the largest Sunday Schools in the section. The present building on West Connecticut avenue is inadequate for the needs of church and Sunday School, and for several years the members have been striving diligently to build up a fund to make possible the new edifice on the site selected a number of years ago and now acquired. This fund has reached a point where it falls little short of the amount needed to proceed with the long cherished ambition of the congregation.

Included in the plan as outlined to The Pilot this week is the demolition of the present church building and the utilization of much of the lumber in the new building, thus realizing a material saving and bringing nearer the date of the laying of the cornerstone. Members are bending every effort to accomplish this this summer.

Aberdeen Opens Ball Season With Victory

Myrick's Pitching and Bob Maurer's Homer Too Much for
West End

Lefty Bill Myrick was the star of Aberdeen's opening game of the baseball season Wednesday afternoon, holding West End to five hits and getting a double and a single himself. Aberdeen won the game 5 to 4.

The Aberdeen ball park is rapidly being enclosed with its new fence and both fence and bleachers will be ready for next Wednesday's game, which will probably be with either Hemp or Rockingham. Hereafter there will be an admission charge, 25 cents for men, ten cents for women and children over 14. No charge for those under 14.

Wednesday's game was a good one. Aberdeen scored twice in the first inning on an error, DuMeer's single, an out and a wild pitch by Lawhon. West End tied in the third on two hits and two errors. In the fifth Freeman for Aberdeen walked, Leach beat out an intended sacrifice, DuMeer grounded out, advancing the runners. After Freeman went out at the plate attempting to score on a passed ball, Bob Maurer, with a count of two and three on him, slammed one over the centerfield fence, first homer of the season, to put Aberdeen two runs in front. Aberdeen scored once later and West End twice, but the game was on ice. Lawhon allowed but six hits but was wild and was replaced by Hinson in the seventh.

The revamped Aberdeen team, reinforced by Cagle and Myrick of Carthage, the two Matthews boys of Vass, and Jennings from Star looks good and a good brand of baseball appears to be in store for Sandhills fans during the summer.

The American Legion's Junior League got off to a bad start its opening week, and the only scheduled game played ended in a tie when the sun set with Southern Pines and Pinehurst tied at three each.

Mr. Tufts Honored for Service to Agriculture of North Carolina

Awarded Certificate of Merit by
State College at 43d
Commencement

Leonard Tufts of Pinehurst was honored by North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering this week with B. B. Everett of Palmyra and Dr. Clarence Poe of Raleigh. Mr. Tufts was awarded a certificate of meritorious service to the agriculture of North Carolina. The awards were made at the 43d commencement exercises of the college, held on Riddick Field, Raleigh on Monday night, and were presented by Col. J. W. Harrelson.

Each of the three men has made a notable contribution to the improvement of agriculture and farm life during the past several years. Mr. Everett is regarded as one of the largest and most successful farmers of the state but has made a definite contribution in his seed breeding and soil fertility work. Dr. Clarence Poe has been active in every phase of rural improvement and has fought continuously for scientific knowledge as a basis for farm development. Mr. Tufts, an adopted son of the state, has made his contribution largely in the scientific breeding and improvement of livestock, though his use of native shrubbery in making Pinehurst a beauty spot of the state, and his early interest in better highways.

Mr. Tufts organized the Moore County Agricultural and Development Association; was an early advocate of good roads; organized and financed the Sandhill Fair and has made a valuable contribution in the breeding of Ayrshire cattle and Berkshire hogs. He originated the superior sire plan of the Ayrshire Breeders Association which has been adopted by other national herd associations. He, personally, is one of the leading breeders of Ayrshire cattle in America.

MRS. BLACKBURN, RESIDENT OF PINEHURST, PASSES

News of the death of Mrs. O. A. Blackburn of Pinehurst and Pittsboro, Pa., on Thursday morning, June 6th, was received here this week and was a distinct shock to her many friends in the Sandhills.

Mrs. Blackburn had been confined to her bed since early December at her Pinehurst home, but was carried to the home of her son in Pittsboro about two weeks ago. Although she was a native of Pittsboro she had spent much time, both in winter and summer, in her Pinehurst home for many years. She enjoyed a wide circle of friends here. She also had a summer home in Chautauqua, N. Y.

Mrs. Blackburn is survived by her mother, Mrs. Emma P. Reed; a sister, Mrs. E. B. Morrow, and a nephew, James Morrow, all living in Chautauqua; two sons, J. B. Blackburn of Pittsboro and Lane Blackburn of Washington, Pa.; a niece, Mrs. J. J. Gouldrick of Savannah, Ga., and several grandchildren.

L. L. Biddle, II is out of the hospital after an operation for appendicitis.

Honored by State



LEONARD TUFTS

Firemen vs. Kiwanis in Donkey Ball Game

Many Players Take Part in
Novel Contest Played Under
Floodlights

Twelve donkeys arrived in Southern Pines yesterday to be used in a baseball game scheduled for last night in the Horse Show ring near the baseball field, especially lighted for the occasion. The opponents are the firemen of Moore county and the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen. Among firemen taking part in the game are L. V. O'Callaghan, Harry Cashion, Oscar Michael, Elmer Renegar, L. S. Rowell, Jim Simons and Tom Vann, Southern Pines; Haney Harris, Paul Keland, E. B. Maynard and Craig Maynard, Aberdeen; Ed Adams, Pinebluff; Bill Cole, Louis Johnson and Travis Wicker, Pinehurst and Bill Barnes, R. G. Fry, Jr., Buster Kivett and H. L. Miller, Carthage.

On the Kiwanis list are H. D. Vail, Paul Dana, Bill Dunlop, Pete Pender, A. P. Thompson, James and Richard Tufts and Col. Hawes of Pinehurst; Dr. E. M. Medlin, Leon Seymour, Frank McCluer and Jack Taylor, Aberdeen; E. H. Garrison, Jr., and Charlie McDonald, Carthage; Frank Buchan, Howard Burns, Duncan Matthews, Glenn McElroy and Buck Tarlton, Southern. The Rev. J. Fred Stimson is umpire.

The game is played on donkeys, except that the pitcher and catcher are on the ground, the batter on the ground until he hits, when he jumps aboard a donkey and tries to ride to first. Fielders, to field the ball, must jump off their donkeys, capture the ball and get back aboard before throwing to first. As The Pilot goes to press before the game starts, the result and casualties will be reported next week.

Leave your forwarding address with The Pilot before going away for the summer.

NO CITY DELIVERY BUT PROSPECT OF NEW POSTOFFICE

Postmaster Buchan Instructed
To Lease Quarters For One
Year Instead of Ten

PRESENT SERVICE O. K.

No city delivery service for Southern Pines at this time is the report received by Postmaster Frank Buchan this week from the office of the First Assistant Postmaster General in Washington. The letter, dated June 10th, reads:

"The report of the inspector who recently conducted an investigation at your office to determine the advisability of establishing city delivery service has been received.

"In view of the fact that the patrons are apparently satisfied with the present service accorded by your office and there is no demand for carrier service, no further action will be taken at this time toward establishing city delivery service at Southern Pines."

Also this week came word from another branch of the Post Office Department which gives rise to hopes that Southern Pines is soon to have its new postoffice building. Postmaster Buchan has been instructed to solicit proposals for leasing quarters for the local postoffice for one year instead of the usual ten-year term, at the same time securing an option for one additional year. As Southern Pines is one the preferred list for a new federal building, this request from the department is doubtless due to the possibility of the government's contracting for the building in the near future.

The lease on the present quarters here expires December 31st of this year.

\$11,964,601 For N. C. Roads and Crossings

Federal Funds Available For
Entire Cost of Safety
Projects

The \$4,823,954 apportioned North Carolina, of the federal fund for the elimination of grade crossings will be used to pay the entire cost of projects of the following character exclusive of any charge for right-of-way or property damage:

(a) Separation of grades at crossings; (b) protection of grade crossings; (c) reconstruction of existing crossing structures; (d) relocation of highways to eliminate grade crossings.

The new regulations soon to be issued will require that 90 per cent employed on any project shall be obtained from relief rolls and all projects will be measured for approval on a basis of \$1,400 total expenditure for labor, materials and incidentals per man per year, or on a basis of 40 per cent of the total cost, including cost of property to go to labor directly employed on the project.

In addition to the sum to be spent (Please turn to page 8)