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JAMES B. LITTLE ADMITS \$12,000 DEPOT HOLD-UP

Resident of Pinebluff Under Arrest in New York City for Assault, Robbery

WAS PLANNING ANOTHER

James Bampton Little of Pinebluff is under arrest in New York City charged with assault and robbery. At police headquarters he admitted he robbed the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad night cashier of \$12,000 in September last year. Little comes of a highly respected family in Pinebluff and news of the affair came as a great surprise and shock to a wide circle of friends here.

According to an Associated Press despatch from New York, Little was arrested early last Thursday morning in the vicinity of the cashier's office in Grand Central Station and told police he was about to visit the scene of his first robbery to secure more funds. He formerly worked for the New Haven, he said.

Because of facial blemishes he wore a long mask at the time of the robbery, he said, and his Southern drawl, which he feared his former co-workers would recognize, caused him to issue orders during the robbery by means of typewritten documents.

Police said he missed \$38,000 during the first robbery. According to his story, Little, after the September coup, took a train to his Southern home and took his wife and two children to Miami where he opened a sporting goods store.

The store failed to prosper, he said, and he returned North to rob the New Haven cashier again.

Stole Cashier's Keys

Taking rooms in the railroad rooming house of Mrs. Heary Longstreet at Mt. Vernon, he stole keys from John Hartley, assistant cashier who also roomed there, but left untouched Hartley's wallet and watch, Little said.

When arrested last week he carried a satchel in which was found a .38 calibre pistol, wire, tape and 11 typewritten instruction sheets such as he used when Hugh Gomerly, night cashier was his victim in September. These instructions were in a series such as: "Close the window," draw the shades," "keep away from that siren button."

When arrested by detectives Little said he was pacing back and forth in the East 47th street yards trying to steel himself to commit the second robbery.

The receipts from the entire system are deposited at the Grand Central cashier's office every night.

When Little came here last Fall he explained his sudden affluence by announcing to his family and friends the sale of a scenario to moving picture interests in Hollywood.

Little has a wife and four children. His father was a high ranking officer in the United States Navy and is buried in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

MRS. WILLIS J. YOUNG DIES HERE AT AGE OF 71 YEARS

Mrs. Willis J. Young, aged 71 years, a patient in the Moore County Hospital just two days, died in that institution Tuesday afternoon, October 22nd. Funeral services were held in the Powell mortuary at 3:00 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, the Rev. J. Fred Stinson officiating. The body was taken by Mr. Young, and Frank Viall to Franconia, N. H., on Friday for interment in the family plot.

Mrs. Young, the former Miss Lucy Jesseman, of Lisbon, N. H., came to Southern Pines with her husband in January, 1899, moving two years later to the farm known to a generation of townspeople as "Young's" on the road of that name, three miles east of Southern Pines. There they have resided ever since. Of a quiet and retiring nature, Mrs. Young numbered many friends and acquaintances among the earlier residents of Southern Pines and adjacent communities.

Three-Day Spring Blossom Event To Feature Slaves, Sports, Music

This is Recommendation of Committee for Coming Year. Mr. Yeomans Offers Ideas

A three-day Spring Blossom Festival, featuring Old Slave Day, a day of music and a day of sports but eliminating the carnival idea, was recommended to the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday by the committee recently appointed to consider the advisability of continuing or doing away with the annual event. Dr. George G. Herr made the report which recommended:

First Day—Golf and tennis tournaments and an equestrian gymkhana.

Second Day—Old Slave Day.

Third Day—Baseball Game between two universities of the state.

A Music Festival would be fitted into the program on whichever day seemed best suited.

The three days would come in April at a time approximating the blooming of the dogwood here.

Following up a suggestion made to The Pilot last week regarding the Spring Blossom Festival, Alfred B. Yeomans writes as follows:

A Children's Chorus

"Your editorial of last week based on my casual comments on the Spring Festival fails to state correctly my suggestion for emphasizing the musical part of the program. What I had in mind was not a chorus of adults such as we have had at previous festivals, but a chorus of school children from our own and other nearby schools. The idea is really Mr. Smith's who, with Mr. Webster's endorsement, is planning a school musical festival for some day in the spring. My sole contribution to the idea was that, if the Spring Festival were repeated next spring, this school festival should be made one of its most important features. With the music might be combined an appropriate play (Mr. Webster's suggestion) and folk dancing in costume.

"And this leads me to say that, in my opinion, if the Spring Festival idea is to have any real value as a genuine expression of community feeling inspired by the season—and unless it is that, it is nothing worth, while—it must be planned and carried (Please turn to page 5)

Harold Rush, Brother of Mrs. Picquet, Dies

Westinghouse Representative Well Known Here, Passes Suddenly in New Orleans

Harold Rush, brother of Mrs. Charles W. Picquet and well known to scores of Sandhillians through his frequent visits here, passed away suddenly in New Orleans Tuesday night of this week. The cause of death was not known here at the time Mrs. Picquet left for Cleveland, Ohio to attend the funeral services.

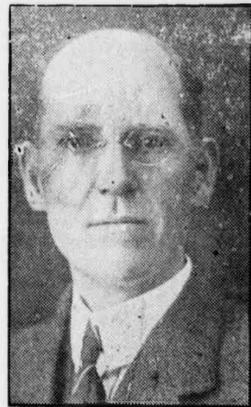
Mr. Rush was about 40 years old. He represented the Westinghouse Electric Company in a number of Southern states, and made his headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. He was in New Orleans on business at the time of his death. His mother, Mrs. M. B. Rush, resides here with the Picquets, and Harold Rush had spent much time here in past seasons. His loss will be keenly felt by a wide circle of friends in Pinehurst and Southern Pines.

His wife and two children survive, in addition to his mother and sister. Mrs. Picquet left Wednesday for Cleveland.

TOBACCO SELLING HIGHER NOW THAN YEAR AGO

Tobacco prices continued to advance this week on all flue-cured markets, with Aberdeen no exception to the rule. The prices here have been averaging over 22 cents, and are higher this week than they were the corresponding week a year ago. The jump the past week has boosted the average for the entire flue-cured area to 20.46 cents. In this best the season average is now over 21 cents, with 45,000,000 pounds sold up to the first of the week. Sales continue big in Aberdeen, and the 2,000,000 pound mark was passed several days ago.

To Supreme Court?



UNION L. SPENCE

SUPREME COURT JUDGESHIP URGED FOR U. L. SPENCE

Friends Ask Governor to Name Him to Succeed Late Judge Brogden

CITE SERVICE TO STATE

Friends of State Senator Union L. Spence of Carthage are advancing his name to Governor Ehringhaus for appointment to the Supreme Court bench to succeed Associate Justice Willis Brogden, who died on Tuesday afternoon at his home in Durham. Judge Brogden had been ill for several months. He was 58 years of age.

A number of telegrams from men prominent in Moore county, both in and out of the legal profession, were forwarded to the Governor this week highly recommending Senator Spence for the post. His qualifications, his service to county and state as members at various times of both houses of the legislature, his honesty and integrity have been set forth by his sponsors in ardent terms. It is known that Governor Ehringhaus thinks highly of Mr. Spence, whose service as chairman of the important Finance committee of the lower house a few years ago and as chairman of the important highways committee of the Senate during the last General Assembly were noteworthy, and whose assistance in numerous ways to both Governor Gardner and Governor Ehringhaus have been of inestimable value. It is generally conceded that if the appointment can come to Moore county, Mr. Spence will be given the choice.

Attorney General of Indiana Guest Here

Philip Lutz, Jr., Put Dillinger in Jail After Capture in Arizona

Philip Lutz, Jr., Attorney General of the State of Indiana, is a guest in Southern Pines this week and plans to be here off and on during the winter season. Mrs. Lutz, recuperating from bronchial trouble, will remain through the winter, the Sandhills having been recommended to her by the Cleveland, Ohio Clinical Hospital as "the most equitable climate in the country for convalescents, preferable to Colorado, Florida, Arizona or California." Mr. Lutz told The Pilot this week.

It was Attorney General Lutz who some two years ago went to Tucson, Arizona and brought back to Indiana and prison the famous John Dillinger, then U. S. Public Enemy No. 1. The historic jail break followed Dillinger's incarceration at that time, and the nation-wide hunt for him and his gang which ended in the slaying of the bandit outside a Chicago movie theatre was begun. Of the Dillinger gang all ten notorious members have now been accounted for, either shot down, electrocuted or behind bars, Mr. Lutz said yesterday. Mr. Lutz is a former lieutenant governor of his Kiwanis Club district.

LIEUT. GOVERNOR REUNION SPEAKER AT KIWANIS CLUB

"Sandy" Graham to Address Annual Home-Coming Meeting Next Wednesday

CLUB HEARS T. H. SUTTON

Lieutenant Governor A. H. ("Sandy") Graham of Hillsboro, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor when the next primary rolls around, will be the principal speaker at the annual reunion, or home-coming meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen, to be held at noon next Wednesday in the Pinehurst Community Church. The occasion is the get-together of former members and the active group, and is the club's largest meeting each year. The program this year is in charge of Dr. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen, who announced at this week's meeting the acceptance of Mr. Graham's invitation to address the organization.

The meeting this week was held at the Southern Pines Country Club, with the members listening to a most interesting, if gruesome talk on "Accident Prevention." Thomas H. Sutton of Fayetteville, chairman of the American Red Cross Accident Prevention group there, was the speaker and during his plea for careful driving on the highways, he read the article, "—And Sudden Death," which appeared in a recent issue of The Reader's Digest and made such a stir throughout the country. "But accidents are not all on the roads," he said. "There were 35,000 persons killed in automobile accidents last year, but there were 34,500 killed in accident in the home, only 1,000 less, and the injuries in homes of the country were nearly five times greater than on the highways. It is getting dangerous even to stay home, Mr. Sutton said.

Mr. Sutton told of Red Cross plans for a nation-wide campaign to make the United States "accident conscious." Homes are to be checked for hazards, first aid stations erected along leading highways, strenuous effort made to cut down the great loss of life through carelessness and thoughtlessness.

Sandhills Hears Plans For Advertising U. S. 1

Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines Representative at Large Meeting Here

A large gathering of citizens of Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines heard officials of the U. S. Highway No. 1 Association outline plans for advertising the highway to attract winter tourist travel at a meeting sponsored by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce in Jack's Grill Tuesday noon. Dr. L. B. McBrayer, vice president of the No. 1 organization, presided.

Principal speakers were C. R. Lano of Sanford, field representative of the association, and Harry M. Tschudy, promotion manager of the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond, who is looking after the raising of funds to finance the proposed campaign. Plans to publish and circulate attractive illustrated booklets showing the route No. 1 follows from Maine to Florida and the attractions along the route were discussed. Mr. Tschudy stated it was proposed to make the association more of a service organization than it has been.

An open forum followed the principal speeches, and suggestions were made by Howard Phillips, Ernest I. Gamache and E. S. Blodgett of Pinehurst, T. D. McLean of Aberdeen and Harrison Stutts, E. C. Stevens, Dr. L. M. Daniels, Frank Buchanan, Struthers Burt, R. L. Hart, Shields Cameron, H. J. Betterley and others of Southern Pines.

All three towns were urged to send delegates to the meeting of the executive committee of the association in Richmond on November 6th, and to make every effort to raise funds for the support of the association's program in the meanwhile.

Lieut. Governor



A. H. ("SANDY") GRAHAM

PROJECTS SOUGHT IN MOORE COUNTY TOTAL \$601,213

"Virtually Impossible To Carry These To Completion," Advises District Supervisor

CARTHAGE ASKS MOST

Projects submitted to the Public Works Administration from Moore county call for a total expenditure of \$601,213.84, of which sum the government is asked to provide \$481,120.44, the balance being taken care of by the localities making the requests.

The complete list of these projects was received this week from H. J. Thurman, District WPA Supervisor in Greensboro.

That Moore county will not get all that it has asked for is evidenced in a letter from Mr. Thurman's office, which says "it will be virtually impossible to carry these projects all to completion." He expresses the hope that the people of the county will keep this in mind in order that they may not expect too much.

The largest item in the list of projects for the community calls for an expenditure of \$186,147.33 for public school buildings in Carthage. Next in size is \$102,977.50 for the Knollwood Airport. A sum of \$53,290.50 is asked for rural highway construction in the county, and \$50,210.53 for the school gymnasium and recreational center in Southern Pines. Southern Pines also has a request in for \$24,349.30 for sewers. Carthage has asked \$10,484.45 for a new Community House. Aberdeen is on the list for \$14,034.05 for sidewalks and street projections, \$2,250.60 for water mains and \$4,331.00 for construction of a new dam at the lake.

County-Wide Projects

The county has a number of projects on the list, among them one calling for \$23,563.07 for employment of women on various projects, one for fire fighting apparatus totaling \$2,401.70, and one for improvements at the County Home totaling \$4,815.50.

George W. Coan, Jr., State WPA Director, estimates that 1,500 unemployed North Carolinians will be engaged on WPA projects by the end of this week, and that by the middle of November 3,200 will be employed. Projects have been selected to date from among the most important submitted, picked by the field staff, and are rapidly getting under way. The \$9,100,000 so far allocated to North Carolina will be (Please turn to page 4)

TO REORGANIZE BOY SCOUTS TONIGHT AT MEETING HERE

Southern Pines boys 12 years of age and over are requested to meet at the Scout Lodge this evening, Friday, to join the reorganized Boy Scouts.

Mr. Golden is to be the Scout Master and Mr. Ketchum assistant Scout Master. Garland Pierce has very kindly consented to assist in directing the organization until it is in smooth running order. Chairmen of committees include Dr. E. Levis Prizer, D. H. Turner and Edward F. Green.

National PGA Tournament Here in 1936

Pinehurst's New Grass Greens Attract One of Country's Major Events

FIRST AWARDED TO SOUTH

With the completion of the new grass greens on Pinehurst's famous No. 2 golf course comes the announcement from the headquarters of the Professional Golfers' Association of America that its 1936 P. G. A. championship tournament will be held here. This is not only the first national event to be held in Pinehurst, but the first awarded to the South. The tournament, to be held next October, will bring all the leading professionals of the country here for a week's play for the coveted title of national PGA champion.

The new grass greens were baptized last Sunday by the Carolina Golfers' Association, with 89 competing in two tournaments here. "Finest golf course I've ever played," was the remark of Tony Manero, prominent "pro" of the Sedgfield Country Club at Greensboro, and his sentiments were echoed by all those who competed.

Speaking of the award to Pinehurst of the P. G. A. event, Donald Ross, president of the Pinehurst Country Club and architect of the Pinehurst courses, said the change to grass greens was a major factor in persuading the P. G. A. to hold its tournament here, as many professionals had objected to sand "greens" for a national championship test.

Mr. Ross expressed the opinion the P. G. A. decision to hold its tournament here would mean a great deal to Southern golf.

"It not only means that the South finally has gained the national recognition which it merits, he said, "but it may well be the forerunner of the awarding by the United States Golf Association, in the not distant future, of a National Open or one of its other major tournaments.

"California has had both the National Amateur and the Women's National, and the South is justly entitled to similar recognition on the part of the ruling golf organization of this country."

Along with development of grass greens, the Pinehurst No. 2 course has been revamped and rebunkered. The old ninth and tenth holes, criticized by the professionals as "weak spots," have been discarded and two new holes built. The new holes, testing two-shotters, will be Nos. 4 and 5 in the new sequence of play, meaning that the old fourth will become the new sixth and that the outward nine will be completed on the old seventh.

With the new holes, the course's championship length is 6,900 yards. The bunkering has been rearranged so that long hitters will find a distinct premium on accuracy while the shorter hitters will find more leeway for errors.

Lambeth to Address Women Next Thursday

Congressman Is Speaker on Achievement Day Program in Carthage

Congressman J. Walter Lambeth will be the speaker on the Achievement Day program for farm women in the Court room in Carthage next Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Miss Flora McDonald of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs announced yesterday. A splendid program has been prepared for the day and all are cordially invited to attend, Miss McDonald said.

Wilbur H. Currie, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, will welcome the women to the gathering, with Mrs. Ben Gullledge responding. Mrs. J. H. Suttonfield will read the minutes and after singing by the Colored Presbyterian quartette Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, district agent, will introduce Mr. Lambeth, representative in Congress from the 8th North Carolina district.