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## LANDON CHOICE OF REPUBLICANS FOR G. O. P. NOMINATION

County Convention Elects Delegates Instructed for Kansas Governor For President

### STATE MEETING MARCH 24

The Republican County convention, held in the court house in Carthage at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of electing delegates to the State convention, was called to order by H. F. Seawell, Jr., chairman of the Moore County Republican Executive Committee, with W. Clement Barrett acting as secretary.

The following delegates and alternates were selected to attend the State convention to be held in the Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, March 24th and also the meeting of the Congressional committee at Sanford at 2 o'clock Monday March 23rd.

C. H. Gordon, R. K. Reynolds, John McCrimmon, R. G. Wallace, Grady McDuffie, B. C. Wallace, Cleveland Cagle, H. F. S. Cagle, Colin G. Spencer, Robert Sheffield, C. Y. Lewis, Charles Hussey, Charles Macauley and H. A. Lewis. Alternates: F. H. Wallace, O. D. Wallace, John M. Fields, H. G. Phillips, Frank Dudgeon, Mrs. C. G. Spencer, Mrs. H. F. Seawell, Jr., Mrs. H. F. Seawell, Sr. Mrs. E. A. Tracey and Miss Johnnie Redding.

On motion of R. G. Wallace, seconded by Charles Macauley the delegates to the convention were instructed to announce the name of Governor Alfred M. Landon of Kansas as the choice of the County convention for the Republican presidential nomination, and recommended Colin G. Spencer of Carthage for the State Executive Committee.

## N. J. Muse, Chairman of Election Board, Dies

Prominent Resident of Carthage, 73 Years Old, is Victim of Pneumonia

Funeral services were held on Wednesday at 3:30 o'clock from the Carthage Baptist Church for N. J. Muse, 73, of Carthage, with the Rev. T. Sloan Guy officiating. Interment was made in Cross Hill cemetery.

Mr. Muse died in Burrus Memorial Hospital in High Point on Monday night after an illness of pneumonia. He had spent most of his life in Carthage where he was a member of the Baptist Church and the Junior Order. He had served for several years as a magistrate and has been prominent in political life in Moore county for several years, he was chairman of the County Board of Elections and a member of the Carthage School Board.

Mr. Muse is survived by his wife, who prior to her marriage was Miss Lou Caddell; three sons, L. F. Muse, of New York; R. G. Muse of Statesville, R. P. Muse of Carthage; four daughters; Miss Gilbert Muse of High Point, Mrs. C. C. Carter of Winston-Salem; Miss Montie Muse of Statesville, and Mrs. Charles McCollum of Miami, Fla.; two brothers, P. D. Muse of Richmond, Va., and C. C. Muse of Galax, Va., and two sisters, Miss Bertha Muse of Galax, Va., and Mrs. Ruby Fields of Carthage.

### DR. H. SHELTON SMITH COMMUNITY HOUR SPEAKER

Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Professor of Religious Education in Duke University, speaks at The Church of Wide Fellowship on Sunday at the Community Hour at 7:45 p. m. His subject is, "God or Caesar?" A contrast to solo will be sung by Miss Florence Campbell. The worship service will be conducted by the pastor, Dr. C. Rexford Raymond.

Dr. Shelton Smith was the first president of the North Carolina Council of Churches and is well and favorably known as an exponent of social religion. The public is invited. As usual at the Community Hour services, there is no admission and an offering is taken for expenses.

## DURANT ELECTED 1936 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HEAD

General Manager of Telephone Company Succeeds Betterley in Southern Pines

### FESTIVAL PLANNED

R. S. DuRant, vice president and general manager of the Central Carolina Telephone Company, was unanimously elected president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce at the meeting of the new board of directors held on Tuesday at Jack's Grill. Mr. DuRant succeeds Hugh J. Betterley, who served through 1935.

D. D. Shields Cameron, for many years secretary and treasurer of the organization, was elected vice-president, and Mr. Betterley secretary and treasurer. Both Mr. Betterley and Mr. Cameron were accorded a vote of appreciation for the services they rendered during the past year. Dr. L. B. McBrayer was re-elected national councillor.

Three newly elected directors, chosen at the recent annual meeting at the Pine Needles Inn, were introduced at Tuesday's meeting. Chan Page of the Page Motor Company, Earl A. Merrill of the Sandhill Drug Company, and Walter Blue, of D. Pender Stores. A former director and one time president of the Chamber of Commerce, Harry E. Lewis, was welcomed back to the board.

At the gathering the Rev. J. Fred Stinson reported on the prospects for the introduction of the sport of skiing on pine needles to the Sandhills, stating that it was believed to be practical for this section and that his committee would endeavor to select a proper site for experiments.

The newly elected president was instructed to appoint at once a committee to prepare plans for the April Spring Blossom Festival which this year will be limited to three days instead of the entire week, featuring "Old Slave Day," the Carolina-Duke baseball game, and a day devoted to music.

## Bernstein Stock Suit Tried at Rockingham

Action for \$19,000 Against Citizens Bank & Trust Company Heard by Judge Hayes

An action brought by the Hudson County National Bank of New Jersey against the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Southern Pines in the matter of stock in the local bank held as collateral for the late J. E. Bernstein by the New Jersey institution was tried before United States District Judge Emerson Hayes in Rockingham last week and the forefront of this week. The action involves \$19,000 which the Jersey bank alleges was lost through being unable to vote the Bernstein stock at the meeting of stockholders of the Southern Pines institution when recapitalization was decided upon.

Among those testifying at the trial were Mrs. E. A. Tracy, Mayor D. G. Stutz, C. T. Patch, Robert L. Hart, Frank Welch, M. G. Nichols and Ralph Chandler. Attorney U. L. Spence of Carthage represented the local bank. Judge Hayes has the matter under advisement, with a decision not expected for several weeks.

### MR. AND MRS. W. T. HUNTLEY INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

Moore county's tax collector, W. T. Huntley of Aberdeen, and Mrs. Huntley were injured in an automobile accident near Charlotte on Wednesday, Mrs. Huntley seriously. She is reported to have suffered a broken leg, broken shoulder and possible internal injuries. She was rushed to a Charlotte hospital. Mr. Huntley was cut on the head but not seriously hurt. Details of the accident were not available here yesterday. Mrs. Huntley is said to have been driving when the accident happened.

# 15,000 Expected at Race Meeting

America's "Top" Amateur Rider



CARROLL K. BASSETT

First in number of wins in hunt race meetings for the past several years, Bassett will be here Saturday from Camden, S. C. to ride in most of the events on the card of the Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association.

## Mr. and Mrs. Merrill, Married in 1886, Celebrate Golden Wedding

### Inspect Project

Prominent Citizens and Editors Hear Dr. Gray of Washington at Hoffman

The Resettlement Administration's 60,000-acre Sandhills land use project was described as "a demonstration of tremendous value to the whole state of North Carolina" in an address by Dr. L. C. Gray of Washington, assistant administrator, before a gathering of newspaper editors and leading citizens at an official inspection of the project at Hoffman Tuesday.

The party was amazed at what had been accomplished here. Members of the project personnel and officials from the regional Resettlement office in Raleigh entertained the visiting group with a barbecue luncheon at noon, which was followed by a short assembly. F. W. Eatman, project manager, presided and associate Regional Director James L. Troy introduced Dr. Gray, the principal speaker. Dr. Gray is widely known as one of the nation's greatest land authorities.

"The problems with which this project is concerned are your problems and the benefits to be derived will be yours also," he told the gathering. "Without your support, this work will amount to little. With your support, it will continue a demonstration of tremendous value to the whole state of North Carolina."

The federal government through the Resettlement Administration is buying up more than 9,000,000 acres of land that will be converted to better uses, including forestry, recreation, wildlife conservation and grazing, Dr. Gray said.

"We must recognize, however," he declared, "that the most important effect of this new program will not be measured by the amount of land purchased, but by the amount of interest in land improvement which the work generates."

"North Carolina is one of those states with a rare combination of valuable land resources, varying from the coastal plain farms and forests to the rugged beauty and rich resources of the mountains. None of this land is bad land—even though some of it has been wastefully used in the past. But it must be utilized for a purpose that nature will permit. The objective of our land program in North Carolina is to help you people make the most of the economic and social values inherent to your land resources. This project

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### All Children and Grandchildren Present for Anniversary of "Young Couple" Here

On March 6th, 1886 in Sheffield, Vermont a wedding ceremony united Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Merrill. The Merrill home on New York avenue in Southern Pines was the scene on Friday of last week of the golden wedding anniversary of "the young couple." The day was also the birthday of Mrs. Merrill.

Among those enjoying the family reunion which marked observance of the 50th anniversary was the widow of the Rev. I. P. Chase, Mrs. Merrill's father who performed the ceremony in '86. And another pleasing and unusual feature was the presence of all four children of the Merrills, and all their children. The children are Mrs. Neva Paine of Miami, Florida; Mrs. Jaunita McBryde of Raleigh, here with her husband; Mrs. Bessie Vann, whose husband and four children were present from Badin, and Earle Merrill of Southern Pines who, with Mrs. Merrill and their two children, completed the immediate family present. A sister of Mr. Merrill, Mrs. C. D. Folsom of Boston, Mass., was also present.

The Rev. Dr. C. Rexford Raymond, on behalf of those present, extended congratulations to the "bride and groom," to which Mr. Merrill responded. Tea was served, Mrs. Folsom and Mrs. McBryde pouring, and "the bride" cut and served the delicious wedding cake made by Mrs. Yost and decorated with the customary bride and groom and wedding bell. A number of close friends, secretly invited by Mrs. Earle Merrill as a surprise, were also present to wish the honored guests many more years of happy married life.

## Goody Sum Realized for Hospital at Ball

Exact Figure Not Yet Available; Expenses Kept Down by Numerous Donations

The Charity Ball given Tuesday night at the Pinehurst Country Club was a decided success both financially and socially. It was the largest dance of the season and was attended by more than 300 guests.

The dance, under the auspices of the Pinehurst Chapter of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Moore County Hospital, will add a handsome sum to this year's hospital fund. The exact figure will be announced later, as soon as all reports are in.

Much expense was saved by the numerous donations.

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## Many of Country's Leading Horses to Compete Over Brush and Timber Here

### Race Meeting

Parking Instructions for Those Attending Steeplechases. First Race 3 P. M.

Holders of reserved parking space tickets for the Clubhouse Enclosure at tomorrow's race meeting should enter the grounds at the west, or Pinehurst, end of the course. The entrance is marked "Clubhouse Enclosure." They should find the space corresponding in number to the number on their tickets.

Those desiring \$1.00 Parking Spaces along the Midland Road and at the east, or Southern Pines end of the course, should enter one of the entrances on the north side of the road. As these spaces are not reserved it will be well to arrive early.

There is no individual charge for admission, just for parking. First Race—3:00 P. M. — One and one-half miles over hurdles.

Second Race—Two miles over brush for maidens and winners of one race. Sweepstakes.

Third Race—Three miles over timber for The Sandhills Cup.

Fourth Race—Two miles over brush for four-year-olds and upwards.

Fifth Race—Seven furlongs on the flat.

Purses totaling \$1,200.

## Inspectors Give P. O. Here High Rating

West Southern Pines Petitions Department for Branch Office, Mr. Buchan Announces

Postoffice inspectors here this week gave the Southern Pines office a clean bill of health and spoke in high praise of the force of employees upon finishing their investigation. Both A. Duff, chief inspector for this district, and R. W. Hodgin, another inspector, were well pleased with the service rendered the public and the department.

"We are proud of the fact that our rating was higher at this inspection than at any previous time since taking charge of the office," Postmaster Buchan said yesterday. "This is entirely due to the splendid cooperation of the Civil Service force in the office. The inspectors will tell you, I am sure, that Southern Pines has the equal in efficiency, courtesy and ability in its clerical force of any postoffice in this district."

"We have had some criticism of closing Saturday noons," Mr. Buchan said. "We have no choice in the matter. All offices working Civil Service employees follow this system. The smaller offices do not observe the 14-hour week."

Mr. Buchan announced that West Southern Pines has petitioned for a branch office, and the Postoffice Department has already advertised for applications for postmaster. This will not in any way reduce the rating of the Southern Pines office, Mr. Buchan said; it may even increase it. The sub-station, when established, will be entirely under the supervision of the postmaster here.

### DR. CHARLES E. BREWER AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Dr. Charles E. Brewer, president of Meredith College will preach at the Baptist Church Sunday morning. A chorus from the Meredith Glee Club will provide the music. Dr. Brewer and the Glee Club are well known throughout this state, and the public is cordially invited to this service.

## Governor Expected to Present Cup to Winner of Feature Three Miles Event

### FIRST RACE AT 3 P. M.

With nearly 40 horses entered, among them some of the leading timber and brush horses in America, and with 15,000 persons expected, the second annual hunt race meeting of the Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association of Pinehurst and Southern Pines, at the Midland course tomorrow, Saturday, promises to be a day of days in the Sandhills. Everything in connection with the preparations for the big event was reported yesterday by officials of the association as completed, with the timber, brush and flat courses in tiptop condition.

Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus is expected here from Raleigh to present the Sandhills Cup to the winner of the feature event on the program, the three-mile race over timber, won last year by Charioteer, entered by Mrs. Jackson H. Boyd of Southern Pines. Charioteer will run in defence of his title, this year under the colors of Anderson Fowler of Camden, S. C., who purchased the fleet-footed brown gelding several months ago. Noel Laing has had the horse in training here all winter and he is reported in fine condition.

This race will also see John M. Schiff's Indigo, winner of three of the biggest timber races in the north last year, in the running, along with the winner of the Washington Birthday Plate at Camden last month, Mrs. G. H. Bostwick's Fugitive, who many pick as the favorite; Mrs. Marion duPont Soberville's Oliver C, which Laing will ride, and Carleton Palmer's Ghost Dancer, which gave Fugitive a run for the money at Camden February 22d.

Thirteen entries have been received for the Maiden Brush race, second on the card, two miles over brush for horses which have not won more than one race.

The first race will be a novelty here, one and one-half miles over hurdles, with eight entries from some of the leading stables in the country, including the Mellons of Pittsburgh. Fourth event on the card is the two-mile brush race for four-year olds and up for a purse of \$300 and plate, with seven horses entered including Mrs. Verner Z. Reed's Our Friend, winner of many big brush races in the north, and Mrs. Somerville's Night Retreat, which Carroll Bassett will ride.

Fifth and last race is seven furlongs on the flat, with eight entries, among them Mrs. Somerville's Sable Muff and Paul Mellon's Sea Chief.

The first race is scheduled for 3:00 o'clock. With the dollar parking spaces not reserved but on the "first come, first served" basis, the public is advised to "get there early." There is no general admission charge.

### HOMER JOHNSON SPEAKS AT BAPTIST MEN'S CLUB

The fortnightly meeting of the Men's Club held Tuesday evening in the Southern Pines Baptist church was the usual entertaining and friendly function.

The principle speaker of the evening, Homer Johnson, attorney of Cleveland, Ohio, from his wide experience and knowledge, spoke not too optimistically about the United States and its position in world affairs.

It is his belief, and reasonably enough, that we cannot disregard the situation in Europe. As to just what we in this country can do about it, Mr. Johnson seems to be as vague as anyone else.

That we are not as insular and removed from world affairs as we would like to think seemed the essential point of Mr. Johnson's talk.