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## COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE SURVEY RECORDER'S COURT

### Commissioners Ask for Cost and Income to Ascertain Advisa- bility of Continuing Court

#### BUDGET ADOPTED

Highlights of the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on Monday were the adoption of the budget for the year and the ordering of a survey by the county auditor, J. C. Muse, of the various items of cost and income of the Recorder's Court for the purpose of taking under consideration the advisability of abolishing this court.

The budget estimate as advertised was adopted without change and calls for a tax rate of 79 cents on the \$100 valuation, an increase of six cents which was made necessary by the increased demands on the county for the needs of the poor and for repairs to school buildings.

The investigation into the status of the Recorder's court is not being made because of any dissatisfaction as to the way in which the court is being conducted, but merely as a business proposition to learn whether it is paying the taxpayers of the county in dollars and cents.

The Recorder's Court was established in May, 1925, with the thought in the minds of its advocates that it could meet the ends of justice more speedily and at much less expense to the county than the system in force at that time. Previous to its establishment, it was pointed out, men accused of crime and who were not able to give bond for their appearance at court were of necessity lodged in jail to be fed and cared for by the county until the next term of Superior court, which called for a large outlay of money in many cases.

But, according to those who have given the matter much study, the mayors of the various towns of the county have fallen into the way of sending to the recorder's court so many of the trivial cases that should be tried in mayor's or magistrate's courts that the costs are being run up so much higher than would be the case if these were handled in the lesser courts, and so much of the costs is not paid. Then, too, so many of the cases tried are appealed to the Superior court, thus increasing the number of inmates of the jail.

At any rate, the commissioners decided that it would be a good thing to know just where the county was standing in dealing with its lawbreakers and so ordered the survey.

The Commissioners voted to ask the State Highway Commission to oil surface the county road from Southern Pines at Pine Needles Inn to Route 15 at Hillcrest out of a special fund recently set aside by the Governor out of the State Highway Fund surplus for improvement of county roads.

## AMOS BROADWAY IN HOSPITAL FOLLOWING AFFRAY SATURDAY

Another shooting affray took place in West Southern Pines late on Saturday night when Amos Broadway one of the best known characters of that section was shot and seriously wounded. Attempting to eject two negroes from his cafe, it is alleged that Alec Morrison, formerly of Jimtown, but now of Wilson, using an old model 38 calibre revolver, fired upon Broadway, one shot taking effect in the leg, and one in the hip of the victim severing an artery and causing such a loss of blood that he was immediately rushed to the Moore County Hospital where for a time his condition was considered serious.

Morrison, and his brother were arrested by officers Gargis and Newton, shortly after the shooting and held without bail by Mayor Stutz for their appearance before the recorder's court in Carthage on Monday, September 14th.

## RUGGLES HAVE SON

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Ruggles announce the birth of a son, Thomas Plummer on Monday, September 7th, in Raleigh. Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles are former residents of Southern Pines.

## Old Bethesda's 156th Anniversary September 20th



### Julian Miller and Dr. J. M. Walker on Home Coming Program

Sons and daughters of Old Bethesda, from far and near, will gather on Sunday, September 20th to celebrate the 156th anniversary of their church. This annual homecoming is one looked forward to throughout the year by the members and friends of this historic place of worship, and a larger crowd than ever before is expected to attend the services Sunday morning, enjoy basket lunches on the grounds at noon and stay for the program in the afternoon.

In the morning at eleven o'clock, the Rev. J. M. Walker, D. D., pastor of the Old Steele Creek Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, the largest country church in the south, will deliver the homecoming sermon. Dr. Walker has recently been elected Moderator of the Synod of North Carolina, an honor that goes to the most prominent minister in the State.

Dr. Julian Miller, editor of the Charlotte Observer, will speak in the afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Mr. Miller has many friends here and although he has been a Sandhills guest many times this is his first occasion to be a guest speaker at Bethesda. He is an Elder in the Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

All members, former members and friends of Bethesda are invited to bring a full basket lunch and attend these services.

#### A Brief History

Bethesda church is the chief historic edifice in the community, and while much of the early history of the congregation is obscured in the mists of a far-off time, there is no doubt that from the days of the Revolution a congregation first gathered for worship under a rude shelter at the spring at the head of the Rockfish. As the visits of itinerant ministers became more frequent the congregation expanded in numbers sufficiently to erect a log church on the cedar grown mound, now the old cemetery.

Beginning with the missionary visits of the Rev. James Campbell of Longstreet Church to the pastorate of the Rev. Colin Lindsay, fifth minister of that church and one of the first of Bethesda's in its new location, the congregation outgrew its first edifice and rebuilt in 1835. The present church begun in 1859 was finished in 1864. It was built largely from timbers sawed at the old Ray mill.

With the loss of the greater portion of the early records of the church, (Please turn to page 4)

### GILLIAM BEELER TO SPEAK ON TOWNSEND PLAN HERE

Gilliam Beeler of Charlotte, State organizer for the Townsend Old Age Revolving Pension, will be at the Civic Club in Southern Pines, Sunday, September 13th at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon to give a lecture on this much discussed issue.

Everyone interested in knowing what the Townsend plan is should come out and hear Mr. Beeler and get the facts concerning Old Age retirement annuities.

## E. C. Bagwell, S. A. L. Official, Dies Here of Heart Attack Late Sunday

### Passes Here



E. C. BAGWELL

### Mrs. Christian McNeill, 84, Passes on Monday

#### Beloved Resident Hoke County Well Known to Many in This Section

After an illness of several weeks, Mrs. Christian E. McNeill, 84, beloved resident of upper Hoke county, passed away at her home on Monday. The funeral service was held at Cypress church at 11:00 o'clock Tuesday with the pastor, the Rev. W. A. Brown of Olivia, officiating. Mr. Brown paid a high tribute to the life of Mrs. McNeill. The body was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery beside that of the husband, Andrew McNeill, who passed away seventeen years ago.

Mrs. McNeill was the third oldest Smith and Rebecca Stewart Smith and spent her entire life in the Cypress church section. In early life she united with this historic church and remained a faithful and loyal member throughout the years.

Mrs. McNeill is survived by three sons, William Lauchlin McNeill, last heard of in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Robert and Charlie McNeill of the home community, and by two sisters, Mrs. D. C. McGill and Miss Mary Smith of Vass.

Mrs. D. P. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Leon McDonald of Olivia, Mrs. Byrd Spivey of Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Salmon of White Hill and Mrs. Maggie McDonald of Rockingham were among those from other communities who attended the funeral.

### MRS. WARNER TO HAVE ADULT COMMERCIAL CLASSES HERE

Everyone interested in Commercial classes for adults are asked to meet in the Southern Pines High School Auditorium on Monday afternoon at 3:30, with Mrs. Ruth W. Warner, commercial teacher. Charges will be the same as last year.

### Sudden Passing of Seaboard's General Manager Comes as Great Shock to All

#### FIFTY-TWO YEARS OLD

Funeral services for Eugene Cleveland Bagwell, general manager of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, were held at eleven o'clock Tuesday morning at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Norfolk, Va. Burial took place in the Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh at five o'clock the same afternoon.

Mr. Bagwell, seized with a sudden heart attack shortly after eleven o'clock Sunday evening, expired at 11:40 at the Highland Pines Inn here where he was attending the tenth annual gathering of the Seaboard Golf Association. He was 52 years old.

Mr. Bagwell, through his association with the railway and the golfers, was known to nearly everyone in Southern Pines and was most highly esteemed for his frank and pleasing personality, as well as for his interest in all that concerned Southern Pines and the Sandhills territory. The news of his death came as a distinct shock, not only to his numerous friends, but to all. A message of condolence was sent to Mrs. Bagwell by the mayor and town commissioners and Mayor Stutz attended the burial services in Raleigh.

Born in Raleigh, Mr. Bagwell graduated from the Hugh Morson School for Boys and from State College, as a construction engineer. He immediately joined the C. H. and N. Railroad, became its superintendent in 1908 and the next year became the Seaboard's resident engineer at Plant City, Fla.

Rising steadily, Bagwell served as principal assistant engineer, assistant to the president, superintendent of various divisions, and head of the operating department before becoming general manager of the entire system in May, 1928.

Surviving Mr. Bagwell is his wife, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bagwell and two sons, Eugene C. Bagwell, Jr., and Prince Bagwell.

Services in Norfolk, where Mr. Bagwell has resided for a number of years, were conducted by the Rev. Dr. E. Ruffin Jones, rector of St. Andrews, The Rev. C. E. Knickle, rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Raleigh had charge of services at the grave in Oakwood cemetery.

Operations over the entire system of the Seaboard railway were stopped at 11 o'clock for one minute, in honor of the service of Bagwell to the line during the thirty years in which he had been affiliated with it.

This is the second time within five weeks that death has taken an outstanding official of the Seaboard Air Line. Charles R. Capps, chief traffic officer, died on July 31, about two weeks after his retirement from active duty on July 16, because of ill health.

### Tobacco Num.

#### Pilot To Get Out Annual Tobacco Issue Next Week. Market Opens on 22nd

Next week's Pilot will be a special edition for the opening of the tobacco markets in the Middle Belt, of which Aberdeen and Carthage are among the towns in this belt. It will be distributed among all the tobacco farmers throughout this and adjoining sections in addition to its regular mailing list. Prospects for the biggest season yet appear bright, with both towns making every possible effort to bring tobacco to their markets. The market opens on Tuesday, September 22nd.

## WILLIAM WINDLE, WINTER RESIDENT PASSES TUESDAY

### Prominent Textile Manufacturer Dies Suddenly at Summer Home in North

#### TIN WHISTLE MEMBER

Death this week took another of Pinehurst's leading winter residents, in the passing of William W. Windle at his summer home at Nantucket. Mr. Windle died suddenly Tuesday afternoon following a heart attack. He was 65 years old.

Mr. Windle spent most of his life in Millbury, Mass., where he had served as Selectman and president of the Millbury Savings Bank and was a leading textile manufacturer of that city.

In his younger days, Mr. Windle won fame on the bicycle track, winning championship races in this country, Canada and the British Isles. His home contained hundreds of trophies he won with the old-style high wheel.

Mr. Windle maintained a winter residence in Pinehurst for a number of years. He has been a member of the Tin Whistles since 1920 and served as president of the association several years ago. Always interested in the unbuilding of Pinehurst, Mr. Windle will be greatly missed and the community has lost one of its best boosters.

Mr. Windle is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Copp Windle and three children, William W. Jr., Winfred W. and Joy Windle.

### Veterans Future Wars to Hear Regional Head

#### Public Invited to Hear Birmingham Speaker Next Tuesday Evening at Civic Club

The Executive Committee of the Sandhills Post of the Veterans of Future Wars has recently received word from Mr. U. J. P. Rushton, of Birmingham, Ala., Regional Commander for the South, that he will be in Southern Pines on the evening of Tuesday, September 15 to address the regular biweekly meeting of the Sandhills Future Veterans.

In view of the wide-spread interest in this flourishing new youth movement, this meeting, which will be held at the Civic Club at 8:30 will be open to the public.

The people of the Sandhills are fortunate in having this opportunity to hear Commander Rushton speak. He is a member of the National Council of the Veterans of Future Wars, and since the founding of the organization early this year, has been actively engaged in building it to its present position of National scope and importance. At Princeton, where Mr. Rushton was graduated in June, he roomed with Lewis J. Gordin Jr., the actual originator of the Future Veterans, and author of Patriotism Prepaid.

Mr. Rushton will trace the exciting and unprecedented development of the Veterans of Future Wars from the early days of the movement's existence, when it was dismissed as a "schoolboy prank", to a point where it is now recognized as a potent (Please turn to page 4)

## Death Stops S.A.L. Golfers Tournament

### All Contests Scheduled for Labor Day Cancelled Upon Announce- ment Passing of Bagwell

#### LARGE ATTENDANCE

Death put a sudden stop to the tenth annual tournament of the Seaboard Golf Association on Sunday night when E. C. Bagwell, Chief Operating Officer of the Seaboard Air Line railway, succumbed in the Highland Pines Inn shortly before midnight. As a high executive officer of the line, and one of the chief proponents of the Association, upon its formation some ten years ago, Mr. Bagwell was known to not only the members and their guests, but to many of the citizens of Southern Pines, and as the distressing news of his passing was announced a feeling of sadness over the loss of a good friend grew upon all.

Many friends and associates left for their homes within a few hours, and the concluding contests scheduled for Labor Day were all cancelled. The cups and other prizes displayed before presentation to the winners of the various events were withdrawn to be held for the meet next year.

With an almost perfect weather score for the ten years of their contests over the links of the Southern Pines Country Club, nature never gave them three such absolutely gorgeous September days; bright sunshine, cool breezes, and absence of showers made for perfect playing hours, all reflected by many of the low scores noted for contestants Saturday and Sunday.

With an anticipated attendance of 250 members and guests the Highland Pines Inn their headquarters, the Park View and the Belvedere took good care of their allotments. Among the principal officers of the Seaboard noted were: W. V. Gresham, assistant (to the late Mr. Capps); G. B. Rice, freight traffic manager; E. T. Etheridge, assistant freight traffic manager; W. A. Marshall, general freight agent; C. L. Senter, assistant general freight agent; C. E. Bell, passenger traffic manager; C. H. Gattis, general passenger agent; R. S. Jennings, superintendent dining cars; and assistant general managers, H. A. Benton and G. R. Carlton.

Officers of the Association for the tournament were C. E. Miller, president; W. D. Simpson, 1st vice president; C. H. Gattis, 2nd vice president; and J. C. Brady, secretary and treasurer.

### L. A. McKeithen Opens Law Office in Pinehurst

#### Graduate of Duke Past Spring Takes Oath Before Judge Parker in Raeford

Leland A. McKeithen, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McKeithen of Aberdeen, opened his law office in Pinehurst last week. He is located in the Village Court building adjoining the offices of Paul Dana.

Mr. McKeithen was introduced to the court in Raeford two weeks ago by McNair Smith and took his oath before presiding Judge Hunt Parker.

He is a graduate of Davidson College and Duke University, receiving his degree in Law there this spring. He recently passed the State Bar examination in Raleigh. Mr. McKeithen made exceptionally high honors while in school and his debut as an attorney will be welcomed by his many friends in the entire county.

### MRS. DOWNING MARSHALL AT RALLY IN CHARLOTTE

Mrs. J. G. Downing of Carthage was appointed a marshal for the Green Pastures rally, which was held in Charlotte yesterday in honor of President Roosevelt. The duties of the various marshals include assisting in entertaining the president and other distinguished guests.