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BOUQUETS FOR BUCHAN AND LAMBETH

With the Southern Pines postoffice assured and the site selected, it is time to pass out the bouquets. Few citizens appreciate the steps involved, the wire-pulling, the red tape, the diplomacy and the politics involved in securing a federal building. Uncle Sam may be spending a lot of money throughout the country, but not enough by far to appease the appetites of all the cities and villages that want nice new postoffices and courthouses.

Let's look back a moment at the situation here. Southern Pines was on a long list of authorized postoffice buildings approved by Congress several years ago. Since then the Congress has appropriated certain sums each year for the purchase of sites and the construction of buildings, but never enough for the entire authorized list. It was left to the Postoffice Department to designate which of the towns for which authorization had been granted should get the money. Here's where the wire-pulling, diplomacy and politics come in.

In this Congressional district, Hamlet, Laurinburg and Southern Pines were on the authorized list. Here was a poser for Congressman Lambeth. His district was allotted one building. How could he, Representative of all three towns, show partiality? He couldn't, and didn't. He had worked for and secured the authorizations, but that was as far as he could diplomatically (or politically) proceed. He left it to the Postoffice Department.

The Department sent an able member of its staff through the section. He was feted and banqueted in Hamlet, given the keys to Laurinburg, and came to Southern Pines. Postmaster Frank Buchan led him to the back of the postoffice, gave him a chair beside his desk, sat down with him and pulled out his pencil. He showed him what Southern Pines had done for the Postoffice Department. Hamlet and Laurinburg, offices of the same class, had expensive city delivery; Southern Pines had refused it. Southern Pines was, as a result, getting splendid revenue from box rentals—instead of delivery expense. It was maintaining no branch office. Though in the same class, it was showing \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year ahead of Hamlet. And postoffice receipts were climbing each year.

The Department's representative went back to Washington. Hamlet, Laurinburg and Southern Pines waited. And the day came when word was received here that we had been awarded the only building in the 8th Congressional district under present appropriations. A bouquet to Mr. Lambeth for the authorization, and a big one to Frank Buchan for the selection of Southern Pines.

ONE DOLLAR A MONTH ISN'T BAD

It is gratifying in these days of steadily increasing taxes to hear from the Board of Commissioners of Southern Pines that the city's tax rate will be no higher this fiscal year. The board has adopted a budget calling for approximately the same amount to finance operations and retire bonded indebtedness as the budgets of the past two years totaled. The tax rate remains at \$2.65.

The total of the new budget is \$67,798. Last year's was \$68,145. The total valuation is placed at \$2,537,000.

The town will have \$23,000 in bonds to retire and \$31,110 in bond interest to pay during this fiscal year. Included in the total budget is the sum of \$27,

CARO-GRAPHICS by MURRAY JONES JR

GOVERNORS OF OTHER STATES
"WE OUGHTA MAKE HIM GOVERNOR— I HEAR HLY FROM NC."
"THEY HAVE BECOME GOVERNORS OF X OTHER STATES"

DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE?

MARSHALL
"IN MARSHALL, N. C. IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO TIE A CAN TO A DOG'S TAIL"

LAWYERS
"POP COULDN'T BECOME A LAWYER & THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL!"
"FROM 1868 TO 1872 ANY MAN IN NORTH CAROLINA COULD BECOME A LAWYER BY PAYING A \$20 LICENSE FEE"

DID YOU KNOW THAT
SOMEONE IN CHEROKEE CO. RECENTLY WILLED HER PROPERTY TO GOD? THE SHERIFF REPORTED: "AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH, GOD CANNOT BE FOUND IN CHEROKEE CO."

DID YOU KNOW THAT
ROBT. CAMPBELL, WHO WAS SCALPED BY INDIANS AT FORT DOBBS, RECOVERED, AND WAS PAID A \$50 COMPENSATION BY THE GOVERNMENT

THE EDITORS OF CARO-GRAPHICS INVITE YOU TO SEND IN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY

GRAINS OF SAND

230.07 toward meeting these items, the balance necessary coming from your water bills, special street assessments, the bond sinking fund and the rent of the ABC store. Subtract this \$27,230.07 from the total budget figure of \$67,798.93 and you have \$40,568.86 as the cost of operations for the year, or approximately \$3,380 a month.

That's less than one dollar a month per inhabitant. Not bad.

ITS A SWELL CAMPAIGN

It's really a swell campaign. The apparent closeness of the Presidential race has more people interested than in any national election year we can recall. Even the youngsters are talking about it, acquiring an interest in their government, learning something about national issues, about taxes and revenue and tariffs and foreign relations. And the oldsters have been brushing up on their political economy that they may talk intelligently.

And it is a close race. Your guess is as good as the next fellow's. The various nationwide polls show the big pivotal states hanging in the balance, some leaning a percent or two toward Mr. Roosevelt, others in Mr. Landon's direction. The break will come in the next few weeks. There are still many undecided voters. An example:

A prominent Moore county Democrat, former office-holder, told The Pilot this week he had not as yet made up his mind. He likes Landon, favors some New Deal measures, opposes others, doesn't know whether the Republicans have a cure for these. There are many in his boots who can be swung one way or the other during the crucial wind-up of the campaign.

About the only advice The Pilot has to give is, "Keep your shirt on." The country isn't going to the demition bow-wows under either leader. Pick your man, go to the polls, cast your ballot, and abide by the result. America first, party second!

MRS. BELK, STATE REGENT TO ADDRESS LOCAL D. A. R.

The Alfred Moore chapter, held its first meeting of the fall with its regent, Mrs. J. L. McGraw, on Friday afternoon. Plans were perfected for the Fourth District meeting which is to be held at the Carthage Presbyterian Church at 10:30 Friday, Oct. 2. Mrs. W. H. Belk of Charlotte, State Regent, and many other State officers will be present to talk on the many activities of the State and National Society.

This district is composed of Anson, Carburus, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Scotland, Stanley, Richmond and Union counties. Mrs. P. P. McCain and Mrs. J. T. Johnson of the Alfred Moore chapter are chairman and secretary respectively of the Fourth district. Visiting Daughters are invited to this meeting as well as to all meetings of the Alfred Moore chapter.

MRS. FISHER RETURNS AND NEW LIBRARY HOURS START

Mrs. Nellie S. Fisher has resumed her duties at the Southern Pines Library. Yesterday the library returned to its regular winter schedule. It will be open daily from 10:00 to 12:00 in the morning, and from 2:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon. It will not be open evenings.

Before R. S. DuRant left Southern Pines he built up for the town the best telephone service it ever had, and it has every promise of continuing so. The new manager and his assistants are handling the affairs with ability and the same consideration for their patronage.

During our last sharp electrical storm a 'phone was damaged. A report to the office showed that not one line was out but many lines, and complaints were coming in with great frequency. The lightning had played about rather generally with the town and country wires. One of the girls in the office when we were there to mention our own troubles said that they could soon tell how much damage was done by the number of complaints that came in, as that was about the only time they ever heard from their subscribers.

To the young women at the switchboard and office a bit of appreciation would not be amiss. A bouquet wouldn't hurt those patient folks who answer calls at all times of the day or night in their cordial and accommodating manner. Our telephone system and all its co-workers are a mighty fine organization and one the rest of us should stand by to the limit.

Fate has a way of flirting with us occasionally. Mrs. Victor Sweezy had quite a serious time in the hospital while north this summer and prior to her return trip to Southern Pines went to the hospital for a final inspection. She was on her way home with a clean bill of health when the car in which she was riding was crowded to the edge of the road and rolled over two or three times down a hillside. The remains of the car were sold to a junk man for twenty dollars. Aside from shock and a few bruises Mrs. Sweezy was unharmed, although returned to bed for further rest, and her trip home delayed.

H. A. Lewis has done a fine job of remodeling on Bennett street. He has transformed the Essex, one of the oldest town landmarks, from a dark and dingy building into an attractive apartment house. He has trimmed the trees and shrubbery about the overgrown yard, letting in light and sun, and painted the exterior of the building white. Attractive rooms for rent are offered in these apartments. His rejuvenation of the old Stanley house is a credit to the town. He has made a most pleasing piece of property out of an eye sore and a fire-trap.

Last winter a young attorney of Southern Pines and Sanford showed some indignation over cigarette and other manufacturing concerns using indorsements as coming from Santa Claus. It seems as if he has some others on his side. The State Liquor Control Board of Pennsylvania has expressed disapproval of the use of Santa Claus in Christmas-season advertising of intoxicating drinks. They say it is for the best interest of the industry that its advertisements should in no way associate the children's saint with alcoholic liquors.

The brilliant full moon of our first autumn nights is known as the harvest moon. The moon does not come up on the same schedule every night due to its changing position in the sky. When the moon rises in the face of the setting sun and continues until sunrise there is little darkness with fair weather conditions. The full moon following the autumn equinox has the reputation of arriving more days in succession after sunset than

at any other time of the year, hence the long evenings and nights of mellowed light. Rising in our atmosphere relatively free from dust or smoke the clear air conditions give our moonlight nights a particular brilliancy. Coming at the time of year when the farmer was aided by the extended light it became known as the harvest moon.

"For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear—the harvest is come."

North Carolina has quite a representation in the "Who's Who in America" for 1936-37, as around 475 people from the state are listed. Our friend Dr. Julian S. Miller is among the Charlotte number and from Southern Pines are James Boyd, Katherine Newlin Burt, Struthers Burt and Almet Jenks.

The State's most prominent newspaper came out this week with a head "Seers Say Roosevelt or Landon Will Win." That is about the most intelligent thing we have seen so far in the way of predictions, and at least one we could understand. When the National Association of Fortune Tellers got together some light was shed at least.

A report says the dagger-like handles on the 1936 automobile doors are to be constructed on a different pattern for 1937 as they have been called hazardous and will be replaced by more blunt-ended handles. Serious injuries and several deaths have been attributed to them. If, when they replace the handles, they fix some kind of an arrangement on the door that will not open at all from the outside they may stumble on the final solution of making automobiles a thing of safety.

The National Democratic Committee has invited North Carolina's senior senator, Mr. Bailey, to debate former Secretary of the Treasury Ogden Mills on the subject of inflation before the National underwriters in New York on October 8th.

"ROOSEVELT GOING TO SUPPLY PUNCH"
—Raleigh News & Observer headline. It can't mean what it sounds like, or it wouldn't be in dry Brother Josephus' paper.

Two of the largest pears native to the Sandhills we have seen in many a moon were brought to the editor's desk this week, a pound each in weight. They were grown and presented by Miss Lillian Roberts, to whom our thanks.

Demand for winter homes continues, real estate men say. "We'll soon be one hundred percent rented," one predicted.

They all agree that if Southern Pines had more modern, well furnished small houses, its winter population would be considerably greater. Time to launch a building campaign.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AT DURHAM OCTOBER 6

The Women's Missionary Conference of the Congregational and Christian Churches of the Carolinas will meet next Tuesday at 10 a. m. at the First Christian Church at Durham. Delegates from Southern Pines are asked to meet at the Church of Wide Fellowship promptly at 8 a. m. October 6th.

The Week in Carthage

Mrs. Tommie Walters and children of Polkton are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dupree.

Mrs. John D. Creech of Norfolk, Va., is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Ida Bryan. Accompanying Mrs. Creech were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parker of Raleigh and J. D. Creech of Norfolk, who spent Sunday with Mrs. Bryan.

Mrs. W. J. Adams of Raleigh and son William Adams of Rocky Mount spent Sunday in Carthage.

A. D. Way, Jr., has returned from New Hampshire where he worked this summer.

H. M. Kodis of Goldsboro spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hurwitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dellinger of Chicago, Ill., spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Caddell.

Mrs. Claude Kennedy and son, Claude, Jr., of Durham are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Blue and Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Miller visited relatives in Mooresville Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Watson of Oxford spent the week-end in Carthage.

Mrs. Jesse Woltz of Raleigh spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. W. H. McNeill.

Mrs. N. A. McKeithen and the Misses Annie and Frances McKeithen spent Sunday in Lumberton with Mr. and Mrs. N. A. McKeithen, Jr.

Al Myerowitz who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. El! Ginsburg left Monday for Goldsboro.

Miss Dorothy Cole of Greensboro spent the week-end in town.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shields of Martinsville, Va., spent the week-end with Mrs. Mamie Shields.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cagle of Salisbury spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Cagle.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Robinson and family of Hamlet were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Wainer.

Mrs. E. H. Morton and Mrs. W. H. Currie attended the Young People's Conference of the Presbyterian Church in Lillington Saturday.

Mrs. William Clark is spending the

week with friends in Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes of Des Moines, Iowa are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Spence entertained on Thursday evening for the members of their bridge club. Dinner was served preceding the bridge game. High score for ladies went to Mrs. W. D. Sabiston, for men to R. G. Wallace. Special guests were Mrs. John Beasley and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Morton.

Mrs. Hugh Jackson and Mrs. Andrew Appaintis were joint hostesses at the home of the former on Thursday evening. Contract was played at three tables, high score club prizes going to Mrs. Earl McDonald and Mrs. John Baker and high score guest prize to Mrs. D. N. Carter. The consolation prize went to Mrs. R. L. Felton.

ARTIFICIAL LIMBS ORDERED FOR NEEDY OF COUNTY

H. E. Springer, assistant supervisor of vocational rehabilitation work in the state, was in Carthage last Saturday and Monday in Mrs. W. G. Brown's office to place orders for artificial limbs for needys persons in the county who cannot otherwise buy them.

He interviewed a number of people needing these limbs and has placed an order for them.

Besides this phase of his work, Mr. Springer assists these handicapped persons in getting work. They are sent to Raleigh for a course in vocational training suited to their particular talents.

HOLT McNEILL, CARTHAGE, WEDES IRIS LOUISE NORMAN

Mr. and Mrs. William Brady Norman announce the marriage of their daughter, Iris Louise, to William Holt McNeill on Saturday, September 26th at Dobson. Mr. and Mrs. McNeill will make their home in Carthage where Mr. McNeill is connected with the Moore County News.

"My Campaign talks cover a wide RANGE of subjects . . . one of my favorite subjects is the Happiness an ELECTRIC RANGE brings into the kitchen!"

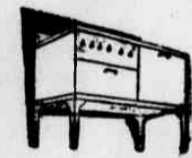


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Candidate for
COMMISSIONER of HAPPINESS

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An AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC RANGE promotes HAPPINESS in any home. It forever ends the DRUDGERY that makes women dread cooking by old fashioned, tedious methods!

With an AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC RANGE in the kitchen, there are more hours available for Rest and Recreation . . . "watch pot" cooking becomes a thing of the past . . . foods taste better . . . and cooking costs are materially reduced . . . enjoy this inexpensive source of HAPPINESS!



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Nothing to submit in competition!

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Conn Ave.

C. J. Simons

East Broad St.