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BOARD TO MAKE OFFER FOR SITE FOR CIVIC CENTER

Bid Is Less Than Asking Price But Comparable With Nearby Property

DR. HERR REAPPOINTED

Wednesday night the newly elected membership of the Southern Pines Board of Commissioners met at the Municipal Building with Mayor D. G. Stutz in their first regular meeting since their election, and several pressing matters were considered.

Present were Mayor Stutz, Commissioners E. C. Stevens, C. S. Patch, L. V. O'Callaghan, Hugh J. Betterley and Robert L. Hart and Clerk Howard Burns.

The only matter on which final action was taken was the re-appointment of Dr. George G. Herr to the Southern Pines School Board for a term of three years to May 1st, 1940. The matter of appointing a member to serve out the unexpired term of Ralph L. Chandler, resigned, was referred to the School Board for action.

After considerable discussion of the purchase of the property adjoining the new Postoffice site for a Civic Center the board, feeling that the price that the owner has set upon the property is more than it should pay, instructed the Clerk to write to the owner of the property offering him a price comparable to that placed on a nearby site of approximately the same size and equally as desirable, which is also under consideration for the purpose. The purchase would be subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners and the voters of Southern Pines in a special bond election, which election will undoubtedly be necessary to decide the question.

Dr. L. M. Daniels appeared before the board asking a city appropriation for the purpose of lighting the tennis courts on Pennsylvania avenue for night play and suggested that, if the board saw fit to make the appropriation, the Tennis Association would subscribe a sufficient amount to guarantee the minimum current charge for the operation of the lights. The matter was referred to the Mayor and the City Treasurer. (Please turn to page four)

Tennis Courts, Baseball in West Southern Pines

Negro Welfare Committee Working on Program To Solve Truancy Problem

In the short time it has been functioning the newly organized Committee on Negro Welfare has made considerable progress in the work it is attempting to complete to solve the truancy problem among school children in West Southern Pines. Two tennis courts have been built on the school grounds, a swampy section of the grounds has been drained to provide a baseball field, and a supply of sports equipment has been provided to be loaned out as requested and returned at the end of each day.

In addition to the work already accomplished the committee has petitioned the Southern Pines Board of City Commissioners for assistance in providing a clinic for West Southern Pines wherein to carry on the work of physical examination of domestic servants as provided in the new State law. Officers of the Committee on Negro Welfare are: the Rev. F. Craighill Brown, chairman, Preston T. Kelsey, treasurer and J. R. Funderburk, secretary.

HAWLEY POOLE SWORN IN ON BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

On Wednesday afternoon J. Hawley Poole of West End, member of the State Legislature from Moore county, along with six others, was inducted into office as a new member of the recently organized Board of Agriculture which will operate under the State Department of Agriculture. Poole was named to serve for two years.

Re-Elected



DR. GEORGE G. HERR

FAYETTEVILLE MAN NAMED HIGHWAY ENGINEER HERE

Louis E. Whitfield Appointed Head of Sixth Division Including Moore County

CARTHAGE SEEKS OFFICE

Louis E. Whitfield, of Fayetteville, will be division engineer for the sixth division, according to announcement made this week by D. B. McCrary, member of the State Highway and Public Works Commission from this district. Counties in the sixth division are divided into three districts and are, according to such grouping, Davidson, Moore and Hoke; Randolph, Lee and Scotland; Chatham, Harnett and Robeson.

Mr. Whitfield, back in the days when counties had supervision of their highway systems, was engineer in charge in Sampson county. When the highway commission was created, he went with the State organization, and soon thereafter was promoted from time to time until he became assistant to the division engineer with headquarters at Fayetteville. He is considered one of the best highway engineers in the state.

No announcement has been made as to location of the sixth division office. Both Asheboro and Carthage are bidding for it.

Allocations of counties in the division was made at the meeting of the entire State Commission held early last week. Ten such divisions were set up. These divisions are based on area, population, road mileage and registration of cars. In turn, the several divisions were divided into districts. Each commission. (Please turn to page four)

Aberdeen Merchants Organize Association

Still in Embryonic State but Officers Are Elected, With C. L. Guion President

At an informal meeting of the merchants of Aberdeen held Wednesday evening a committee was appointed to investigate and accumulate data concerning the advisability of organizing a Merchants' Association there.

C. L. Guion and T. S. Melvin were named president and vice-president, respectively, of the committee, and T. D. McLean, J. A. Lawrence, W. L. Batchelor, A. C. McDonald and C. M. Wilson, complete the membership.

This committee will report its findings and the sentiment of Aberdeen business men on the question at a future meeting, for which no date has as yet been set.

NEWCOMB AND HOWARTH NEW C. OF C. DIRECTORS

The Chamber of Commerce added two directors to its board at a meeting held Tuesday noon at Jack's Grill. The new members are Arthur S. Newcomb, who recently moved his real estate office from Pinehurst to Southern Pines, and John M. Howarth of the Carolina Power & Light Company.

DRIVER OF CAR IN HODGKINS BOY ACCIDENT FREED

No Negligence Shown in Evidence Presented in Superior Court at Carthage

2 BURGLARS SENTENCED

Expressing the opinion that there was not sufficient evidence to send the case to the jury, Judge Wilson Warlick, presiding over a term of Superior Court in Carthage, Tuesday morning directed that a judgment of non-suit be entered in the case against Herbert S. Ward, young white man of Selma, who struck and seriously injured Lewis Hodgkins with a truck in Southern Pines several months ago.

Ward, the driver of the truck, and his companion, Ernest Godwin, also of Selma, were proceeding down the highway at a moderate rate of speed, according to the testimony, when the child attempted to cross the street. They did not see him until an instant before the truck struck him. Lewis was seriously injured, having both legs broken. The young men immediately stopped and rendered assistance. Lewis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins of Southern Pines. His father is cashier of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

Ward was represented by Attorneys H. F. Seawell, Jr., of the Moore County Bar, William Godwin of Selma and Charlie Guy of Dunn.

Lucian Chambers, colored of Southern Pines, was found guilty of breaking and entering the homes of John Ferguson and John W. Stevens and removing two pistols, \$3 in money and other goods. He was given an 18 months sentence to work on the roads.

For entering the store of C. L. Hayes in Southern Pines during the night time, Howard Greiner, said to have a long criminal record in other states, was given three years in jail to work on the roads.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty, with recommendation of mercy, in the case of Bernie West, white of Hemp, who was charged with the reckless operation of an automobile. He was fined \$25 and the costs, and. (Please turn to page five)

BATTLE LOST AT SEA, RELATIVES HERE INFORMED

Young Sandhills Resident, Graduate of Pinehurst High School, Drowns in Pacific

John Battley, a graduate of Pinehurst High School who joined the United States Navy after finishing his school course, was lost overboard in the Pacific ocean on Wednesday of this week, according to word received by his relatives here yesterday morning. No particulars were given, the telegram, from San Diego, Cal., simply stating the fact of his drowning.

Young Battley served two terms in the navy, after which he joined up with the Merchant Marine as an engineer. He was still in his twenties when his untimely death cut short what promised to be a fine career at sea.

Battley was born in New York and moved to Carthage in early childhood. He was well known and well liked throughout the Sandhills. Surviving are his father, W. H. Battley of Hyattsville, Md., Charles and Jeter Battley, brothers, of Washington, D. C., and the following sisters: Mrs. A. L. Wicker of Carthage, Mrs. J. F. Eagan of New York, Mrs. George Phillips of Wilmington, Mrs. Dan S. Ray of Southern Pines and Miss Callie Battley of Pinehurst.

CORONATION FILMS HERE

Motion pictures of the Coronation last week in London are being shown the last half of this week at the Carolina Theatre, Southern Pines.

Charred Mail From Hindenburg Received Here

Card Posted on Board Zeppelin by Friend, Saved from Wreckage, Comes to Mrs. Kate F. McKinley, Southern Pines.— Survivor May Visit Here

A burned, mutilated and water-stained post card, but legible withal, found its way to Mrs. Kate F. McKinley in Southern Pines Saturday, a grim memento of the greatest tragedy in the history of aviation.

Carefully wrapped in cellophane to insure against further mutilation and enclosed in a registered envelope, the card was transmitted to Southern Pines from the U. S. Postoffice Foreign Division in New York City accompanied by a letter to Postmaster Frank Buchan reading that the card was "recovered from the wreckage of the German airship Hindenburg. Please arrange for personal delivery." Mrs. McKinley gave Postmaster Buchan permission to pass this information along to The Pilot.

The card, an interior view of the Hindenburg lounge, was written and mailed aboard the great airship only a few hours before the disaster, by Miss Margaret Mather, an American resident of Rome and a long time friend of Mrs. McKinley, stating that Miss Mather's plans while in America included a short visit to her friend in Southern Pines. When the card was received a good one-quarter had been burned away from one side and

the bottom, and the remainder was streaked and stained with the water and chemical used in fighting the Hindenburg fire. Fortunately, the message and the address were complete and the Postoffice department was able to forward it as soon as it was recovered.

Mrs. McKinley has been a winter resident of Southern Pines for a number of years and is at present occupying the Packard residence on South Ridge street.

Miss Mather, who jumped from the flaming Hindenburg and escaped uninjured except for nervous shock, is at present convalescing at the home of her uncle, Prof. Louis Turner, at Princeton University, and Mrs. McKinley is unable to say whether she will come to Southern Pines as she originally intended, Miss Mather has long been an aviation enthusiast and has flown all over Europe as a preferred method of travel. Her brother, Frank Mather, the well known art and dramatic critic, now travelling in Europe, is also a flying enthusiast.

Mrs. McKinley intends to turn the grim souvenir over to Miss Mather's family as a reminder of her friend's miraculous escape.

Rowe and Johnson Debate Court Plan At Kiwanis Club Meeting

One For Ripley

Canna Pushes Its Way Up Through Asphalt Walk in Aberdeen

Before a new asphalt walk was laid some time ago near Batch's restaurant in Aberdeen the canna bulbs which had been set out there were all taken up, supposedly. But one powerful one must have escaped, for this week it pushed its way up through the asphalt, as much as to say, "You can't keep a good canna down."

PEACH CROP OFF IN QUANTITY, BUT QUALITY BETTER

Best Prospects in Sandhills Area, Agricultural Survey of State Reveals

With indications the peach crop will be six per cent better in quality than a year ago, the 1937 prospect for North Carolina remains 48 per cent below a full crop, Randal B. Etheridge, chief of the Department of Agriculture's markets division reported this week.

Production forecasts are 1,364,000 bushels, which is about 15 per cent less than last year and considerably less than the 10-year average, crop reporters estimated. Last year on May 1 the crop was valued as \$2,700,000. Surveys for May 1 of this year show the peach crop to be 30 per cent below the 10-year average.

"The best prospects are in the Sandhill commercial area," Etheridge said. "The Georgia crop shows even poorer prospects than the North Carolina crop."

With the approach of shipping season, the Agriculture Department has requested peach growers to give special attention to the spraying schedules and to take precaution to insure peaches at the shipping stage contain the minimum amount of arsenical and lead residue.

The sale of peaches containing arsenic or lead over the stipulated tolerances is illegal and such lots offered for sale within the State are subject to seizure by agents of the Department of Agriculture and by federal agents, if shipped to points outside the state.

Advance Arguments Pro and Con President's Proposal to Enlarge Supreme Tribunal

J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen, judge of Moore county's Recorder's Court, favors the passage of President Roosevelt's bill to increase the membership of the United States Supreme Court. J. Talbot Johnson, prominent Aberdeen attorney, opposes the measure. The pair advanced their arguments pro and con in a spirited debate at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen on Wednesday in Highland Lodge, Southern Pines. Herbert F. Seawell of Carthage, former member of the United States Board of Tax appeals, presided.

Rowe thinks the American people are losing the benefits of the President's program for recovery by having a court which is out of sympathy with the New Deal. He thinks the overwhelming victory of the President at the polls last November showed the feelings of the people on the subject. "We are not being governed by the will of the people but by the Supreme Court," he maintains.

Talbot Johnson spiked numerous arguments of the opposition, showing. (Please turn to page eight)

May Organize Ayrshire Club Here on Monday

C. T. Conklin of Breeders Association To Talk at Meeting To Be Held in Pinehurst

C. T. Conklin, secretary of the Ayrshire Breeders Association will be the speaker at a meeting to be held next Monday in Pinehurst at which time the organization of a Virginia-Carolina Ayrshire Club is expected to be launched. Mr. Conklin is an authority on Ayrshire cattle and a fine speaker. Accompanying him here will be Dr. C. D. Grinnells, who is in charge of the office of Dairy Investigations at N. C. State College. Others from State College are also expected.

The group will meet at the dairy barns in Pinehurst at 10:00 o'clock Monday morning, look over the cattle, discuss problems and plans, and then leave for the barns of the State Sanatorium around noon. Dr. McCain has arranged to provide luncheon at the lake at 1:00 o'clock, after which they will adjourn to the auditorium for talks and to act on the question of the Virginia-Carolina Ayrshire Club. Dairymen and interested farmers of the county have been sent invitations to be present, in a letter sent out last week by Leonard Tufts.

FOREST HILLS JUNIOR LEAGUERS DEFEAT ASHEBORO, 8 TO 7

Youngsters Open Season Auspiciously; Buchan, Auman, Newton, Richardson Star

FINE PITCHING, HITTING

BY BEN BOWDEN

Playing together as a unit for the first time since the American Legion Junior Baseball team idea became a certainty a week or so ago, the Sandhills Junior Legionnaires defeated Asheboro's veteran campaigners Wednesday afternoon at the Southern Pines baseball park by a score of 8 to 7 and backed up recent prophecies of Coaches Joe DeBerry and Vance McMillan to the effect that the Sandhills candidates showed as much promise as any similar group of youngsters they had ever seen, that once they learned to work together and absorbed the idea of team play they would be a tough team to beat.

For the past two weeks a series of tryout elimination games have been played between teams composed of the various candidates from Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Vass, Cameron, West End and Aberdeen and, on the basis of the performances turned in by the boys, the Legion committee pared the list down to the 15 outstanding youngsters and turned them over to Coaches DeBerry and McMillan last week.

Since that time two intensive workouts were held in preparation for Wednesday's game and on the strength of the team's showing then the coaches will work out with the boys several times more before next Tuesday to correct the weaknesses that came to their attention in preparation for the return game with the Asheboro on that date.

Wednesday's game, beside bringing to light several individual stars, proved that the Sandhills team was a scrapping outfit. Twice it came from behind and then, in the ninth inning, with the score tied, pushed across the winning run to wrap up the ball game.

Pitcher Buss Thomas started auspiciously for Sandhills when the first. (Please turn to page four)

"Ed" Fitzgerald Ends Long Pinehurst Service

Signs Contract To Manage Forest Hills Hotel in Augusta Next Winter

Climaxing nearly 30 years at Pinehurst, the last 14 of which he has been manager of the Carolina Hotel, with the most successful season since 1928, E. G. Fitzgerald announced early in the week that he has signed a contract as executive manager and assistant to President William E. Bush, of the Forest Hills Hotel at Augusta, Ga., which position he will assume next fall.

The Forest Hills Hotel, a 300-room house, is the newest hotel in Augusta and Mr. Fitzgerald feels that his long experience at the Carolina has familiarized him with the very problem with which he will be faced at Augusta.

The Carolina Hotel closed for the season on Wednesday and Mr. Fitzgerald will remain in Pinehurst until the first of June when he will leave to manage the Stevens House at Lake Placid, N. Y., for the summer season. Tomorrow night some twenty of Mr. Fitzgerald's friends will gather at a farewell stag beefsteak dinner in his honor at Frank Maples LaBe on the old Southern Pines, Pinehurst road.

When the Carolina Hotel re-opens next fall it will be under the management of H. W. Norris, who has been manager of the Holy Inn for many years.

TO ORGANIZE TENNIS CLUB

There will be a meeting Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock at Dr. Daniel's office for the purpose of organizing a tennis club. All interested, whether player or not, are invited to be present.