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## CITY TO LOOK INTO PROPERTY LISTING FOR TAX PURPOSES

### Wide Variance in Declarations By Business Concerns of Southern Pines Found

#### APPRAISALS FORESEEN

Since the meeting of the Southern Pines Board of City Commissioners Wednesday night all signs seem to point to a more or less general housecleaning in the matter of personal property valuation listing for tax purposes in Southern Pines.

When the subject was injected into the meeting it was only as a casual point of discussion informally presented, but eventually one of the commissioners called for the records and some of the cases that came to light made the Board sit up and take notice.

One of the first cases was that of a down-town hotel with a capacity of 75 guests which listed only \$400.00 as its valuation of its furniture and fixtures for 1937 tax purposes. Another instance, closely akin to the first, was a property containing five nicely furnished apartments—the furnishings include electric ranges and electric refrigerators—upon which the owner placed a valuation of \$1,200.00.

Then there was the case of three Broad Street merchants, all engaged in the same line of business whose separate personal property listings afforded a most interesting comparison. One of these merchants listed his stock of goods and his fixtures at \$7,500. The other two listed theirs at \$3,000 and \$2,500 respectively, a total of considerably less than the first merchant, and one of the two latter stores carries an even larger stock of goods on hand than the one that turned in the highest personal property valuation.

#### Far Out of Line

Another case that was brought to light was that of another Broad (Please turn to page five)

## Whole Giant Team Signs Ball For Pilot

### It's the Prize in Contest For Nickname For Sandhills Junior Legion Team

A week ago The Pilot announced a prize contest for the purpose of selecting a suitable newspaper nickname for the Sandhills Junior American Legion baseball team.

According to the rules of the contest any boy or girl who lives in Moore county is eligible to submit one suggested nickname for the team and the decision as to the choice of the winning name is to rest with the American Legion baseball committee. But remember, only names of one word will be considered.

At the time we announced the contest we stated that the prize would be a baseball autographed by Carl Hubbell or Dizzy Dean, or perhaps both, but at the time we had not completed the final arrangements and we could not state definitely by whom the ball would be signed.

A few days ago we heard from Bill Terry, manager of the New York Giants and he informed us that he was selling us a baseball autographed by the entire Giant team. That was far beyond our fondest expectations and that is the baseball that will be given to the boy or girl whose suggestion is selected as the winner.

The baseball is now on display in the front window of The Pilot office and among the names on the ball are those of some of the greatest stars in major league baseball, Carl Hubbell, Mel Ott, Clyde Castleman, Gus Mancuso, Dick Bartell, Jimmie Rippe, Bill Terry and Hal Schumacher; those are only a few that adorn the ball expressly autographed for the winner of this contest.

The contest closes Saturday night and there are not so many entries now but that yours has a good chance of winning. So send in your entries to The Pilot office in Southern Pines and by Monday night and some fortunate boy or girl will be the owner of the baseball.

## Sandhill Juniors Lose to Dunn After Avenging Raleigh Defeat

### Costly Errors and Failure to Hit Prove Too Great a Strain on Youthful Temperaments

By BEN BOWDEN

Baseball is a funny game. That's been proven time and time again. But seldom has more outright evidence of the fact been forthcoming than that placed on display last Tuesday afternoon when the Sandhills Junior American Legion baseball team dropped a 7 to 1 decision to Dunn-Erwin at the Southern Pines ball park.

Two weeks previously the "Junebugs" had lost their first game of the practice season to a Raleigh team that looked to be unbeatable behind the effective pitching of Horton and "Peanut" Doak. Then, on the following Friday afternoon, they journeyed to Troy and Buss Thomas, who had yet to hit his stride, held the opposition to three scant singles and the "Junebugs" chalked up a 3 to 1 victory.

On that occasion the team worked together with the smoothness and precision of a squad of veterans. Curtis Wall, who had been counted on to supply a bulwark of strength behind the plate, had just been declared ineligible for the team and Junior (Shanty) Dees stepped into the gap and gave an exhibition of catching that made the fans and coaches forget all about Wall for the time being. Then, following the Troy game, Bill White was also found to be ineligible but the "Junebugs," undismayed, went to Raleigh to play a return game, and swarmed all over the boys from the Capital City. Base hits and home runs rang merrily from the "Junebug" bats and as the runs registered at the plate the Raleigh pitchers, who two weeks before had held the "Junebug" mesmerized, retreated one by one for the showers.

When it was all over and the reckoning was complete the "Junebugs" had piled up an avenging score of 22 to 8 and they trekked back to the Sandhills like conquering heroes.

#### Attack of Temperament

But last Tuesday afternoon they were anything but conquering heroes. And the fault didn't lie so much with their baseball as with the individual temperaments of some of the players.

The night before the game, in accordance with the Junior American Legion central office rules as to the date of choosing the 15 players who are to represent each team throughout the campaign, the final squad was chosen and perhaps that went to some of the boys' heads. Certainly it was responsible for two bad cases of nerves, but that is to be condoned. No youngster is to be blamed for the errors he commits under such circumstances. But, by the same token, attacks of temperament that result in slovenly play on the field are not to be condoned.

To be absolutely fair with the boys they were facing no-hit pitching for eight innings and, under the circumstances, couldn't be expected to accumulate a bank of runs, but even that doesn't excuse the very obvious let-down on the part of more than half the team when they saw the game slipping from their grasp. The (Please turn to page 4)

## P. O. Bid \$49,790

### Charlottesville, Va. Contractor Awarded Contract; Work to Be Under Way Soon

James I. Barnes, Charlottesville, Virginia, last Friday submitted the low bid for construction of the new Southern Pines postoffice building. His bid was \$49,790.

With this final step in the long drawn-out effort to provide a federal building here completed, work will start on the site on West Broad street, between Pennsylvania and New York avenues, probably by the first of July, with completion of the structure, from plans suggested by Aymar Embury and approved by the Treasury Department, expected late this year or early in 1938.

## The Squad

### Fifteen Selected For Season Play on Sandhills Junior American Legion Team

Coaches and the committee of representatives of the various civic organizations sponsoring the Sandhills Junior American Legion baseball team met Monday night to pick the squad of 15 boys who will represent the club throughout the season. Here they are:

Ed Newton, Frank Buchan, Arthur Pate, Clyde Alexander and Herbert (Alec) Cameron, all of Southern Pines; Archie (Junior) Dees and Courtney (Tony) Huntley, both of Aberdeen; Junius Williams and Ernest Brown, both of Hemp, and Howard Auman, Meek Barnette, L. G. Melvin, Neil Melvin, Bob Richardson and Buss Thomas, all of West End.

## HONORS PILE UP ON LOCAL FIREMEN AT SANFORD MEET

### Rowell Selected Ass'n. President, Miss Ward "Queen," South- ern Pines 1938 Meeting City

#### 1ST. IN CHEMICAL CONTEST

Refreshed from their combat with the recent smoky fire in Baker's market members of the Southern Pines Volunteer Fire Company journeyed up to Sanford on Wednesday, June 9th, for the 11th annual meeting and convention of the Sandhill Firemen's Association.

They returned Thursday night singing psalms of victory, having won one first and one second prize, been honored by the election of their assistant chief, L. S. Rowell, to the office of president of the association, having the judges select their candidate, Miss Maybelle Ward, as Queen of the convention, and, to pile Pelion on Ossa, having Southern Pines chosen as the meeting place for the convention to be held in June, 1938.

The fire companies of Rockingham, Red Springs, Fayetteville, Raeford, St. Paul, Hamlet, Carthage, Pinebluff, Pinehurst, Aberdeen, and the new members of the association, Biscoe, Pittsboro, Whiteville and Tabor City were represented. Only five companies entered for the contests, Pinehurst, Pinebluff, Pittsboro, St. (Please turn to page four)

## Dewberry Market Now at Peak; Prices Up

### Four Thousand Crates Sold at Cameron Saturday; Season Has Ten Days To Run

The latest available reports from the dewberry auction platforms at Vass and Cameron indicate the market for dewberries is remaining unusually firm. During the past few days there has been a shortage of berries due to the fact that they are ripening in the fields more slowly than they have previously, and this fact has had a tendency to increase the price slightly.

At Vass, Bill Burney, a veteran of 20 years on the produce markets, has taken over the auctioneer's duties and is turning over from 1,800 to 2,000 twenty-four quart crates a day at prices ranging from \$1.80 to \$2.00 a crate. This represents a slight increase over the average prices since the Vass auction market opened. Lacy Tate, secretary of the Chadbourne Marketing Association which operates the Vass auction platform, estimates that the dewberry season will last about ten days longer and that, in the absence of any untoward developments, prices should remain at the same general level that they have been holding.

At Cameron current prices of from \$1.65 to \$2.10 per 24-quart crate (Please turn to page four)

## CITY BOARD ASKS FOR REDUCTION IN TELEPHONE RATES

### Claims Charges in Southern Pines Out of Line With Rates in Other Resort Areas

#### BOARDS ARE APPOINTED

At the regular monthly meeting of the Southern Pines Board of City Commissioners, held Wednesday night at the Municipal Building, the Board voted to take up with the Central Carolina Telephone Company the matter of reducing the rates for telephone service in Southern Pines to a level comparative with the rates in effect in other resort towns in the area the Telephone Company serves. The monthly telephone rental rates currently effective in Southern Pines are as follows:

	Residence		
	Wall	Desk	Hand Set
1 Party	\$5.50	\$5.75	\$6.00
2 Party	5.00	5.25	5.00
4 Party	4.50	4.75	5.00
	Business		
	Wall	Desk	Hand Set
1 Party	\$4.00	\$4.25	\$4.50
2 Party	3.50	3.75	4.00
4 Party	2.50	2.75	3.00

These rates, it was pointed out, are much higher than rates for similar classes in other resort areas and it is the intention of the Board to exert every effort to induce the Central Carolina Telephone Company to reduce the rates in Southern Pines to a point comparative with those in other resort towns.

What effect these reductions, if they are obtained, will have on rates in towns adjoining Southern Pines is a matter for conjecture and it may be that corresponding rate reductions all over the Sandhills will follow.

In the matter of the Town of Southern Pines taking over the operation of the Southern Pines Country Club under lease, it was brought out that there was some question as to the legality of a municipality using municipal funds and pledging municipal credit for such an enterprise. Accordingly, further discussion of the matter was postponed until it can be referred to the Local Government Commission at Raleigh for a decision.

As a final point of business the board took up the matter of the re-appointment of the members of the Board of Adjustments and the Zoning Board, all of whose appointments expired on May 1.

Dr. William C. Mudgett and A. B. Yeomans were re-appointed to the Zoning Board for a term of three years from May 1, 1937, and George W. Case was appointed to replace Eugene (Please turn to page four)

## Scout Court of Honor Is Held in Pinehurst

### Boys of Five Troops in County Among Those Winning Awards and Badges

On Monday evening the second Court of Honor under the recently organized Moore County Boy Scout Committee was held in Pinehurst at the Community Church. The five Boy Scout troops of the county were in attendance with their Scoutmasters.

Robert E. Denny of Pinehurst called the meeting to order. The Rev. W. S. Golden of Carthage offered the opening prayer. Dr. E. Levis Prizer, the permanent chairman of the Court of Honor, spoke asking for the cooperation of all in making future courts a success. James E. Steere, Scout Executive of this area, discussed the Merit Badge system and the coming National Jamboree. The Rev. L. M. Hall of Aberdeen offered the closing prayer.

The following received awards: Tenderfoot, Wrenn Creel, Aberdeen and A. B. Sally, Pinehurst; Second Class, Porter Wimberly, Bobby Hooper and Kelsie Norris of Aberdeen; Angelo Montesanti, Daniel Boyd and Ernest Maier of Troop 1, Southern Pines; Douglas Bailey, Allison Fields and Robert Bailey of Troop 2, Southern Pines. First Class, Forrest Lockey, Aberdeen, Jack Taylor of Pine-

## Peach Season in Sandhills Opens with Estimated Greater Than Last Year

### To Turn 1st Spade



DR. MARCUS A. BROWNSON

## TO BREAK GROUND FOR NEW CHURCH NEXT WEDNESDAY

### Special Program Arranged for Brownson Memorial Services at May St. and Indiana Ave.

#### START BUILDING IN JULY

Ground will be broken next Wednesday afternoon for Southern Pines first Presbyterian Church edifice, the Brownson Memorial Church. In services starting at 4:00 o'clock the Rev. Dr. Marcus A. Brownson, for whom the new church here is named, will turn the first shovel of dirt on the property recently acquired at the corner of South May street and Indiana avenue. It is hoped to start work on the building early next month.

The congregation of the Brownson church has had remarkable growth the first year of its existence as an organization, having received 125 members into the fold. There are 128 enrolled in the Bible School. The rapid growth has spurred efforts to get the church's home under way, and with a number of substantial gifts plus the appliance of Sunday offerings to the building fund the church leaders feel justified in laying the cornerstone within the next few weeks. Another reason for the early building is that there is a possibility that the Civic Club, where services have been held during the organization days, may not be available this coming winter.

#### Ground Breaking Program

A fitting program has been arranged for the "Ground Breaking" next Wednesday, as follows: Trombone Solos — "Ein Feste Burg," Luther; "Adeste Fideles," Rippon; Otis Franklin Stilwell. (Please turn to page five)

## JOHN F. STEVENS HONORED BY POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

The Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y., one of the leading scientific educational institutions in the country, on Wednesday conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering on John F. Stevens of Southern Pines. Mr. Stevens, chief engineer of the Panama Canal during its construction, and head of the American Railway Mission to Russia during the World War, is the father of Eugene C. Stevens, of the Southern Pines Board of Commissioners and recently acquired the former residence of Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee on Pennsylvania avenue for a home.

Mr. Stevens has been the recipient of honorary degrees from other institutions in the past, among them the University of North Carolina, the University of Michigan and Bates College in Maine.

### Shipments of 1,500 Cars Ex- pected; Georgia Fruit Serious- ly Affected by Cold

#### EARLY PRICES GOOD

Advance information from highly authoritative sources in the West End-Candor - Samarcand - Hoffman peach growing area of the Sandhills is indicative of a most successful season for the section. Weather conditions throughout the area since the trees first began to blossom have been generally most satisfactory and early estimates are to the effect that the peach crop this year will be about 20 percent greater than last year.

In 1936 growers throughout the area harvested on an average of 50 percent of a full crop. This year the estimate runs slightly over 60 percent of a full crop and prices realized on early shipments are most encouraging for future prices on the later peaches when they ripen and are shipped.

Georgia peaches, the principal competitors of the Sandhills crop, suffered seriously from cold weather early in the season and the best estimates that are available indicate that the Georgia crop will be only about one-third of last year's volume which should favorably affect the price of peaches in this area.

During the past week about 4,500 bushels of early peaches have been shipped by truck out of the West End-Candor area and they have brought prices in New York ranging from \$2.00 per bushel for very waxy Mayflowers to \$4.75 per bushel for extra fancy Red Birds with the average price for good peaches consistently between \$3.75 and \$4.00. These are, of course, gross returns and are subject to a deduction of from 75 cents to \$1.25 a bushel for freight and commission.

As yet only one refrigerator car has left the Sandhills with early peaches and that car was shipped from Wadesboro on June 5th.

Carload figures for last year show (Please turn to page four)

## Maximum Hours, Child Labor Laws Explained

### Department of Labor Inspector Here To Acquaint Employers With Provisions

Mrs. Gilliam Brown, superintendent of Welfare in Moore county, announced this week that Fred J. Coke, Jr., inspector of the Department of Labor has been in the welfare office for the purpose of explaining provisions of the new maximum hours and child labor laws.

The inspector was here to acquaint the County Welfare Superintendent and members of the staff with rules and regulations prescribed by Major A. L. Fletcher, State Commissioner of Labor, to govern the administration of the new statutes, enacted by the last Legislature and effective July 1.

The hour law provides a maximum work-week of 48 hours for women and 55 hours for men employed in certain North Carolina industries. The maximum work-day is nine hours for women and ten hours for men. This act also requires time and payroll records of employment and enforcement features that are particularly progressive in nature. The Division of Standards and Inspections of the Department of Labor will be in charge of its enforcement.

The new child labor law provides a minimum age limit of 16 for the full-time or regular employment of children, with exceptions made for employment of children in the home or the farm. All minors under 18 are required to have an employment certificate before engaging in any type of employment. Features of this statute also permit 12 to 14-year old boys to sell or deliver papers or magazines under certain restrictions. Children 14 to 16 are allowed to work in non-manufacturing jobs when school is not in session.