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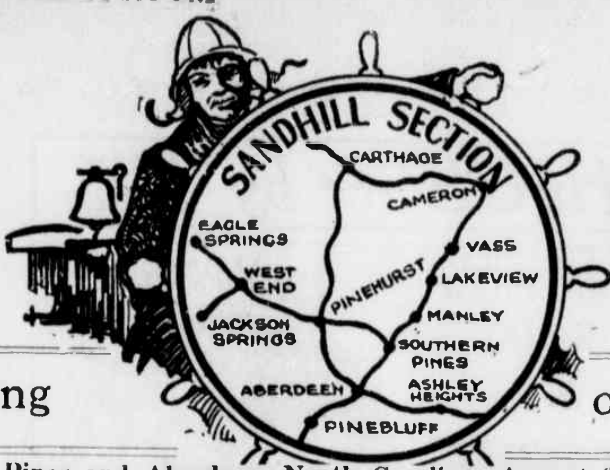
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MELVIN BROTHERS AND BUTTRY LEASE NEW RAND STORES

Department Store and Grocery To Occupy Quarters on Site of Powell Building

DORNS TO DOUBLE SPACE

Within the passage of another month East Broad street between New Hampshire and Connecticut avenues may well be termed "Market Row" with its new and enlarged stores.

For Dorn's Market the vacant Straka store adjoining is being rebuilt, and the removal of the partition wall will double the capacity of the present store, giving the establishment a frontage of 36 feet with a depth of 70 feet. New fixtures to match those now in use are on the way and when installed the Dorn market will compare favorably with any in the state.

The new Rand building, replacing the old Powell building on the corner, is rapidly assuming shape, the steel girders having arrived this week. It is understood that the inside store, 17 by 70 feet will be occupied by Melvin Brothers, and the corner store, 30 by 50 feet by G. H. Buttry, for long manager of the A. & P. store. Mr. Buttry plans to open a modern store carrying the finest grades of groceries displayed in the latest model fixtures and show cases. The Melvins also plan a modern layout for their store.

Permits have been issued for the transformation of the Page Motor Co. garage into the very latest combination of filling station and garage with the removal of the pumps from the parkway. Up to this writing no contract has been given out for the work which it is said will amount to nearly \$5,000.

L. V. Perkinson is rushing the addition to the Sandhill Drug Company's quarters, the outer walls being well advanced. This addition of 15 by 34 feet will give the proprietors, Merrill and Overton, a much needed space for a stock room, allowing more room for their display cases.

Seawell Tells Kiwanis of Bankruptcy Cases

Assets of One Bankrupt Found Buried Beside Deep River.—Two Jewish Merchants

Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage, United States Referee in bankruptcy in this district, talked informally and interestingly to members of the Kiwanis Club on Wednesday of his experiences in bankruptcy cases he has handled here since the day when, at the age of 22, he was appointed to the position. He was at that time the youngest referee in bankruptcy in the country.

One of Seawell's cases necessitated the calling in of J. Edgar Hoover's G-men to help out. The bankrupt refused to divulge any information about his assets to the referee who had reason to believe there were some. He was cited for contempt of court and the Department of Justice was called upon to "make him talk." Two men came down to the Carthage hotel from Washington and got that man in jail. He still wouldn't talk, but they paid a visit to his home, located a crude map, faced him with it and told him they had him. The map proved to be that of the location along Deep River of the spot where he had buried several thousand dollars worth of bonds.

"Within 48 hours after sending for Hoover's men we had recovered the money," Mr. Seawell said.

He told of another case, of two Jewish merchants who opened up a store in this vicinity. They did a rushing business their first Saturday, taking in some \$1,200. At closing time they stuck the money in a bag and started home in their car, the bag between them. When they arrived at the house which they occupied jointly, they rushed in and told their wives of their good fortune.

"Where's the money?" one asked. (Please turn to page eight)

Resurfacing and Enlarging of Knollwood Airport Completed

Ferree's 63 Sets New Course Record

Purvis Ferree of Aberdeen broke the course record on the No. 3 course of the Pinehurst Country Club, shooting the 18 holes in 63 strokes, two under the record established last Fall by Horton Smith of Chicago, and seven strokes under par. Purvis, who is executive secretary of the Carolina Golf Association, had one eagle, five birdies and every other hole in par. He was playing with Herbert Vail, Frank Dupont and Melvin McCaskill, all of Pinehurst, Tuesday. His card:

Par, Out 444, 433, 444—34
Ferree, Out 444, 433, 343—32
Par, In 445, 434, 354—36—70
Ferree, In 443, 424, 343—31—63

COMMISSIONERS NAME H. H. FRY TO SUCCEED BAILEY

Appointed To Fill Out Unexpired Term of Late County Surveyor

TAX ADVERTISING VOTED

The County Commissioners, at their regular meeting on Monday, ordered Tax Collector W. T. Huntley to advertise during the month of August all delinquent tax payers owning real estate in the county and to sell the real estate for said taxes and costs on the first Monday in September. The Pilot was the low bidder for the advertising and was awarded the contract.

H. H. Fry was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of M. McQueen Bailey, county surveyor, who passed away two weeks ago. Profound grief over the death of Mr. Bailey was expressed, and the board went on record as feeling that "the county has lost an efficient officer and the community an upright citizen."

It was ordered that John B. Kennedy be awarded the contract for twenty-three markers for county home graves for \$130. Other bids were as follows: F. M. Hilliard, \$136.85; D. Carl Fry, \$161.

The following recommendations to the State Highway Commission were ordered made: That it take over, maintain and place on the county

Hugh Ray, of Pioneer Family Here, Passes

Son of Original Owner of Much of Fort Bragg Acreage Dies in Florida

Relatives in the state received word of the death of Hugh Ray, which occurred last Tuesday at his home in Baker, Fla. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Baker. He was 65 years old and had been ill for a number of months.

Mr. Ray was the son of Flora and Angus Ray, one of the prominent pioneer families of Cumberland county. He was born at the old Ray homestead which later became Lumberdale. The Rays were large property owners and held thousands of acres of land which have all been absorbed in Fort Bragg territory. Manly was the lively trading center the family looked to for such provisions as were not raised on the farm 50 years ago, as Southern Pines had not been dreamed of when the young Rays were getting their early start. Some thirty years ago Mr. Ray moved to Florida where he operated large turpentine and lumber interests with his brother, Duncan Ray, who died a year ago. Of a large family of four boys and four girls, one brother, Fairley Ray of Wagram and two sisters, Miss Flora Ray of Raleigh and Mrs. Kate Ray of Baker, survive. Other survivors are his wife and five children, all of Baker.

\$50,000 Project Gives Sandhills One of Finest Landing Fields in the South

By BEN BOWDEN

Twenty months ago Knollwood Airport was just a place where airplanes could land—just a reasonably flat and level expanse of ground that could be utilized for the purpose, if necessary, with a hangar and a minimum of servicing accommodations for such stray planes as should happen to land there. But today the picture has changed immeasurably and, after nearly two years of intensive work and the expenditure of some \$50,000, the Sandhills can boast as fine a landing field as can be found anywhere in the south and perhaps, except for its still limited hangar facilities, in the country.

It all began when the officials of Moore county came to the realization that a modern airport would mean increased convenience for prospective and actual winter vacationists in the area and started, in the fall of 1935, to do something about it. A committee consisting of Mayor D. G. Stutz of Southern Pines, City Clerk Howard Burns of Southern Pines, Richard Tufts of Pinehurst, S. H. Miller of Carthage and County Commissioner Reynolds of Highfalls was appointed to plan the development of the airport and oversee its operation, and its first act was to recommend the purchase of the airport site and enough additional surrounding land to allow for expansion.

\$6000 Paid For Land

The land was purchased at a total cost of \$6000 and plans were immediately drafted for the improvement of the property. Private donations from Southern Pines and Pinehurst were solicited to the extent of \$21,000 and \$20,000 of WPA funds were obtained with which to carry on the project and, in December, 1935, the actual work was started.

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Call Issued For Baseball Candidates For '38 Team

Sandhills Committee Wants To Line Up Prospective Players Eligible For Nine

With the echoes of the 1937 Junior Legion baseball season still ringing in local ears in the form of reminiscences of the team's recent vacation trip to Myrtle Beach, the American Legion Baseball committee, the town sponsors and the coaches are already laying plans for next year's team. Accordingly, a call has been issued for all boys in Moore county who will be within the legal age limit next year (under 17 before March 31st, 1938) to report at the Southern Pines ball park on Wednesday afternoon, August 11th, where they will be met by the Legion Baseball committee and Coach Joe DeBerry.

This year preparations for the Junior Legion campaign were considerably hurried due to the fact that the coaches and the committee had no advance line on the prospective candidates, and that is the situation that they hope to overcome by having as many candidates as possible turn out this coming Wednesday, and on future Wednesdays. In that way the boys will have a chance to practice together over a considerable period of time and when the season opens next year the coaches will already have had an advance idea of the material available for the team.

This call for candidates encompasses boys from all over Moore county—Southern Pines, Pinehurst, West End, Jackson Springs, Aberdeen, Pinebluff, Manly, Lakeview, Vass, Cameron, Carthage, Eagle Springs, Hemp, Glendon, Spies, Highfalls and Carters Falls—and all who are within the age limit and wish to try out for the 1938 Junior Legion team are urged to be on hand at the specified time.

Other Junior Legion teams in surrounding areas are already calling out candidates for their next year's teams and Moore county's aggregation doesn't intend to be caught napping in this respect.

WALL, CANDIDATE FOR LEGION TEAM, HOLD-UP SUSPECT

Star Catcher, Disqualified by Age, Arrested for Highway Robbery Near Cameron

CAUGHT AT SANFORD

Charging that he was one of three men who, on Monday afternoon held up and robbed Haydn Horne truck driver for a Fayetteville brewing concern, county officers are conducting Curtis Wall of near Cameron on suspicion of highway robbery.

Wall, a youth of barely 18, was the sensational young catcher who tried out for the Sandhills Junior American Legion baseball team early this summer and who played so inspiringly with the team in its practice games until it was found that he was over the prescribed Junior Legion age limit and was dropped from the club roster.

With Wall, officers also captured George Wooten, a member of a highly respected Cameron family, who, about two months ago completed a ten year sentence at State Prison for killing a negro taxi driver, and who is suspected of having planned the hold-up. A third suspect, Fred Edmond, a cousin of the fugitive Wall, was arrested at his home on Monday night and taken to jail in Carthage.

According to the version given officers by Horne, driver of the beer truck, he had made his last delivery for the day in Cameron, and accompanied by his colored helper had left town by way of the Johnsonville road enroute to Fayetteville.

Wall and Wooten were apprehended late Wednesday in Sanford. They had fled as far north as Richmond where they met Wooten's brother driving a peach truck back south from the northern markets, and they rode back

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Cotton Farmer Must Look to the President

Senator Bailey Says Congress Has Done Its Part To Provide Price Maintenance

In a letter to E. F. Arnold, executive secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, Senator Josiah W. Bailey places responsibility for relief of the cotton farmer up to President Roosevelt and the Department of Agriculture.

After expressing his "regret that the present prospect is not good for constructive legislation in the interest of agriculture in the present session of Congress," the Senator recites a long list of farm legislation which has been passed by Congress. This list includes legislation to benefit debtor farmers, promote soil conservation, provide crop production loans, assist tenant farmers, boost prices, and initiate Rural Resettlement.

In surveying the beneficial results of this legislation, Mr. Bailey quotes as follows from the Department of Agriculture reports:

"In the boom year of 1919 each farmer had \$1.59 for every \$1.00 that the city man had for living expenses. But by 1921 the farmer had only 60 cents for each city dollar, after the deflation of that year. In 1926 the ratio was about 86 cents for the farmer as contrasted with \$1.00 for the city man, but in 1932 the farmer had only 35.6 cents for living compared with the \$1.00 for the city man.

"Today, in the now boom year for agriculture, the farmer has approximately 90 cents for each dollar available to the average city dweller to pay living expenses."

Then, turning to the problem of the cotton farmer, the Senator says: "However, the cotton farmers have not enjoyed a comparable improvement in the price of lint cotton. The price of cottonseed, thanks to the amendment sponsored by me, is much better. The worst feature of the farm price picture is the downward tendency of the price of cotton. The

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County Tax Rate for 1937 Tentatively Set at 89 Cents, Increase of Ten Over 1936

County Tax Rates

Comparative Figures for Period Since State Took Over Roads Maintenance

The following figures show Moore county's tax rate since 1931, the year when the State took over the maintenance of the highway system. Previous to that the rate was over \$1.00.

1931—73 cents per \$100 valuation.
1932—71 cents.
1933—70 cents.
1934—72 cents.
1935—75 cents.
1936—79 cents.
1937—89 cents (tentative).

4,000 HEAR HOEY AT DEDICATION OF SANDHILL PROJECT

Governor Calls It "Monument to Intelligence and Foresight of Our Government"

GREETINGS FROM LAMBETH

"The Sandhills project will be a monument to the intelligence and foresight of our Government in preserving these resources for this and future generations," Governor Clyde R. Hoey told from 3,000 to 4,000 people who gathered last Friday to dedicate and inspect jobs which have thus far been completed on that 62,000-acre forestry, wild life and recreation project which the Resettlement Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture is developing near Hoffman.

Stating that he was reared on a farm and is familiar with the struggles which a man on the farm meets, the Governor said, "I am glad we have a Government which tries to interpret and meet the needs of the farmer." He then added that in his opinion the Government's program of conservation and home ownership are the two outstanding phases of the entire rehabilitation program of the administration.

Miss Jane Pratt, Secretary to Congressman Walter Lambeth, brought a message from Mr. Lambeth, "He would be present, Miss Pratt said, had he not been sent abroad by his Government to do honor to our dear boys who offered their lives for us in the World War."

Congratulates Eatman

Congressman Harold Cooley also brought a message from Mr. Lambeth stating that his colleague had expressed to him before leaving for France his keen interest in the project and his regrets at not being able to be present on this important occasion. "I know that the entire North Carolina delegation in Congress is vitally interested in the work being done on this project," Cooley stated. "Your presence here is an indication of your appreciation of the efforts which have been put forth," he told the crowds which surrounded the speakers' stand which had been erected near the edge of Indian Camp Lake. Mr. Cooley publicly commended and congratulated Project Manager Frank Eatman for the successful work which he has done in the development of this project.

C. B. Deane of Rockingham, Chairman of the Citizens' Dedication Committee, presided and the Rev. J. B. Willis of Hamlet pronounced the invocation. Others on the program included Regional Director George S. Mitchell and Assistant Regional Director James M. Gray, both of the Resettlement Administration office in Raleigh; Frank W. Eatman, Project Manager; Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, Raleigh; C. F. Clayton, Chief of the Planning Section, Land Utilization Division, RA, Washington;

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Boost Made Necessary to Meet Social Security Demands, Rebuild Schools

NO SALARY INCREASE

The tax rate for Moore county for 1937 was tentatively set at 89 cents on the \$100 valuation by the members of the Board of County Commissioners as they sat in regular session Monday.

This is an increase of ten cents over last year's 79-cent rate, an increase which was necessary in order to meet the county's part of the Social Security program, approximately \$19,000, and to furnish additional funds for school purposes, it appearing that any other policy would have been "penny wise and pound foolish," as some of the buildings were being damaged so greatly on account of needed repairs.

The commissioners turned thumbs down on any increases in salaries of county employees and were forced to refuse requests of a number of delegations which met with them in the interest of certain local communities in order to avoid a greater rise in the rate.

The new rate is twenty-nine cents below that of ten years ago when the high point of \$1.18 was reached. Three years later, in 1930, \$1.05 was necessary to meet the requirements of the county, but after the State assumed control of both roads and schools, the county's rate dropped to a low of 70 cents in 1933 and 1934.

County Finances Healthy

While Moore county's rate has been within a medium radius, a little higher than that of some counties and a bit lower than that of others, the county has been in excellent financial condition for the past several years and at the same time has made consistent progress.

Citizens of the county may well take pride in the health program that has been put over. Through the clinics and otherwise a continuous fight has been waged against contagious diseases until certain of these have been practically stamped out. The saving in suffering and financial expense of these preventable diseases has been worth many times the value of the few cents of each dollar that has been allotted to this health work and the county has been made a safer place for its citizens.

A drive through the county will show the progress that has been made in farming. With the help of the county agent and by the use of the terracing machine which was procured a year or two ago, much has been done along the line of soil conservation.

Interest in home management and all that this implies has been stimulated through the home demonstration club work and many rural homes have been improved.

Altogether a pretty creditable job of spending the taxpayer's seventy-nine cents has been done and those at the helm will probably make the additional ten cents do just as good a job in serving the aged and the blind and the dependent children, and in helping the youth of the county to equip itself for useful citizenship.

250 EXPECTED FOR S. A. L. GOLF TOURNAMENT HERE

With the regular annual Seaboard Airline golf tournament scheduled for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 4th, 5th and 6th at Southern Pines Country Club, Mayor D. G. Stutz and Seaboard officials from Norfolk and Washington are making plans to accommodate the largest turn-out this tournament has ever drawn, approximately 250.

On Tuesday, E. M. Tucker, the Seaboard's assistant superintendent of dining car service, visited Southern Pines to look over the Highland Pines Inn and inspect the facilities which his staff will operate under lease for the three days of the tournament.