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## ACTIVITY IN REAL ESTATE PRESAGES BUSY SEASON HERE

New Stores, New Homes, Numerous Rentals Reported by Builders and Agencies

### EAST BROAD ST. BOOMING

**By CHARLES MACAULEY**  
New buildings, both residential and business, renovation of older structures, and activity in the real estate market, particularly in the rental field, presages not only a busy season, but an early one, with a shortage of apartments and small dwelling in Southern Pines.

Contractor C. J. Austin has the plans and contract from W. L. Phillippi, of the Lackawanna Steel Corporation, of Buffalo, N. Y., for a winter residence to be located on the south side of Massachusetts avenue, East of Highland Road and just beyond the town line. The dwelling is to be a bungalow type, one story frame, 53 by 16 feet, to include five rooms and bath, with electric heat.

Mr. Austin has completed the attractive one-and-one-half story frame dwelling, located on the East side of Country Club drive, between Indiana avenue and Morganton Road, for Mrs. Virgil J. Lee, and is closing a contract with John Howarth for a similar residence, to be located on the lot just south of Mrs. Lee. He is submitting plans to Mrs. Emile Allen Wilson for a dwelling north of the Lee house.

From plans and designs by Miss Catherine Pierson, he is rebuilding the home of Dr. R. L. Hart, Massachusetts avenue and Ridge street. The work includes increasing the size of the living room, new dining room, bed room and bath, and redecorating.

### New Ridge Street Homes

Two new dwellings are located on Ridge street. Harry Lee Brown and family, formerly of Lynchburg, Va., are in their new home at the head of New York avenue. Built for them by J. D. Arey, this is a comfortable two story and basement frame and stucco house, 28 by 32 feet, containing six rooms and bath. On the West side of Ridge street between Vermont and Maine avenue, the Reinecke-Dillehay company erected for Joe Steeds a handsome frame bungalow with attached garage and laundry, 51 by 30 feet with five rooms and bath. This same company built for H. W. Dorn the residence at Ridge street and Indiana avenue previously described in The Pilot. Also noted were the home of R. F. Potts, a handsome Cape Cod cottage of six rooms and two baths, located on Vermont avenue between May and Ridge streets, and a similar dwelling located on West Broad street at Maine avenue, built by Mr. Potts for Mrs. J. W. Atkinson.

The new Rand Building replacing the former Powell Block has been completed by the contractor, B. W. Harris of Durham. Fronting 50 feet on East Broad street and extending 75 feet on New Hampshire avenue this steel frame structure of tapestry brick relieved by over 300 square feet of plate glass surmounting a surfacing of black tile rising two feet from the base line to the window casing, contains two fine stores. Both have been leased, the corner, with a floor space of 25 by 70 feet, to G. H. Buttry who has installed the very latest devices for the display of meats and groceries. The adjoining store, 25 by 70 feet, with three show windows, and a recessed entrance admitting to the two doors, has been leased by the Melvin Store which is moving from its present quarters this week, installing new fittings and equipment for the display of ladies' wear.

Though delayed by the difficulty of carrying on business amid the confusion of a practical rebuilding, H. W. and Robert Dorn have nearly completed the installation of their new equipment, second to none in the state. Having taken in the adjoining building they now have a floor space 38 by 72 feet giving ample room for the display of merchandise and adding to the comfort of customers.

Work on the Page Motor Co. garage is far enough advanced so that a general idea of the new building can be

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## Tuberculosis Can Be Controlled If We Practice What We Know

Dr. P. P. McCain Tell Kiwanis of Fight State is Waging Against the Disease

The death rate from tuberculosis has been reduced from 200 to 60 persons per 100,000 in the United States in the past 25 years, but with 70,000 deaths annually still the average, the fight must go on, Dr. Paul P. McCain, superintendent of the State Sanatorium, told members of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at their weekly meeting held Wednesday in Jack's Grill.

"The disease can be controlled if we put into practice what we now know about it," Dr. McCain said.

Starting his talk with an expression of appreciation for the support which this community has always given the Sanatorium, which he said had been a major factor in its success, the State's leading authority on the disease recounted briefly what had been accomplished in the fight against tuberculosis to date and what needed to be done to further stamp out the spread.

The disease, being communicable, is a source of danger to everyone. This is especially true in the South due to so much negro labor. The death rate among negroes is three-and-one-half times that among whites. The difficulty in the fight is the almost impossibility of catching the disease in its early stages. One may have tuberculosis for some time and continue to look and to feel well, so that by the time it is diagnosed the disease has a firm hold on the system. It is during this early stage that it is most dangerous from the communicable standpoint. Not knowing one has the disease, no precautions are taken to prevent its spread to other members of one's family.

### What State is Doing

What is North Carolina attempting to do? This state has 2,000 deaths a year from tuberculosis. There are from 16,000 to 20,000 cases in the state. Clinics are being held throughout the state. New portable fluoroscopes are being used by the clinical physicians who are touring the state. Where a case is found, the families of the patients are being examined, the patient isolated. School clinics are being held.

The State has taken the attitude that the disease is the joint responsibility of State and county. The State, in its sanatoria, is caring for all possible curable cases. The counties are being held responsible for the care of the indigent incurables. "We are trying to get the counties to build sanatoria for them," Dr. McCain said. "This is the cheapest way in the long run, for if these cases are not cared for in public institutions, and remain at home, others will be exposed and spread the disease."

Dr. McCain told of the new State Sanatorium at Black Mountain, in western North Carolina, which he also heads and which is the result of an appropriation by the last Legislature, plus P. W. A. funds. He said efforts were being made to get the government to help the South to provide sufficient beds for negroes, on the ratio of 25 percent from State funds, 75 percent federal, for construction of buildings, and on the ratio of 50 percent each for maintenance and operation.

### S. P. TENNIS CLUB MEETS CARTHAGE HERE TONIGHT

Tonight, Friday, at 8:00 o'clock the Southern Pines Tennis Club will meet Carthage under the flood lights at the Municipal courts on Pennsylvania avenue in a renewal of their friendly feud for the tennis supremacy of the Sandhills.

### ABERDEEN INCORPORATES TOBACCO BOARD OF TRADE

Among incorporations at Raleigh this week was the Aberdeen Tobacco Board of Trade, "to foster and promote the development of the tobacco market in the town of Aberdeen." It is a non-stock corporation, with the following incorporators: L. T. Avery, E. B. Maynard and C. W. Covington.

### "Miss Sandhills"

She'll Be Selected in Contest Sponsored by Southern Pines Civic Club

With September comes the opening of schools, and civic plans take the attention of Sandhills citizens. The Southern Pines Civic Club will not open until October but wishes to announce that on Friday night, November 5th, they will sponsor a beauty contest for girls between the ages of 14 and 25, an amateur theatrical contest, and a "Little Miss Southern Pines" Contest for children.

The contest in Southern Pines will be one of a series of such contests to be held throughout North Carolina and the United States. It is open to contestants from all parts of Moore county. The local winners will go to the State contest next Spring to determine North Carolina winners, and those winners will go to the National finals.

These contests are in no way connected with the "Miss America" beauty pageant recently completed at Atlantic City, N. J., and the announcement is being released at this time in order that all Sandhills residents and winter colonists may have plenty of notice.

The winners of the Beauty and Amateur contests will attend the State contests in the Spring with all expenses paid, and while there will be given a screen test. The winners in the State contests will attend the National contests. The winner of the "Little Miss Southern Pines" contest will receive a gold lined silver loving cup. She may compete in the State finals provided she is accompanied by a chaperone, and at their own expense.

With two months in which to prepare there should be some interesting acts arranged by groups and individuals that will attract movie, radio and vaudeville managers.

Mrs. Norris L. Hodgkins of Southern Pines will be the business manager of the contests and all inquiries should be addressed to either Mrs. Hodgkins or Miss Florence Campbell, Civic Club president.

## Von Canon and Henson Burned by Live Wire

President and Superintendent of Sandhill Furniture Company Hurt at West End

J. V. Von Canon, president of the Sandhill Furniture Company at West End, and E. T. Henson, plant superintendent, were seriously burned on Tuesday afternoon at the plant when a wire they were handling came in contact with a high voltage wire.

Both men suffered severely burned hands, and Von Canon was rendered unconscious. He was rushed to the Moore County Hospital but was discharged after first aid treatment.

The accident occurred as the men were handling a wire from a light which was being installed on the company water tank. Passing by the tank, Mr. Von Canon offered his assistance to Henson who was attempting to straighten out the wire. Mr. Von Canon, it was reported, then accidentally pulled the wire against the power line. Henson, although badly burned, was not rendered unconscious.

### BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR TONIGHT

Dr. E. Levis Prizer, chairman of the Moore County Boy Scout Court of Honor, announced Tuesday that a Court of Honor and Awards will be held tonight, Friday, at 8:00 o'clock in the auditorium of the Southern Pines High School.

This will be the first such assembly of the season and it is hoped that everyone interested in the Scouting movement will be present. The parents and friends of all of the Scouts in the five troops participating are especially urged to attend.

## MRS. SKINNER IS FOUND DEAD IN CAR IN GARAGE

Coroner's Verdict of Suicide Substantiated By Notes Left By Resident of Weymouth

### RENTED CAR FOR PURPOSE

Mrs. Ruth Skinner, wife of Robert Skinner and for many years a winter resident of Southern Pines, was found dead from carbon monoxide gas poisoning in the garage adjacent to her home on Valley Road, Weymouth Heights, at 8:45 Wednesday morning. The body was discovered by Capers Pay, a young negro workman Mrs. Skinner had hired the day before to work around the grounds, and who went to the garage Wednesday morning for a pair of hedge clippers.

Mrs. Skinner was found slumped behind the steering wheel of a car she had rented the day before through Colin Osborne of Southern Pines. The ignition switch was still turned on and the tank was nearly full of gasoline but her foot had slipped off the foot accelerator—evidently when unconsciousness overtook her—and the motor was dead. Automobile mechanics estimate that the motor could not have run for more than 35 or 40 minutes inside the closed garage before it depleted the oxygen supply to such an extent that the motor refused to function. Dr. M. G. Stutz, who examined the body, placed the time of death at several hours previous to its discovery.

### Leaves Note

In one of the pockets of Mrs. Skinner's coat was found a note, written partially on a scrap of paper and partially on the back of a bank deposit slip, that read:

"Please call Dr. M. Holzman, 18th & Washington Sts., Wilmington, Del., or anyone who might answer the call, and he will let my family know. Just send me home with as little trouble and expense as possible.

"Whatever I find at the other end will be Heaven to me."

Signed—Ruth.

Mrs. Skinner returned to Southern Pines from her home in Wilmington, Del., about a week ago and had been staying with friends. On Monday she had engaged Miss Elizabeth Smith as a housekeeper and companion and all of Monday and Tuesday the two women had been engaged in making ready the Skinner home for winter occupancy. Miss Smith told Special Coroner Hugh P. Kelly's coroner's jury that she and Mrs. Skinner had planned to retire early Tuesday evening and that Mrs. Skinner had left her with instructions that she was not to be disturbed before 9:00 o'clock on Wednesday morning. Miss Smith was the first to retire, while Mrs. Skinner was writing some letters. One of these turned out to be addressed to her sister, Bessie H. Lowry of Wilmington, Del., the contents of which indicated Mrs. Skinner's intention of committing suicide. The other was of a purely personal nature. Miss Smith told the coroner's jury that she did not hear Mrs. Skinner retire, but that she did hear her moving about in the living room at a time she estimated to be around 10:00 p. m.

### Bed Not Occupied

On Wednesday morning Miss Smith was prepared to observe Mrs. Skinner's request that she should not be disturbed, but in going about her duties around the house she found a note on the writing table, addressed to herself, ending with the apology "am so sorry for everything." This puzzled her, she said, and she went to Mrs. Skinner's room. There she found that the bed had not been occupied during the night and she went straightway to the nearby home of friends of Mrs. Skinner. When they returned they found the negro workman who had just discovered Mrs. Skinner's body in the garage.

At the coroner's inquest, held Tuesday noon at the Powell Funeral Home, a unanimous verdict of suicide by carbon monoxide gas poisoning, was reached. There was no evidence

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## Quarter Million Pounds of Tobacco Bring High Prices on Aberdeen Opening Day

### Traffic Lights

Southern Pines To Have Stop and Go Signals on Four Corners

Southern Pines is growing up. It's going to have traffic lights. They were ordered this week.

There'll be three on May street, which is U. S. Highway No. 1 through town, one each at Massachusetts, New York and Connecticut avenues, and the fourth will be at the corner of Bennett street and Pennsylvania avenue.

Installation will be completed in time for the heavy winter traffic.

## NEGRO ARRESTED AFTER FIRING ON CHIEF OF POLICE

Gargis Dodges Bullets From Gun in Hands of Drunken Man to Make Capture

### C. C. C. BOYS IN COURT

Southern Pines Chief of Police J. A. Gargis narrowly escaped death Sunday afternoon, and John Willie Thompson, colored of Niagara, was mated out an 18 month's road sentence in Recorder's Court on Monday as a result of an unprovoked attack made by Thompson on the officer with a high power repeating rifle.

Gargis was patrolling Southern Pines in his automobile early Sunday afternoon and was approaching the intersection of Leek street and West Vermont avenue when, without warning, several bullets whipped past his car. Gargis had been unaware that there was anyone in the vicinity but when he stopped his car he saw Thompson beside the road about 25 feet away leveling the rifle in his direction and preparing to fire again. He got out of the car and approached the negro. When Gargis was within a few feet of him, Thompson attempted to fire again but the rifle jammed and Gargis stepped in and knocked the negro out with his black-jack.

Thompson gave no reason for attempting to shoot Chief Gargis, and Gargis attributes Thompson's poor aim to the fact that the negro was drunk when the assault occurred.

In another Recorder's Court case in Carthage Monday, John W. Martin and Russell Hendrix, two white boys from the C. C. C. camp near Southern Pines were fined \$25.00 and one-half the costs each when they were found guilty of forcible trespass on the Southern Pines High School property.

For some time past school authorities have been complaining to police of nocturnal prowling around the property and on Sunday night Chief Gargis and Patrolman Ed Newton were watching the school building when Martin and Hendrix forced a window and entered. The arrest was made before anything could be taken.

### STATE FAIR BOOSTERS AND BAND HERE ON WEDNESDAY

The State Fair Booster caravan, with a 30-piece band from State College along, will pay Carthage, Southern Pines and Aberdeen a visit next Wednesday on its 500-mile tour. Three busses advertising the coming fair will carry the band and 47 Raleigh business men.

### TWO ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF THOSE DAM GATES

Harold Mansfield, white, and Horace Griffin, colored, were in Recorder's Court Monday charged with the larceny of the machinery used for hoisting the flood gates of the dam at Lakeview. The case was continued to Saturday.

Estimated Average of 26 Cents Means \$65,000 For Growers From First Day Sales

### OPTIMISM PREVAILS

By BEN BOWDEN

Yesterday morning Moore county's two tobacco markets opened along with the rest of the Middle Belt markets and at 9:00 a. m. warehouse floors at both Aberdeen and Carthage were groaning with nearly a half-million pounds of the weed awaiting the cries of the auctioneers that started the flow of cash from the buyers into the hands of Moore county and nearby growers.

All of Wednesday night and far into the early hours of yesterday morning loads of tobacco were on the roads from the farms to the warehouse floors where the lights burned bright and the warehouse personnel received, ticketed and laid them out in long rows preparatory to the first sale yesterday.

When dawn broke on Aberdeen yesterday morning both Covington's Warehouse and the Aberdeen Warehouse were full to capacity and estimates by warehousemen, growers and buyers placed the first day's sales at nearly 250,000 pounds—about 50 per cent better than the opening day's volume last year.

The Aberdeen Warehouse won on the toss of the coin and was awarded the first sale of the day and at 9:00 o'clock sharp Gene Maynard's sing-song cry knocked down the first pile of tobacco to the Imperial Tobacco Company. It was grown by McFadgen & Son of near Raeford and brought 35 cents a pound. To McFadgen, also, went the highest price of the day when 296 pounds of his leaf brought an average of 40 cents a pound.

### Banner Season Expected

By noon the Aberdeen Warehouse floor had been sold out and the buyers were well down the first row at Covington's warehouse and up to that time the average price of all of the tobacco sold had been estimated at around 26 to 27 cents a pound, slightly higher than the average for similar grades on Border and Bright Belt markets to date. As a result growers were exceedingly optimistic and warehousemen were of the opinion that Aberdeen was in for a banner season.

Just before the sale closed at the Aberdeen Warehouse, L. B. Hinson of Jackson Springs sold 582 pounds for \$186.94, an average of slightly better than 32 cents per pound and he told The Pilot that this looked like the best Aberdeen market in years.

Such was the spirit of optimism that prevailed on the local market yesterday and, considering the fact that it is a generally conceded fact that conditions improve rather than decline after the opening day, there is every reason to believe that the spirit of optimism is well founded.

Early estimates were to the effect that Covington's Warehouse sold around 125,000 to 130,000 pounds yesterday and that the slightly smaller Aberdeen Warehouse handled 75,000 to 80,000 pounds. Later revisions slightly altered these estimates but there is no question but what the total day's volume was approximately 250,000 pounds which means, at an estimated average of 26 cents a pound, that some \$65,000 was paid out to growers on the first day.

The Old McConnell Warehouse and the New Sandhill Warehouse at Carthage had good openings yesterday, with a volume greatly in excess of last year's opening day and with an average above 25 cents indicated from early sales.

### MELVIN'S NEW STORE OPENS ON EAST BROAD STREET

The new Melvin's Store opened this week in the building at East Broad street and New Hampshire avenue, and is one of the most attractive looking shops in Southern Pines. Melvin's will carry an enlarged line of women's wear, notions and dry goods.