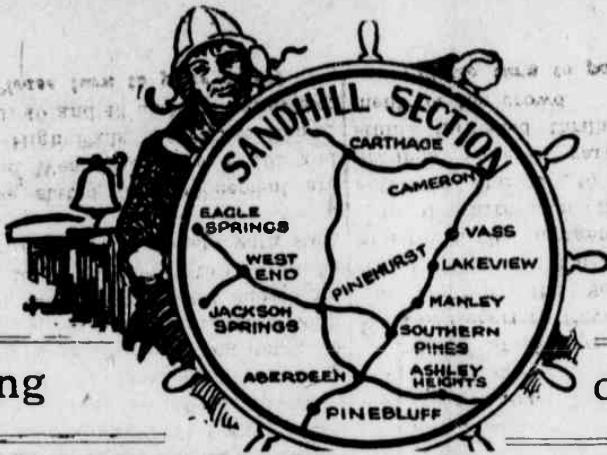


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## McKEITHEN WINS OVER BURNS FOR SOLICITOR'S POST

Victor Polls Heavy Vote In  
Pinehurst, Aberdeen and  
Southern Pines

WINS BY 215 MAJORITY

In a surprisingly close contest in the second Democratic Primary for the office of Prosecuting Attorney of the Moore County Recorder's Court, held last Saturday, W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst and Aberdeen emerged the winner over E. J. Burns of Carthage by the narrow margin of 1713 to 1498, a majority of but 215 votes. The vote represented complete returns from all of the county's 17 precincts.

The closeness of the contest came as a surprise to both McKeithen and Burns supporters alike inasmuch as the McKeithen vote in the first primary, held on June 4th with three men running for the nomination, was so near a majority of the total vote that Burns, the second high candidate, was for some time undecided as to whether to call for a second primary. The vote on that occasion was: McKeithen, 1735; Burns, 1103; Scott, 878; McKeithen missing a majority by only 246 votes.

In last Saturday's primary McKeithen piled up substantial majorities in Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines, where the total count was 873 for McKeithen against 229 for Burns. Burns received the majority of his support from East Carthage, West Carthage and Hemp, in which precincts he received 680 votes against 325 for McKeithen. In the remainder of the precincts McKeithen received slight majorities in Pinebluff, Cameron, West End, Spies and Spencerville. Burns carried Vass, Highfalls, Deep River, Ritters and Bensalem by slight majorities.

Inasmuch as the Democratic nomination in Moore county is considered tantamount to election, McKeithen will, in all probability, succeed to the post now held by M. G. Boyette of Carthage, whose Democratic candidacy for the State Senate is uncontested.

## Maida Shaw Marries M. C. Brown at Vass

Ceremony Performed Last Friday  
at Home of Bride's Sister,  
Mrs. Ben H. Wood

In a simple, but lovely private ceremony Friday evening, Miss Maida Shaw of Carthage and Murdoch C. Brown of Sanford were united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Ben H. Wood, at Vass. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, the Rev. C. I. Calcoete, of Vass, in the presence of a few near relatives.

The vows were spoken in the living room before an improvised altar banked with long leaf pine and ferns, over which candles shed a soft glow.

The bride wore a beige dress with Dubonnet accessories, and her cor.

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## BROTHER OF OMER WILLIAMS SUCCUMBS TO HEART ATTACK

James Edward Williams, suffering a fatal heart attack, died in his car on Ashe street, Southern Pines on Monday morning. Mr. Williams, who has been visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Bryant, for the past two months, had started for his physician's office, but just a moment before his death had said that he felt better and would not need medical attention. Born in Ludwick, Md., 56 years ago, the son of Richard Williams and Martha Dawson Williams, Mr. Williams' home was in Delta, Pa., where funeral services were held yesterday afternoon.

He is survived by four daughters; Mrs. J. W. Carboney of Chicago; Mrs. C. B. Ninkirk of Bluefields, W. Va.; Mrs. Bessie Bryant of Southern Pines, and Miss Erma Williams, of Delta, Pa., also a brother, Omer Williams, of Southern Pines.

## Solicitor Nominee



W. A. LELAND McKEITHEN  
Successful Candidate for the Nomination for Prosecuting Attorney of the Moore County Recorder's Court in the Second Primary Held Last Saturday.

## \$29,250 OF PWA FUNDS GRANTED HOSPITAL HERE

Government Gift To Comprise  
45 Percent of Cost of Proposed  
New Nurse's Home

SITE ALREADY ACQUIRED

The regional office of the Public Works Administration at Atlanta, through its director, H. T. Cole, has announced a grant of \$29,250.00 to the Moore County Hospital, to assist that institution in the construction of a Nurses' Home.

It has been decided to accept the grant, and plans for the new building are being drawn. Under the terms of the Federal offer the Nurses Home and its furnishings may not cost more than \$65,000.00. Of this maximum sum, \$29,250.00, or 45 percent, will be a government gift; and \$37,750.00, or 55 percent, must be raised from other sources. If a satisfactory home can be built for less money, the ratio of PWA assistance to the total cost will remain at 45 percent.

Some months ago the hospital acquired additional land looking toward this project, the added acreage being gifts, in part, from Curtis Wigg, of Pinehurst, and from Pinehurst, Incorporated. The new building will stand on the Pinehurst side of the Hospital, and the present road at that side will be shifted a little closer to the village, to give better access and effect.

George H. Maurice, of Eagle Springs, is president of the Hospital, and Col. George P. Hawes, Jr., of Pinehurst, heads the building committee. It is hoped that work can begin by August 23rd.

The Home will make it possible for all nurses to live close at hand, a very important fact in case of emergency. The members of the nursing staff will be housed under conditions best calculated to safeguard their comfort and health, and the home will therefore make it easier to maintain the efficiency and morale of which the hospital is justly proud. Finally, the new building, by eliminating transportation costs and otherwise decreasing current expenses, will save the hospital each year a sum equivalent to the income from a sizeable endowment.

## MRS. HENRY KELLY DIES

Mrs. Henry Kelly, aged 80 years, died in her home at Altoona, Pa., on Thursday, June 16th, according to word received by The Pilot, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were winter residents of Southern Pines from 1902, until his death in 1932, and Mrs. Kelly has visited many friends here during the past few years.

## RAYMOND KIWANIS SPEAKER

Dr. C. Roxford Raymond was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Sandhill Kiwanis Club held Wednesday at the Pinehurst Community Church. His subject was "America and Americanism."

## STATES EFFECT ON TAX RATE IF CITY BUYS CIVIC CENTER

E. C. Stevens Clarifies Much  
Discussed Question As Date  
of Election Nears

FAVORS PURCHASE OF SITE

With registrations mounting hourly for the special election to be held on July 19th to decide the question of the proposed purchase of the property adjoining the Postoffice for a site for a civic center, there is considerable discussion of the matter on street, particularly with reference to the estimated cost of the project in terms of a possible increase in the local tax rate. Since the matter first became the subject of discussion, it has been the policy of The Pilot to open its columns to a full discussion of the factors involved in the proposed purchase of the property and in keeping with this policy we reproduce below a letter received from Town Commissioner E. C. Stevens setting forth his views and stating some pertinent facts concerning the cost of acquiring the property.

Mr. Stevens writes:

"Not only as a taxpayer of the town, but also as a Commissioner, I have been asked just how I stand in the matter of the proposed purchase of the Broad street property next to the Postoffice, which matter is to be voted upon on July 19th. I am one hundred percent in favor of it. I believe it is about the most outstanding opportunity the town has had to improve itself since I have been in Southern Pines. We here have only one main attraction outside of the climate, the proximity to the large cities, golf, tennis, riding, good schools, churches, and other things that go to make up a wonderful residential town, and that is the beauty and cleanliness of our homes, streets, parks, trees and shrubbery. The one thing that is outstanding in the minds of the tourist, whether he is in a hotel, boarding house, cottage or tourist camp, (Please turn to page four)

## Approve New Building For School at Eureka

Commissioners Agree to Start  
Work on New Nurses' Home  
Within Eight Weeks

A modern 10-room building with auditorium for the Eureka school, twenty steel-bodied buses to replace as many old-model rigs, and lights on all buses to be used in the coming school session were high lights of the recommendations of the Moore County Board of Education as it sat in its June meeting with J. W. Graham, F. W. VonCanon, W. E. Kelly and Dr. J. F. Davis in attendance.

A delegation of citizens from the Farm Life school district at Eureka went before the board to request that a modern brick building be erected immediately, and after some discussion it was recommended that an order passed by the Board on January 15, 1934 recommending at that time the erection of a 10-room building with auditorium should stand, and that this building should be erected just as soon as the financial condition of the county permits.

Reports to the effect that the Board of Education had been considering the consolidation of the Farm Life school were said to be without foundation, and the County Superintendent was instructed to advise the school board and other interested citizens of the district to this effect.

It was ordered that the County Superintendent, in compliance with the Grand Jury report made at the May term, request that the State School Commission cooperate with the county Board in placing lights on all buses to be used in the coming session, also that all new buses assigned to Moore county to replace the 20 old ones be Chevrolets with steel bodies.

Those slated for replacement are No. 1 at West End; Nos. 6, 102 and 103 at High Falls; No. 10 at Hemp; Nos. 11, 40 and 43 at Vass-Lakeview; (Please turn to page eight)

## Eighth District Vote

Figures on the Eighth district vote in the second Democratic primary race for Congress between W. O. Burgin of Lexington and C. B. Deane of Rockingham as computed Wednesday evening by the Associated Press were as follows:

County	Deane	Burgin
Anson	2,274	1,274
Davidson	962	6,938
Davie	386	889
Hoke	571	334
Lee	1,445	1,139
Montgomery (u)	1,005	738
Moore	2,094	1,110
Richmond	5,440	1,681
Scotland	1,198	670
Union	2,557	2,427
Wilkes	835	1,541
Yadkin	500	600
TOTAL	19,267	19,341

u) Denotes unofficial.

## ESTIMATED CROWD OF 5,000 GREETED WOODMEN AT VASS

Parade, Speeches, Athletic  
Events and Dances Keep  
Throng Entertained

TAX CAPACITY OF TOWN

BY BESSIE CAMERON SMITH

A crowd estimated at 5,000 persons gathered in Vass Monday for the Fourth of July celebration staged by the Vass, Southern Pines, Rafterd and West End camps of Woodmen of the World, and those who had been inclined to "hump" at mention of 5,000 people being attracted to a small town with no bathing or swimming facilities for an Independence Day celebration began to sit up and take notice.

After a Sunday of rain, Monday dawned clear and beautiful and early in the morning cars began to pour into town. By 9:00 o'clock half the people on the streets were visitors.

At 10:00 o'clock, the program got under way. Led by the blue-uniformed Fayetteville High School Band, woodmen from the various camps paraded through town, their line of march leading up the town's main business street. The next event was the parade of floats. Pine Camp at West End carried off the prize, \$50 in cash.

The speaking, which was scheduled to be held at the school grounds, was held from the reviewing stand on Main street and sound equipment made the addresses audible to the entire crowd. James E. McAbee, assistant State manager of the W. O. W., from Kinston, was master of ceremonies and H. Clifton Blue of the Vass camp served as announcer.

"America" was played by the band, after which W. B. Graham of Vass spoke the Invocation. Mayor H. A. Borst welcomed the visitors and David B. Gillis, council commander of the Southern Pine camp, responded.

In the absence of Charles D. Hines, W. Duncan Matthews of Southern Pines pinchhit and did a good job of presenting Lieutenant-Governor W. F. Horton, who made an excellent patriotic address devoid of any political touch. The speaker paid tribute to the work of the State's beloved educational governor, Charles B. Aycock, and to that of the present leader who also is greatly interested in the education of the youth of the State, and looked ahead to the day when training in vocational agriculture can be made available for every rural child in North Carolina.

State Manager T. E. Newton spoke briefly on woodcraft and introduced Judge Barrington T. Hill, State Head Counsellor, of Wadesboro, who took Senator Robert R. Reynolds' place on the program, the Senator having wired that it would be impossible for him to fill the engagement here.

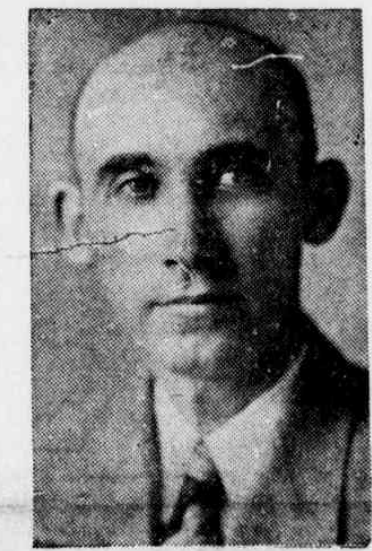
In the afternoon, the center of activities shifted to the school grounds, where various athletic stunts furnished thrilling entertainment for the crowd. (Please turn to page four)

## Eighth District Congress Race Still Unsettled As Candidates File Protests

No Decision Yet



W. O. BURGIN



C. B. DEANE

Opposing candidates for the Democratic nomination for Congressman, held last Saturday and the result of which will not become officially known until charges of irregularity, filed by Deane, have been heard by the State Board of Elections at its meeting on July 12th.

## County Board Accepts \$29,250 of PWA Funds

County Board of Education  
Gives Okay to Proposed  
Project

At its regular meeting Monday, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution accepting the offer of the United States government to aid in financing the construction of a nurses' home for Moore County Hospital, including the necessary equipment, by making a grant to the county in the amount of 45 percent of the cost of the project upon completion, as determined by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, but not to exceed the sum of \$29,250.

By acceptance of this offer, the county agrees to begin work on the project as early as possible, in no event later than eight weeks from the date of this offer, and to complete the project within five months of the commencement of construction.

Representing the hospital at the meeting were Business Manager Edwin T. McKeithen, G. H. Maurice and Paul Dana.

The Board voted to recommend that the State take over and maintain two roads, as follows: Starting at Dunk McNeill's and going by Zion Grove church to A. K. Comer's place in Sheffield township, a distance of about one mile. This stretch is used as a school bus route.

Also, beginning at a point on the River Road at Black Rock and leading in an easterly direction by Bud Cole's to a point on the Carthage-Jessup road, a distance of approximately two and one-half miles.

It was also ordered that a beer license be issued to Theo Barrow of Lakeview and that Mamie McNeill be allowed \$25 for braces.

Commissioners present at the meeting were Chairman Wilbur H. Currie, D. D. McCrimmon, T. F. Cameron and Gordon Cameron.

## Deane Charges Fraud In Mont- gomery; Protests Results In Union, Davidson and Wilkes

BURGIN ASKS RECOUNT

With complete official returns certified by the county election boards of all counties in the Eighth district except Montgomery, W. O. Burgin of Lexington last night held a 74 lead over C. B. Deane of Rockingham as the result of the balloting in the second Democratic primary for Congress from the district, held last Saturday.

The vote, with all returns official except from Montgomery county, stood: Burgin, 19,341; Deane, 19,267.

Returns were canvassed by the Wilkes county board of elections on Wednesday with the result that the official count showed one less vote for Burgin than in the original unofficial count. Previously, the official count in Hoke county cut Deane's majority there from 273 to 237. In Montgomery county the board of elections refused on Tuesday to certify returns pending a hearing set for tonight, Friday, at which time charges of fraud, filed by Deane, will be aired. This morning a hearing will be held in Rockingham to consider Burgin's request for a recount of the Richmond county vote.

Although official returns from 11 of the 12 counties in the district have made but a slight difference in the standings of the two candidates, notes of dissatisfaction have been prevalent throughout the week to date. In addition to Deane's charges regarding Montgomery county and Burgin's request for a recount in Richmond, Deane requested vote recounts in Davidson, Burgin's home county; Union and Lexington. The Davidson board dismissed the Deane petition. Union county impounded the ballot boxes in a number of precincts and took the matter under advisement. Lexington county followed the same procedure.

Wednesday evening Deane added formal protests in Wilkes county to the protests already made in Union, Davidson and Montgomery and the Wilkes board, after certifying the returns, passed the charges along to (Please turn to page eight)

## John L. Rice, 72, Commits Suicide

Prominent White Hill Citizen  
Takes Own Life With .22  
Calibre Rifle

John L. Rice, 72, prominent citizen of the White Hill section and one of the most highly esteemed men of his community, committed suicide early Tuesday morning by firing a bullet from a .22 rifle into his head. Apparently, death was instantaneous.

Mrs. Rice, who is an invalid, saw her husband pass by her window about 6:30, but thought that he was on his way to the pasture to milk the cow. Half an hour later, he failed to respond when his daughter-in-law summoned him to breakfast and his son started in search of him. The body was found about 150 yards from the house, the rifle lying beside it.

A note bore this message:

"I can't live any longer. May the Lord bless all for whom it is my duty to pray."

Coroner D. Carl Fry was summoned, but he deemed an inquest unnecessary.

Mr. Rice had been in ill health for some time and it was recalled that at the first primary last month he was so nervous that he asked a friend to mark his ballot for him.

Mr. Rice was from Mecklenburg county, but had been a resident of Moore county for many years. He engaged in farming and cattle raising, and was considered a successful and prosperous man.

He is survived by his widow, three children, several brothers and other relatives.

No information was available as to funeral arrangements.