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## RECORD OPENING DAY ON ABERDEEN TOBACCO MARKET

Total Sales of 239,000 Pounds,  
Biggest Volume in History,  
Brought 21.82 Average

### FARMERS WELL PLEASED

Aberdeen broke all known records on Tuesday, the opening day of its annual tobacco market, when 238,904 pounds of bright leaf were sold on the floors of the two warehouses. This was the largest opening day volume within the memory of those connected with the tobacco business hereabouts, and nearly double last year's opening day figure.

Nor was this the whole story. More than 350,000 pounds of tobacco was brought into the Aberdeen market for the opening, so much so that more than 100,000 pounds had to be held over for the Wednesday sales.

Few tickets were turned. The farmers seemed satisfied with the prices the buyers of all the leading cigarette manufacturing companies offered for their product. The first day's official average was 21.82 cents a pound, about in line with sales throughout the tobacco belts which have already opened.

### Over \$50,000 Paid

The Aberdeen Warehouse, which "Tom" Smith of Lumberton and Gene Maynard of Aberdeen are operating, had the first sale Tuesday and sold 104,654 pounds, turning over to farmers \$22,103.97. The larger Carter Warehouse, being operated by R. Falk Carter, formerly of Carthage, sold 134,250 pounds which went to the growers \$30,116.69 to spend. Neither warehouse could sell all the leaf that came in for sale, but the floors were cleared by Wednesday afternoon. Some 175,000 pounds were sold Wednesday, the price holding up.

Prices for top grades at the opening ran as high as 37 cents, but as a rule good tobacco was not bringing as high a comparative price as the medium grades.

Total sales for the first three days (through Thursday) were 453,682 pounds.

Hundreds from all over this section attended the opening and Aberdeen business houses report a brisk trade.

Carthage had a big first day, with the farmers appearing satisfied with their returns. Sanford sold 240,568 pounds Tuesday, at an average of 21.75.

## 150 Banquet and Dance As Guests of Lions Club

### Charter of New Organization in Aberdeen Presented to President Barber

Some 150 members and friends from this section of North Carolina gathered in the Aberdeen Warehouse last Friday evening for the Charter Celebration of the newly organized Lions Club. Speeches and the charter presentation followed a sumptuous banquet served by the young ladies of Aberdeen, and dancing following the speeches, and a good time was had by all.

District Governor C. A. Lano of Sanford presented the charter to the Aberdeen club, and it was accepted by the Rev. Ernest L. Barber, president. Others on the toast list were G. C. Dorsett, president of the Sanford Lions club; Mayor Frank Shamburger of Aberdeen, W. L. Batchelor, Immediate Past District Governor Mack Jernigan and another former district governor, V. J. Ashbaugh. There were Lions present from Durham, Raleigh, Sanford, Rockingham and other nearby towns.

Don Ellington's orchestra from Raleigh furnished the music for the dancing.

Members of the new Aberdeen club are the following: Mr. Barber, W. L. Batchelor, H. Clifton Blue, Dr. J. P. Bowen, T. N. Clark, L. J. Dawkins, J. B. Edwards, C. G. Farrell, F. D. Farrell, C. L. Gulon, C. J. Johnson, K. V. Matthews, A. C. McDonald, J. D. McLean, T. S. Melvin, N. A. Pleasant and J. C. Robbins.

## To Celebrate 148th Birthday on Sunday



OLD BETHESDA CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD

On Sunday, September 18th, Old Bethesda Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen will celebrate her 148th Home Coming.

The Rev. Frank S. Blue, pastor of the North Vanguard Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, will be the guest minister for the occasion. The services will be held at 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning.

On this day each year, all the living former members, their descendants and friends of the Old Church return for a brief quiet pause in and around Old Bethesda which is more and more becoming a shrine. Because it is the resting place of Ambassador Walter Hines Page and other prominent citizens, thousands make a pilgrimage each year to the cemetery.

Dinner will be spread in the grove at noon.

## PUBLIC ASKED FOR IDEAS TO RESTORE PROSPERITY TO U.S.

### Republican Party Wants Program Which Does Not Interfere with Personal Rights

### SEEKS "THE RIGHT WAY"

An appeal to the people of Moore county for suggestions to lead the country out of chaos and back into order is made by Mrs. Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., North Carolina Young Republican National Committeewoman, in a thoughtful letter to The Pilot. "The Republican party is not asking for your votes. It's asking for your ideas and your sincere convictions of what is best for the entire country," she says. Her communication reads:

During the last five years of uncertainty and searching of hearts, the American people re-examined their beliefs and and prejudices, their ways of doing business and of farming, and learned a great deal about the causes of poverty, disease and ignorance. There can only be one result. That is, a keener appreciation by every citizen and every business man of an obligation to society and the nation as a whole. We have begun to learn that there is a unity of purpose and a unity of welfare that binds together country man and city man, rich man and poor man, white man and black man into one destiny.

So there has crystallized a new and invigorating purpose. It is to create a resurgence of industrial activity upon the foundation of this idea of social service; to take preventative measures against the recurrence of the great depression; to correct abuses disclosed in business and finance which in fact, hampered industry and worked against the common welfare; to strengthen the safeguard of the rights of labor; to find a rational way to put agriculture in a more equitable relation to industry; to spread income and buying power throughout the population, and to do all these without in any way interfering with the personal rights and dignity of the individual. The bill of rights comes first and all the program lies within its framework.

### General Beliefs

In spite of the names we call each other, it is an undoubted fact that nine Americans out of ten believe in all these purposes. This includes Democrats — Jeffersonian and New Deal — Republicans, Liberals and Conservatives, Socialists and Sinners. We will never all agree how these things — or any of them — should be done.

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## High School Enrollment of 170 Tops Last Year's Figure By 15

### Fire Prevention

### Help Firemen Locate Hazards in Your Homes, For Your Own Safety

Members of the Southern Pines Fire Department are going to inspect dwellings throughout the city next week, and urge property owners to have their basements accessible to them. This is an annual inspection required by law. They will report to the owners on fire hazards discovered and make suggestions for decreasing danger. The public is asked to cooperate in all possible ways, for their own good. Fires increase insurance rates. To say nothing of endangering lives.

## Kiwanis Club Puts on "News Reel" Program

### Hears Reports From Members on Various Phases of Activity in the Sandhills

Wednesday was "News Reel Day" at the Sandhills Kiwanis Club's weekly meeting, held in the Presbyterian Sunday School room in Aberdeen. There being no "feature film," or regularly scheduled speaker for the day, the presiding officer called for news reports on various subjects pertinent to the community at this time, with the following result:

Paul Dana told of the progress being made on the construction of the new Nurses Home at the Moore County Hospital.

Talbot Johnson reported on Aberdeen's new full fashioned hosiery plant, and introduced the president of the Crystal Hosiery Company of New York, William H. Miller, to the club.

The Rev. J. Fred Stimson told of progress being made on the campaign to build a new boys' preparatory school in the Sandhills.

E. W. Reinecke reported on residence building prospects throughout the section.

Charles W. Picquet talked on the foreign situation.

Robert L. Hart, president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, told of the gift of \$11,250 from the PWA for a new library building in his town.

Judge J. Vance Rowe and Dr. T. A. Cheatham talked about the to-

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### Two Courses Offered, College Preparatory and Commercial. —Dramatics Featured

With an enrollment of 464 pupils, four more than the first month of last year, the Southern Pines Schools opened for the Fall term promptly at 8:15 o'clock last Wednesday morning. The elementary enrollment totaled 294 pupils as against 305 last opening; the high school 170 pupils as against 155. Superintendent F. W. Webster expects the addition of at least 20 more pupils to the enrollment for the Fall term. First week enrollment for the high school shows a gain of 15 pupils over last opening, and a gain of 26 over 1936.

The high school curriculum for this year carries, as for the past few years, two distinct curricula, namely, the college preparatory and the commercial course. The following subjects are offered in the college preparatory: four years of English, two years of Latin, two years of French, three years of Mathematics, three years of Social Science, four years of Natural Science. The commercial course offers: two years of Shorthand, three years of Typewriting, one year of General Business Practice, one year of Bookkeeping and one year of Business English. The former leads to college entrance while the later does not enable a student to enter college.

In addition to the above two new subjects are being offered to Juniors and Seniors this year: a course in Dramatics and a course in Vocational Guidance. The Dramatics course will deal with the improvement of diction, public speaking, quality and tone control of the voice and the appreciation and

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## Card Party To Raise Funds For Boy Scouts

### Junior Chamber of Commerce Is Sponsoring Event at Civic Club Next Friday

Continuing their drive for funds to complete the Boy Scout project already under way, the Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a card party to be held at the Civic Club on Friday night, September 23rd. Tickets for this event will be sold at 25 cents per person and the proceeds will go to the Jay-Cee sponsored Troop No. 4, Boy Scouts.

Bridge will be, of course, the predominant feature, but anyone can make up their own table and play

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## Southern Pines Budget For Fiscal Year \$73,459.98, Calling for \$2.80 Tax Rate

### Beams in the Sky

### Maneuvers Begin at Fort Bragg With Searchlights and Gunfire

Those great beams of light you've been seeing in the sky at night originate at Fort Bragg. The maneuvers there started on Monday. Here's the schedule for the next week.

Sept. 12-15—Three-inch gun fire day and night. Live ammunition.

Sept. 16-20—Machine gun firing. Live ammunition. Searchlight drill and target practice.

Sept. 21—Postponed firing. Live ammunition.

Sept. 22—Machine gun firing. Live Ammunition.

Sept. 23—Postponed firing. Live ammunition.

Sept. 23-28—Searchlight drill.

The air maneuvers, in which the Knollwood Airport here will play a part, do not begin until October 3.

## NEW BOYS SCHOOL ENDORSED BY VOTE OF S. P. CHAMBER

### Directors See It As Distinct Value to Sandhills and a State Need

### DR. OSBORNE SPEAKER

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, meeting for the first time since last May, heartily endorsed the movement to establish a boys' preparatory school in the Sandhills at a well attended gathering in Jack's Grill Tuesday noon. Present at the session were:

President R. L. Hart, Howard Burns, C. W. Picquet, A. S. Newcomb, Lloyd Clark, Henry W. Dorn, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson, Dr. W. E. Overcash, Harry Lewis, Earl G. Merrill, H. J. Betterley, M. F. Grantham, N. C. Hyde, Walter Blue, Herbert Cameron, Norris Johnson, Mr. Ormsby, J. D. Arey, Chan Page, O. O. Harwell, L. D. McDonald and Dr. Francis Osborne.

Dr. Osborne outlined the plans for the new school, stressing its need in North Carolina which now has no institution of this type. From 500 to 600 boys leave North Carolina annually for such schools in other states, he said, and he gave figures showing that in the five boys' secondary schools in Virginia the enrollment had increased 400 during the last three years.

### Sandhills Selected

He told of the ideal site selected here, on the Midland Farms midway between Pinehurst and Southern Pines, after the organization committee had scoured the state, and re-

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## Murdoch Johnson In Senate Election Fight

### Must Face Another Primary Despite Withdrawal of Second Man in First

Former North Carolina State Senator Murdoch M. Johnson, formerly of Aberdeen, who is now a candidate for the State Senate in South Carolina, is having his troubles. He was high man in the first primary, though without a majority. However, the second high, G. O. Welch announced his withdrawal so it looked like Mr. Johnson was nominated.

Now comes the news that S. F. Brasington, State Senator for the past four years who had announced his candidacy in July only to withdraw because of ill health, reannounces, and the Kershaw county Democratic committee has called another primary for September 20th.

Sounds like the Deane-Burgin case.

### Fifteen-Cent Increase Due To Necessity of Retiring \$31,000 in Bonds in 1939

### GENERAL FUND PARED

The Southern Pines Board of Commissioners this week released for publication the town budget for the fiscal year starting July 1st, 1938 and ending June 30, 1939. It calls for a total revenue from taxes of \$73,459.98, a tax rate of \$2.80. Last year's tax rate was \$2.65. The rate is based on an assessed real estate valuation of \$2,598,821.00.

Expenses for the fiscal year are estimated as follows:

General Fund, which includes maintenance of streets, sewers, lights, fire and police departments, and administrative expenses	\$39,273.96
Serial Bond Fund—Interest and principal	29,366.02
Municipal Parks	1,220.00
Maintenance & Planting, Mt. Hope Cemetery	500.00
Improvements, Southern Pines Country Club	2,600.00
Fertilizer and Maintenance, Knollwood Airport	500.00
Total	\$73,459.98

From the period beginning July 1st, 1938 and ending June 30, 1939 the town will retire in bonds \$31,000.00. It will pay interest on its debt of \$527,000 as of July 1, 1938 \$29,326.25.

Total bonds and interest, \$60,326.25

In addition to the amount set aside in the budget from taxes the following will be applied toward the retirement of bonds and the payment of interest on the funded debt: Special Street Assessments, \$ 1,019.10 Appropriation from Water Department 23,090.54 Rent from ABC store, after deduction for lighting, etc. 1,150.00 Amount to be withdrawn from Sinking Fund set up during past years 5,700.59

Total \$30,960.23

The principal reason for the slight increase in the tax rate is that whereas during the past fiscal year the town had to retire \$24,000 in bonds, this year it has \$31,000 to provide for this purpose, a jump of \$7,000. The peak in bond retirement will be reached in 1945, when there will be \$53,000 due. The average per year is \$32,000. A sinking fund is established to aid in meeting payments during peak years.

The town operated within its budget during the past fiscal year, and the Board of Commissioners has cut General Fund appropriations this year about \$2,000, paring expenses down to the lowest ebb it considers practicable.

Mayor D. G. Stutz states that the proposed bond issue for a library and civic center site has in no way affected the tax rate, that such purchase, with payments spread over a long period of time, should have no appreciable effect on the tax rate due to the fact that the town is now saving in interest on bonds paid off, most of which are at six percent, sufficient to offset the \$12,000 issue to be voted on next month. Bonds sold by the town today are on a three to four percent basis as against the six per cent which Southern Pines has been paying on old issues.

### HOSPITAL DIRECTORS TO MEET THIS AFTERNOON

The regular quarterly meeting of the board of directors of Moore County Hospital, Inc., has been called for this, Friday, afternoon, at 4:00 p. m. at the hospital. The directors will inspect work on the new Nurses' Home, now under construction, as well as transact routine business.