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## Future of System of Private Enterprise May Depend Upon Settlement of R. R. Problem

J. F. Johnston, of Seaboard Counsel, Tells Kiwanis Much Involved in Solution

### SUBSIDIZED COMPETITION

The entire future of private enterprise in the United States may depend upon the solution of the problems of the country's railroads. If an enterprise of the magnitude and importance of the railroad industry should be shunted out of the capitalistic system into government ownership, there is no reason to believe that other utilities and gradually other industries would not meet the same fate.

The speaker was Joseph F. Johnston, of Norfolk, Va., assistant chief counsel of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, at Wednesday's meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, held at the Highland Pines Inn in Southern Pines.

Mr. Johnston gave some interesting figures in his talk on "The National Railroad Situation." There are more than one million fewer employees of the railroads today than there were 20 years ago, with a two billion dollar decrease in wages. Railroads are paying 450 million dollars less in dividends annually than during the '20s, and capital expenditures are off one-half billion dollars. They are spending 700 million less annually for materials and supplies. So the effect is vital in national economy.

The causes of the situation: Low volume of traffic resulting from the depression—railroads are operating at 40 per cent capacity; rates less than cost in most cases; unfair competition; government regulation and taxation.

The government, Mr. Johnston stated, has spent 20 billion dollars in subsidies to competing transportation facilities, more than the capital of all the railroads in the country. Buses, trucks, water carriers are permitted rates with which the railroads cannot compete on any compensatory basis. Railroads pay, in North Carolina, 33 cents on every dollar of revenue in taxes and maintenance, as against four and one-half cents paid in taxes by competing agencies. The Seaboard annual costs of operation include \$4,850,000 in items which cannot be controlled by the management.

### Public Owns Railroads

Is the remedy government ownership? The public already owns the railroads, Mr. Johnston said. Bonds, stocks, are in the hands of individuals, insurance companies, savings banks representing millions and millions of people. No, the effect of such a move would undermine the entire investment structure of the country. The transportation system must be considered as a whole, and a national policy adopted, fair to all means of transportation. Railroads are not asking special privileges, but the removal of the handicaps of regulation and subsidized competition. North Carolina franchise taxes exceed the total net revenue of railroads operating in the state from business taken out of the state. Wages, rates, are fixed by the government; the financial return to owners of the railroads, the investing public, largely controlled by governmental agencies.

And Mr. Johnston summed up with his warning that in dealing with the railroad situation, we are dealing with the entire problem of our present system of private enterprise vs. a dangerous trend toward socialism. Mr. Johnston was presented to the club by J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen.

### HERE TUESDAY TO AID WITH STATE INCOME TAX RETURNS

John Thomas, Jr., deputy commissioner of the State Department of Revenue, will be at the Broad Street Pharmacy in Southern Pines next Tuesday for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing their State tax returns.

### New Book Ready



JAMES BOYD

Mr. Boyd's new novel, "Bitter Creek," will be published this month by Charles Scribner's Sons, who call it the best of the works of the Southern Pines author. Orders are already being booked for first edition copies. The story ran serially in the Saturday Evening Post, but has since been revised by Mr. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd are now in Tucson, Arizona, but are expected to return here next week.

### Schwartz Re-elected Head of Sandpipers

### Golfers Banquet at Country Club, Hear Arthur Newcomb, Award Trophies

The Sandpipers, men's golfing organization of the Southern Pines Country Club, held its annual meeting and banquet at the club on Wednesday night, awarded prizes, decided on a tournament date and a banquet date with the Pine Dodgers, heard stories and re-elected James S. Schwartz president and Elmer E. Davis secretary.

The championship cup for low gross match plays was awarded to Gordon Keith of Aberdeen; John Schaannaker of Naponech, N. Y., was runner-up in the championship flight.

Low net award in the second division was won by John C. Barron with Eugene C. Stevens the runner-up. Roy Grinnell was medalist in the qualifying round.

Howard Burns introduced Arthur Newcomb who entertained the Sandpipers with an assortment of French-Canadian dialect stories.

Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12, was set as the date for the mixed Southern Pines Country Club championship, a 36-hole medal play event. It was also decided to hold a joint banquet with the ladies organization, the Pine Dodgers, some time late in April.

### BIG PLANS FOR JAY-CEE BARN DANCE MARCH 14

Planning to make their second annual Barn Dance the most successful event of the season, members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce have been hard at work the past week arranging for the conversion of the Southern Pines Country Club to a most realistic barn and Chairman George London says the public may be assured of a most entertaining party on the night of March 14th.

Tickets for this event will be placed on sale this week-end and may be secured through any member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, or at Broad Street Pharmacy, Merrill's Pharmacy, or Dorn's.

### TO ADDRESS ROTARY

George Graf of Boston, Mass., a winter resident of Southern Pines, will be the speaker at today's Rotary Club meeting at 12:15 in the Southern Pines Country Club.

## 300 HEAR WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AMERICAN CITIZEN

Charles Milton Newcomb Delivers Notable Address Under Civic Club Auspices

### MUST FIGHT FOR LIBERTIES

Three hundred residents of the Sandhills heard a notable address on the subject of "What Is It To Be An American?" in the Southern Pines High School Auditorium last Friday night. The speaker was Charles Milton Newcomb, of Asheville, a well known lecturer, who was introduced by Miss Florence Campbell, president of the Civic Club, under whose auspices the meeting was held. Mr. Newcomb said, in part:

"Just what do you mean when you say that you are an 'American?' Let us consider this familiar but very much misused word.

"If, as frequently happens, an alien-born resident of this country expresses a desire to become an American citizen, we require him to give evidence that he knows certain things about America. If this be true in such a case, then what ought you and I who were fortunate enough to have been born in the United States know in order to be called a 'good American?'"

"A Good American should understand something of the philosophy which underlies our American system of government.

There are, broadly speaking, only two philosophies in the world, and they are based on two absolutely opposed assumptions. One is the Christian philosophy based on the assumption that good is more powerful than evil. The other is the atheistic philosophy based on the contrary assumption that evil is more powerful than good.

### Political Systems

"What, now, are the political systems in which these two philosophies find expression? One is the system of the so-called 'democracies' of which Great Britain, the United States and France are leading exponents. In these the individual citizen is relatively free. The other is the system characterized by the tyranny of the state over the individual, in which class come the Communist and Fascist states.

"Up until the time of the founding of constitutional government in the United States every government in the world's history had rested upon this assumption:

"That power resides in the state and that the individual comprising the state has no rights except those which the state may give him. That you will note is the idea of the anti-hill and the bee-hive, the idea basic to all lower orders than man.

"The essence of Christ's teaching was that all men are important and that all are equally important. And the most striking thing about this government of ours, is, that for the first time in history this principle of Christian teaching was made dominant in a governmental system.

"For when George Washington and the other founders of this Republic set upon the soil of the New World this experiment in self-government they were in revolt against the old idea of the dominance of the state. To them it meant tyranny. So they set up a government based on exactly the opposite assumption, namely, that power resides—not in the state—but in the individual.

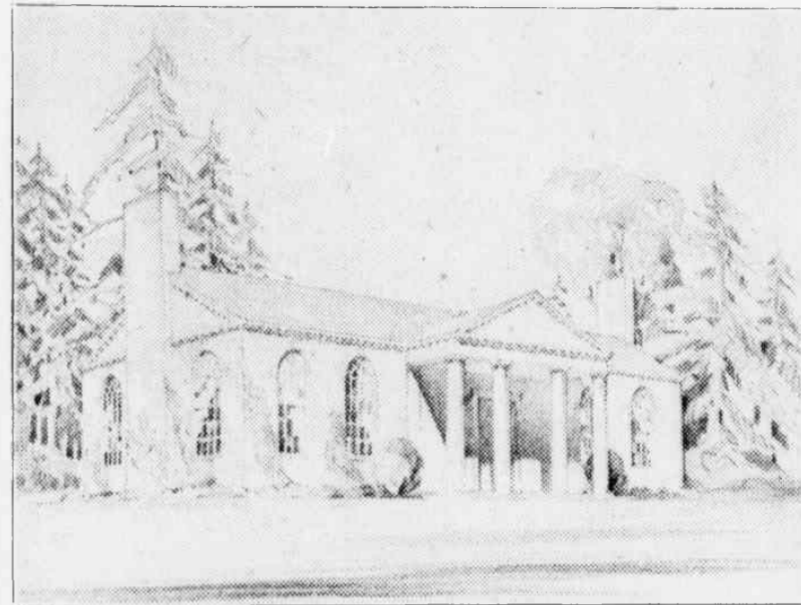
"And if you will study the Constitution of the United States you will (Please turn to page six)

### ART EXHIBIT OF LOCAL TALENT AT CIVIC CLUB

The second annual independent, no jury art exhibit for Sandhills artists, sponsored by the Three Arts Group of the Sandhills, opened yesterday afternoon at the Civic Club in Southern Pines.

More than 75 separate exhibits by 15 different exhibitors are on view. The exhibit will be open through Monday of next week, on Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 and on week-days from 1:00 to 5:00.

### Architect's Sketch of New Library



## SKYLINE ESTATE SOLD TO GENERAL COLEMAN, U. S. A.

Army Officer Acquires Former Swett Home For His "Retired Years"

The Skyline estate, the former James Swett property on U. S. Highway No. 1 three miles north of Southern Pines, was sold during the past week by the Citizens Bank & Trust Company through the P. T. Barnum agency. The purchaser is General Fredrick W. Coleman, U. S. A., of Washington, D. C., who retires from the army next year and purchases for a home for "my retired years," as he put it. A relative, Arch Coleman, of Wisconsin, and his family will occupy it in the near future pending Gen. Coleman's retirement.

This was but one of numerous real estate transactions consummated during the past week or two and announced yesterday by the Barnum office. Captain Alan Innes-Taylor, member of the Byrd South Polar Expeditions, and Norman Shenk, manager of the Central Carolina Telephone Company, have acquired Lots Nos. 2 and 3 on the Southern Pines Country Club estates and are letting contracts for new homes this week. These houses will be on the road leading from Morganton Road to the L. E. Stoner residence.

The Bowers house on May street, Southern Pines, was sold to John H. Stephenson, deputy United States Marshal, who buys for a home.

A number of rentals were also reported, among them the Dr. Arthur Ramsey house on Ridge street, Weymouth Heights, to Harry C. McDonald of Toronto, Canada, the M. H. Turner house, near the Highland Pines Inn, the Mrs. Nina B. Monroe house on May street, and the Burgess house on Massachusetts avenue.

The Skyline estate consists of a two and one-half story brick dwelling, a six-room tenant cottage, and 108 acres of land on one of the highest points in the section, thus deriving its name. The assessed valuation of the property is \$10,000, but it represents a cost to the former owner of some \$35,000. The land is ideal for the growing of tobacco, cotton or other crops.

### Ann Walker Wins \$10 Prize in Poster Contest

### School Pupils Submit Sketches For Sandhills Woman's Exchange Advertising Campaign

Miss Ann Walker of Southern Pines won the first prize of \$10.00 in the poster contest sponsored by the Sandhills Woman's Exchange and open to pupils in Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines Schools. Miss Louise Crain of Southern Pines won second prize, and honorable mention was given the Misses Ruth Swett, Ruth Van Camp and Mary Catherine Cran, all of Southern Pines.

The posters of all five of these young ladies will be used in a poster advertising campaign planned by the Exchange.

### Costume Parade

Fashions of Yesteryear To Be Modeled for Hospital Benefit March 11

Sandhills residents and visitors are to have an opportunity to delve back into the past and glimpse the fashions of yesteryear at the Pinehurst Country Club the afternoon of Saturday, March 11th, at 5:00 o'clock. One of the feature events of the "Old Fashioned Costume Parade," and from reports more gowns of the Gay Nineties, and before, and since, have been dug out of cellars and attics than were believed to be extant in the Sandhills.

The costumes will be "modeled" by prominent ladies of all parts of the country. In fact there's a rumor afloat that some may be worn by well known residents of the opposite sex. Anyway, everyone is invited to the parade, with the admission fixed at 50 cents and one dollar, "letting your conscience be your guide."

### 'Buck' Tarlton Winner Of \$75. Fishing Award

His 11½ Pound Catch Takes Prize in Southern Large Mouth Bass Division

First prize in its Southern Large Mouth Bass division has been awarded by Field and Stream magazine to Richard F. Tarlton of Southern Pines for his catch of a 11 1/2 pound bass in Cottonade Lake, Fayetteville on August 14th last. Word of the award was received by Mr. Tarlton yesterday. The prize is \$75.00 in various merchandise, plus a set of books.

Mr. Tarlton, of the Reinecke-Dillehay Company, contractors, made his prize catch on the estate of Mrs. Reinecke's father, William Sutherland near Fayetteville. With him was Eldridge Land of Aberdeen. Incidentally, Cecil Robinson, also of Southern Pines, was recently awarded second prize in the Southern Small Mouth Bass division by the same magazine.

### CONCERT AT WEST END TO BENEFIT HOSPITAL

Giovanni Sperandeo, famous Italian lyric tenor, assisted by his wife, Elsie Sperandeo, pianist, will present an unusual type of concert under the auspices of the women of West End and community in the West End High School auditorium on Friday evening, March 10th at 8:00 o'clock, for the benefit of the Moore County Hospital. The admission charge will be 25 cents for adults and 15 for children and the public is cordially invited.

The Sperandeos have appeared before hundreds of churches, high schools, colleges and universities of the leading cities of our country. They have been received everywhere, with genuine enthusiasm and praises of the highest order have been accorded them. In many cities they have been called for return engagements again and again.

## CONTRACTS LET FOR NEW LIBRARY BUILDING HERE

Reinecke-Dillehay Co. Awarded General Contract On Low Bid of \$11,980

### WORK TO START SOON

With the awarding on Wednesday of contracts for the construction of the new Southern Pines Library building on the Civic Center site adjoining the postoffice, work is expected to get under way within the next two weeks. Bids accepted at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners in the office of City Manager Howard Burns totaled \$13,786. The city recently acquired the land on which the building is to be erected at a cost of \$9,000.

The Reinecke-Dillehay Company of Southern Pines and Fayetteville was awarded the general contract for the building. The low bid was \$11,980.

The Pinhurst Plumbing and Heating Company was low bidder on the installation of the heating system, with \$1,154, and also low on the plumbing contract with \$387. The Bushby Electric Company of Southern Pines was awarded the electrical installation contract at \$265.

Work will start as soon as the contracts have been approved by the Public Works Administrator at Atlanta, Ga., as PWA funds are involved in the project.

Plans for the building were drawn by Aymar Embury, 2d of New York.

## Mrs. Bethune Winner in Movie Quiz Contest

Noted Judges Award Her \$10.00 For Essay on Picture, "Boy's Town"

Mrs. C. C. Bethune of Aberdeen received word this week of the award of a \$10.00 prize in the nation-wide Movie Quiz contest, in which there were more than 5,000 entrants. Mrs. Bethune chose the picture, "Boys' Town," and submitted a 50-word essay. She is believed to be the only winner of a prize in the contest in this section.

Judges of the contest were Congressman Bruce Barton, Mrs. Helen Willis Moody, noted tennis player, Mrs. Ogden Reid, Henry Willem Van Loon, prominent writer, and Dr. James E. West. The successful contestants were announced at the Aberdeen Theatre on Monday night, and Mrs. Bethune was besieged with congratulations.

### LEGION PLANS BIG NIGHT AT HUT ON THURSDAY

The next regular meeting of Sandhill Post, American Legion, will be held on Thursday of next week at 8:00 p. m. in the Legion Hut. A special program has been arranged and all members and ex-service men are urged to be present. Past commanders of the post are in charge. Refreshments will be served by the Ladies' Auxiliary after the meeting.

### Tag Day

### Maternity Welfare Committee To Raise Funds Through County on March 25

The Maternity Welfare committee of Moore County is sponsoring a Tag Day on Saturday, March 25th to raise funds for carrying on work for the coming year.

More patients throughout the county are being cared for as the benefits are becoming better known. Some of the more critical cases require hospitalization and extra doctor's fees. Milk and medicines are required in other cases.

All funds are distributed under careful supervision and each gift, whether a dime, a dollar, or more will help and be welcome.

Tag Day, March 25th, will be observed in each town of the county.