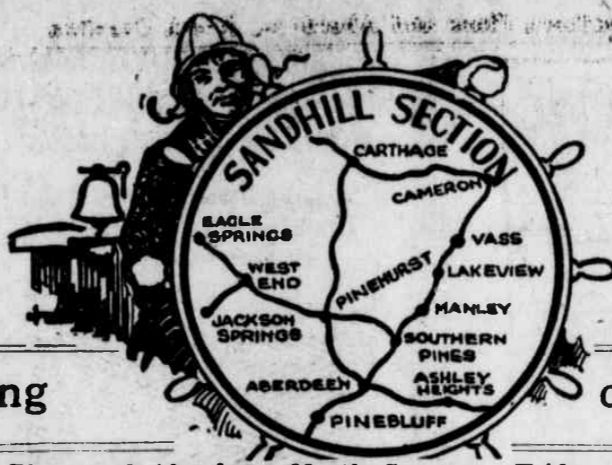


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THOMAS FAVORS LONGER SCHOOL YEAR, 12TH GRADE

County Superintendent Tells Kiwanis of Educational Progress and Chief Needs.

6,060 NOW IN SCHOOLS

The great needs for the improvement of education in North Carolina are more adequate buildings and equipment with which to work, a longer school year, and a 12th grade, County Superintendent of Public Education H. Lee Thomas of Carthage told members of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club Wednesday noon at their weekly meeting.

Mr. Thomas reviewed the growth of educational facilities and the spread of education in the county, showing particularly what had been accomplished in the last ten years. In the school year of 1928-29 the schools of the county had 5,428 pupils. This year they have 6,060. The item of pupils transported to schools has jumped 2,061 in the ten years, to a present total of 3,741. There are 44 percent more modern, steam-heated classrooms today than a decade ago, and the value of school property has jumped 11 percent to \$1,100,000. On the other hand, the indebtedness of all units in the county system has decreased from \$652,550 to \$450,000, or 31 percent.

The interest in vocational education has brought about a decided increase in facilities along that line. Whereas there were but two home economics teachers, one agricultural teacher and no commercial course teachers in the county ten years ago, there are now eight instructing in home economics, four in agricultural pursuits and five in commercial subjects. There has been a big increase in rural schools.

More Books Needed

We need more school libraries and more books in them. Mr. Thomas stated, despite the fact that the total volumes in school libraries have increased from 6,318 to 11,316 in ten years, "We should have 100,000 books available in the schools for the children, and we are working on this," he said. He spoke of the improved qualifications of teachers in the county and said that next year the plan was to eliminate all teachers who had not had at least four years of college work. "We must improve the teachers to improve the schools," he said.

Mr. Thomas was presented to the club by Judge Herbert F. Seawell of Carthage. The club at Wednesday's meeting gave Charles W. Piquet Willard Dunlop and the rest of their Music Committee a vote of thanks for their efforts in connection with the highly successful Music Festival sponsored by Kiwanis last Sunday night in the Church of Wide Fellowship, and also passed resolutions of appreciation to the church and to the members of the chorus for their splendid cooperation. The meeting was held in the Methodist Sunday School building in Aberdeen.

Mrs. Eva M. Seward of London, a member of the Associated Country Women of the World, will be a guest at the district meeting

Borst Renominated For Mayor of Vass

R. P. Beasley, S. R. Smith and A. M. Cameron Named for Commissioners

At a town caucus held Monday night in Vass, the following ticket was nominated to be voted on in the election on May 11: Mayor, H. A. Borst; Commissioners R. P. Beasley, S. R. Smith and A. M. Cameron. Borst has served as mayor for the past four terms and Beasley and Smith have been on the board for two years.

W. E. Graham was elected chairman and presided over the lively meeting, which ended with plans for a booster get-together for the town on Friday night of this week.

VASS DISSENTERS REFUSED RELIEF IN TAX MATTER

Judge Phillips Rules Against Delinquents Who Object To Water System

FILE NOTICE OF APPEAL

In a hearing in Rockingham last week to determine whether a temporary order restraining W. D. Matthews, Commissioner, from foreclosure proceedings against several Vass residents for delinquent town taxes should be made permanent, Judge F. Donald Phillips declined to grant the relief sought by the plaintiffs and they gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court. They were given 60 days in which to perfect the appeal and bond in the amount of \$100 was required. The defendant was allowed 45 days in which to file his answer.

The plaintiffs, Dr. R. G. Rosser, W. D. McCraney, J. M. Tyson and A. K. Thompson, were represented by Attorneys Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., W. R. Clegg and S. R. Hoyle. Attorney U. L. Spence was counsel for the defendant.

The dissatisfaction arose from the fact that the town board, without a referendum, issued bonds to finance a water system for Vass back in 1927, and for a number of years some of those who opposed this action have paid no town taxes, it is said. In discussing the matter, Judge Phillips expressed sympathy for the plaintiffs, telling them that he, too, had had to pay taxes that he did not feel were just, but that he had to pay or have his property sold. He suggested that the two sides try to get together on the matter and settle it.

To Unveil Plaque To Late Dr. McBrayer

Memorial Ceremonies To Be Held in Auditorium at State Sanatorium

Ceremonies incident to the wedding of a plaque to the late Dr. L. E. McBrayer will be held in the auditorium of the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, at Sanatorium, Wednesday, April 19, at 11 a. m., it was announced here by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer.

Dr. P. A. Yoder, of Winston-Salem, president of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, will introduce the speaker, Dr. Paul Ringer, of Asheville. At the conclusion of the formal program, the audience will adjourn to the lobby of the main building, where the plaque will be placed and unveiled by one of the children of Dr. P. P. McCain, president of the Sanatorium and son-in-law of Dr. McBrayer.

Dr. Reynolds said he had been requested to announce through the press that all persons interested in the life and work of Dr. McBrayer in the eradication of tuberculosis are extended an invitation to attend the exercises and witness the unveiling.

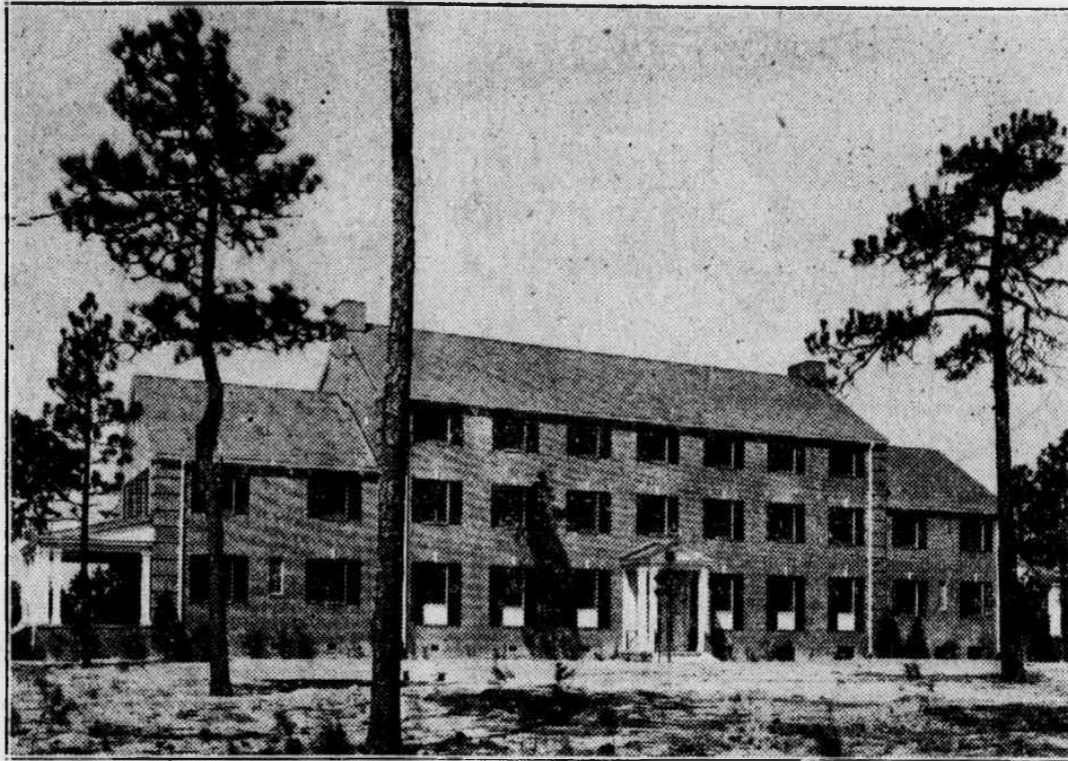
J. J. Harrington Dies in Littleton, N. H.

Former Owner of Southern Pines Hotel Familiar Figure Here Till Health Failed

In falling health for the past few years James J. Harrington died in his home at Littleton, N. H., early yesterday morning. He was about 70 years old.

Following a successful career in the wholesale grocery business in New Hampshire, Mr. Harrington became interested in resort hotels, purchasing the old Southern Pines Hotel in 1924. The hotel was destroyed by fire about ten years ago and was never rebuilt. Part of the property was sold a little over a year ago to the government as a site for the new postoffice, the balance more recently to the Town of Southern Pines for a library.

Nurses' Home of Moore County Hospital Completed



(Photo by Hemmer)

NURSES' HOME AT HOSPITAL TO OPEN DOORS SATURDAY

Public Invited To Inspect \$65,000 Building, Now Ready For Occupancy

RECEPTION FROM 3 to 6

Go see the new Nurses' Home and its furnishings, at the Moore County Hospital, on Saturday afternoon, April 15th, from 3:00 until 6:00 o'clock. All friends of the hospital, whether residents of the county or visitors, are cordially invited to attend. There will be simple refreshments, and there will be no mention or thought of money.

Everyone is requested to enter by the front door of the Home. The ladies of the Hospital Auxiliary are in charge of the afternoon, at the special request of the Board of Directors. If you wish, you may have a guide to show you around and answer your questions.

The Home is well worth inspection. It has been designed as a modern fireproof dwelling place for the nursing staff of the Hospital. By providing living accommodation close to their work and proper facilities for study and relaxation it will increase the efficiency of all nurses and thus add to the well-being and satisfaction of all patients.

Begun in September, 1938, the Home cost \$65,000.00 to build. Of this sum \$29,250.00 was a grant from the Federal Administration of Public Works. The new building can be operated more economically than is the case with the present nurses' cottages in the village of Pinehurst, and thus there will be an annual saving of real importance.

\$6,500 in Furnishings

Furnishings, exclusive of special donations, have cost \$6,500.00. This amount has been contributed by the Auxiliary. Thirty of the forty bedrooms have been furnished at this time, the others will be put into service. Within the limits of simplicity and economy, the aim has been to have the new building look like a home, and not like an institutional annex.

The grounds are being cleaned up and planted, with the assistance of the Works Progress Administration. There will ultimately be brick walls connecting the Home with the hospital proper, and the road which now passes between the new building and the hospital will be moved to the Pinehurst side of the property. But go on Saturday afternoon between 3:00 and 6:00 and see everything for yourself.

World's Fair Group To Visit Sandhills Sunday

Miss Miriam Johnson of Aberdeen Heads Host and Hostess Delegation for North Carolina

The delegation of young men and women who will be the attendants at the North Carolina exhibit at the New York World's Fair, headed by Miss Miriam Johnson of Aberdeen, chief hostess, will pay a visit to Southern Pines on Sunday morning at 11:15 o'clock. A delegation of the Chamber of Commerce will guide the party of four young ladies and four men around town, showing them its attractions and making them "Southern Pines conscious" that they may have a good word to say for the town at the Fair.

The group will also pay a visit to Pinehurst where it will be entertained by the Chamber of Commerce there. The party has been making a tour of the state to acquaint itself with all its attractions and resources. Comprising the group are Miss Johnson, Miss Emma Bellamy Williamson of Wilmington, Miss Anna Corinne Jones of Nashville, Miss Frances Roughton of Old Fort, Paul Leroy Lambert of Cherokee, George Clarence Courtney, Jr., of Lenoir, Volt Gilmore of Winston-Salem, and U. Benton Blalock of Wadesboro.

Finds Sandhills Nice Place To Visit -- If You Leave in a Hurry

"Guest" Borrows \$600, "Buys" Land, Fells Trees, Sells Logs, Leases Cottage—But!

Page Mr. Ponzi, He has nothing on a recent "guest" of the Sandhills. And "guest" is the word.

So many things happened it's difficult to know just where to start the story. Anyway, he arrived. Ingratiating himself with a well known Southern Pines citizen, he borrowed \$600 from her. Now it seems that the lady owned 600 acres of land on the outskirts of Pinehurst, good timber land, so he offered her \$10 an acre for five acres, giving her \$50 of the \$600 he'd borrowed from her.

In possession of five acres of the \$600, he proceeded to hire some 15 men to cut down trees on the property, not, however, confining himself to his five acres by a long shot. As the trees were felled and turned into logs Mr. "Guest" sold them to a Mr. A, who paid him for them. Mr. A also ordered more logs and advanced the money for them. But Mr. "Guest" delivered the additional logs to a Mr. B, who, of course, also paid him for them. In the meantime, nothing had been paid to the 15 men who cut down the trees. They were stalling along presumably waiting for Mr. "Guest" to get his money from the sale of the logs.

But hold on to your seats! The best part is coming. Mr. "Guest" visited the wife of Mr. A, who, it seems, sells plants and who, knowing that her husband was engaged in a big log buying deal with him, let him have \$50 worth of plants on credit. He took the plants to an employe of Mr. A and sold them to him, for cash!

Oh yes, we forgot to mention that in the meantime Mr. "Guest" leased a cottage in Pinehurst which he and his wife occupied during their brief visit. The formality of paying in advance was waived—Mr. "Guest" was such a nice man, went to church Sundays, and everything.

The balloon burst when the men who cut down the trees complained to someone they hadn't been paid. They grew suspicious, which started a round of suspicion resulting in a call at the home in Pinehurst. There it was found that Mr. and Mrs. "Guest" had left in something of a hurry. The breakfast dishes were still on the table. Mrs. "Guest's" evening dresses—some nice ones, too—were hanging in the closet. No attempt had been made to pack. The visitors had just gone, that's all. And how much they took out of the Sandhills in the way of legal tender we'll have to leave it to you to figure out. We just haven't time.

REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN

Registration books are now open for the election of a Mayor and Board of Commissioners in Southern Pines on May 2d. The town caucus will be held April 28th.

To Speak Here



JOHN A. LANG

HOME FEDERATION GROUP TO MEET HERE ON TUESDAY

John A. Lang, State NYA Administrator Speaker in Pinehurst Theatre

FOUR COUNTIES COMING

The 10th annual meeting of the Ninth District North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will be held in the Pinehurst Theatre on April 18, beginning at 10:00 o'clock, and the program has all indications of being one of the best. The principal speaker, John A. Lang, and the place of meeting will attract many visitors from the four counties which compose the district, Montgomery, Richmond, Lee and Moore, and in addition, Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent; Mrs. W. E. Neill, president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs; State College specialists, and presidents of Women's clubs are expected to attend.

The invitation has been extended to include all women in Moore county who are interested, whether they are demonstration club members or not, provided they carry a picnic lunch.

The program for the day includes the following:

Devotional, Rev. T. A. Cheatham; Welcome to Moore county, Wilbur H. Currie, chairman Board of County Commissioners; Welcome, Mrs. Lee Comer, president of Moore County Federation; Response, Mrs. E. B. Faulk, Lee county; Greetings, Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent, Extension Service, State College; Mrs. Esther G. Willis, Southwestern District Agent; Mrs. W. E. Neill, President, State Federation of H. D. Clubs; Introduction of Speaker, Senator M. G. Boyette; Address, John A. Lang, State Director of National Youth Administration, Raleigh; Song; Reports by Counties; Presentation of Visitors; Announcements and Club Collect.

FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE GLEE CLUB HERE SUNDAY

On Sunday evening at 7:30, the Flora Macdonald College Glee Club will present a program of sacred music at the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in the Carolina Theatre. The Glee Club consists of about 50 voices under the direction of Professor Eberly, the head of the Music Department of Flora Macdonald College.

This program will be given within the hour of worship and there will be no admission charge and no offering will be taken for the Glee Club, this being the regular evening hour of worship for the church. The regular church offering will be received. The public is cordially invited to worship with this congregation.

EVERINGTON TRAVEL HOUR AT CIVIC CLUB SATURDAY

The Civic Club will present the Everington Travel Hour at its clubhouse in Southern Pines tomorrow, Saturday night, at 8:00 o'clock. Dr. and Mrs. John Everington have been here before with their colored pictures, and this time are showing "Old-Time England," a tour of England's most historic and interesting places, a study of its old-time life and customs.

As an added attraction the Yeomans Trio will offer several instrumental numbers. A charge of 35 cents will be made at the door.