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Pinehurst

FIVE CENTS

MOVE TO KEEP RENTS IN LINE LAUNCHED HERE

Chamber of Commerce To Investigate Complaints of Profiteering

COOPERATE WITH ARMY

A move to prevent any effort at profiteering in rents in Southern Pines was launched at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday noon at the Country Club, and the board of directors pledged its full cooperation with Army authorities in this direction. A number of complaints against increases in rents for houses and apartments here had come to the attention of the directors, and the purpose of the action taken by the board was to see that they do not get out of line.

It is understood that officers residing here have been asked by their commanding officers at Fort Bragg to look into the question of rents, ascertain what the houses they are occupying have been leased for in the past. It is true, of course, that rents have been increased here with the demand which came with the arrival of officers and their families seeking quarters. But it is also true that until the demand exceeded the supply, rents in Southern Pines have been exceptionally low for a community such as this. What the Chamber wants to ascertain is whether the present rates are out of proportion under the law of supply and demand, and to make sure that Southern Pines is not ruled "out of bounds" as a residential district for officers. They want to see that the welcome which has been generously accorded to the Army families is not turned into a profit-making venture by property owners. They want the officers here, and want them contented. And the Army people want to stay here if they can be met half way.

There is also the problem of homes for permanent residents of limited means. As rents increase, these people may find it difficult to maintain homes here. One company has already had under consideration moving its headquarters from Southern Pines because of the difficulty its employees have been having of finding homes within their means.

The whole matter is to be investigated by the Chamber and also, it is understood, by the real estate men.

300 ENJOY PROGRAM OF 60TH INFANTRY CHOIR

Nearly 300 persons enjoyed the recital given by the choir of the 60th Infantry of Fort Bragg at the Church of Wide Fellowship last Sunday night. With Chaplain Fielder in charge, a fine program was presented by the eleven selectees from New York and New Jersey and one volunteer from Arkansas who comprise the choir. Wilbur Viebrock, organist and choir director, also sang two delightful solos, and Mr. Myers, well known concert pianist, played.

EIGHT ORDERED TO REPORT FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Eight young men on the Moore county draft list have been ordered to report for induction into military service at Fort Bragg. Arthur Leach, Cameron Route 2, Charles Henry Taylor, Aberdeen Route 1, Joe Linza Chisholm, Hemp Route 1, and Russell Wilson of Pinebluff are to report at Carthage on May 13, and the following on May 16th: Elmer James Blue, Jackson Springs; Ralph Wallace, West End.

OTIS BROOM PRESIDENT OF LOCAL ROTARY CLUB

Otis Broom was elected president of the Southern Pines Rotary Club at its annual meeting held last Friday at the Country Club. He succeeds E. H. Lorenson. W. Duncan Matthews was elected vice-president, Vernon Allan secretary and M. H. Grantham treasurer. Two new members of the board of directors were elected, Lloyd Clark and Colin Osborne.

Bombed!

Mr. and Mrs. Ives Lose Their Possessions in Blitzkrieg Over Ireland

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Ives of Southern Pines received a cablegram yesterday from John Randolph, U. S. Consul in Belfast, Ireland, reading: "Vans totally destroyed."

The vans referred to contained the entire possessions of Mr. and Mrs. Ives exclusive of what they have acquired here in their brief residence. Three vans of goods were stored on the docks of the United States Lines there ready for shipment to this country when possible. It is apparent from the cable that the docks have been destroyed by Nazi bombers in the recent blitzkrieg over Ireland. Mr. Ives, before his retirement from the diplomatic service, was U. S. Consul at Belfast.

JOHN HEMMER IN THICK OF BATTLE OVER CENSORSHIP

His Photographic "Scoop" of Arrival of British Battleship Starts Trouble

John G. Hemmer, Pinehurst's ace photographer for 10, these many years, is in the center of the censorship controversy between the Navy Department and the nation's largest newspaper, the New York Daily News.

Hemmer made the aerial photograph of the H. M. S. Malaya as the damaged British battleship entered New York harbor for repairs in Brooklyn Navy Yard. Secretary of Navy Knox objected strenuously. Hemmer's pilot now faces trial by the Civil Aeronautics Board for alleged violation of flying regulations—charges which were made after the Navy chief's expression of displeasure that the newspaper had published photographs of the battleship.

The scoop was the second for Hemmer. The first, made from a Daily News plane piloted by Duke Krantz over Chesapeake Bay, won the grand prize in the annual New York Press Photographers' exhibition. It showed the new British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, arriving aboard the new battleship, King George.

Although now a regular member of the New York daily's staff, Hemmer continues to maintain close contact with North Carolina, and between his aerial picture scoops in the North, found time to come down and cover the Sandhills steeplechase meet and important golf tournaments at Pinehurst this Spring.

Three Hurt When Cars Collide on Midland Road

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Williams and Child of Southern Pines Sent to Hospital

Cars driven by D. H. Williams of Southern Pines and C. M. Sudderts of Carthage came together at the intersection of the Midland and Pee Dee roads about noon last Saturday, sending Mr. and Mrs. Williams and their child to the Moore County Hospital, where Mrs. Williams is still confined. She was badly cut and bruised and is expected to be unable to walk for several weeks.

Mr. Williams is agent here for the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Corporation and Mr. Sudderts is with the Shaw Paint and Wall Paper Company in Southern Pines. The Williams car was completely wrecked, turning over several times.

VASS REELECTS MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Without opposition, the governing board of the town of Vass was reelected last week for the coming two years. They are Henry A. Borst, mayor; R. P. Beasley, S. R. Smith and A. M. Cameron, commissioners. Ben H. Wood is town clerk.

HARRY MAXWELL, ONCE POLO STAR HERE, SHOT DEAD

Former Winter Resident Slain in Car on East 81st Street in New York

LIVED HERE DURING 20's

Harry V. Maxwell, former Winter resident of the Sandhills and for many years a star of Pinehurst polo teams, was shot dead in an automobile last Sunday morning on East 81st street in New York City. He was 41 years old, and a prominent advertising man in New York.

Mary Jane Cassidy, a millinery model, 24, was at Mr. Maxwell's side in the gray convertible coupe, which was parked at the time just opposite her home. The couple had left El Morocco, a night club, at 4:15 a. m. and the shooting, according to the police, occurred at 4:35, five minutes after Mr. Maxwell had stopped the car.

According to Miss Cassidy, the two doors of the car opened simultaneously and while one of the two hold-up men tried to get her to move into the back seat, the other sought to take the driver's position from Mr. Maxwell. The advertising man resisted and thrust the other's hand away.

"Cap Pistol" Is Heard

Then the model heard what she later described to police as "the pop of a cap pistol." Maxwell, a son of the head of the R. C. Maxwell advertising firm of 247 Park Avenue, slumped in the red leather seat of the car. But he did not appear to be wounded. With the report, the two strangers fled. Miss Cassidy heard an automobile's gears mesh, and heard it pull away. The model thought her escort had fainted. She hailed a cab and asked the driver to help her get him home. Upon arrival at his home on East 73d street, it was discovered that Mr. Maxwell was dead, a bullet having pierced both lungs and his heart.

The methods employed by the two men closely resembled those used in two recent abduction robberies.

Mr. Maxwell was born in Trenton and studied in Lawrenceville, interrupting his education to serve with the ambulance corps abroad during the World War. He then joined his father's firm and shared in the management of the Park Avenue office. The company is widely identified with outdoor advertising. Mr. Maxwell was once well known as a polo player, having captained teams at Pinehurst and Spring Lake, N. J. The Maxwells owned the present home of Charles W. Picquet on Midland Road when here during the 1920's.

His first wife, Gail Morrison of Pittsburgh, was a well known golfer. They were divorced and on June 1, 1933, Mr. Maxwell married Mrs. Caroline Fagan Sellers of 1070 Park avenue. That marriage also terminated in divorce about three years ago.

The Maxwell family home is on Mercer Road, about two miles out of Princeton, N. J. Survivors are his father, Robert C. Maxwell; two brothers, Robert C. Maxwell, Jr., of Spring Lake, and Chester L. Maxwell of Atlantic City; a sister, Mrs. Richard E. Kleinhans of Newark, and a half-brother, David Maxwell of Princeton.

EMIL SCHRAM PRESIDENT OF N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE

Emil Schram, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, a recent visitor to the Sandhills, has been designated president of the New York Stock Exchange in a move expected to promote cooperation between the "big board" and the Federal government. He succeeds William McC. Martin, youthful president who was called up for his year of military training under the Selective Service act.

Mr. Schram made many friends here during his week-end visit at Pine Needles two weeks ago. He was accompanied here by Col. Charles F. H. Johnson, president of the Botany Worsted Mills of Passaic, N. J., who is interested in locating a branch plant here.

New Mayor, New Commissioners



W. DUNCAN MATTHEWS

Eddy Photo.



MILFORD F. GRANTHAM



RICHARD F. TARLTON

HUNTLEY RENAMED TAX COLLECTOR BY COUNTY BOARD

Makes Settlement of 1939 Taxes Showing Total Credits of \$71,254.04

W. T. Huntley of Aberdeen, Moore county's efficient tax collector, was re-elected for another year by the county commissioners as they met in regular session Monday, and it was ordered that the 1940 taxes be turned over to him when checked by the county auditor and sufficient bond is given.

A final settlement of 1939 taxes was accepted and Mr. Huntley was relieved of further liability as to that year's taxes. The settlement figures are as follows:

Debits: Taxes charged, \$65,873.62; Penalties, \$1,991.13; Discoveries, \$88.64; Schedule B, \$2,853.04; Cost, \$447.61; Total charges, \$71,254.04.

Credits: Land Sales, \$18,744.36; Insolvents, \$5,869.98; Reliefs, \$744.36; Remittance to treasurer, \$47,895.34; Total credits, \$71,254.04.

Boundaries for the anti-wood shingle ordinance for Pinehurst were revised and a map of same filed in the office of the Register of Deeds.

Road Recommendations

The board voted to recommend that the State Highway and Public Works Commission take over and maintain the road and build a bridge across Bear Creek on the west side (Please turn to page ten)

ABERDEEN ELECTS LOCKEY MAYOR BY LARGE MAJORITY

Caucus Candidate Gets 184 Votes to 53 Cast for Alton McLean

Forest Lockey was elected Mayor of Aberdeen in Tuesday's balloting by 184 votes to 53 for Alton D. McLean. Lockey was the caucus nominee, McLean's a write-in vote.

Dr. E. M. Medlin led the ticket for the board of five commissioners with 202 votes, closely followed by former Mayor J. D. McLean, 198. E. O. Freeman with 187, J. M. Taylor with 172 and A. J. Smith with 157 complete the new board. Dwight Troutman received 142 votes and O. Leon Seymour 127.

At the caucus held several weeks ago, Mr. Lockey and A. L. Burney were nominated for Mayor, but subsequently Mr. Burney was named to the Moore County Selective Service Board to succeed Frank Shamburger, resigned, and he withdrew from the race in favor of Lockey. McLean then announced his candidacy and waged a spirited campaign, but the caucus nominee was swept into office by a substantial majority.

CIVIC CLUB MEETING

The monthly business meeting of the Southern Pines Civic Club, scheduled for this afternoon, Friday, has been postponed until next Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

W. D. MATTHEWS NEW MAYOR OF SOUTHERN PINES

Caucus Ticket Carries at Polls, With Tarlton and Grantham on Board

STUTZ OUT AFTER 12 YEARS

W. Duncan Matthews was elected Mayor and the entire caucus ticket for Commissioners was swept into office at Tuesday's biennial election in Southern Pines. Of a total vote of 267, Matthews received 214, Stutz 40. Six ballots were spoiled.

L. V. O'Callaghan, who has served continuously on the Board of Commissioners since the election of May 3rd, 1927, was continued in office with the highest vote recorded, a total of 234. Second high man was a newcomer to politics, Richard F. Tarlton, with 228, closely followed

FOR MAYOR

W. Duncan Matthews 214
Dorsey G. Stutz 40

FOR COMMISSIONERS

(Five elected)

L. V. O'Callaghan 234
Richard F. Tarlton 228
M. F. Grantham 226
Eugene C. Stevens 224
Hugh J. Betterley 219
Charles S. Patch 36
George W. Case 31
Dante Montesanti 6
Robert L. Hart 4
Chan N. Page 2
Dr. L. M. Daniels 2
Herbert Cameron 1
Carl G. Thompson 1

by another new member, M. F. Grantham, 226, E. C. Stevens with 224 and H. J. Betterley with 219. Stevens and Betterley have served several terms. These five were nominated at the caucus held in the High School auditorium last Friday night, at which time the balloting went as follows:

For Mayor—Matthews 137, Stutz 83.

For Commissioners — O'Callaghan 142, Tarlton 139, Stevens 134, Grantham 109, Betterley 98.

Two hundred and twenty votes were cast at the caucus which was presided over by Postmaster P. Frank Buchanan on nomination from the floor. The auditorium was well filled and the meeting did not lack for excitement with various motions, one that all present be permitted to vote whether registered or not, which was withdrawn as illegal, and another that the names of all candidates submitted at the caucus go on the ticket for the election on Tuesday, which was defeated.

Acclaim For Stutz

Immediately following the announcement of Mr. Matthews' nomination at the caucus, E. C. Eddy moved a rising vote of thanks to Mayor Stutz for his long and faithful service to Southern Pines, a vote which was given unanimously and wholeheartedly. Mr. Stutz has served as Mayor since 1929, was on the Board of Commissioners for some ten years prior to that, giving him a record of continuous service to the town of nearly one-quarter of a century.

Mr. Matthews made a few remarks thanking the voters for their support and pledging his best efforts in the interest of Southern Pines.

The most surprised man among those elected to office was Mr. Grantham. Though not a candidate for the Board, and not even present at the caucus, he polled 109 votes which was swelled to 226 at Tuesday's election. He received widespread support from the younger element in town, especially from members and friends of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of which he is a past president.

Tarlton and Grantham succeed Charles S. Patch and Robert L. Hart on the board. Mr. Hart had announced that he was not a candidate for reelection. Of the new members, Mr. Tarlton is manager of the Southern Pines office of Romecke & Company, contractors, of Fayetteville; is treasurer of the Sandhills Kiwanis (Please turn to page ten)