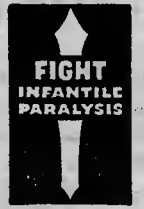




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County, Federals Study Quitclaim Knollwood Airport

Government Seeks Restrictions On Civilian Use

Representatives of the War Assets administration in Charlotte, and of the Civil Aeronautics administration from Raleigh, met Monday afternoon with the county commissioners, the county airport committee and a representative of Resort Airlines, Inc., in a three-hour session attempting to reach an agreement over cancellation of the U. S. government's lease on county-owned Knollwood airport.

With both parties to the lease desiring to cancel, the hitch has risen over the quitclaim deed to improvements made at the airport during federal tenure, involving certain restrictions and requirements concerning its future use.

Conditions

In restoring airports to their civilian owners following wartime use, the government is asking that, in return for the improvements, the airports be given over indefinitely to unrestricted public use. Exclusive rights may not be given to any one operator, nor may the airport ever be discontinued as such.

With Knollwood airport now leased to Resort Airlines, Inc., on a lease provisional to that of the government the local representatives objected to the quitclaim feature of the cancellation. Several terms were admittedly ambiguous to both sides, and M. G. Boyette, county attorney, was given authority to reword the deed to clarify and modify its terms, in a manner which, said G. N. Cameron, commission chairman, it is hoped will be satisfactory to both.

From 1942 until shortly after the close of the war, the government operated Knollwood airport as an AAFTC center, and an auxiliary to Pope field and other military bases of the section. Improvements made during that time include an extension of one runway, water and sewage systems, a concrete apron and the building of administrative quarters.

Towns Helped

The towns of Southern Pines and Pinehurst contributed liberally to the starting and subsequent operation of the airport, and each recently appropriated \$500 toward upkeep of the grounds Resort Airlines, Inc., represents an investment of private funds in the neighborhood of a half million dollars.

The county airport committee is composed of D. G. Stutz and Howard Burns, of Southern Pines; Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst; Sam Miller, Carthage; L. (Continued on Page 8)

Shaw House Tea Room Opening Brings Many Guests To Enjoy Oldtime Charm

A glowing open fire, soft candlelight, good company, good talk and gracious teatime hospitality made a real occasion of the opening of the Shaw House tea room Monday afternoon, and, with Mrs. J. R. Beasley as hostess for the week, each succeeding afternoon has marked its continued success.

Guests arrived with smiling faces, to enjoy tea, toast and cake in the quaint old home, recently restored by the Moore County Historical association, and to enjoy the fruition of the Association's dream—the use of the home again as a background for pleasant living, the blending of present-day activity with the mellowed charm of the past.

Among the guests were native-born folk, whose ancestors

Water Cooling System To Be Given To Moore Co. Hospital By Auxiliary

A water cooling system, with the main cooler in the basement and pipes going to outlets on the first and second floors, is to be purchased by the Moore County Hospital auxiliary and installed at the hospital as soon as possible, it was decided at the February auxiliary meeting held at the Nurses' home Tuesday morning.

Such a system is available, it was reported by Mrs. Roy Grinnell, equipment chairman, and she was instructed to proceed at once with the purchase.

Drinking water has been available at the hospital, but this has not been cooled. Asked for her views, Miss Birdie Bair, who has served many hours as a nurses' aide, declared that having cold water on each floor will be a great boon to patients, especially in the hot months, and will save the nurses and aides many steps.

Discussion of an expansion of the auxiliary's social service (Continued on Page 8)

Aberdeen Firm Contracts To Cut Ft. Bragg Timber

1,000,000,000 Feet Estimated Will Go For Army-Navy Use

The cutting and dressing of an estimated 1,000,000,000 board feet of lumber from the Fort Bragg reservation for army-navy use has been undertaken, on government contract, by the Georgia Hardwood and Lumber company of Aberdeen, and cutting operations, to take place over a period of 18 months, have already begun, according to W. H. Blue, superintendent of woods at the Georgia company's plant.

Mr. Blue is the former owner of the company, which operated as the W. H. Blue Lumber company until he sold it January 1 to the Georgia Hardwood and Lumber company, continuing with it in a supervisory capacity. The Fort Bragg contract is his first with the government and will occupy the plant's full capacity for a time, though later other timber will be bought from around the section for civilian markets, Mr. Blue said.

The cutting will take place all over the Fort Bragg reservation, scientifically done to insure proper growth and development of the young timber that is left. Only trees 10 inches and up are being cut, after first being marked by resident army engineers.

Mostly pine, with a small amount of hardwood, is being cut. Dressing and loading are being done at Aberdeen, whence the lumber is being shipped to Rich- (Continued from Page 5)

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perhaps visited in this home, and lived in homes very like it; transplanted residents, eager to know of Moore County's past, and to sense the spirit of those old times; and winter residents and transient hotel guests, seeking—and finding—something new, different and delightful to see and to do.

Friendly Ghosts

Also present must have been smiling, happy ghosts, pleased to see company at the hearthside again, to hear laughing chatter and the light clink of old silver spoons against earthenware cups. They must have felt quite at home among the old tables and chairs, glossy with long use; the candlesticks and old prints, the simple ornaments and utilitarian articles of a century ago seen in (Continued on Page 9)

HEALTH PROGRAM

The Southern Pines school will hold a health program this morning, Friday, (or tomorrow morning, Friday, depending on when you get your Pilot,) at 9:15 in the school auditorium.

Frank Sinatra will sing his God Health song. . . over the phonograph. E. T. McKeithen, Moore County Hospital Administrator, will give a short address, and four reading students will speak on the Medical Care Commission program for the state: Shirley Dana of Pinehurst will outline the facts, Ruth Guin, the cost, George Hodgkins the need, and Bill Warner the benefits to be derived from the proposed bill.

Beautiful and original posters made by the students will be on display; the who's school will attend, and the public is cordially invited.

CP&L Announces Huge 1947 Budget

Expansion and improvements to be effected by the Carolina Light and Power company through its 1947 construction budget, the largest approved by the company since 1930, will directly affect hundreds of families in this immediate area, according to Ralph I. Chandler, Central division manager, queried yesterday by The Pilot at his office in Southern Pines.

Announcement of the budget of \$6,700,000 was made to 15,000 common stockholders in a letter sent out Wednesday.

The largest single item is the sum of \$2,200,000 for construction of 1,500 miles of new rural lines. In the immediate area, this will include energizing of some 100 miles of lines serving around 400 families. These lines were completed some time ago, but have been waiting on the securing of transformers.

Construction of additional hundreds of miles of rural line carrying forward a program planned several years ago but held up by the war, will proceed at once in the area, its speed limited only by the arrival of equipment for which orders have been placed. A \$1,000,000-plus item in the budget is a 132,000-volt interconnection with the Appalachian Electric Power company, to reinforce power supply for Raleigh and the surrounding area. Substations and generating plants will be improved and enlarged.

The Central division includes Moore and surrounding counties, with power secured through various interconnections throughout the state.

Mrs. Marshall Mav Judge School Beauties

Mrs. George C. Marshall, wife of the secretary of state, has been requested to be a judge at the high school beauty contest at the Pinehurst school Saturday evening. Judges who have already accepted, who will help choose the Moore county queen, are R. P. Gibson of Carthage and Mrs. James Boyd of Southern Pines. The Valentine Dance will be held at the Pinehurst school, starting at 8:30, and according to the dance committee, will be quite an affair. Entries for the beauty contest have been received from several schools with more expected tomorrow. Southern Pines is entering Nellie Ward, while Pinehurst's entries will be chosen Friday from among Mickey Dorsett, Betty Jones, Faie Morgan and Mary Louise Black. Carthage has entered Joan Way. With several more schools to be heard from, it is expected that the contest will be well-filled and a most interesting and delightful event.

Saturday Games Divided After Twin Bill Lost

Morehead Teams Are Weekend Guests; To Return Hospitality

by June Phillips

Morehead City has come and gone, but Coach Telbert brought two of the best basketball teams to play on the local court Friday and Saturday nights that have been seen in this section in a long time.

In Friday night's games the B and Varsity teams of Morehead City took both ends of a double bill, defeating the Southern Pines B squad 18-13, and their varsity brothers duplicated against the Blue and White varsity 38-36.

But it was the Saturday night's games that kept the packed gymnasium on their feet and in an uproar throughout most of the evening, as first the B teams and then the varsities fought it out. Featured by the floor play of Willis and Balderee, center and guard respectively for Morehead City, and Bennett, a sharpshooting forward who demonstrated the ability to be on anybody's first team, Morehead's B team with only a one-point lead late in the fourth quarter closed with a scoring rush to top the Blue and White B 37-29.

In the nightcap varsity con- (Continued on Page 5)

Bushby Escapes As Car Is Struck By Seaboard Train

W. S. Bushby of Southern Pines escaped serious injury by a fraction Tuesday morning when his car was struck by the Seaboard's south-bound morning passenger train at about nine-thirty. Thrown out of the car by the force of the blow he landed in soft dirt. A badly banged up knee and deep gash on his forehead were the extent of his injuries.

Driving east on Connecticut avenue, Bushby had stopped his car as he reached West Broad street, and then started on across. "I could not have been going more than twenty," he said. "I heard and saw nothing till I was right on the tracks and there was the engine right on me."

The driver's instinct told him it was too late to stop and he stepped on the gas, hard.

"For a second, I thought I had cleared it," he said, "and the next thing I knew there was a crash. The car swerved clear around, the door flew open and out I went, on my hands and knees."

People came running from every direction, but Bushby was able to rise unassisted and even got back into his car. Then he realized that he could not possibly drive it, in its semi-wrecked condition, and friends persuaded him to go to the hospital in June Blue's automobile. A check-up there revealed no broken bones or concussion and only minor lacerations, though he remained in bed at home after the accident. His car, a 1941 Chevrolet, had been struck in the left rear fender and was said to be repairable.

Bushby stated that he had often ridden on that train from Washington and knew it was due about that time. He said that he supposed the engineer had blown a ways up the track, but he did not hear it. The crossing on Connecticut avenue is a blind one, due to the freight station obscuring the view to the north. Observers recalled that several other accidents had taken place there and felt that lights should certainly be installed, as it is impossible to see a train until directly on the track.

A. S. Newcomb Dean of Realtors, Taken by Death

Beloved Citizen Suffers Attack At Home, Alone

Death came suddenly and quickly to Arthur S. Newcomb early Friday morning, January 31. A sudden heart attack warning him of his critical state, he lived long enough to telephone to friends who found him breathing his last as they entered the apartment on Bethesda road where he lived alone.

As far as is known, this was the second heart attack the deceased had suffered. The first came some time before he collapsed beside his car which had gotten stuck in the sandy road on his way home. Found by a neighbor, he was helped home. The next morning, as always until his death, he was back at work in the office of Eugene C. Stevens, with whom he was associated in the real estate business.

The son of Simon and Mary Parger Newcomb, Arthur Simon Newcomb was born July 5, 1874, in Biddeford, Maine. His boyhood was spent there and after graduating from the Worcester, (Mass.) Polytechnic Institute, he returned to Biddeford where worked in the town's cotton mills and in his father's shoe factory.

In 1904, he came to Lakeview and settling there with his wife, Frances, opened an office in Southern Pines, soon becoming the agent for Weymouth Estate, owned by James Boyd, Sr., and living in the little house known then as the House of a Hundred Pines. In 1911 he conducted a real estate department for Leonard Tufts and, after being out of business for several years, opened an office in Pinehurst in 1927, moving it to Southern Pines ten years later, where he became known as the "dean" of real estate operators. He joined the E. C. Stevens agency a year ago and was active in that firm at the time of his death.

During his life time in the Sandhills, Arthur Newcomb served in many public capacities. He was a town commissioner from 1908 to 1909, a charter member of the Sandhills Kiwanis club, a member for several terms, of the board of trustees of the Southern Pines library. He served as secretary and treasurer of the first Chamber of Commerce until its reorganization a year ago, when he became treasurer. He was a member of the board of directors of the Moore County hospital since its foundation and was unanimously elected an honorary director on his resignation from the active board two months ago. He was always interested in (Continued on Page 8)

Kiwanians Hear Newcomb Tribute

Eloquent tribute to Arthur S. Newcomb, beloved and valued charter member of the Sandhills Kiwanis club who died suddenly last Friday, was paid by Eugene C. Stevens at the weekly meeting of the club, held Wednesday at the Southern Pines Country club.

Gordon Cashwell, of Lumberton, past president of Lumberton club, was presented by John S. Ruggles, chairman, as guest speaker of the day. His theme was "Kiwanis in a Changing World". Virgil J. Lee, formerly of Baltimore, now a Southern Pines resident was inducted into membership by Dr. T. A. Cheatham.

Losers in an attendance contest initiated last year with the Sanford club, the Sandhills Kiwanians will pay up handsomely with a dinner at the Mid-Pines club at 7:45 next Wednesday evening, with the Sanfordites as their guests.

Commissioners Propose Tax Hike For Schools In Lieu Of Referendum

CANDIDATE



A. C. DAWSON

Dawson Sponsored For High Post In Educational Body

Campaign Letter Going Out To NCEA Membership

Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Moore County units of the North Carolina Education association are sponsoring Amos C. Dawson, principal and classroom teacher of the Southern Pines High school, for the post of vice president of the state NCEA, it was revealed this week.

Letters and ballots are ready for mailing to all members.

With Mrs. Ruth L. Swisher of the Southern Pines unit as manager, the campaign is being based on Dawson's outstanding record as a classroom teacher, his high character and his continuing fight, as evidenced in speeches to various organizations, in behalf of an increase in teachers' salaries. Dawson came to the Southern Pines High school directly on his graduation in 1937 from Atlantic Christian college at Wilson. He has been active in local and district NCEA work and has also served the community outside of school in many ways, as evidenced by the honorary membership tendered him by the Southern Pines Rotary club for outstanding community service.

Candidates

Though not a constitutional requirement, it is traditional with the North Carolina Education association that the vice president is elected at the close of his term to the presidency. Claud Grigg of Albemarle is vice president this year, and a candidate for presi- (Continued on Page 5)

Nursery School Has Good Start;

Many Things Needed-You Can Help!

Do you have tucked away in your attic, or that storage closet you haven't cleared out in years, a small chair, desk or table your children have outgrown? Toys, games, picture books, a blackboard—maybe a phonograph? How about an army cot or dark blanket—or a piece of linoleum, to help cover a worn, splintery floor?

If you have, bring them out, and take them right over to the West Southern Pines school, where they'll be put to much needed use in the newly opened nursery school.

Backed by a number of local agencies, the school opened January 27 with an enrollment of four, and by last Monday, the start of the second week, the enrollment had tripled. It bids fair to go right on up, as more

Schoolmen Study Two-Year Plan to Provide \$600,000

Members of the county board of education and other interested citizens, meeting with the county commissioners Monday at 2 p. m., returned home with a little problem in mathematics to study.

The problem: Is a sure sum of around \$600,000, to be made available in the next two years, more or less desirable than a problematical amount of well over a million, to be raised by a bond issue plus taxes, the whole of which might be defeated if placed before the public for a referendum?

The \$600,000 will go just so far, and no farther, in modernizing and enlarging a school system which has been demonstrated to be totally inadequate to the needs of today, much less tomorrow. But it will help.

To assure this amount, two-thirds of which is already on hand through accumulation during the war years, the commissioners declared themselves willing to raise county taxes by 32 cents, making the tax rate \$1.22 per \$100 valuation for the next two years. This would produce some \$70,000 next year, and could be expected to raise \$100,000 the year after, following a sorely needed revaluation of county property the commission expects to get around to by that time.

The commissioners also said they could add some \$30,000 to this amount through sale of county bonds during the coming year.

Two-Year Plan

Farther ahead than two years, their present term of office, the commissioners said they could not plan. However, it seems feasible to believe that, once a building program is actually under way, they or whatever administrators happen to be in office will continue to channel funds in its direction, not letting it flag until all major needs, at any rate, have been supplied.

By then, too, they said, building costs—admittedly excessive today—might be down, with more and better materials available.

On the other hand, a call for a bond issue, aiming for an amount more commensurate with present needs (originally estimated at \$2,000,000) would stake everything.

First seeking a referendum for a bond issue of \$1,125,000, with additional taxes over a five-year period for a comprehensive building program, the schoolmen found at an earlier meeting with the commissioners and county attorney, that with legal limitations on bond issues set by county land (Continued on Page 5)

Day's Activity

Visiting the school several days after the opening, the Pilot found seven wide-eyed youngsters, aged three to five, responding wonderfully under their soft-voiced director's tutelage to what was for most their first experience in group living. After their morning cod liver oil and fruit juice, they went out for a long walk in the sun; a rest period was followed by a session of games, songs and stories; they sat at long (Continued on Page 5)