

## County Tax Rate Tentatively Set At \$1.20 Per Hundred

### Rate Goes Down As Evaluation Mounts; Requests Studied

The county commissioners set a tentative tax rate of \$1.20 per \$100 valuation for the coming year, following a review of budgetary needs which prolonged their special meeting Monday from 2:30 to 8 p. m.

If the rate is approved following completion of the budget, it will represent the first reduction in taxes in a good many years. The rate for the past three years has been \$1.25, to which it was upped from a 90-cent rate which stood for a long time.

However, a general increase in property evaluation, resulting from the revaluation now under way will probably iron out the difference as far as most taxpayers are concerned, and a good many of them will note in taxes as in other items of their living expenses—"Things are higher now."

#### No Surplus

While the revaluation is expected to increase the county's revenue materially, it will not (Continued on page 8)

## Clary Thompson Is Author Pictorial History of War

Clary Thompson, Moore county native and former newspaperman now living in Washington, is the author of a pictorial history of the war, newly published in two handsome volumes by William H. Wise and company of New York.

The volumes, "Queen of Battles," dealing with the ground forces, and "Unsung Heroes," with those of service and supply, contain altogether 770 excellent photographs on all phases of the war and the life of the American soldier in camp and on every front. The author's text explains each picture clearly, and in addition some of the Army's top ranking generals have contributed their own accounts of important war happenings.

Foreword to "Queen of Battles" is by Gen. George C. Marshall, and to "Unsung Heroes" by Gen. B. B. Sumnerville.

Thompson, who is from Cameron, is serving at present as special assistant to Gordon Gray, Secretary of the Army, publisher of the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel on which Thompson was at one time a reporter.

He served in the Navy during the war and returned to the family farm at Cameron in 1946 to further his writing ambitions. He served as editor of the Sandhill Citizen while Publisher Blue was serving in the 1947 General Assembly, and continued as a columnist for some time after going to Washington.

He has many friends and relatives in Moore county who have watched his career with interest and pride, and will find their pride increased by his authorship of these two important books.

### WHO'LL RUN?

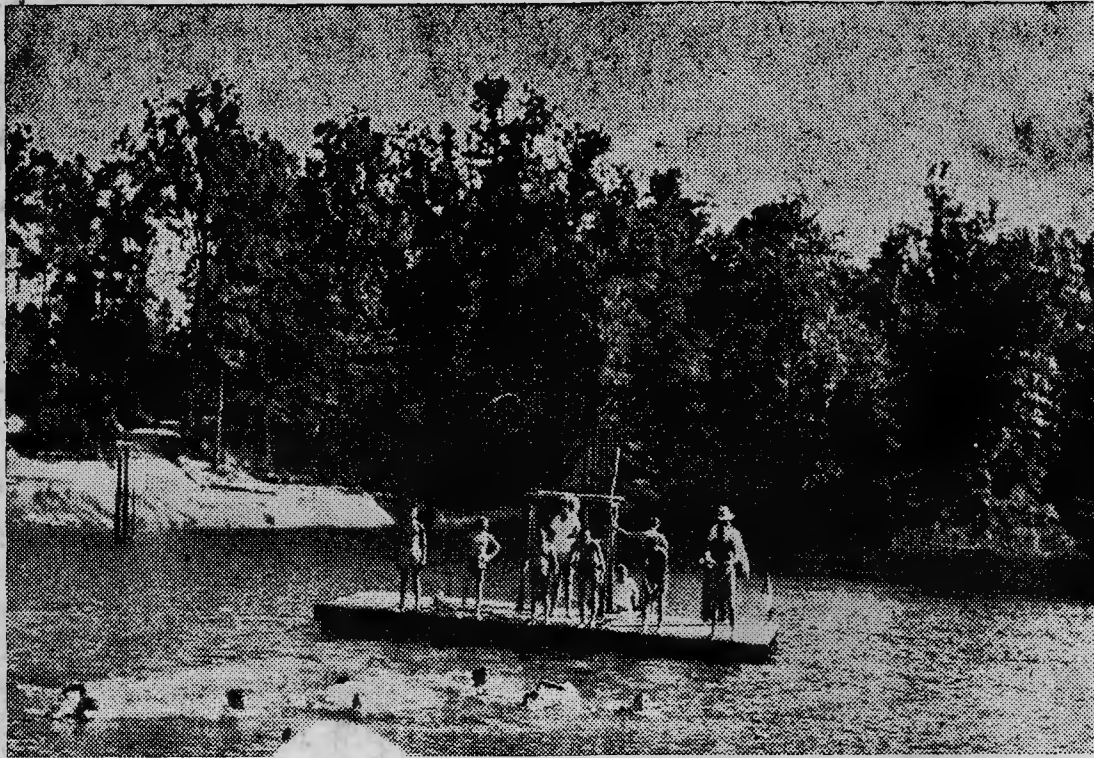
Long hot days mean time for talk — and political talk has started early this year, perhaps because there's not much else to do.

With primaries for important county jobs less than a year off, news of some possible contests has been heard even this early—with talk mostly starting, "If so-and-so decides not to run again."

The Pilot checked with the holders of the three four-year term positions which will be coming up for election—Sheriff C. J. McDonald, Clerk of Court John Wilcox and Register of Deeds Bess McCaskill, all of Carthage. The answer of each one was substantially the same: "Right now I'm certainly planning to run again."

As for State Senator Wilbur H. Currie, a non-committal answer was given: "Can't say yet—it's too hot, too dry and too early! Don't know that I'll run—but I certainly can't say that I WON'T."

## How To Cool Off: Boy Scouts At Camp Durant



Moore County Boy Scouts were among the number staging this swimming meet at Camp Durant last week. Water sports are prime favorites among activities at the Oconeechee Council camp, now open for its second summer. (Photo courtesy Durham Herald)

## More Red Cross Swimming Classes

A dozen youngsters of a class of 25, who began their swimming lessons June 27, last Friday made their triumphant test swims of 30 yards in Aberdeen lake, thus winning their Red Cross beginners' certificates.

Miss Edwina Hallman, of Aberdeen, Red Cross instructor, in announcing the start of new classes next Monday and Monday, July 25, listed the following as having successfully completed the beginners' course; James Prim, John Chappell, Ginger Woodell and Patty Woodell, Southern Pines; Willie Mae Finch, Wade Lewis, Melinda Goble and Sheila Tarlton, Aberdeen; Adelaide and Harriett Schnell, Pinebluff; Reid Flinchum and Robbie Felton, Carthage.

Others of the class, most of whom missed out on a few of the lessons, are expected to continue until they get those coveted certificates. The boys and girls were members of four classes, which met daily during the two-week period.

Enrollment will be held at Aberdeen lake from 4 to 6 p. m. tomorrow (Saturday) for children's classes to begin Monday, July 25, and continue for two weeks, Monday through Saturday. These include: beginners, 10-11 a. m.; intermediates, 3-4 p. m. (Continued on Page 8)

## Start New Slate On Road Requests

The new State Highway Commission has wiped the slate clean of old road requests not met by July 1, and is starting its own list this month of county roads, or portions of them, recommended by the various counties for state maintenance.

A total of 7.9 miles of county roads to be added to the state system has been allotted Moore county for the year 1949-50, according to word received by Gordon M. Cameron, chairman of county commissioners, from State Highway Commissioner George S. Coble of the Sixth district.

Mr. Coble requested that, in view of the allotted quota, the county commissioners be selective in their recommendations. All roads recommended have to be surveyed by state engineers, and choices made as to those the state can take over, and to recommend indiscriminately, up to hundreds of miles, will cause the state much unnecessary expense, he said. It will also result in the piling up of another huge backlog of unfulfilled requests such as greeted the new Commission on taking office.

And there, said Mr. Cameron apprehensively, is the rub—"For how can we say to one delegation, 'We will recommend your road,' and to the next, 'We can't recommend yours?' For to each his own portion of unimproved road is the one most needing improvement."

A dilemma, it seems, in which must be placed either the highway commissioners—or the county commissioners.

## Janet Menzel Will Be Local Entrant In Rockingham Peach Festival July 20

### REUNION

A reunion of men who served together during World War 2 will be held in Southern Pines this week end, staying at the Jefferson Inn and Belvedere hotel. Sixty to 75 are expected, with their wives.

The group of veterans will also take over the Country club for Saturday evening, for a buffet supper and dinner dance.

Arrangements were made by Herman Blizzard, of Sanford. No information was available as to their branch or unit, or which was their theatre of war.

### Sponsored By Chamber For Beauty Contest

Miss Janet Menzel, the "girl with the golden smile," will go to Rockingham Wednesday as Southern Pines' representative at the Third Annual Peach festival, sponsored by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce.

She will be the local entrant in the beauty contest of girls from 20 or more towns of the peach country, and will ride on a float in the parade which will take place at 3 p. m. With her escorts, she will be a guest at a luncheon and also at the ball to be held that evening.

Many events have been planned for the all-day festival, which is expected to draw thousands of people from all parts of the state to celebrate attainment of the peak of the peach season. Though the peach crop this year is disappointing, it is promised that the entertainment will not be, and a large delegation from this area is expected to attend.

### Real Wedding

Miss Menzel will be attended by two escorts, one of whom will be Tom White, manager of the Chamber of Commerce. Manager White will also play another role in the day's doings. An outdoor fashion show will take place, presenting a bride and her bridesmaids—and at the proper moment a groom will appear, and a real marriage take place. Mr. White (Continued on page 8)

## More Kids Wanted For Story Hour; Many At Classes

The recreation program is proceeding apace, with good attendance at practically all events. Just one "miss" has been scored so far, said Director A. C. Dawson, Jr., this week. Only two little girls showed up for the story hour Monday morning.

He said this will be tried one more time, to see if there is more interest than the first session indicated, and that if the mothers prefer a different time of day he will welcome suggestions.

The story hour is scheduled for 10 a. m. Mondays at the elementary school library, with Mrs. Elizabeth Shearon in charge, assisted by Miss Pauline Miller. It is the only activity planned definitely for the pre-school and first-grade youngster, and he said he would like to see a large group appear next time to enjoy the stories.

### Sewing, Art, Cooking

The second sessions of the sewing, art and cooking classes, taught by groups of highly skilled volunteer assistants, showed mounting interest, with some real accomplishment getting under way this week. In the art class, Jimmy Humphrey served as a model for drawing.

The sewing group meets Tuesday at the Emmanuel Episcopal church, at the art class Wednesday at the high school and the cooking class Thursday at the Church of Wide Fellowship. The hour for each is 10 a. m.

### Swim Sessions

Morning and afternoon activities at the High School club are in full swing. The Tuesday and Thursday swim sessions at Lakeview remain at the peak of popularity. Forty-nine were in the group transported by bus from the High School club last Thursday, and 42 went Tuesday. The bus leaves at 2:30 p. m.

Royal G. Davis, student pastor who is supplying the Church of Wide Fellowship this summer, and Mrs. Jackie McClure are accompanying Director Dawson on the swim trips, and helping him look after the boys and girls. The "buddy" water safety system is used, for utmost protection, and a life guard is also on duty.

## Sept. 6 Set For Town Water Plant Expansion Vote

### Board Transfers Some Duties, Funds To Local Chamber

The date of September 6 was set for the \$275,000 bond election for enlargement of the town water plant, by the Southern Pines town board holding its July meeting Tuesday evening at the city hall.

Mayor C. N. Page and all commissioners were present at the meeting, also Hoke Pollock, town attorney.

No special registration will be required for the election, which was determined on when it was found the plant is fast approaching its capacity point of use. Qualified voters will be those listed on the current municipal books—i.e., books used in the town election of last May. The books will be opened August 19 through August 26 for registration of new voters, according to law.

Harry Fullenwider was appointed registrar, the city hall named as the polling place. Judges are to be appointed.

A resolution authorizing the election as above described was passed unanimously by the board following the reading of the town's financial statement by Howard F. Burns, city clerk and treasurer, and also of the papers prepared in connection with the election by Reid, Hoyt and Washburn, New York bond attorneys.

The bond issue, if approved by the voters, will be used for an approximate doubling of the size and facilities of the water plant, with replacement of worn and obsolete machinery. Bonds are to be repaid from water revenues.

### Chamber Expenses

The board moved to adopt a recommendation of the finance committee, headed by Carlton Kennedy, that the Chamber of Commerce be given a grant of \$556.01 as partial reimbursement for advertising expenditures during the past year; and also that advertising duties for many years fulfilled by Town Clerk Burns be transferred to the Chamber, with \$100 to be paid the Chamber out of ABC store rental revenue, to assist in meeting the extra expenses.

The store building rental of \$125 at present nets the town about \$100 after the light bill and maintenance costs are paid, Mr. Burns told the board.

The money was considered as a supplement to regular Chamber (Continued on page 8)

## Mayor, Chief Request Survey By FBI For Improved Record Keeping System

Though records of the local police department are reported now in excellent shape, the department will soon have advice of the FBI on how to improve their system, by recommendation of John S. Ruggles, newly elected town board member and police commissioner.

The service was officially requested by Mayor C. N. Page and Chief C. E. Newton on suggestion of Mr. Ruggles at a meeting of the board's law and ordinance committee Tuesday afternoon. He had secured information concerning the FBI service, a free one for police departments of all sizes, through the office of Congressman C. B. Deane.

The FBI, on receipt of the official request is expected to send a representative to Southern Pines shortly, to inspect the local system and recommend changes in accordance with their standards.

The meeting was called by Chairman Ruggles to clarify its duties and, he said, to permit him to inform himself, as a new member and chairman, of his own duties and obligations. Other members are L. V. O'Callaghan and E. C. Stevens. Mayor Page and Chief Newton also attended the meeting.

Among important findings of the committee:

Municipally paid police have no jurisdiction outside the city limits unless specially deputized by the sheriff, or unless they cross the city lines during a pursuit. This does not abrogate their right, that of any citizen, to make an arrest if they witness a crime committed, nomatter where they are.

Hiring and firing of regular members of the department is a duty of the full town board. Special officers may be appointed by the mayor, and he may also suspend any officer for cause until the next regular board meeting, at which time his status must be reviewed by the full board for decision.

### Present System Praised

Chairman Ruggles had praise for the department's current system of record keeping, which he had informally surveyed along with records of the justice of the peace court. The system is one installed only a few months following study by Chief Newton of systems in effect at various other places, such as Raleigh, Greensboro, Fayetteville, and Chapel Hill.

The department at Raleigh is at present installing an FBI system, it was learned.

## National Guard Unit Opens Recruiting Here

### GUARD OFFICERS

### Antiaircraft Battery Authorized For Southern Pines

### 30 Men Needed To Start

Much interest is being shown in Southern Pines' new National Guard unit, for which recruiting started this week in order to secure a minimum strength of 30 men for federal inspection, as required, within 60 days.

On approval following this inspection, federal drill pay and other benefits will begin as Battery D, 130th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons (self-propelled) battalion of the N. C. National Guard takes its place as an integral part of the national peacetime home defense system. Official designation will be 130th AAA AW Bn (SP) NC NG.

### Recruiting Station

An information and recruiting table will be set up at the post office tomorrow (Saturday) from 8 a. m. to 12 noon, under sponsorship of the John Boyd post, VFA, it was announced by Capt. Clifford Carpenter, commanding officer of the new unit. All men between 17 and 55 are eligible, subject to a physical examination. Those between 35 and 55 must have had previous military or National Guard experience.

Dr. J. S. Milliken has accepted the post of examining physician, and will make all physical examinations.

Authorized strength of the unit is 105 men and six officers. To start, only two officers are required, and this requirement has been fulfilled with the appointment by the State Guard of Captain Carpenter and of C. S. Patch, Jr., as second lieutenant and platoon commander.

### Many Jobs

The table of organization calls (Continued on Page 5)



CARPENTER



PATCH

## Dawson Declines Executive Post, Will Stay Here

A. C. Dawson, Jr., Southern Pines high school teacher and coach, this week decided to renew his contract here, rather than go to Raleigh as an NCEA executive at a much higher salary.

He will make known his decision today (Friday) at a meeting of the NCEA board of directors to be held at Raleigh at 4 p. m., he informed The Pilot. The directors offered him the newly created position of public relations and research director some three weeks ago, and he has had the matter under consideration since that time.

He is a member of the board, immediate past president of NCEA and at present chairman of the legislative committee.

Mr. Dawson said to The Pilot, "While I am appreciative of the honor of being offered the position, and have feelings of deep loyalty to the NCEA, I much prefer to stay in Southern Pines." Taking the position would necessitate a move to Raleigh.

### Fine For Children

"My wife and I feel the same about this," he continued. "We believe Southern Pines is an ideal community in which to raise a family, and with a small son and daughter, this is important to us. Personally, in the 12 years I have lived here, coming here direct from college, I have found working conditions so pleasant, and the people so generous and kind, that the idea of leaving was a hard one to entertain." (Continued on Page 5)

## JUNIOR LEGION

The Junior Legion series ended last Thursday evening, as far as the local level were concerned. Albemarle, placing first, and Concord second, are playing-off for the district this week. Richmond county was third, Moore county fourth, Monroe fifth and Troy sixth. The playoff of a protested game between Moore and Richmond was not held, as a tie for third place was the only possible outcome, according to League Commissioner J. W. Dickerson.

## No Permits Lost In Moore, Says Inspector Grimm

No beer selling licenses in Moore county have been cancelled or withheld so far, this week said State ABC Beer Inspector Herman H. Grimm, of Carthage.

Inspector Grimm, who covers three counties under the ABC beer control set-up, said he has found Moore county "pretty clean" and that much improvement has been shown as the beer dealers have made a determined—and mostly successful—effort to live up to all regulations.

Two or three, he said, are still "on the borderline" but he thinks will be in shape soon to pass the strictest inspection.

### Sounds in the Night

An evil which many would hold to be worse than beer is now in process of being routed through a new directive to the inspectors. On orders from Raleigh, Mr. Grimm is ordering a ban on all outside loudspeakers on beer sales outlets in his territory. This means no more blaring of recorded music out into the night, to fall on the ears not only of those who like it but the many in hearing distance who do not, including people who might be trying to sleep. Inside music is still all right, but outside—no.

### No Outside Signs

Two new rulings, effective August 1, were announced from Raleigh yesterday. Beginning on that date, no outside signs may announce the sale within of beer or ale. The only outside indication that beer is sold may be a sign giving the ABC beer license number, on which the figures may be no more than five inches tall. Such a sign isn't required, but will be permitted. This regulation will mean that all present outside signs of beer sales—ranging from the small hand-painted jobs to expensive electric or neon displays—will have to come down by August 1.

### 11:30—Quitting Time

Also starting on that date, not only will sales of beer have to stop at 11 p. m. but consumption of it in public places will have to cease at 11:30, with bottles and glasses all cleared away from counters and tables.