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## Ruggles Resigns From Town Board For State Office

### Constitution Forbids Holding Both Jobs

The town board in special session Tuesday night received, and accepted with expressions of regret, the resignation of John S. Ruggles, member of the town board since the May election.

It had been found that Mr. Ruggles' membership on the town board at the same time he was serving as a member of a state board was in violation of a state law concerning the holding of public office.

Mr. Ruggles was sworn in in July as a member of the State Board of Hospitals Control, to which he was appointed by Governor Scott. Since then he has been made chairman of the alcoholics committee, for the setting up of state facilities for the treatment and care of alcoholics.

His swearing in as a member of this board subsequent to his entering public office here obviated the first position, though, it has been ascertained, this is not retroactive and his actions as a town board member were legal until his resignation.

This will mean the probable loss to the board of two members elected last May, as one other, Carlton C. Kennedy, has moved to Carthage within the past two weeks. He is retaining a business connection here though whether or not he can maintain legal residence is problematical. Mr. Kennedy, however, has not yet resigned and the town board has taken no action concerning the situation, though it is well known throughout the town.

The board did not act Tuesday night regarding the election of a successor to Mr. Ruggles, and Mayor C. N. Page said this would probably be done at the regular meeting next Wednesday. The filling of an unexpired term is not a matter for popular election but for a vote of the five town commissioners. In this case the election will be for 19 months.

A petition was being circulated downtown this week supporting the election of Lloyd T. Clark as successor to either Mr. Ruggles or Mr. Kennedy.

Mayor Page expressed deep regret at the loss of Mr. Ruggles on the board. "He has been a very valuable member for the past five months," he said. "Though we did not always agree, I respected his opinion and appreciated his sincerity and energy."

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## Reestablishment Of Naval Stores Industry Is Seen

The naval stores industry, "big business" in the Sandhills in long-ago days, may be getting ready to make a comeback here, according to information received here this week.

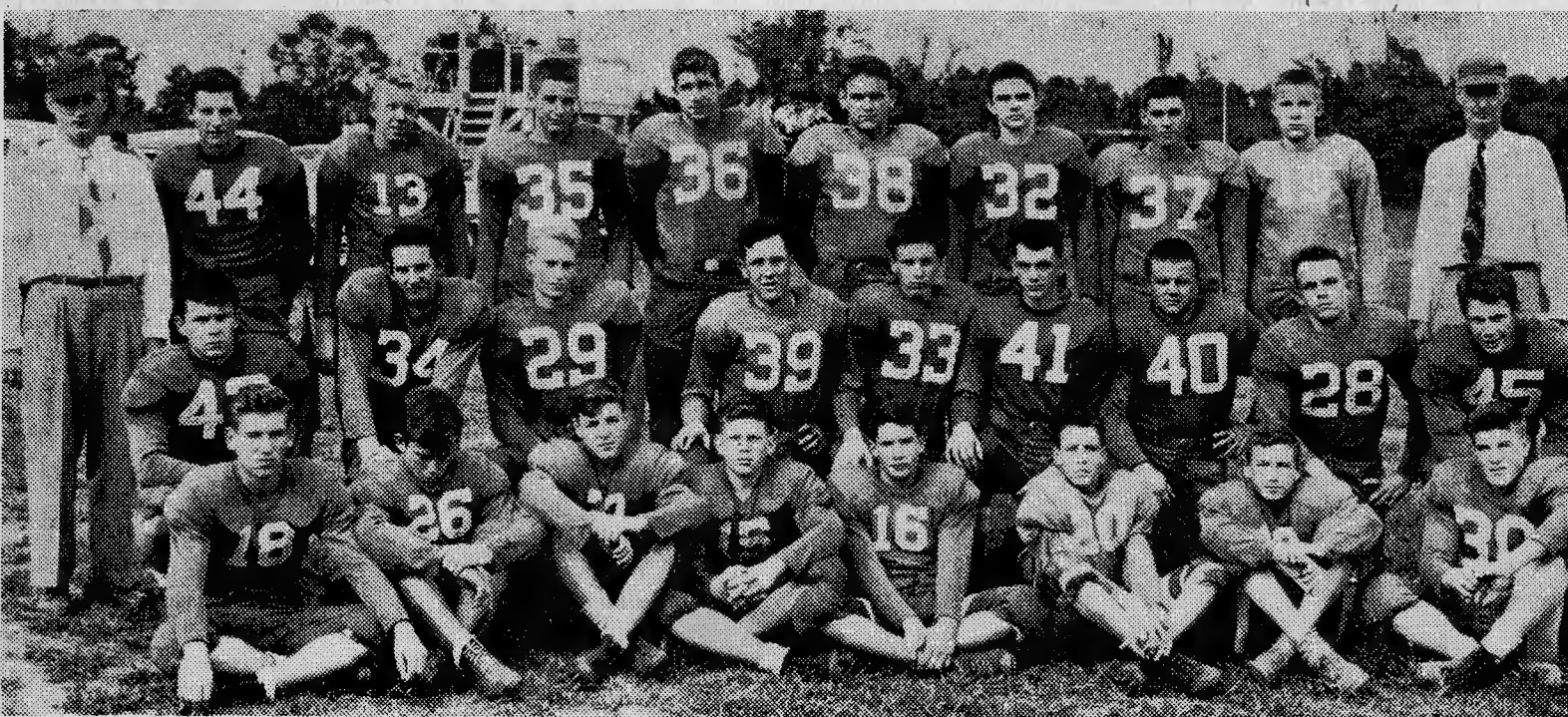
Two or more separate groups of businessmen from other states are said to have their eyes on the Sandhills with a view to tapping again the rich stores of the long-leaf pine. One group, headed by Vivian Whitfield of Burgaw, Pender County representative and civic leader, spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Hoffman looking over the pine forests of Camp Mackall, to see whether they were adequate for establishment of such a business in this section. Surveyors were busy Tuesday, and on Wednesday the group, consisting mainly of Georgia businessmen, was joined by representatives of the N. C. Forest Service, to assist them in their survey. They went on later to other counties. It is understood that Bladen, Columbus and possibly some others are on their itinerary.

They have also received considerable assistance from the state board of conservation and development, whose director, George L. Ross, has expressed interest in the enterprise.

According to Mr. Ross and also in information from James A. Pippin, district forest warden, modern methods in the naval stores business fully protect the trees. The pines may now be tapped for resin year after year without and damage to the tree. Containers which are ab-

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## 1949 Blue And White Follows In Footsteps Of Illustrrious Predecessors



The Blue and White squad of the Southern Pines High school, which is worthily maintaining the standards set by some great teams which have gone before. They are, left to right, front row (seated), Bobby Tew, Peter Grinnell, Marshall Palmer, Daniel Bailey, David Woodruff, Edgar Smith, Steve Choate, Coy Bowers.

Second row (kneeling), Andy Page, Dickie Mattocks, Jimmie Dickerson, Bob Stuart, Eugene Lee, Roy Newton, Richard Patch, Albert Adams, Gene Poe. Third row (standing), Coach W. A. Leonard, George McDonald, Warren Moore, Alex McLeod, Bill Baker, Ray Copley, Reggie Hamel, Roland Bowers, Dickie Ray, Coach A. C. Dawson, Jr.

(Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

## "Aunt Isabel" Is Getting On Fine

"Aunt Isabel" Perry, aged colored woman of Pinebluff, on Wednesday was reported at St. Joseph of the Pines to be "doing as well as could be expected" after having fallen into a 30-foot abandoned well and remaining there more than seven hours before rescue.

The 83-year-old woman, well-known and respected in her home community, was "bright as a dollar and eating three meals a day," one of the Sisters reported.

She was not at first expected to survive the ordeal, after she was removed from the well weak, numb and in a state of shock.

That she did so may be attributed to the presence of mind of a good neighbor, eight-year-old Lee Lynch. Lee has been in the habit of going daily to the home of "Aunt Isabel," about a mile and a half from Pinebluff on the cemetery road, to draw some water for her. When he went

there about 4 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, he did not see the aged woman. He heard, however, some faint moans, from a source he could not at first determine.

Going to the house, he saw where decayed floor boards of the porch had caved in. He peered into the opening and saw her far below, in the murky shadows of an abandoned well beneath the porch, clinging grimly to its side.

The boy ran for help as fast as his legs could carry him to the nearest telephone. Following a call to W. K. Carpenter's Service station, Fire Chief N. L. Van Boskerck and several volunteers of the Pinebluff Fire department arrived with the truck and ladder.

Billy Carpenter, Jr., wiry young Navy veteran volunteered to go down into the well. The ladder did not reach the full distance to the water, which came up to the woman's chin; but by dint of ex-

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## EDITOR SPEAKS



JOHN A. PARK, publisher of the Raleigh Times, addressed a luncheon gathering at the Southern Pines Elks home at noon Thursday on the subject "Our Newspaper Heritage." The event was held in honor of National Newspaper week. Invitations were extended to publishers and editors of newspapers in Moore, Hoke, Scotland and Richmond counties.

The meeting was arranged by the Elks lodge, of which Col. Donald Madigan is exalted ruler. Mr. Park's address was broadcast over Radio Station WSTS.

## Hospital Drive Gains Momentum As Teams Canvass

All over town the canvassers in the Moore County Hospital drive are busy, this week, signing up the citizenry as one and all back up this local fund campaign. Some of the areas have gotten the jump on others and a few are waiting to start next week, but on the whole the drive is gathering momentum everywhere.

Southern Pines has been divided into five sections, with captains assigned to each by the over-all chairman, J. C. Barron. In each district the captains have selected helpers to work in individual blocks and they say the dust is rising as they hurry to and fro. Early reports show that the response is good, with many saying: "I'm glad of this chance to do something for our hospital."

To Norris L. Hodgkins and John Ruggles has been assigned the area East of Broad Street bounded by Rhode Island and Maine Avenues, bisected by Connecticut. As helpers these captains have signed up: Mrs. Claude Reams, Mrs. John Ferguson, Miss Anne Cameron, Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, Mrs. L. D. McDonald, Mrs. Malcolm Grover, Mrs. Earl Merrill, Mrs. John Ormsby, Mrs. Phillip Whitehead, Mrs. Dan McNeill, and Mrs. John Ruggles.

Captain Sam Richardson, whose territory covers the West Broad Street area from Pennsylvania Avenue north, has, to help him, L. H. McNeill and E. M. Shearon. The area East of Broad, from Massachusetts Avenue south, is

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## Homecoming Day Game Is Home Team Victory

### Chamber Hears Activity Report, Elects Directors

Members of the Chamber of Commerce met in annual session at the Church of Wide Fellowship auditorium Tuesday night, to hear President Hoke Pollock's report on the year's achievements and to elect the following as new directors:

W. L. Baker, June Blue, W. Lamont Brown, A. C. Dawson, Jr., Joe Garzik, George Pottle and Jack S. Younts.

These will enter at once on two-year terms, joining the following members of the board whose terms will end next year by a rotation system established a year ago:

A. C. Reed, Harry Fullenwider, E. Nolley Jackson, Virgil Clark, Walter E. Blue, W. O. Moss, Roy Grinnell and Harry L. Brown.

In Tuesday night's voting by secret ballot, Joe Garzik and John C. Parrish tied for seventh place and a second ballot was held to resolve the tie.

About 50 members were present at the meeting, at which the new manager, Col. Phillip G. Shearman was present, and was introduced to the gathering, many of whom were meeting him for the first time.

**Financial Report**  
Garland McPherson, certified public accountant, certified income and outgo of funds during the two-year period just ended, reporting \$13,726 taken in, and slightly more than that spent, for a deficit of \$247.40.

**List Of Achievements**  
Ways in which the money was spent during 1948-49 were indicated in President Pollock's report, which listed the following among the year's accomplishments:

The holding of two window display contests in connection with Homecoming Day games, last October and this.

Assistance rendered in connection with the Shrine convention, for which an invitation has been extended for next year also, with prospects of having the new auditorium ready as a meeting site.

Conducting of a survey for city mail delivery, which succeeded in getting this service approved (to start next January).

"Hosting" the quiz-program of a pair of Cincinnati honeymooners, a publicity feature.

Guaranty of a partial subsidy (Continued on Page 8)

### Badin Gridders Show Plenty of Fight

It wasn't a real run-away Wednesday; Badin came back with a few smart plays to save themselves a whitewash, but just the same most of the football game was the story of a big confident well-coached team having things pretty much their own way. And that way was a score of Southern Pines 39, Badin 14, when the final whistle blew.

A big crowd turned out to see the home team win. The cars were parked two and three rows deep and the two stands were full. When they stood up to honor the Star Spangled Banner, it looked like a college stadium so many heads, so many football uniforms, so many cheerleaders and brightly dressed fans. And the shout of "Let's go, team!" that followed the last solemn note made a fine big noise.

Excitement was quick to follow. Badin kicked off with Copley receiving. A try at left end proving futile, Dickerson took the ball on a second down and made for right end from the 32 yard line. And right end stretched right on down the field to the Badin goal line, where Dickerson thumped the ball down for a touchdown. It was unconverted, with the kick blocked, and the score was Southern Pines 6, Badin 0.

The team looked good; good interference and smart running; the crowd started to smile. The smile kept on during most of the afternoon, despite several near comebacks from the smaller school.

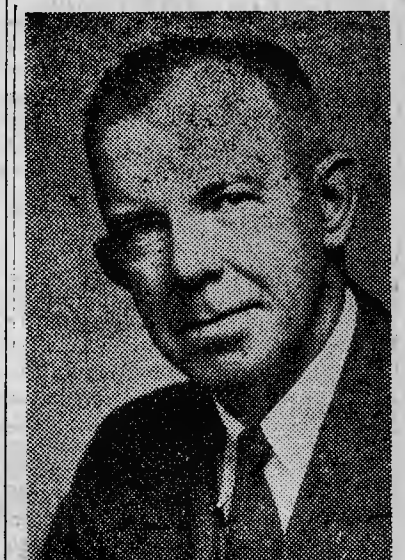
Baker and Page did most of the ball carrying in the first quarter. Again and again the Badin backs were tackled and held to a minor gain. With only one first down to their credit, they tried to pass three times and finally punted, Dickerson receiving. He was stopped in his tracks by Badin's Glenn.

A pass, Copley to Baker, started this lad on a run that carried him around right end, almost to Badin's 21 yard line. Followed a try through center by Dickerson and a pass, Copley to Baker, who was stopped by Dixon, the Badin left end, but not before he had made it for a first down, on about the five yard line, in a position to go over on the next play for another score. Again the pass was not converted and the score was Southern Pines 12, Badin 0.

**Hill Hurt**  
With the first quarter nearly over, Southern Pines kicked off to Badin's 20-yard line, where Don Hill fumbled but recovered. He started a fast run back but was hit hard by four Southern Pines players and when the dust cleared away, he had to be helped from

## Industry Coming To Sandhills, Ross Tells Kiwanis; Suggests Zoning Law

### KIWANIS SPEAKER



GEORGE L. ROSS

A long-range overall zoning commission, to protect the natural beauties of the Sandhills and at the same time prepare for the industry which "is surely coming" was suggested by George L. Ross, Moore County adopted son and director of the state board of conservation and development, in a return visit to the Sandhills Kiwanis club Wednesday.

If the Sandhills had nothing else at all, two things—climate and water—would assure the eventual coming of industry here, said the man who probably knows more than any other concerning industry's present and future needs in North Carolina.

Concerning the water, he declared that the "only water flowing under the Seaboard line from the Virginia to the South Carolina line which is not contaminated is contained in Little River, Drowning Creek and the Lumber river" of the south central section.

**Developed Peach Industry**  
Mr. Ross, former Jackson Springs resident and Moore County representative, was presented by Program Chairman A. L. Burney as "a man who has done much in the development of the Sandhills," with particular reference to the peach industry. Peaches still matter, the guest speaker said; and winter

visitors matter a great deal; for the protection of both of these vital economic interests and for intelligent future development of the natural local advantages, the Sandhills towns should get together for planning and preparation. Those interested in civic affairs, he said, should set up a complete zoning area, providing (Continued on Page 5)

## Blue-And-White All Over The Town

Award of the prizes in the Chamber of Commerce Homecoming Day window display contest was announced as follows at game intermission Wednesday:

Grand prize, \$10, franjeans; clothing stores, \$5, Tois Toggery, honorable mention to Town Shop; food store, \$5 Modern Market, honorable mention to Colonial Stores, Inc.; miscellaneous stores, \$2.50 each to Barnum Realty and Insurance company and Dainty Lady Beauty shop (a tie), honorable mention to Hayes Bookshop, Stevens Real Estate and Insurance, Howards bakery.

Judges were Mrs. P. P. McCain, Francis E. Stubbs and Mrs. R. M. McMillan.

A repeat performance in the window dressing contest was made by Franjean, a popular win

to a popular, or several popular, ladies.

Once more the combination of bright idea and artistic talent carried off the Chamber of Commerce prize for the prettiest window in town this week. Jean Edson and her colleagues had both window and idea and maintained the high standard set by herself last year. This window, which attracted great attention, among many that almost equaled it, was awarded the \$10.00 Grand Prize.

No one can suggest that Southern Pines business people, as well as Southern Pines everybody else, didn't do his and her best to back up the team to win the game on Wednesday. One look at the glamorous windows all about the town would have quickly dispelled such an illusion.

Everywhere you looked the blue and white of the home colors

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