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ABERDEEN PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Chamber of Commerce Holds a Promotion Banquet

The Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce held a promotion banquet in the Aberdeen hotel Friday night, January 16th, from 9 o'clock to 11. There were forty of Aberdeen's best business men and their guests present. A. S. Newcomb, of Pinehurst, was the toastmaster for the evening. Mr. Newcomb made an introductory speech in which he said, "I am a Yankee born, Yankee bred, but when I die I'll be a Tar Heel dead." He said that when he and the good madam arrived in Aberdeen sixteen years ago he could not see the town for a cow, but Aberdeen had arrived at that point of progress of which it had reason to be proud.

Introducing Prof. H. W. Doub, secretary of the chamber of commerce, Mr. Newcomb illustrated the splendid way the Aberdeen people had been pulling together.

Prof. Doub made a splendid speech outlining the work already accomplished by the chamber of commerce and some of the things hoped for in the near future. The first work of the chamber of commerce was to establish temporary arrangements with the Sandhill Citizen for a section of news service in this publication. This was followed by a visit to Mr. Rhineheart in regard to the Sweet Valley Wine Company for the purpose of securing a branch of their business here. On December the 30th, Aberdeen voted overwhelmingly in favor of water works and sewerage. The chamber of commerce and the spirit of co-operation which it fostered made this possible. The prospects of day current were good, said the secretary because of the effort put forth by the chamber of commerce. The chamber of commerce had been a big factor in drawing tobacco growers to this section by letting the value of the surrounding country be known.

W. A. Blue, president of the chamber of commerce, gave valuable information on the light and power situation. He said that by fall Aberdeen would be able to secure day current to a limited extent and that by 1921 Aberdeen should have connection with a much larger supply of power.

Mayor J. Talbot Johnson told of the present progress being made toward the selling of the bonds and the installation of the system of water works and sewerage. The facts are, he said, that J. B. McCrary and Company of Atlanta, said to be the best engineers of the South, had already made a survey of the town for the laying of the lines.

M. S. Weaver, who has just recently moved to Aberdeen because he believes in the future of the town, spoke on the solution of the housing problem. He said that it was easy to see the crying need of houses. People came and moved away on account of the lack of houses. The solution, he said, was money. Material and labor could be secured. Houses of moderate prices and simple arrangements should be first constructed.

E. T. McKeithen followed with the subject, "The Need of New Buildings and the Solution." He said that people were seeking to move into Aberdeen and new buildings would make this possible.

H. A. Page, Jr., spoke on financing enterprises. He said that the banks of Aberdeen were prepared to finance any worthy company or individual.

George Carmichael spoke on the advantages of manufacturing enterprises and predicted that Aberdeen would soon increase in such enterprises because of its logical shipping facilities, splendid agricultural resources, huge financial backing, capable young men, and the spirit of hearty co-operation in town.

Frank Maples spoke on the success of manufacturing enterprises in Aberdeen at present. He said that his company had more orders than it could fill and that raw material was available.

Dr. A. H. McLeod spoke on the need of good roads, saying that we had better roads than we had twenty or ten years ago, but the heavy traffic of today demanded more effort and more thorough supervision.

W. T. Huntley, agent for the Sea-

board and Norfolk-Southern, discussed railway station improvements. He said that an umbrella freight shed was a possibility if the people pulled together with the railroads.

J. W. Graham, farmer, merchant and manufacturer, discussed the newspaper situation and offered a plan which he considered feasible. The substance of what Mr. Graham proposed was a co-operative plan which would afford one big useful paper for the Sandhills and at the same time pay dividends to the stockholders.

The banquet was made complete with a toast to the Old North State.

After the banquet a most enthusiastic spirit was manifested for realizing on the plans set forth in the speeches. The banquet served during the evening was most enjoyable.

TACKY PARTY

There will be a tacky party at West End school Friday night, Jan. 23d.

Attend, dressed tacky, or pay 25 cts. admission.

Refreshments will be sold.

For the benefit of the school.

MT. CARMEL PUNCTUALITY ROLL

Ella Brown, Willie Henson, Essie Lee Brown, Wilma Brown, Lillian Brown, Beulah Mae Kennedy, James Barrett.

SONGS OF THE SANDHILLS

Book of Verses by a Carthage Young Woman

"Songs of the Sandhills" is the title of a book of verses written by Meade Seawell, so the title page says, but Meade Seawell is the name of a Carthage girl, daughter of the local attorney. The volume is not a very big one, but it makes up in quality what it lacks in the number of pages, for it is decidedly above the ordinary rhymes that we expect from the fledgling writer. It is what the name implies, songs of the Sandhills, and the dialect into which the writer drops through most of it, is accurate enough to claim for her the rating of a skilled hand. The young woman shows a familiarity with local expression, and with Sandhill philosophy, and she uses the one to present the other in entertaining manner. She stays safely away from that sin of many young writers, effusiveness, and tells her story with much simplicity of style and point.

At times her theme is pitched on a little higher plane, and she offers a song that is serious and that will be worth a place among the work of older workers in the literary field. Taken all the way through the little volume is one of the best collections of rhyme that has come from the pen of a North Carolina writer in some time, and is good enough to be on the book shelves of the homes of the county and state as typical of the community life of this section of the Union. The News is informed that Miss Seawell proposes at some time in the future to give an occasional reading of the things she has written, and suggests that when that time comes she can read many selections from the "Songs of the Sandhills" with satisfaction to the people who hear her and her production. She has imagination, observation and the command of language that will be heard from again before she is through. Her work is clever, amusing where she wants it to be, and entertaining.

Besides being an interesting little volume the book will gratify Moore County folks because so good a job has been done by a young Moore county woman.

WEST END HONOR ROLL

For November and December.

First grade: Brownlee Barnett, Nellie Lewis.

Second grade: Carrie Barnett, Francis Lewis.

Third grade: Maxine Lewis, M. C. McDonald, Jr., Lillian Purvis.

Fifth grade: Clyde Auman, William Henry Marlett, Joe Purvis, Oscar Bryant, Bennet Bryant.

Sixth grade: Jennie Barnett, Bertie Ritter.

Eighth grade: Thelma Auman, Treva Auman, Cora Bell Donaldson, Lillie Gordon, Monnie Gordon, Idah McKeisic, Estelle McKeisic.

JOIN GENERAL CARR IN SAVING WILLIAMS' GRAVE

Governor Williams Memorial Association Invites Membership in the Society —Fee Only One Dollar

The Governor Williams Memorial Association is asking the people of Moore County, or those of any other section who are moved by patriotic impulses, to join with them in the work of restoring the burial place and caring for the grave. The Association has sent out the circular below, and it has a right to expect a free response.

Gen. Carr is leading a work in Moore County that the Association does not think should be allowed to hesitate and they do not mean to permit it to do so if it can be avoided, so all are asked to share in the modest fee of membership and lend a hand in the movement.

The letter follows:

A movement has, at last, been started here to properly mark and care for the grave of Governor Benjamin Williams, whose body has been resting in an unknown and neglected spot on Deep River, about twelve miles North of Carthage, for more than a century.

Governor Williams was the greatest man Moore county ever gave to the State and the Nation! He was a revolutionary soldier, a member of the State Senate for several terms, twice Governor of the State and a Representative from this district in the Congress of the United States.

A patriot, a soldier and a statesman whose life and services were given to establish the independence of this country and to the formation of our state and national governments, he made history and the record he left is an enduring historical asset to the people of Moore County and of North Carolina, one that we should proudly preserve and hand down to those who follow us.

With this object in view, the "Governor Williams Memorial Association" has been formed, and the purpose is to secure possession of the ground where he is buried, to properly mark the grave, and to care for same for all time, and to make it a spot where every patriotic citizen of Moore county and of North Carolina will wish to go, and where we can renew and strengthen those ideas and ideals of liberty and freedom, which the men of the revolutionary period held and fought for, and which guided and inspired them in their great work for the for-



Portrait of Governor Benjamin Williams.

mation of a new nation. The association earnestly desires your help and co-operation. We ask you to become a member of the association at once and help us in this patriotic task. The work of the association is directed by its president, Gen. Julian S. Carr, North Carolina's foremost citizen and one of the old state's most patriotic and generous sons, and he is taking deep interest in this work, and the fact that he is connected with it is ample assurance that it will be well done. The other officers are given below.

The membership fee is \$1.00, and we ask you to send us your check for this amount at once and authorize us to enroll your name in the list of members. A general meeting will be held soon in Carthage, to outline plans etc., and you will be notified of the date and we wish you to be present. We hope that you will show your interest in this important matter by writing us at once.

Yours very truly,
The Gov. Williams Memorial Ass'n.
T. B. Tyson, Vice-President.

W. H. McNeill, Secretary.
S. F. Cole, Treasurer.

Committee on Organization: D. Al. Blue, R. L. Burns, J. Alton McIver, Dr. M. E. Street, Evelyn Harrington, T. B. Tyson, S. F. Cole, W. H. McNeill, John Willcox, W. G. Tyson.

LISTING PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER REVALUATION ACT

(Bulletin by State Tax Commission)

Personal property will be listed as of the first day of January, and will be actually listed between the first day of January and the 15th day of May.

Between these dates the county supervisor will publish notice of a schedule of appointments in each township in his county to meet the tax payers and receive their list.

Any citizen who wants to get it off his hands before these appointments can give in at any time to the county supervisor at his office in the county seat town.

Personal property is to be valued at its actual cash value on January 1st.

The state is putting it up to you good and hard now, Mr. Citizen, to do the square thing. It has given you an exemption of three hundred dollars in value, has valued real property at its cash value, and guaranteed a proportionately reduced tax rate.

Personal property of practically all kinds has increased in cash value in about the same proportion as real property.

The tax lister is expecting you to have this standard of value in mind when listing your personal property—conservative actual cash value, January 1st basis.

He also expects you to have a good memory and return a complete list of all the personal property owned or which you may be under obligation to return as trustee in any capacity for another.

The administration of the revaluation act will be a great disappointment

if it fails to disclose the listing of a vast amount in quantity and value of personal property, both tangible and intangible.

The revaluation act anticipates a full listing of solvent credits. No citizen can hereafter satisfy his conscience by dodging this issue, for tax rates that confiscate income from solvent credits will no longer prevail against them. Any one who hereafter evades his legal obligation in this matter becomes a plain taxpayer, and with the knowledge that a real effort will be made to locate him if he does dodge.

It has for several years been written in our tax laws that payment of credits could not be enforced in this state if the credit were not listed for taxes, but there was a loophole, in that credits were listed in a lump sum and not itemized. \$6 a nominal sum could be listed, and this used to cover the particular credit on which recovery was sought. The revaluation act requires an itemized schedule of all notes, with name of maker. Bank accounts may be listed in lump sum. Liabilities claimed as offset against credits listed are also required to be itemized. "A" will list indebtedness to "B" as an offset. That will give a check against "B" if he fails to list his credits against "A."

All personal property located in the State must be listed. Our Supreme Court has said that the legal fiction that personal property follows the domicile of the owner has no application to matters of revenue, and our tax laws provide that it shall not apply

to tangible personal property, but that such property shall be listed where located.

There are vast quantities of personal property in the State belonging to non-resident owners. All such property must be listed where located, either by the owner or some one as agent for the owner.

The general rule that personal property follows the domicile of the owner does not even apply to solvent credits in many cases. (Redmond v. Commissioners, 87th N. C.) If the owner maintains an established business in this state, with an established agency, all credits incident to such agency in this State, and extended in the course of such business located in this State, have a taxable situs here and must be so listed. In all cases of non-resident corporations doing business in this State, report of such credits will be made to the State Tax Commission and certified to the county in which agency is located.

Our tax laws establish a definition of citizenship for purposes of taxation that is clear and simple: "When a person has two or more places in which he occasionally dwells, his residence shall be the place at which he resided the longest period of time the preceding twelve months."

DEVELOPMENTS AT SO. PINES

The Big Boyd Proposition Working Into Shape

Working blue prints of the big development on the Boyd property at Southern Pines have been completed, D. C. Lemons with a new Fordson tractor bought from H. A. Page, Jr., has already completed some of the roads, and buyers have commenced to negotiate for building sites. The lots that are attracting first attention are those on the ridge just back of the Weymouth Heights golf ground, and possibly by the time this is printed some of the sites may have passed into the hands of buyers. These lots run from a little more than an acre up to more than two acres, and being irregular in shape are all of different sizes. Nowhere in the state are more picturesque building sites than on the ridge just opened, and particularly those that front toward the east where a view is obtained covering the mountain knobs away down in Hoke county and in the Camp Bragg boundary.

The survey has been made for the water lines, which will be laid at once, as it is the intention to provide the building plots with water facilities as well as the opened streets. The type of buildings that will be erected is limited under the building restrictions, so that the development will be of a high class and agreeable to all the new owners. All buildings must set back a prescribed distance from the street lines, and nothing but residences will be permitted on the ridge.

THE NEW PINEHURST ROAD
The new road from Southern Pines to Pinehurst seems to be approaching actual work. H. A. Page has planned for two roads to go out from Southern Pines. The one will follow the east side of the railroad down to Manly and there take the course of the old Yadkin road where it will connect with the other road that comes out from Southern Pines on the west side of the railroad. This west side road will wind among the hills through the park that Mr. Page has offered Southern Pines down by the big spring, and will join the Yadkin road near the creek crossing. From there the road will go out by the Osborne place where it will join the Tufts road to Pinehurst by the Lindley orchard. From the orchard the road will be two avenues, one on either side of the old railroad, with parks the entire distance. Buyers are already asking for locations on these roads, and work will soon begin on the Southern Pines end and probably on the Pinehurst section.

This road will shorten the distance from Carthage to Southern Pines and Manly and give a better road. The new road built by H. A. Page, Jr., between Manly and Lakeview is now open, and it is a better road for traffic than the old one, and will be the road that is used. It is free from hills and much straighter.

PEACH INDUSTRY HITTING ITS CLIP

The Fruit Section of The County Doing a Full Share

While the whole world and Tom Walker are centering their focus on the tobacco crops and the rush to get a holding for the growing of the weed, there has been no less activity in the preparation being made to put the Sandhills on the map as a first-class peach district.

During the last six months the activity in the land market about Pinehurst and up the Norfolk-Southern has largely been a reflective of faith in the orchards. T. S. Fuller of New York, a son of W. W. Fuller, Nat Hurd of Pinehurst and Col. William H. Osbourne of Greensboro have joined with Ralph Page and consolidated just outside of Pinehurst in a \$100,000 corporation. They are at present clearing another hundred acres to be planted next year.

In the same vicinity the old Sun-bright Tract opposite Vina Vista on the road from Pinehurst to Aberdeen is being developed and sold by S. B. Chapin. He has cleared and at present writing is planting 125 acres in Elbertas and Belles. A part of this tract has been bought by Fred Page of Aberdeen, 300 acres, and a Pinehurst syndicate has taken over 200 more acres to be put in fruit. Ralph Page bought 50 acres of it last week at \$90 an acre.

Jack Lating has about completed the clearing of 25 acres on the Pinehurst-Jackson Springs road for his own orchard, and is reported to have sold 100 acres opposite the Dana place for \$40 an acre.

J. R. Page sold the last of the old Green land out in that direction last Friday, a two hundred residue, to Arthur Newcomb.

The result of all this has been to open up the great ridge beyond Crockers, as part of the immediate Pinehurst orchard development, and a new road has just been completed from Linden to Sandy Run, where Carl Buchan and a syndicate have already opened up 60 acres to go in fruit this winter.

A survey of the district shows that this activity in the Pinehurst neighborhood is typical of all the fruit centers. At Southern Pines Alexander Ogden Jones, a brother-in-law of Raphael Pumpelly's, has bought the old Niagara vineyard and orchard and is already about making himself one of the most attractive places in the region. At Eagle Springs Courtley Jones is turning the Old Frix siding into a plantation, and has already sold off part of his surplus holdings.

Charlie Mason and Jerry Healy of Pinehurst have purchased a tract of the Ehrehart land and are getting into the game.

PROBABLE BRICK PLANT

IN UPPER MOORE

Before the war James McConnell was attracted by the apparent superior quality of some smooth red clay that is found in the line of the Randolph and Cumberland railroad and he began to investigate concerning its fitness for a high grade of brick. But with the disturbance of the war everything stopped, brick projects along with the rest.

Lately the matter has come up again, and in the last few weeks investigations have been going on, and a large number of clay samples have been taken out. A considerable amount of clay has been sent over to Brick Haven to be tried out in the kilns at that place, and on Monday, W. G. Jennings sent to the Kuszka factories in Pennsylvania, a barrel of the clay to be tested in the kilns up there where the highest grade of press brick, road pavers and tile are made from dry clay for high class of trade.

These who have looked over the clay regard it as a higher type of brick and tile material than the ordinary clay that is more abundant, and some of the prophets say that it is what it looks like it will permit the establishment of a brick plant of an entirely different type than any in this section. Mr. Jennings and the Wallace Brothers are at the back of the movement, and if the clay proves what it is hoped they will put up a plant of considerable proportions right away.