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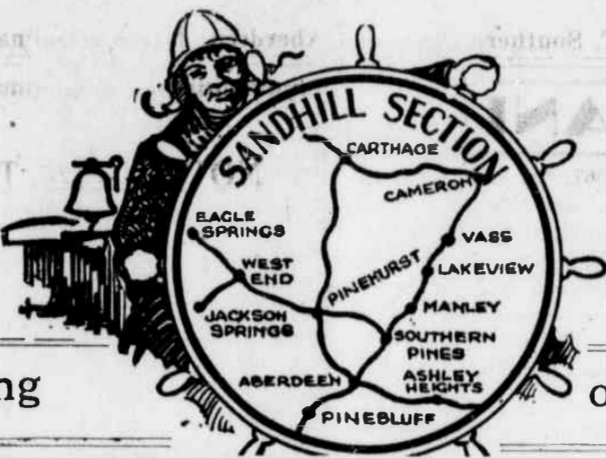
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PLANS PROGRESS FOR AIR DEFENSE MANEUVERS HERE

Air Corps Officers On Flying Visit Here Tuesday Complete Preliminary Arrangements

GAMES OCTOBER 3-17

Paying a flying visit to Knollwood Airport early Tuesday morning from Langley Field, Va., Majors Schramm and Ashe, of the U. S. Air Force, spent most of the morning here with Airport Manager Harold Bachman completing preliminary arrangements for the preparation of the Knollwood field as one of the three defense bases (along with Fort Bragg and Maxton Airport) in this area during the air defense maneuvers and tactics to be tried out in the gigantic war games here from October 3 through 17.

Choose Camp Site

Definite plans were made to locate the encampment for the approximately 150 officers and men who will man the field, along the Carthage Road in an area adjoining the hangars and adjacent to the flying field, and a conference was held with Mayor D. G. Stutz of Southern Pines relative to running a water pipe line from the town water supply to the airport to supply a volume of water sufficient to meet the needs of the large number of men who will be encamped there.

Major Schramm, who will be in command of the forces at Knollwood Airport, stated that there would be 15 planes located at Knollwood during the two weeks of the air defense maneuvers and that, at some time during that period, one or more of the great new "flying fortresses" would put in an appearance there.

Arrive Here October 3

The Army Air Corps officers, men and planes will arrive on October 3rd and, in addition to the planes, other equipment to be utilized will be a complete two-way radio communication system, a mobile lighting system, consisting of a revolving beacon, floodlights, boundary lights and, possibly, a battery of anti-aircraft artillery.

During the two weeks of the maneuvers at least one of every known type of Army plane will be on the field at one time or another.

Tobacco Buyer Killed In Automobile Crash

Chesley V. Meredith Had Been With Carter's Warehouse at Carthage for Ten Years

Charles V. Medeith, 41, prominent tobacco buyer of this State and Virginia, was instantly killed Monday night when his automobile side-swiped a truck on the Aberdeen-Pinehurst highway near the Pinehurst Race Track. The truck, loaded with tobacco, was enroute from Whiteville to Winston-Salem and Meredith was proceeding from Pinehurst to Aberdeen. The driver of the truck, P. J. Benton of Whiteville, received a bad cut on the leg. He was later exonerated by a coroner's jury.

Mr. Meredith had been with Carter's Warehouse in Carthage for the past ten years and had only recently moved to Aberdeen, where he was to again to have been associated with R. F. Carter, in his first year as a warehouseman on the Aberdeen market.

Surviving are his widow and two small children.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at his former home in Lawrenceville, Va.

BANKS, POSTOFFICES IN COUNTY CLOSED MONDAY

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Southern Pines and the Bank of Pinehurst, with its Aberdeen and Carthage branches, will be closed all day Monday, Labor Day. Post-offices will be closed after the early morning mail has been "worked." Many stores and offices will be closed all day, others half the day.

Adult Education Program Is Gaining Momentum in County

Bloodhounds, By Gosh
Plenty of Excitement In Southern Pines as Officers Trail Sneak Thief

Suspecting that the culprit who broke into Knowles' Grocery Store in Southern Pines on Tuesday night might be the same person, or one of the same group, responsible for a series of similar depredations in and around the county during the last few weeks, officers here sent a hurried call to Carthage for Charles Jenkins and his bloodhounds immediately after Mr. Knowles reported having seen the man dive out of the back window of his store, just as he (Knowles) entered by the front door, at about 8:00 p. m.

For more than four hours local and county officers followed the trail picked up by the bloodhounds and, enroute, picked up a curious and enthusiastic gallery of townspeople as the trail led from the corner of Broad street and Connecticut avenue to Weymouth Heights, back into the center of town and thence to an abandoned house in Jimtown, where the trail suddenly ended and the hounds laid down and called it a day.

Mr. Knowles had only a fleeting glimpse of the thief as he dove through the back window and could give no description. The loss was trifling.

FRIENDS HONOR CAMERON COUPLE ON ANNIVERSARY

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hartsell Congratulated.—Have Been Married 66 Years

The Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hartsell of Cameron celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on August 22nd at the home of their son, Z. V. Hartsell, of Morven. During the day a number of old friends called to offer congratulations and dinner was served to them and other members of the family. Mr. Hartsell is 88 years of age. Mrs. Hartsell is 85.

They have lived in Moore County for 32 years, and have many friends. They are one of the happiest couples in Cameron and their home life is ideal. Their daughter, Miss Annie, and their son, Lyndon, live with them and anticipate their every want. Mrs. Hartsell suffered a fall and broke her hip five years ago, and since that time has been confined to her wheel chair, but still retains her happy, cheerful disposition.

This couple were blessed with 14 children, eight of whom are living. They are: Mrs. T. A. Hendricks, Miss Annie and Lyndon Hartsell of Cameron; A. D. Hartsell, Clearwater, Fla.; J. B. Hartsell of Tampa, Fla.; C. P. Hartsell of Rockingham; E. L. Hartsell of Jewett, Ill.; Z. V. Hartsell of Morven. They have 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Rev. Hartsell served as a minister of the Baptist Church for 40 years, and only retired due to age. Mrs. Hartsell, before marriage, was Miss Nancy Jane Thomas of Anson county.

MALCOLM GROVER ANNEXES NEWTON, IOWA, GOLF CROWN

Malcolm Grover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Grover of Southern Pines, is the new golf champion of the Newton (Iowa) Country Club, according to word received early this week by The Pilot.

Young Grover, who has been employed in Newton for the past few years by the Iowa State Telephone Co., won the championship Sunday with a decisive 5 and 4 victory over last year's club champion, to whom he lost last year in the second round by the same margin as his victory Sunday.

September To See Start of Drive To Educate County's Functional Illiterates

MRS. MCGRAW IN CHARGE

By Bessie Cameron Smith

"I can write my name, now!" A glow of elation and triumph beamed from the eyes of the speaker, a Moore county grandfather, who for a short time had been attending a WPA class for adults.

"My teacher said that if I would keep on going, she would take me through the fifth grade," he confided further, adding a bit wistfully: "And if I could do that, I'd be all right."

Such men as this, men who "haven't had a chance," have a brighter day ahead of them, for North Carolina intends that they shall have their chance.

As far back as 1915 "Moonlight School Month" was observed, during which some 10,000 men and women enrolled in classes hoping to be able to rise above the cross-mark stage in their education, but interest soon subsided, only to rise and wane at intervals.

Out of the depression came the Federal Emergency Education program, which in 1933 brought adult education back on a statewide basis. Under the CWA, then the ERA and finally the WPA, the work was carried on, and in 1937 the Legislature decided that the State should take a hand in bringing a more abundant life to its illiterates.

So North Carolina, in cooperation with the WPA, is this fall making a statewide coordinated literacy drive that will attempt to reach every WPA worker, every patron of a public school, and every holder of a driver's license who has to sign his name with a cross-mark, and we are told that there are 3,000 such drivers within the borders of our State.

Of the approximately 230,000 adults in the State who are not functional literates, Moore county claims 1,704, of which number 612 are white persons. Statistics show that about as many of these are between the ages

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COURT RULING MAY REVERSE STATE BOARD

Judge Harris Indicates He May Grant Burgin Plea In 8th District Race

HURRIED APPEAL LIKELY

Judge W. C. Harris indicated Wednesday that he will hold that the State Board of Elections is without power to go behind returns filed by county boards of elections, and that he will grant the petition of W. O. Burgin of Lexington for a writ of mandamus to compel the board to declare him the Democratic nominee for Congress from the Eighth District.

Plain indication of Judge Harris' opinion in the matter came in Wake Superior Court Wednesday when he sustained a demurrer by the State Board of Elections and dismissed the petition of J. Robert Young of Dunn for a writ of mandamus compelling the board to certify him as the Democratic nominee for solicitor of the Fourth Judicial District.

Young, who based his petition on the allegation of wholesale fraud in the Democratic primary in Johnston County and who contended that the State board had the power to go behind the returns and to upset results filed with it, said that he would appeal to the Supreme Court.

Burgin Case Differs

In contrast to the Young case, Burgin based his petition for mandamus on the contention that the State board, in going behind returns, insofar as they concerned absentee ballots, in several eighth district counties, had exceeded its authority. The State board, rejecting returns which gave Burgin an apparent majority, required county boards to certify new returns, "purged" of absentee ballots the State board held were illegal, which gave C. B. Deane of Rockingham a 23-vote majority in the contest.

After the ruling on the demurrer in the Young case and the statement of grounds for the ruling, Attorney General Harry McMullan, representing the board, said that if the

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Southern Pines To Play Host To S. A. L. Officials

Prospects Looking Up



W. O. BURGIN

Apparently defeated candidate for the Eighth District Democratic congressional nomination, whose petition to prevent the State Board of Elections from certifying the nomination of C. B. Deane, victorious on the basis of amended returns ordered by the State Board, is expected to be granted by Judge W. C. Harris.

MRS. McDONALD PASSES AT AGE 74 AT CARTHAGE

Laid To Rest Saturday at Union Church. Lived in Carthage 48 Years

Mrs. Catherine McLean McDonald, aged 74, passed away early last Friday morning at her home in Carthage, and was laid to rest in the cemetery of historic Union Church last Saturday morning at 11:00 o'clock in the presence of a large number of sorrowing loved ones and friends. The funeral was in charge of her pastor, the Rev. W. S. Golden, assisted by Dr. A. R. McQueen of Dunn, the Rev. M. D. McNeill of Sanford, the Rev. F. S. Blue of Raleigh and the Rev. Ernest Arnold of the Union Church. Bearers were H. L. Maness, T. K. Frye, John Wilcox, W. H. Currie, C. J. McDonald and F. Y. Blanton.

Although 35 years of her slightly less than three quarters of a century sojourn on earth was spent in invalidism, her winsome personality projected itself far beyond the walls of her sick room and none of the many who visited her left without feeling its benediction. And in spite of the fact that she was debarred from outside activities her interest in them remained keen and her generosity and her desire to serve humanity knew no bounds.

Mrs. McDonald was born near Union Church, December 10, 1863, the daughter of John McLean, a native of Scotland, and Flora Kelly of near Carthage.

Early in childhood, Mrs. McDonald united with Union Presbyterian Church, later moving her membership to Carthage. To this faith she gave her devoted allegiance through the years, ever putting "first things first."

On February 24, 1887, she was married to John Hogshead McDonald, who preceded her to the grave seven years ago. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald moved to Carthage in 1890. To this union was born seven children. The following survive: the Rev. D. McL. McDonald, Columbia, S. C.; A. K. McDonald, Star; P. H. McDonald and Miss Flora McDonald, both of Carthage; also four grand children; Isabel and P. H. McDonald, Jr., both of Carthage, and Lucy Katherine and A. K. McDonald, Jr., both of Star. A brother, M. D. McLean of Cameron, also survives.

ROTARY CLUB TO MEET

The Rotary Club of Southern Pines will hold their regular weekly luncheon meeting this noon, Friday, at 12:15 at Jack's Grill

Seaboard Golf Association Members and Guests Here Over Labor Day

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY

Southern Pines and the Southern Pines Country Club, where the new grass greens will be in play for the first time, are ready for the advent of the some 300 members and guests of the Seaboard Air Line Golf Association, coming here Saturday, Sunday and Monday for their annual three-day outing. Every possible preparation for their reception and comfort has been made and the usual warm welcome, that has long since become a pleasant habit with the townspeople, is assured.

Grass Greens Ready

Greenskeeper Angus Maples has the new grass greens at the Country Club in superlative shape and, with the natural sportiness of the course plus the improvement the new greens will make, the Seaboard Golf Association is assured three days of super perfect golfing accommodations when, for the twelfth consecutive year, the members and guests tee off tomorrow (Saturday) morning in the opening day's play of their three-day tournament.

Guests From Far and Near

Special Pullman cars will leave Birmingham, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Savannah, Washington and Norfolk, although many members from the Seaboard territory will motor here at their convenience. Guests of the association from as far north as New York and as far west as Chicago will be here for the occasion and the list will include ranking officers of many transportation systems.

The Highland Pines Inn, under the management of M. H. Turner, will be the headquarters for the majority of the visitors and Charlie Sadler of the Park View and Frank Welch of the Beldedere have booked reservations for many members and guests.

The association officials this year are as follows: W. D. Simpson, president; C. H. Gattis, 1st vice-president; C. A. Earnest, 2nd vice-president and chairman of the tournament committee, and J. C. Brady, secretary and treasurer.

"Peg" Parson To Wed In Pinehurst In December

Engagement To Albert Hunt of Weston, Mass., Is Announced at Brooklin, Maine

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Parson of Pinehurst and Brooklin, Maine, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Frances, to Albert Hunt of Weston, Mass.

Miss Parson, known to the younger society set of the Sandhills as "Peg," is a graduate of the Ethel Walker School and a member of the Junior League and the Vincent Club of Boston. She made her debut in Boston in 1933. Mr. Hunt is a native of Santa Barbara, Calif., and a graduate of Stanford University and of Howard Business College.

The young couple plan to marry in Pinehurst in December, after which they will reside in Weston, Mass.

The bride-elect's father is the well-known poet, Donald Parson, author of "Glass Flowers."

YOUNG DEMOCRATIC CLUB INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

I. N. Clegg, Jr., of Carthage, was re-elected president of the Moore county Young Democratic club for the new year at a meeting of the organization in Carthage last Friday night.

Miss Hazel Brown of Hemp, was elected vice president and Raymond Johnson, of Pinehurst, secretary-treasurer.

The club will send uninterested delegates to the state convention. However, they were instructed to give first consideration to the candidacy of Gordon Gray, of Winston-Salem for state president, Moore county will have 10 votes in the state meeting.