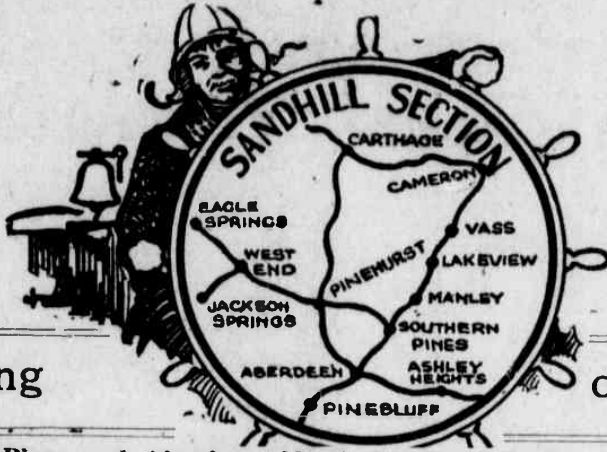


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PUBLIC INVITED TO INSPECT AIR FORCE AT BRAGG

Activities at Pope Field Saturday in Observance of National Aviation Day

PROCLAMATION OF F.D.R.

In accord with the National Aviation Day Proclamation of the President of the United States, citizens living in the locality of Fort Bragg have been invited to inspect Air Corps activities at Pope Field tomorrow, Saturday.

President Roosevelt's Proclamation reads as follows:

"WHEREAS the development of aeronautics in recent years has been so rapid that aviation in its many phases has come to exert a profound influence on the course of events throughout the world; and WHEREAS American initiative and industry have contributed greatly to this development and should be encouraged to continue such contribution in order that the United States may retain its outstanding position in the field of aeronautics; and

WHEREAS Public Resolution No. 14, 76th Congress, approved May 11, 1939 (53 Stat. 739), provides:

"That the President of the United States is authorized to designate August 19 of each year as National Aviation Day, and to issue a proclamation calling upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day, and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate exercises to further and stimulate interest in aviation in the United States:"

NOW, THEREFORE, I FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate August 19, 1939, and August 19 of each succeeding year as National Aviation Day, and call upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day, and invite the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate exercises to further and stimulate interest in aviation in this country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 25th day of July in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-fourth.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Throughout Saturday all technical departments of the Second Balloon Squadron and the 16th Observation Squadron at Pope Field will be open for inspection by the public. The Balloon will be available for inspection and will be flown as a motorized balloon and as a captive balloon during the morning. One airplane of each type assigned this station will be available for inspection and at frequent intervals airplanes will take-off, circle field several times and land. Air Corps personnel will be available as guides.

General William Bryden, Commanding Fort Bragg and Pope Field, has invited the public to attend this inspection and demonstration.

JOHNSON IN COMMAND OF PRESIDENT'S CONVOY SHIP

Commander Felix Leslie Johnson, U. S. N., of Aberdeen is in command of the U. S. S. Lang, which is conveying President Roosevelt's ship on his cruise in Canadian waters. Last word from the Lang was from Sydney, Nova Scotia, where the President had ordered his cruiser, the Tuscaloosa, to anchor over night to await better weather, the Lang standing by. Fog interrupted the cruise.

Honored Bowley, Former C. O. Here, First Lieutenant General Since Civil War

The first recipient of the rank of Lieutenant General of the United States Army since the Civil War was given the three stars emblematic of the rank on Monday of last week at the Presidio in San Francisco, California. He is Albert J. Bowley, former commanding officer of Fort Bragg and a friend of numerous residents of Moore county.

Lieutenant General Bowley is commanding general of the Fourth Corps area, with headquarters at the Presidio. A West Point graduate, he has risen through the various grades during a long and colorful career in the army to be the first to hold the rank of lieutenant general in 75 years. This rank is second only to that of general, a rank which also has been held by very few in the army's history, among those being General Pershing.

Mrs. Bowley was given the honor of pinning the three stars on her husband's shoulders last week.

WILLIAMS, SLAYER OF COLORED MAN GIVEN 25 YEARS

Man Who Shot Ransome France in Aberdeen Pleads Guilty to 2d Degree Murder

Ralph Williams, who walked up to a colored man in Aberdeen one Sunday morning in June and said: 'You don't believe I'll kill you, do you?' and then pulled the trigger of his gun, mortally wounding Ransome France, tenant farmer, will spend the next 21 to 25 years at hard labor at State Prison. Through his attorney, J. H. Scott of Carthage, he pleaded guilty on Wednesday to murder in the second degree. Though on trial on a first degree charge, the plea was accepted by the State.

Williams, on the morning of June 4th, ran amok in the Aberdeen vicinity, threatened several people before he came upon 26-year old France out in the Cabbage Hill section. After the shooting he fled from the scene, but was trailed by a posse with bloodhounds and caught late Sunday afternoon near the colored cemetery in Berkeley. He was held without bail for trial at this term of Superior Court, and was sentenced on Wednesday by Judge H. Hoyle Sink to from 21 to 25 years at hard labor.

Numerous other cases were disposed of the forepart of the week in this criminal term.

Grand Jury Chosen

The following were selected for grand jury duty: I. C. Sledge, foreman; E. A. Allred, J. L. Blount, T. H. Brady, C. T. Creel, C. K. Dunn, A. (Please turn to page six)

MRS. EDWARD F. GREEN DIES AT HER HOME HERE

Following a long continued illness Mrs. Florence McDowell Green, wife of Dr. Edward F. Green, died in her home on Kensington Road, Southern Pines early last Friday morning. Funeral services conducted by the Rev. F. J. Starnes, pastor of the Methodist Church of Aberdeen, were held at the Clark Funeral Home at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, followed by interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. Green, closely approaching her 83d year, was born in Mercer county, Pa., the daughter of Robert McDowell and Jane Breckinbridge McDowell. She had been a resident of Southern Pines for the past five years, coming here from Star where Mr. Green was headmaster of the County Life Academy for many years.

Surviving are her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Harold L. Baker of Bryson City and Miss Catherine C. Green of New York City.

PINEHURST WINS FIGHT FOR LOWER TELEPHONE RATES

State Utilities Commission Orders Reductions and Improved Service Here

COST TO BE \$20,000

Efforts of the Pinehurst Chamber of Commerce to bring about improved telephone service and reduced rates were crowned with success this week with the announcement of State Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne that new rates will become effective September 1st, and that the Central Carolina Telephone Company, which has its headquarters in Southern Pines, will spend \$20,000 on improvements.

R. S. Durant, manager of the company, told The Pilot that the entire central office in Pinehurst would be replaced, the work to commence at once "provided there is no delay in the receipt of equipment which has been on order since August 11th. Mr. Durant stated that he expected the new system to be ready for the winter season.

The new rates provide for a four-party residential service rate of \$2.65 a month as against \$3.50 at present. The four-party business rate will be reduced from \$5.00 to \$4.75 per month. There will be no change in rates for individual line subscribers.

The Central Carolina company is borrowing \$20,000 for the improvements to the Pinehurst exchange.

3 To Canvass Moore County on Crop Control

L. B. McKeithen, M. G. Dalrymple, H. R. Harrison on State Committee for Moore

L. B. McKeithen of Cameron, M. G. Dalrymple of Carthage and Howard R. Harrison of Eagle Springs have been named Moore county representatives on a committee of flue-cured tobacco growers appointed by J. E. Winslow of Greenville, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, to investigate the possibility of calling a referendum on tobacco crop control in the state for 1940.

The committee, authorized at a mass meeting of farmers held in Raleigh recently, will meet in Raleigh on September 1st, according to E. F. Arnold, executive secretary of the bureau.

"The committee will sound out sentiment in the counties of the various representatives and determine whether farmers want a referendum in the event tobacco prices sag," said Arnold.

Approve \$16,626 Federal Fund For Aberdeen Community House

But N.Y.A. Project Here is Dependent Upon Citizens' Authorizing Bond Issue

An allotment of \$16,626 for a Community House for Aberdeen was approved during the past week by the National Youth Administration, one of seven projects in North Carolina totaling \$130,463 in cost and providing employment for 305 young Tar Heels. Announcement of the approvals was made by John A. Lang of Carthage, NYA administrator for the state.

The Aberdeen project, which would employ 50 young men, is dependent, however, upon a referendum of the citizens of Aberdeen originally set for September 5th but now postponed because of legal complications. The issuance of bonds for the town's share of the project must be approved by New York bond attorneys, and this is expected to cause a week's delay in the voting to authorize the bonds. Aberdeen will vote on the Community House, and for additional civic improvements, such as repairs and extensions to its water system, the purchase of a new fire truck, and street widening and repairs

Edwin, Jr. and Leland McKeithen, Twins, Announce Wedding Plans

Former to Wed Miss Lee Smith, Albemarle Sept. 1—Latter Engaged to Miss Janet Wiggins

At the same time last week that friends were receiving invitations to the marriage of Edwin T. McKeithen, Jr., of Aberdeen and New York City, the engagement of his twin brother, W. A. Leland McKeithen of Aberdeen, Moore county's prosecuting attorney, was being announced in Middletown, New York. The young men are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Thornwell McKeithen of Aberdeen.

Edwin, Jr., who is affiliated with the American Can Company with headquarters in New York, and Miss Ora Lee Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Smith of Albemarle, will be married in the Central Methodist Church in Albemarle on Friday, September 1st at 4:30 o'clock. Miss Smith is a practicing attorney in Albemarle, in the office of her father. She was graduated from Duke University Law School and admitted to the North Carolina bar about two years ago.

Mr. McKeithen is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. After graduation he resigned from the Navy to accept a responsible position with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, with offices in Rockefeller Center, New York. He recently left Standard Oil for the position which he now holds with the American Can Company.

Following the ceremony and a brief wedding journey the young couple will make their home in New York City.

Announced at Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wiggins of Middletown, New York announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Janet Davidge Wiggins, to Leland McKeithen at a dinner party at their home last Saturday evening.

Miss Wiggins, who has spent many winter seasons in Pinehurst and was a guest for several months last winter at the Mid-Pines Club, attended Wykeham Rise School in Washington, Conn., and the Bennett School at Millbrook, N. Y. She is a member of the Junior League of Newburgh, N. Y. Her father is a former judge of the Orange county, N. Y. court.

Her sister, Miss Florence Wiggins, was married in the Village Chapel in Pinehurst last April to Richard H. Voorhis of Atlanta, Ga., and New York, with a reception following at the Mid-Pines Club. Miss Janet was her sister's maid of honor, and Mr. McKeithen an usher at the wedding.

Leland McKeithen is a graduate of Davidson College, where he won a Phi Beta Kappa key, and of Duke University Law School. Since his address (Please turn to page six)

Hospital Lauded

Visiting Administrators Call It Finest Smaller Institution They've Seen

The Moore County Hospital won high praise from visiting delegations of hospital administrators of many states who inspected the local institution during their two weeks stay at the Duke University Hospital Institute. Many termed it the finest small hospital they had ever visited, and were high in their praise of its operation.

WOODMEN OF WORLD TO UNVEIL MONUMENT HERE

A Woodman of the World monument will be unveiled at West End on Sunday, August 27 at 3:00 p. m. in honor of the late Maxie G. Vest, who was a member of the Woodmen of the World, Pine Camp No. 574, located at West End. The public is cordially invited to attend this ceremony.

Engaged



MISS JANET WIGGINS

60 LIVES IS TOLL IN STATE IN JULY MOTOR ACCIDENTS

Twenty-One of Total Killed in Collisions.—Ten Children Among Victims

The month of July accounted for 571 motor vehicle traffic accidents involving 925 motor vehicles in North Carolina as a result of which 60 lives were lost and 588 persons were injured. Compared with the July 1938 records this shows a reduction of 2.7 percent in all motor vehicle accidents; 14.3 percent, or ten fewer fatalities; and 9.5 percent decrease in injuries.

The figures indicate that 16.6 percent, or ten of all persons killed by motor vehicles were children under 15 years of age; 31.6 percent, or 19 were between 15 and 24 years of age; 43.3 percent, or 26 of all persons killed were between the ages of 25 and 64. Those above 65 years of age accounted for three killed and 2 reports did not state the age.

Pedestrian acts which accounted for 17 fatalities were as follows:

Classification	FATAL	NON-FATAL
1. Walking in roadway	5	8
2. Children playing in street	4	10
3. Running into street	1	17
4. Coming from behind cars	1	0
5. Crossing highway	2	5
6. Pedestrian intoxicated	4	1
TOTAL	17	39

Another pedestrian act resulting in a large number of accidents during July, although not fatal, was "crossing between intersection," which resulted in 12 injured.

The auto-bicycle collision type of accident continues the upward swing. During July 1939, four people were killed and 26 injured as a result of this type of accident. Of this number two killed were under 15 years of age and two older. Fourteen under 15 (Please turn to page six)

MISSIONARY FROM CHINA TO SPEAK HERE SUNDAY

Miss Venetia Cox, a returned missionary from China, will speak at the 11:00 o'clock service at Emmanuel Episcopal Church Sunday. Miss Cox is spending some time here with her cousin, the Rev. W. E. Cox. She is a teacher in St. Hilda's School, formerly located at Wuchang, China, which, because of bombings and other war conditions, has been moved out near the border of India about 200 miles from Burma. Miss Cox came out from China last March and is planning to return in October.

The Rev. F. Craighill Brown returned from his vacation Wednesday and will conduct the Sunday services.

GRILL TO OCCUPY SPACE IN STEVENS BUILDING

Work of Demolishing Rapatas Block For New Structure Well Under Way

WILLIAMSBURG TYPE

Work of demolition of the old Nick Rapatas building between the Barnum and Hart buildings on West Broad street, Southern Pines, was begun this week to make way for a new structure which E. C. Stevens is erecting, to be occupied by his real estate office and by Jack's Grill. Mr. Stevens closed negotiations with O. R. Conrad, proprietor of Jack's Grill, last Saturday for the lease of a major part of the building.

Plans for the new building were drawn by Alfred B. Yeomans. It will have an antique brick front designed after one of the attractive reconstructed buildings in Williamsburg, Va., with a slate gable roof. The Broad street frontage is 35 feet, the depth 65 feet. Mr. Stevens' office will occupy a space 14 by 26 feet, Jack's Grill 16 feet on Broad street, and the balance of the building. There will be a five foot central entrance and hallway. The building will be one story. J. D. Arey, who has the contract, has the work of tearing down the present structure well under way, and expects to have the building completed by October 18th, at which time Mr. Stevens, who acquired the property recently, and Mr. Conrad will move in.

Announcement of the purchaser of the building to be vacated by Jack's Grill is expected next week. It is understood that a well known Southern Pines resident has acquired the property, but the deed has not passed.

P. T. Barnum, Inc. agency announced this week the rental for one year of the Florence S. Holmes house on Ashe street to Miss R. Callan of Philadelphia, Pa.

Ask \$10,250 Damages in Auto Accident Here

Mrs. W. M. Milam and Ralph Mills Sue Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company

Two suits have been started in Moore County Superior Court against R. E. Minges and L. D. Minges, trading as the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, with main office in Fayetteville, one by Ralph Mills and the other by Mrs. W. M. Milam.

Mr. Mills alleges in the complaint that his automobile was damaged when the defendant drove their truck from a blind street onto the one on which his automobile was being operated in Southern Pines and struck his car, charging that their reckless and careless driving caused his car to be damaged to the amount of \$250.

Mrs. Milam alleges that she was riding with Mrs. Mills at the time of the accident, and that she was painfully injured; that she continues to suffer from the injuries sustained several weeks ago so that it is well-nigh impossible for her to continue her duties as nurse to her invalid husband. She is asking damages in the amount of \$10,000.

Seawell and Seawell are attorneys for the plaintiffs.

E. T. McKEITHEN LOSES BARN OF TOBACCO IN ABERDEEN

The tobacco barn of Edwin T. McKeithen of Aberdeen, business manager of the Moore County Hospital, was burned to the ground on Wednesday with a loss of approximately \$500 worth of tobacco which was being cured. Some five other tobacco barns in the vicinity have been lost by fire within the past two weeks.

PHILIP BRETSCHE DIES

Philip Bretsch, brother of Albert Bretsch of Southern Pines, died at his home in Raleigh on Wednesday night. His brother left immediately for Raleigh.