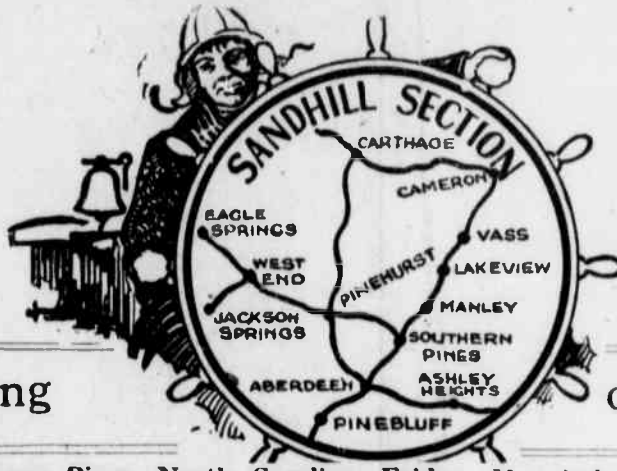


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Moore County to Play Part In Largest Army Maneuvers Ever Held In United States

Area Between Forts Bragg and Jackson To Be Used in October, November

400,000 TROOPS IN FIELD

Moore county will play a part in the largest field maneuvers ever held in the United States, with 400,000 troops actively participating. More than 5,000 square miles between Fort Bragg and Fort Jackson, S. C., will be used for the maneuvers, to be held during October and November, according to announcement by General Hugh A. Drum, commanding the First Army.

The announcement was made Tuesday following a conference held by General Drum and other high ranking Army officers with Governor Broughton in which satisfactory arrangements were made for securing use of the land in the North Carolina counties. A similar conference, meeting with similar results, was held earlier with Governor Burnet Maybank of South Carolina, where eight counties are included in the designated area.

Governor Broughton immediately issued one of the very few proclamations of his administration, designating Col. John W. Harrelson, dean of the State College unit of the Greater University of North Carolina, as maneuver director for the State, and calling upon all citizens to cooperate.

Acquisition of permission to use the necessary land is to be completed by June 15, and Col. Harrelson will immediately set up a council in each of the eight North Carolina counties, working with State College Extension Service agents and AAA committees in making his selections.

Need Trespass Rights

Trespass rights are to be secured on most of the open land in Union, Anson, Stanly, Montgomery, Moore, Hoke, Richmond, Scotland and Cumberland counties. In addition, the army will lease small areas to be used for two months as bases. There will be no permanent acquisition of any land and there will be no buildings erected as men engaged in the maneuvers will live in tents.

Two opposing forces will engage in mock battle, one from Fort Bragg and the other from Fort Jackson. Soldiers engaged will be drawn from the entire Eastern seaboard and other nearby states. Two mechanized divisions, one on each side, will be engaged and the Army air force will play an important part in the maneuvers, and it is expected that the Knollwood Airport here will be headquarters for one or more squadrons.

Two entire armored divisions will be tested thoroughly over the sandy terrain, which encompasses the Pee-dee and Wateree rivers. General Drum said the two principal streams in the area were a major factor in choosing the site.

Bulk of the troops to engage in the maneuvers will be from the eastern seaboard, from Maine to Georgia, with additional men from Alabama, Tennessee and other states.

Largest previous maneuvers involved 95,000 troops and were held last year in northern New York under command of General Drum.

The General said plans had not been completed, but indicated the operations would be held under "actual war conditions," and said that was "why the vast area was chosen."

It has been officially announced by the War Department that the Sandhills Resettlement Area of 65,000 acres in Richmond and Scotland counties has been acquired for the maneuvers.

The resettlement project is only 25 miles from Fort Bragg and is on the main line of the Seaboard Airline railway and U. S. Highway No. 1.

The Army has not required ownership of the land, says the War Department. The title is now held by the State Agricultural Department's Soil Conservation Division. Other sources report that the Army is considering taking over the land, however.

On State Board



RICHARD S. TUFTS

Richard S. Tufts, president of Pinehurst, Inc., was appointed by Governor Broughton last Saturday as a member of the board of the State Department of Conservation and Development. Tufts, with Irving Hall of Raleigh and Oscar Breese of Fayetteville, represent the Commerce and Industry division of the board. R. Bruce Etheridge of Manteo was reappointed director of the department which he has served for the past eight years.

S. P. COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTY SOLD TO MRS. NICHOLS

Bid in at Receivership Sale for \$6,000 by Corporation's Largest Creditor

Attorney U. L. Spence of Carthage, representing Mrs. Mortimer G. Nichols of Southern Pines, was the sole bidder at the sale under receivership of the Southern Pines Country Club, Inc., property yesterday morning at the courthouse in Carthage. Sold in two parcels, under the terms of the advertisement appearing in The Pilot during the past four weeks, Mr. Spence bid \$1,000 for the first parcel, \$5,000 for the second. The two cover the entire property of the bankrupt corporation, including the clubhouse, golf courses and building sites. The sale was made by Howard F. Burns, receiver.

The property is sold subject to a lease held by the Town of Southern Pines which extends until July 1st, 1942. It is anticipated that Mrs. Nichols, who was the largest creditor, will offer the clubhouse and golf courses for further lease by the town, with a purchase option. There is also some talk that outside interests are negotiating for purchase.

MISS JULIA BURT TO WED NAVAL OFFICER

Mr. and Mrs. Struthers Burt yesterday announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Julia Blecker Burt of Southern Pines, to Ensign George Charles Atterberry of the U. S. Naval Flying Corps. Mr. Atterberry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Atterberry of Kansas City, Mo., and is a graduate of the aviation school at Pensacola, Fla. He is stationed at Panama, where the wedding is expected to take place during the summer.

BANKS TO CLOSE MAY 10

The Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Southern Pines, and the Bank of Pinehurst, with branches in Aberdeen and Carthage, will be closed all day on Saturday, May 10th, Memorial Day in this state.

DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS, STAMPS, GO ON SALE HERE

Scores Visit Postoffice On First Day of Offerings by Government

SIMILAR TO "BABY BONDS"

The United States Defense Savings Bonds and Postal Savings Stamps were placed on sale in postoffices in the Sandhills at the opening of business yesterday as part of the national effort to make America impregnable.

Postmaster P. Frank Buchan of Southern Pines announced that on the opening day of the sale, scores bought their first stamps and took home the albums in which to keep them until they have acquired enough to exchange them for bonds. The first purchaser was Attorney W. Duncan Matthews, who told Mr. Buchan he had heard on the radio that mayors were supposed to purchase the first bonds or stamps in each city, and "I am just anticipating."

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, in a letter to postmasters throughout the country, said that the help of local postmasters would be "a real service to the country." He transmitted the thanks of Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau for the help that local postmasters had already given in the sale of United States securities, and also Mr. Morgenthau's thanks in advance "for the co-operation which he knows you will give to this new effort."

The new Defense Savings Bond is similar to the familiar "Baby Bond," of which more than five billion dollars worth have been bought by more than two and a half million Americans since 1935.

A Defense Bond may be purchased for \$18.75. In ten years, this bond will be worth \$25.00. This is an increase of 33 1-3 per cent, equal to an annual interest return of 2.9 per cent, compounded semi-annually. Any time after 60 days from the date of purchase, the bond may be redeemed for cash, in accordance with a table of redemption values printed on the face of the bond.

To spread investments widely among all the people in America, a limit of \$5,000 has been set on the (Please turn to page eight)

Noted Hotel Manager Coming to Pine Needles

John F. Sanderson Has Been Connected With Many Leading Hotels in U. S.

John F. Sanderson, who, during his lifetime, has been associated in the management of many of America's best known hotels, will be the new manager of the Pine Needles in Southern Pines, succeeding Emmett E. Boone, who has resigned to become affiliated in the management of The Inn at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. Mr. Sanderson will assume his new duties in the Fall.

Among hotel properties which Mr. Sanderson has served as manager or associate manager are the following: The Waumbeck, Jefferson, N. H.; Mount Washington, Bretton Woods, N. H.; Ritz Tower, Ritz Carlton, The Barclay, The Madison, the Savoy Plaza and Delmonico's, in New York City; The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va., and the Bon Air in Augusta, Ga. He was also at The Balsams in New Hampshire in 1900 where he was associated with Harry W. Norris now of The Carolina, Pinehurst.

Mr. Sanderson, who was interested in coming here by George T. Dunlap, president and O. H. Stutts, treasurer of the Pine Needles, is expected to make the inn here one of the best known and most popular in the South through his wide acquaintance gained through years of hotel work.

Mr. Boone left this week to assume his new position as associate manager of the popular Buck Hill Falls Inn in the Pocono Mountains. His many friends, deeply sorry to see him leave, are wishing him all success in his new position.

Stevens, Builder of Panama Canal, Hale and Hearty on 88th Birthday

Noted Engineer Celebrates Anniversary With Family Dinner at Home in Southern Pines

Born in West Gardiner, Maine on April 25, 1853, John F. Stevens observed his 88th birthday at his home on Orchard Road, Southern Pines last Friday. Here to celebrate the occasion with him were his three sons and their wives: Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Stevens of Baltimore, Md., Mr. and Mrs. John F. Stevens, Jr., of Boston, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Stevens of Southern Pines. Mr. Stevens was in excellent health and fine spirits for the birthday dinner.

Mr. Stevens, prior to his greatest achievement in the capacity of chief engineer of the Panama Canal Commission at the time of its building, was engineer successively for the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and the Canadian Pacific, and then was in charge of locating and building the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic which follows the south shore of Lake Superior from Duluth to Sault Ste. Marie. His services were then enlisted by James J. Hill, "the empire builder of the northwest," to run Hill's Great Northern Railway from Montana to the Pacific Coast.

Honored in West

At that time only two feasible routes across the Rockies had been found. One was in the southern part of Montana, the other beyond the Canadian border. Mr. Stevens found a middle route which permitted Hill's road to run directly west from Havre, Montana. This was Marias Pass, and there a statue paying homage to Mr. Stevens was erected in 1925. Further west, in Washington, he also located a pass which has been named in his honor. He was made chief engineer of the Great Northern system in 1895 and general manager in 1902. In 1903 he went to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific as vice-president in charge of operation, and on July 1st, 1905 was picked to succeed John F. Wallace as chief engineer of the Panama Canal. In 1907 he served as chairman of the Canal Commission until the canal was placed in charge of the War Department.

Returning to railroad work, Mr. Stevens then became vice-president in charge of operation of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad until 1909, then spent two years as president of a group of Great Northern subsidiaries in the Pacific northwest.

When the United States joined in the World War, President Wilson commissioned Mr. Stevens as chairman of a group of experts to solve Russia's transportation problems, and he became chairman of the Allied technical board which kept the Trans-Siberian Railway running despite revolutions until 1922 when the last of the Allied troops left Siberia.

Mr. Stevens retired from active service several years ago and has made his home here since.

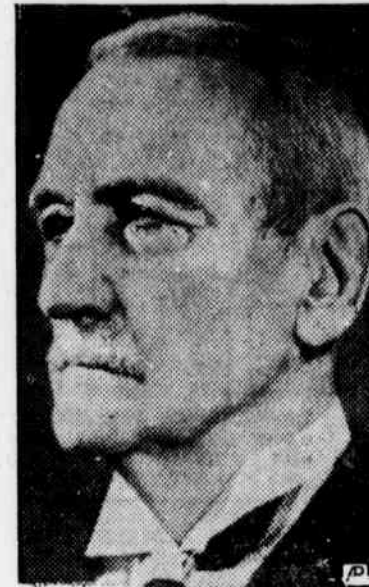
W. C. Arkell President of Beech-Nut Company

Former Southern Pines Resident Succeeds Father on 50th Anniversary of Founding

W. Clark Arkell, Sandhills property owner and for many years a winter resident of Southern Pines, has been elected president of the \$22,800,000 Beech-Nut Packing Company, succeeding his father, Bartlett Arkell. Mr. Arkell senior retired on the 50th anniversary of the founding of the company which he started with capital of \$10,000, ten employees and but one product, hickory-cured ham. The company now ranks third in the U. S. in the confectionery industry.

Mr. Arkell and his family owned and occupied the residence at the corner of Connecticut avenue and Highland Road, in the Weymouth Heights section, for several years, selling to Mrs. George W. Johnson two years ago. He still owns a large tract of land near Hoffman which is under cultivation.

4 Score and 8



JOHN F. STEVENS

MRS. GREARSON OF HIGHLAND LODGE DIES SUDDENLY

Proprietor of Popular Inn First Came to Southern Pines in 1917

Her numerous friends and acquaintances of many years were profoundly shocked by the news of the sudden death of Mrs. Maud Harris Grearson in the Moore County Hospital at 1:00 o'clock last Sunday morning. While not in the best of health for the past three years the well known proprietor of Highland Lodge, Southern Pines, was not known to be seriously ill until her admission to the hospital Thursday night.

Born at Bradford, Vt., in 1873, the daughter of Henry E. Harris and V. C. Watson Harris, Mrs. Grearson came to Southern Pines with her husband, Walter H. Grearson in 1917, in hopes that the climate would prove beneficial to Mr. Grearson. Buying the then small Highland Lodge in 1918, Mrs. Grearson gradually rebuilt and added to the property and with the annex on May street, built in 1922, the Lodge became known for its select clientele patronizing the house from season to season.

Mrs. Grearson was a member of the Baptist church of Southern Pines, and for many years a leading member of the choir of that congregation. Active in civic affairs she was long a director of the Civic Club and a member of the D. A. R.

A prayer service was given by her pastor, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson, in the Powell Funeral Home at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The body, accompanied by her brother, W. Frank Harris, was taken to her summer home in Windsor, Vt., where funeral services were held Tuesday.

Mrs. Grearson is also survived by another brother, Henry B. Harris, and a sister, Mrs. D. F. Davis, both of Windsor, Vt.

School Music Festival Next Thursday Night

Three Hundred Students of Southern Pines on Program Free to Public

The ninth annual Music Festival will be given in the Southern Pines High School Auditorium next Thursday evening, May 8, at 8:15. Pupils from each elementary grade, boys' glee club, girls' glee club, mixed chorus, girls' trio, double quartet, and band will participate. Approximately 300 students will sing on the program which includes a great variety of songs. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the performance. There will be no admission fee.

A group of Chilean journalists on tour in this country will arrive in Southern Pines tonight from Atlanta, Ga., spend the night here, look over Fort Bragg tomorrow and leave late tomorrow night for the north.

J. G. Stutz Vs. Matthews For Mayor

No Withdrawals, No "Deals" in Sight, Just Fight to the Finish

CAUCUS AT 8:00 P. M.

It's Dorsey G. Stutz vs. W. Duncan Matthews for Mayor of Southern Pines in tonight's caucus. No withdrawals are in view, no "deals" The Pilot has been able to ascertain. Just a fight to the finish, and may the best man win.

Mr. Stutz has held the office of Mayor since 1929. He is the representative here of the Seaboard Air Line Railway and of the Railway Express, and is one of the three members of the Moore County Alcoholic Control Board. He is an Episcopalian.

Mr. Matthews is a practicing attorney, a former Mayor of Vass and former Principal of the Vass-Lakeview School. He is a member of the Rotary Club, and a Congregationalist.

Chan N. Page, former president of the Chamber of Commerce, has been added to those mentioned for the Board of Commissioners, and other suggestions of names not previously mentioned which may be presented at the caucus include Herbert Cameron and Carl G. Thompson. The names of four of the present board are expected to be presented, L. V. O'Callaghan, Charles S. Patch, Eugene C. Stevens and Hugh J. Betterley, and The Pilot has already announced the candidacies of Richard F. Tarlton and Dante Montesanti. Robert L. Hart, a present commissioner, is not a candidate. The five highest in tonight's balloting will comprise the caucus ticket for next Tuesday's election.

Close Fight Expected

Both sides agree that the balloting for Mayor should be very close. Mayor Stutz is running on his record of eleven years of service. Mr. Matthews is the candidate of a large group who feel that it is time for a change, that new blood should be brought to the office, as well as to the board of commissioners.

Only duly registered voters may cast ballots at the caucus tonight and at Tuesday's election. There are 535 names on the town's register, Mrs. J. H. Tighman, registrar, said yesterday. A number of eligibles failed to register last Saturday, the final day, some in the belief that the registration last Fall for the national election was sufficient. Those will be unable to vote.

The meeting will be called to order in the High School auditorium at 8:00 o'clock.

High Schools in County To Graduate About 270

Many Holding Exercises Today - Aberdeen To Present 36 Diplomas May 26

If everything goes well and all Seniors pass their final tests, Moore county high schools will graduate 222 boys and girls this year, exclusive of Southern Pines and Pinehurst. The number to be graduated by each of the high schools is as follows:

Aberdeen, 36; Cameron, 24; Carthage, 26; Farm Life, 13; Hemp, 44; Highfalls, 188; Vass-Lakeview, 22; West End, 35; Westmore, 4.

Highfalls held its graduation exercises at 8:00 o'clock April 29th. Other graduation dates are:

Vass-Lakeview, May 2; Westmore, May 2; Carthage, May 2; West End, May 6; Cameron, May 7; Farm Life, May 9; Elise, May 13; Aberdeen, May 26. All of these programs will begin at 8:00 p. m. except the one at Elise, which will be at 10:30 a. m.

Pinehurst and Southern Pines High Schools, separate units from the county system, should add close to 50 more, making the grand total in the county over 270.