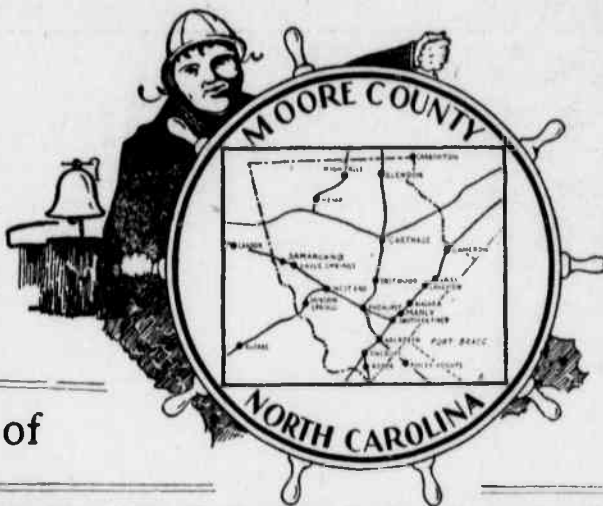




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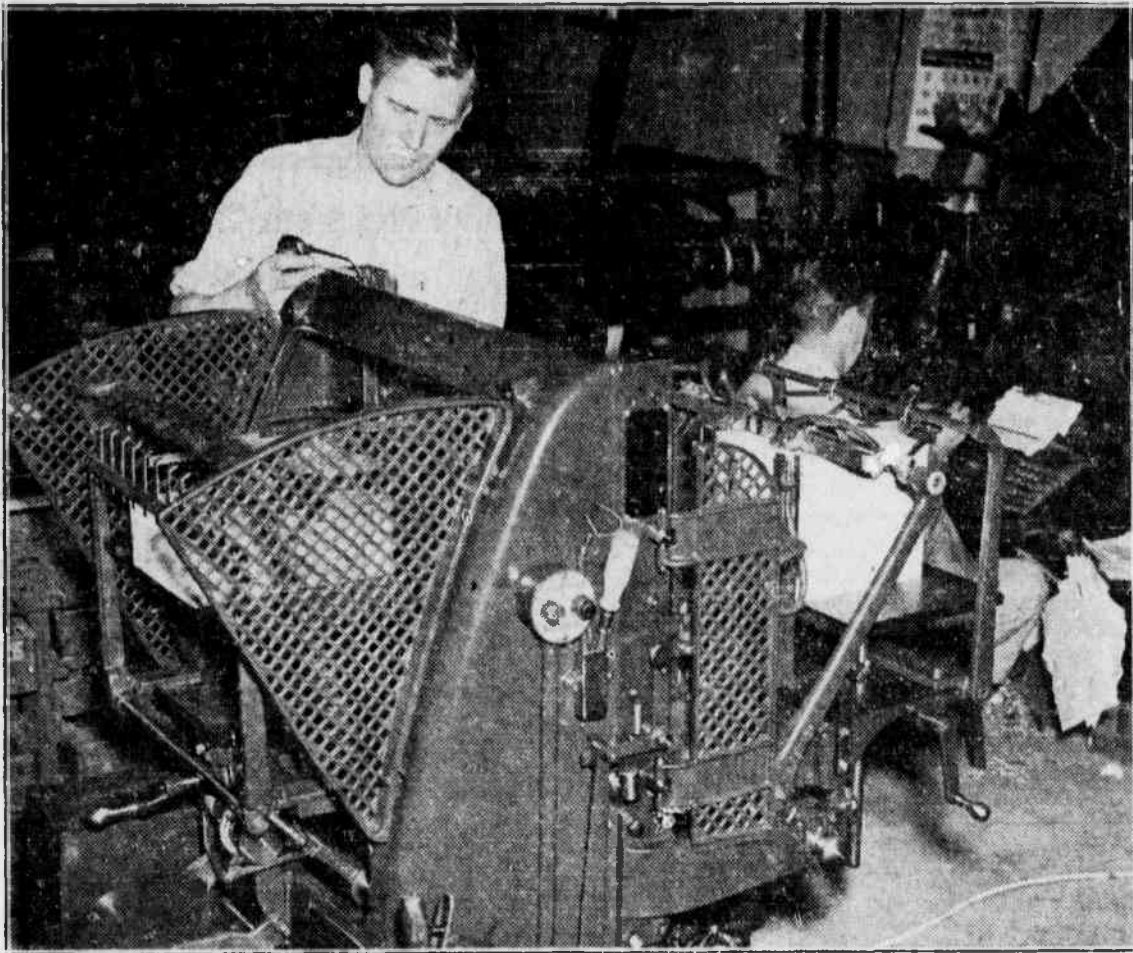
Section One

Southern Pines, North Carolina, Friday, November 14, 1941.

1941 Resort Edition

FIVE CENTS

Pilot Installs New High Speed Job Press



With considerable pride and care this week, Charles Cullingford pulled the lever which started The Pilot's newly installed Miehle V-36 Vertical job press turning out printed work. While Dan S. Ray turned out type from the linotype machine, the new Miehle was rolling off fine-looking letterheads at the rate of about 3,600 an hour. The Miehle press is considered the fastest and best press for job work on the market. With the installation of this new press, The Pilot has taken another large stride in modernizing its plant to take care of printing needs of Moore County.

Fighter Plane Crashes Here; Three Killed In Truck Wreck

Plane Pilot in Moore Hospital; Army Truck Hits Negro's Car Near Pinebluff

A Grumman Navy fighter, attached to the Knollwood Army sub-air base crashed late Tuesday afternoon when it nosed over at Knollwood airport, after overshooting the field.

The pilot, reported to be Technical Sergeant J. J. Palko, was taken to Moore County Hospital where he was said to be suffering a concussion.

According to reports, the Grumman was one of 18 fighters which were out Tuesday on a problem, and returned short of gas so that circling the field was impossible.

At Moore County Hospital, Palko's condition was reported as not serious.

THREE KILLED WHEN CAR COLLIDES WITH TRUCK

Three Negroes were killed, another seriously injured, and an Army lieutenant badly hurt when a 1936 Chevrolet, in which the Negroes were riding, pulled out in front of an Army truck in Pinebluff last Sunday morning.

The dead, all occupants of the automobile, are Woodrow Alexander, driver, George Albert Shaw, and Evalina White, all of Pinehurst. Two were killed instantly and Shaw died shortly after being taken to the hospital. A second girl, Ora Lee Hooker, is in serious condition.

Lt. Leo J. McLarney, stationed at Hoffman, was only occupant of the Army truck and, after receiving first aid, was taken to an Army hospital.

Patrolman W. L. McKenzie and Coroner R. G. Frye, Jr., investigated and no inquest was deemed necessary.

Patrolman McKenzie said the Chevrolet apparently pulled out of New England avenue in Pinebluff onto U. S. Highway No. 1 directly in front of the half-ton army truck. So violent was the collision that it required an acetylene torch to cut the automobile to remove one of the dead passengers.

Thanksgiving Is Set for Thursday, Nov. 20

Officially, Thanksgiving this year will be observed next Thursday, November 20.

Governor Broughton has designated that date, in conformity with President Roosevelt's declaration for another early Thanksgiving.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company and the local post office will be among the institutions in Southern Pines closing next Thursday. Certain of the retail stores also are planning to observe a holiday on that date.

Special Edition

The Pilot this week presents its annual Sandhills Resort Edition.

Three sections, of eight pages each, making a total of 24 pages, comprise this week's Pilot. Besides going to our regular subscribers, hundreds of extra copies have been printed and will be sent to a selected list of people all over the country.

While they last, extra copies will also be on sale at The Pilot office, on West Pennsylvania avenue, for five cents each. The Pilot will wrap and mail copies to any place in the country for 10 cents each.

William Agnew Dies in Moore Hospital

Funeral Services for "Bill" Agnew to Be Conducted Friday at 11 o'clock

William Carol Agnew, well-known Sandhills figure, died Wednesday morning in Moore County Hospital at the age of 40 years. His illness was brief. He spent the summer in Lake Placid, N. Y., and had been back in Pinehurst for only a few days when he was taken ill Saturday night.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday morning at 11 o'clock in the Catholic Church of Pinehurst, and interment will be in Mount Hope Cemetery in Southern Pines.

Mr. Agnew was associated with the Pinehurst Country Club at the time of his death, having been in the Sandhills for 15 or 20 years. He was formerly connected with a brokerage house in Pinehurst. He was a native of Hot Springs, Va.

Surviving are his widow, the former Nellie McLeod Rountree of Carthage; and William C. Agnew, III, an 11-year old son by a former marriage.

Moore Teachers Are Attending Convention

Many Moore County teachers will attend the 19th annual convention of the North Central District Teachers Association in Durham Friday.

The convention theme will be "Teaching to Perpetuate Our American Form of Democracy."

J. W. Harbison, Jr., of Pinehurst is secretary of the association and a number from this section will have parts on the program.

JENKS TO HEAD LOCAL CHAPTER

"Fight for Freedom" Committee Gets Started Here; Purpose Stated

A local "Fight for Freedom" chapter was launched here Tuesday night with Almet Jenks as chairman, A. Bynum Patterson, vice-chairman; and E. C. Stevens, secretary-treasurer.

Twenty seven people attended the first meeting and joined with the organization, pledging to do "everything in my power toward the end of defeating Hitler."

Considerable discussion centered around the question of a formal declaration of war on Germany at this time and as to the situation with respect to strikes in defense industries.

Julian T. Bishop, State organizing chairman of Fight for Freedom, led off the discussions, and talks were made by Struthers Burt, Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, Frank W. McCluer, W. A. Leland McKeithen, Harlow Pearson, Mrs. Reid Healy, E. C. Stevens and Beach Cooke, of Cooperstown, N. Y., former Sandhills resident who, with Mrs. Cook, was passing through on his way to Cuba.

Others attending the meeting and joining the organization were Mrs. Alice Burt Hunt, Mrs. C. N. Rudel, Mrs. Struthers Burt, Miss Mary Yeomans, Miss Margaret Bishop, Mrs. Leland McKeithen, Mrs. Eugene Stevens, Mrs. Malcolm D. Kemp, Miss Gussie Cameron, Miss Ruth Burr Sanborn, Mrs. Frank McCluer, Mrs. Almet Jenks, and John Wilcox of Carthage, county Fight for Freedom chairman.

Statement of Purpose
The reading of the statement of purpose by Almet Jenks, who acted as chairman prior to his permanent election to that post, opened the meeting. This statement follows, in part:

"The American people have recognized that the war abroad involves our destiny and . . . that an Axis victory would be a threat to our nation and to all the principles of life in which we believe. We have abandoned neutrality and determined to help bring about a defeat of the Axis by making ourselves into an arsenal and a larder for the forces of democracy . . .

"The time has come to assure our full burden. As the blockade tightens around Great Britain, the importance of our part must grow.

"Hitler cannot allow our goods to get to Britain and her Allies; if he does—he will be beaten. We cannot allow our goods to be sunk in the Atlantic; if we do we shall be beaten. The problem is simple, and the answer is a willingness to do whatever is necessary to insure a Hitler defeat. (Please turn to Page 5)

ARMY CONDUCTS ARMISTICE DAY SERVICES HERE

Difficult to Say Whether Southern Pines Entertains Army or Vice Versa

209TH PARADES ON STREETS

It's difficult to say whether Southern Pines is entertaining the Army or the Army is entertaining Southern Pines.

A week ago, the 26th Yankee division gave a band concert on Broad Street for soldiers and civilians. Sunday, Captain Francis Sutherland and his band of the 207th Coast Artillery played to a nearly full house at Southern Pines High School.

On Armistice Day Southern Pines had its most impressive observance of that holiday, thanks to the soldiers, officers and band of the 209th which paraded through town, and then took part in a memorial salute in front of the library, sounding taps and a rifle salute.

Under the command of Col. Kenneth C. Townson, the 209th, with most batteries present, marched into Southern Pines from the ball park, lined up in front of the library and post office for 11 o'clock services.

The outfit then passed in review before its commanding officer and local officials and hosts, including Mayor W. Duncan Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Almet Jenks, Postmaster Frank Buchan, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scheipers, and Town Clerk Howard Burns.

Streets were lined with school children and adults while the batteries of the 209th marched up and down Broad street, following the Armistice Service.

Streets were lined again about a half hour after the parade when the nearly 1,200 men in the 209th were given two hours' leave and flocked into town, swarming stores and eating places.

Indicative of the rush was the unusual scene of Albert (Doc) Bretsch, pulling out his keys and locking the front door of Broad Street Pharmacy—no more room!

Southern Pines has been entertaining about 3,000 soldiers a week, mostly on week-ends, at its soldier centers and private homes. Dances, suppers, and other public and private entertainments have been given for the Army men.

SHERIFF DENIES SOLDIER'S DEATH

McDonald Upholds Deputy T. N. Slack in Blackjacking Incident at Hemp

Sheriff C. J. McDonald this week officially debunked tales which have been in circulation growing out of the blackjacking of a soldier at Hemp a few days ago by Deputy Sheriff T. N. Slack.

The Sheriff emphatically denied reports of the soldier's death and the officer's arrest by Federal officials, and all related tales.

Sheriff's Version
There was a soldier blackjacked, true, but here's the Sheriff's account of it:

An intoxicated soldier was arrested in Hemp by two local policemen. The soldier's brother, hearing of the incident, took the matter up with the policemen and got so rough that they decided to arrest him also. He resisted, and Deputy Slack, who appeared upon the scene, attempted to assist the officers in making the arrest. He struck the soldier one blow with the blackjack after the policeman's fist had failed to subdue him. After the other soldier became sober, both were released from jail.

A military officer told county officers that the matter was a closed incident so far as they were concerned and said that they had no grievance against any of the Moore County officers in connection with it.

That's the Sheriff's answer to the rumors, among which was one to the effect that Deputy Slack, while being transported by plane in Federal custody to Atlanta, brought about the crash of the airplane.

The soldier did not die; Deputy Slack was not arrested, and the soldier, after his release, acknowledged he had been wrong.

Radio Stations Set Up At Local Country Club To Broadcast Maneuvers

Governor Here



When Governor Everett Saltonstall of Massachusetts visited the Sandhills last week, calling upon members of the 26th Yankee Division from Fort Devens, Mass., there was quite a to-do to find the Governor and get his picture. Here he is, "shot" by The Pilot's photographer while visiting some soldiers stationed near Southern Pines.

RED CROSS DRIVE STILL UNDERWAY

County Chairman Wants "Every Person a Member"; High Quota in Sight

Although no definite returns on the Red Cross Annual Roll Call have been reported, George London, county chairman, said Thursday that reports from workers were encouraging and indicated that the high quota of 2,400 set for Moore County was in sight.

"We're depending largely upon two plans to swell out membership ranks," London said. "We have some excellent workers covering rural sections which have not previously been canvassed. And we're emphasizing that each person in a family should be a member. A man and his wife should both join the Red Cross—not just one of them."

Business firms were giving 100 percent membership in such numbers that the county chairman had to wire national headquarters for 75 additional "100 percent" signs for the merchants' windows.

Meanwhile, Carl G. Thompson, local insurance man, had taken over the roll call chairmanship for Southern Pines and reported the drive here progressing favorably. Paul C. Butler, original chairman, resigned because of business conflicts.

John Grayson Nichols Passes in Washington

Former Page Trust Company Executive Dies Suddenly; in Capital Since 1931

Washington, D. C.—John Grayson Nichols, formerly executive vice-president of the Page Trust Company in Aberdeen, died suddenly at his home here Monday night.

Mr. Nichols had been here since 1932 and was assistant to the chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the time of his death.

A native of Marion, he was a graduate of the University and served in the naval air service during the last War. For a number of years he lived in the Sandhills and was connected with the old Page Trust Company until its failure.

Surviving is his 15-year-old son, John Grayson, Jr.

National and Columbia Networks to Operate Here; Also Local Stations

TO BE ON NEWS ROUND-UPS

As the war of the Carolinas headed into its final and largest stage, Southern Pines became temporary headquarters for the First Army's radio section of public relations, with two national chains and several local stations establishing field studios in the Southern Pines Country Club.

Until the first of December, if all goes well, the regular network news round-ups will include a period broadcast from "somewhere in the Carolina maneuver area," which will mean Southern Pines.

Two networks of National Broadcasting Company, the Columbia Broadcasting System, WPTF in Raleigh, WBT in Charlotte, WSM in Nashville, Tenn.; WLW in Cincinnati, Ohio; WIS in Columbia, S. C.; and perhaps others have established field studios in the Country Club building for regular and special broadcasts of the maneuvers.

Report from Southern Pines

Radio commentators assigned to the maneuvers will daily go into the field of battle to gather their information and, at times, make recordings of actual battle, and then return to the Country Club to broadcast their accounts throughout the country.

According to the present schedule, maneuver accounts will be broadcast from Southern Pines over NBC blue network on Mondays and Fridays from 4 to 4:15 p. m.; over NBC red network on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:15 to 7:30 p. m.; over CBS Mondays and Fridays from 4:30 to 4:45 p. m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:45 to 7:00 p. m. WPTF, besides carrying regularly scheduled NBC red network broadcasts, has a special period each evening at 6:15 o'clock. Schedules for other stations are indefinite.

Special Broadcasts

Special broadcasts on the chains are at present scheduled as follows: CBS November 16, 23, and 30, 2 to 2:30 o'clock on the "Spirit of '41" hour; Blue network, November 16, 23, and 30, 7 to 7:30 p. m.

Besides the broadcasters, the First Army radio section, in charge of Major John Holman of the Signal Corps, formerly manager of KDKA in Pittsburgh, will operate from the Country Club.

With the broadcasting outfits are Maynard Stitt for NBC, William Slocum for CBS, Wesley Wallace for WPTF, Bill Parker for WBT, Charles Carmichael for WLW, and Harry Stone for WSM.

Staff of the Army radio section includes Capt. N. M. Jacobs, Lt. Rankin Roberts, Corp. Robert Button, formerly assistant program manager, Blue NBC network; Pvt. William Dawson, radio script writer; and Private Robert Keasbey, formerly with NBC. Also connected with the section is Major M. B. Shover, tactical officer, who will assist radio commentators in interpreting Army movements.

Although it is planned for the radio broadcasts to continue from the Country Club throughout the maneuvers, under terms of the "battle," this outfit will be subject to capture as an attachment of the First Army, so its continued existence in Southern Pines depends largely upon the First Army's defense of this section.

Glee Club to Present Concert for Soldiers

The Southern Pines High School Glee Club, directed by Miss Selma Stegall, will present a concert for the entertainment of the soldiers, Sunday, November 16, at 3:00 p. m. in the High School Auditorium.

The townspeople are cordially invited, but as the seating space of the auditorium is limited, preference will be given the soldiers.

Groups of songs will be presented by the mixed chorus, boys' glee club, girls' glee club, double quartet, and girls' trio. Another feature of the program will be accordion solos played by Lloyd Woolley, Jr.

There is no admission charge and all soldiers are welcome.