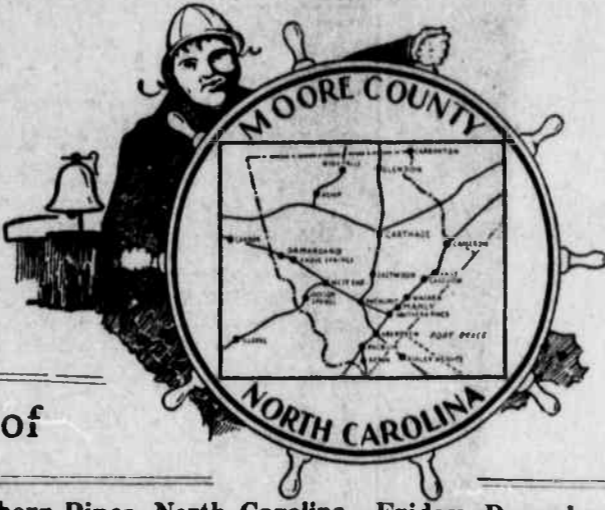




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## Ladies of Opening Hunt Meet Await The Kill



The second Thanksgiving was the date for the official opening meet of the Moore County Hounds this season, and a large field turned out for the hunt. Some of the field is shown above, near the scene of the kill. They are, left to right, Mrs. Roy Rainey of Savannah, Ga., Mrs. W. O. Moss of Southern Pines; Mrs. Edward S. Davis of North Wales, Pa.; Miss Mariwether Wright of Durham, Mrs. Bernard McCray, now staying at the Padlock here, Miss Sue Fuller of Durham, and Mrs. Ann Scott of Southern Pines.

## RED CROSS HITS HIGH IN DRIVE

### County Chairman Commends Roll Call Workers for Exceeding Last Year's Returns

Moore County's army of Red Cross workers captured a total of 1,956 members of the Red Cross and brought in \$3,313.74 during the 1941 Roll Call, it was reported this week by George London, county roll call chairman.

On the basis of first reports, this indicates a 50 percent increase in membership over the 1,315 of last year and about 25 percent increase in funds over the \$2,688.17 raised last year.

Mrs. Alice Burt Hunt, county Red Cross chairman, gave high praise to London and the branch roll call chairmen throughout the county for the excellent showing during the 1941 roll call.

"During this time of emergency, the Red Cross needs all the assistance possible; and I think it is marvelous that the response in our County has been so grand," Mrs. Hunt said. "The workers are certainly to be commended."

London echoed Mrs. Hunt's praise for the assistance throughout the county. Following are the reports from the various communities, with roll call chairman given, and comparative figures from last year:

- Lots of Increase**
- Southern Pines, Carl G. Thompson, 1941, 739 members \$1,446.60; last year 1,315 members \$2,688.17.
  - Carthage, Mrs. H. F. Seawell, 1941, 114 members \$114.75; last year, 103 members \$103.
  - Cameron, Mrs. Louise Forbes Kelly, 1941, 40 members \$40; last year 22 members, \$22.
  - Eagle Springs, Miss Ellen Maurice, 1941, 29 members \$81; last year 21 members \$83.75.
  - Hemp, Mrs. Edgar Brown, 1941, 100 members \$100; last year, \$80 members, \$84.20.
  - Jackson Springs, Mrs. Herbert Carter, 1941, 23 members, \$23; last year, 18 members \$18.
  - Pinebluff, Mrs. W. D. Stewart and Mrs. J. W. McMillan, 1941, 126 members \$164.50; last year 81 members \$89.
  - Samarcard, Miss Bethany Von Canon, 30 members, \$30.
  - Lakeview, Miss Pauline Blue, 1941, eight members \$8.00; last year, four members, \$4.00.
  - Pinehurst, Mrs. Richard Tufts, 1941, 425 members \$922.37; last year, 344 members \$845.30.
  - Vass, Mrs. S. R. Smith, 1941, 69 members \$76.01; last year, 11 members \$22.60.
  - West End, Mrs. M. C. McDonald, 1941, 68 members \$73; last year 67 members \$75.55.
  - Eureka Farm Life School, Miss Ann Mae Caddell, 1941 eight members, \$8.00 (new this year.)
  - High Falls, John Currie and Mrs. Howard K. Jones, 21 members (new this year.)
- Working under the Southern Pines (Please turn to page 5)

## Koch's Carol

"Proff" Koch, whose reading of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is now famous, will be presented in Southern Pines, Friday, December 19, at 8 o'clock, at the Civic Club. It was announced late Thursday. The Civic Club and the Junior Civic Club are sponsoring the reading. "Proff" is Prof. Frederick H. Koch, head of the Carolina Playmakers at Chapel Hill.

## Scuppernong Grapes Considered As Likely Crop For Sandhills

### Results—\$100 Story in Pilot Brings Check for \$100 to Moore County Tuberculosis Association

When the Moore County Tuberculosis Association met recently in Pinehurst to plan for the annual Christmas Seal sale, The Pilot carried a story about the meeting written by Staff Member Bessie Cameron Smith of Vass.

A Pilot subscriber read the piece, was impressed by the story of the tuberculosis fight being carried on in the county, sent to Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, county chairman, a check for \$100 to assist in carrying on the work.

## Thomas Advocates Nine-Month School

### Moore School Superintendent Addresses Sandhills Kiwanis Club; 100% Attendance at Meeting

Strongly advocating a State-supported nine-month school term for "all school children in the State," H. Lee Thomas, county superintendent of schools, outlined 11 major benefits from such action to the Sandhills Kiwanis Club Wednesday.

With the first 100 percent attendance in the recollection of Kiwanis old-timers, Mr. Thomas had a full audience after the luncheon meeting in the Aberdeen Community House.

The Superintendent gave the following as major benefits from a State-supported nine-month school term:

- The ninth month will be shared by all pupils.
  - It will increase the period of employment of three-fourths of the teachers in the State.
  - It will make available a much larger number of more desirable positions for all teachers of the State.
  - It will not require purchase of additional equipment.
  - It will not increase administrative cost.
  - It will simplify administration and supervision.
  - It will discourage unethical practices.
  - It will raise the standard of all schools.
  - It will enable our boys and girls to compete with others.
  - It will reduce the number of repeaters.
  - It will further equalize educational opportunity.
- During business session of the Club, it was voted to donate \$10 to the Christmas seal sale for the Tuberculosis association. Visitors at the club were Carl Short of Carthage and Dave Wallace of Charlotte.

## Davis Wins Tourney of Sandpipers Club

In the season's opening tournament on Southern Pines links of the Sandpipers Club, Elmer E. Davis of Southern Pines, won first with a net of 68, after shooting an 84 with 16 handicap; Burt Weatherspoon came in second with a net 71 and Jordan Keith, third, with a net 73. Roy Grinnell shot lowest gross with a 74.

Following the tournament Saturday, which brought out 25 members of the Club, a buffet supper was held at the Country Club.

## Farmers Club Discusses Growing and Marketing of Fruit for Use in Wines

Have Sandhills-grown Scuppernong grapes a chance to become famous as the source of a fine, mild wine? That was the question discussed at the November meeting of the Moore County Farmers Club at West End last Friday night.

The growers present showed a good deal of interest in the idea of planting some grape vines to grow a crop that would be purchased by local wineries. William Lindsay of the Garrett and Co. winery in Aberdeen told the farmers that his company was ready to buy all the grapes that could be raised in this section for a long time to come.

Dan Patterson, vice-president of the club, presided at the meeting, in the absence of O. U. Alexander, president, and E. H. Garrison, Jr., county agent introduced the speaker.

With a little attention to a vineyard, a profitable product can be grown, Lindsay said, citing the example of a grower in Whiteville who raised nine tons on eight-tenths of an acre—and sold the crop at \$1.50 per 60-pound bushel.

"This is the best section in the country for scuppernongs," the speaker said, adding that this grape was wanted by Garrett and Co. for its Virginia Dare wine.

Attempting to show the difference between the present consumption of grapes by the Aberdeen plant and the amount of grapes grown in this section, Lindsay said that last year the plant at Aberdeen purchased 700 tons of grapes from all parts of the State. This year, only 160 tons of grapes have been bought from farmers in this section.

Among farm owners plying questions were Dr. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst, and M. C. McDonald of West End.

It was pointed out that scuppernongs do not require a great deal of time in caring for them—but they should not be neglected. Hawley Poole, legislator and peach grower of West End, pointed out that the "bug-aboo" of scuppernong growing was in the trellis for the vines. The wire and cedar or juniper poles for the vines cost about \$50 per acre.

Much of the discussion centered about approved methods of getting best production from the vines, how to prune them, how to fertilize them and whether to grow them horizontally or on an overhead wire, the latter method seemingly to be preferred.

Garrison, who is secretary of the Farmers Club as well as county agent, said he was of the opinion that the growing of scuppernongs in the Sandhills might prove a lucrative sideline for many of the farmers.

The West End Book club served the dinner to the farmers. On the committee for the dinner were Mrs. R. B. Donaldson, Mrs. Q. Smith, Mrs. Dan Patterson, Mrs. D. D. Eifort, and Mrs. M. C. McDonald, and assisting in the serving, were Miss Lucille McLeod, Mrs. Grier, Miss Lucille McGillvery and Mrs. F. W. Von Canon.

December term of Superior Court convenes in Carthage Monday.

## ARMY OFFICERS SUFFER LOSSES IN MONDAY FIRE

### Cook Bungalow and Furnishings Completely Destroyed by Early Morning Blaze

#### USED AS OFFICERS' CLUB

Complete destruction of the "Cook Bungalow" on Indiana avenue between Weymouth and Valley roads, loss of hundreds of dollars worth of personal belongings of 152nd Observation Squadron officers who were renting the place as a club, and serious but not critical injuries to Capt. Paul M. Meyers were the results of a blazing fire that was reported at 2 o'clock Monday morning, after making too much headway to be halted.

Capt. Meyers' injuries came about 7:30 o'clock Monday when, while he was rummaging in the smouldering ruins, one chimney collapsed, burying him beneath the brick. He was rushed to Moore County Hospital by his fellow officers who dug him out from the brick and mortar.

Still confined to Moore County Hospital late Thursday, Capt. Meyers was reported to be in "satisfactory condition and much improved." Mrs. Meyers was notified by the Moore County Red Cross of her husband's injuries and flew from Fort Arthur, Texas, to arrive here Tuesday to be with him.

Blazing When Reported The wood-frame dwelling with stucco veneer was ablaze and flames were shooting through the roof when Capt. Alan Innes-Taylor, who lives near the Country Club, reported the fire, bringing out the volunteers.

Chief L. V. O'Callaghan said the fire was far beyond control when fire trucks arrived and that efforts were devoted chiefly to keeping down the flames and preventing spread of the fire.

Although the house and its furnishings, owned by Miss Mary Adeline Cook, sister of George E. Cook, artist who built the house in 1916, was covered by insurance, virtually none of the personal effects of the some 32 officers who were using the house were insured, it was reported.

Clothing, golf clubs, typewriters, papers, and other personal effects were either completely destroyed or ruined beyond repair.

Officers were preparing the evening before the fire to move their belongings from the bungalow to the sub-air base. Some of the men, it was said, had already removed their effects.

Cause of Fire Unknown Although firemen believed that the blaze first got underway in the southwest portion of the house, the cause of the fire is unknown. Capt. A. I. Pett and three other officers said they made a complete inspection of the house before leaving, about one hour before the fire was reported.

The house was rented this fall by the officers of the 152nd Observation Squadron, stationed at Camp Devens, Mass., when they set up the sub-air base at Knollwood Airport for the duration of the maneuvers. Most of the officers left all their personal effects at the house.

So hot was the fire of the old pine, of which the house was constructed, that such things as the airman's wings were melted into unrecognizable masses of metal. A new set of golf clubs—steel-shafted—was ruined, the shafts twisted and melted out of shape. A new typewriter was melted down into a mass of confused keys and bars.

#### Only Fragments Remain

Odd ends of ties, bits of suits, such as a vest, metal fixings on traveling bags, melted frames of eye-glasses, charred remnants of expensive watches, fragments of charred papers, and scattered, black cans of what might have been talcum powder, such as these were about all that remained. One officer estimated that (Please turn to page 5)

## "Aunt Caroline" Dies in Vass; One of First Business Women

"Aunt Caroline" Johnson, highly esteemed long-time resident of Vass, passed away peacefully in her little cabin near the railroad tracks late Sunday afternoon.

Daughters watching by her bedside relate that her last words, whispered repeatedly, were "Happy, happy, so happy," a fitting end to a life of slightly less than 78 years, the active portion of which was spent in service to her family.

In declining health for several years, "Aunt Caroline" grew worse last week, and her condition became critical when she suffered a stroke a day or two before her passing.

"Aunt Caroline" was one of the village's first business women. Left 40 years ago to make a living for a large family of children, she began dealing in fresh fish and also operated

## Prime Minister Talks With Pilot Publisher About Canada and War

### Leaving Here



R. S. DURANT

## DURANT LEAVING TELEPHONE POST

### Vice-President and Manager of Local Company Accepts Position in Tryon

R. S. DuRant, vice-president and general manager of the Central Carolina Telephone Company here, will leave Southern Pines January 1, to accept a position with the Polk County Telephone Company in Tryon.

Mr. DuRant's resignation was effective December 1, and he is enjoying a month's vacation before taking over his new post.

He will be succeeded here by Norman Shenk, who formerly served in this capacity from 1935 to 1939.

Mr. DuRant first came to Southern Pines in July, 1934, when the central offices of the telephone company were moved here from Siler City. Mr. DuRant remained in charge here for about a year, and then was transferred to Newton, Ia., home office of the telephone system. He returned to Southern Pines in his present capacity in February, 1939.

While in Southern Pines, Mr. DuRant has been active in many local affairs, is now president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club. He was recently elected a vice-president of the N. C. Independent Telephone Association at its annual meeting at The Pine Needles here.

Mr. and Mrs. DuRant and family have made their home on Orchard road here. Their daughter, Sara, is now Mrs. Ralph Chandler, Jr., and their son, Richard, is at the University of North Carolina, Robert is at Davidson College.

Mr. Shenk left Southern Pines in January, 1939, to go to Newton, Ia., as commercial manager of the telephone system, and more recently has been with the Cook Electric Company.

## Special Showing Here Sunday for Soldiers

Because of the number of soldiers still remaining in this section, Charlie Piquet, Carolina Theatres manager, said Thursday that there would be a special Sunday showing for soldiers at 8 p. m., December 7, of Nelson Eddy and Rise Stevens in "The Chocolate Soldier."

## Mackenzie King Grants Interview to James Boyd, During Visit to Ottawa

### CANADIAN CLUB SPEAKER

By JAMES BOYD

After addressing the Canadian Club of Ottawa last Tuesday, I was asked by Mr. MacKenzie King, the Prime Minister of Canada who was present to come to his office for an interview. He had apparently been interested in what I was able to tell about the South's attitude to the war, and said he wanted to tell me something about Canada's own attitude and effort.

We sat in a large upstairs office whose entrance below was guarded by a uniformed officer of the Canadian Mounted Police. The windows looked out over a snowy plain to the Canadian Parliament building, an enormous and rather forbidding mass of gray stone in the Victorian Gothic style.

The Prime Minister himself, a small, round, quiet figure, cocked up one knee and shaded his eyes with his hand from the cold white sunlight that poured into the room.

#### Background of Problem

First he sketched the background of Canada's problem. While the country looks huge on the map, actually the bulk of its population lies in a narrow strip not much over two hundred miles wide along the three thousand miles of the American border. This strip is traversed by two railroads but cannot yet be crossed by automobile, and has only this year inaugurated a transcontinental air service. In a word it is by no means a compact unit to operate, and up to the time Canada's present war effort it had very little production of finished goods.

Nor is the population of Canada a unit either. The French-Canadians who numbered about seven thousand at the time the British took Canada have had a natural increase and now comprise three and a half million citizens, or about one third the country's population. These people are Catholics; except for those who live in the cities they speak only French, and in general they regard themselves as a race apart, not as Frenchman nor as Canadians but as French-Canadians.

Another third of the Canadian people are foreign born, including three hundred and fifty thousand Germans. But these foreign born are being assimilated into the English speaking population who constitute the remaining third and are, of course, of British Colonial stock. With the opening up of Canada the French-Canadian population has tended to expand westward so that now every Canadian province, except British Columbia on the Pacific coast, has French-Canadian representatives in Parliament.

#### United Effort Not Easy

With these various elements involved, the problem of united effort is not an easy one, especially since at the outbreak of the war many Canadians were confused as we were, about its causes and its object. But MacKenzie King has been in Canadian politics for thirty years, and his Liberal Party has been in office for twelve years, and during that time his personal integrity, his caution and his fairness have gained the confidence of the French-Canadian element. In consequence while the Canadian government was the last of the Dominions to declare war on Germany, it did so with a united people behind it, and has since made a notable contribution to the war effort of the British Empire. At first the authorities were slow to realize the altered character of modern warfare and contented themselves with formation of infantry regiments. But now they are mechanizing their forces and producing their own armored equipment. At the same time the Canadian navy has been expanded to ten times its former size; an Air Force of ninety thousand men has been created and both these services are being equipped by Canadian industry. Seven percent of the Army and ten percent of the Air Force are American citizens who have gone over the border to enlist.

#### Half of Revenue on Defense

Under this program Canada is now spending half of her revenue on defense, and finds it necessary to protect the falling value of her dollar, worth at present about eighty-five cents in United States currency, by stringent regulations against the transfer of Canadian funds to this country. No longer will Canadians be allowed to come to United States on pleasure trips even if they can afford it. They can only come on necessary business.

The problem of inflation has been met by complete regulation of both prices and wages, a regulation which (Please turn to Page 5)