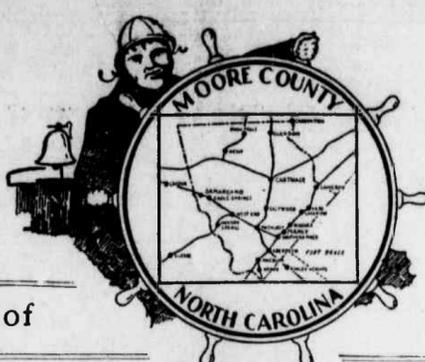




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SOUTHERN PINES PUTS ATTENTION TO CIVIL EFFORT

E. C. Stevens Named Civilian Defense Director for Town; Chiefs Attend Meeting

RED CROSS ROOM SPEEDS UP

Civilian authorities and populace were placed on the alert this week, as the nation prepared to go "all-out" for war.

Mayor Duncan L. Matthews Wednesday night appointed Commissioner Eugene C. Stevens as director of civilian defense for Southern Pines. Meanwhile, other organizations were getting into full swing for civilian activities. Red Cross headquarters were swarmed with volunteer workers, placing their efforts at the disposal of this organization. Air raid spotters, who functioned so well during the "fake" war of this and last month, were cautioned to hold themselves in readiness for the real thing.

Protect Utilities

At the Town Board meeting Wednesday, the members discussed ways for carrying out plans of the National Civilian Defense Committee. Appointment of Stevens to direct the activities in town was first step.

Fire Chief L. V. O'Callaghan and Police Chief Ed Newton went to Raleigh yesterday, along with other similar officers in other towns of the county, to take part in the discussion there of proper protection of water and light utilities and guarding against damaging fires or sabotage.

The Air Raid Warden system will continue in Southern Pines under the direction of John Howarth, who has already informed his co-workers of the imminence of a call to 24-hour duty.

Further plans for organizing complete civilian defense in Southern Pines were being worked out and are expected to be put into operation by next week.

LOCAL RED CROSS GROUP WORKING AT HIGH SPEED

With a brand new set of officers, elected last week, the Southern Pines branch of the American Red Cross launched into a wartime activity this week.

New officers are Mrs. Lee Clarke, chairman; Mrs. Almet Jenks, vice-chairman, and Mrs. George London, secretary-treasurer. Miss Pauline Miller is in charge of the Junior Red Cross; Mrs. Reid Helly in charge of sewing and Mrs. M. G. Nichols in charge of knitting.

While many new volunteers have appeared for work this week, Mrs. Clarke stated that the new program makes it urgent that all who can report for work during open hours of the workroom. These hours are from 10 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 5 p. m. every day except Sunday. The headquarters are on the second floor of the Strake Building on the corner of East Broad street and Connecticut avenue.

Red Cross officials urged anyone with a sewing machine not in use to loan it to the work room. More chairs are needed as well as sewing nick-nacks such as thimbles, needles, button boxes, and other accessories. Volunteers who lack confidence in their ability to sew or knit or cut patterns will find competent instructors.

Efforts are being made to get into operation soon work and training in all branches of activities, including first aid, instruction, nursing, Red Cross motor corps, sewing, knitting, canteen work, and surgical dressing.

Shenck Takes Over Telephone Duties

Norman M. Shenck arrived this week from Evanston, Ill., to assume his duties as vice-president and general manager of the Central Carolina Telephone Company, succeeding R. S. DuRant, whose resignation was announced last week.

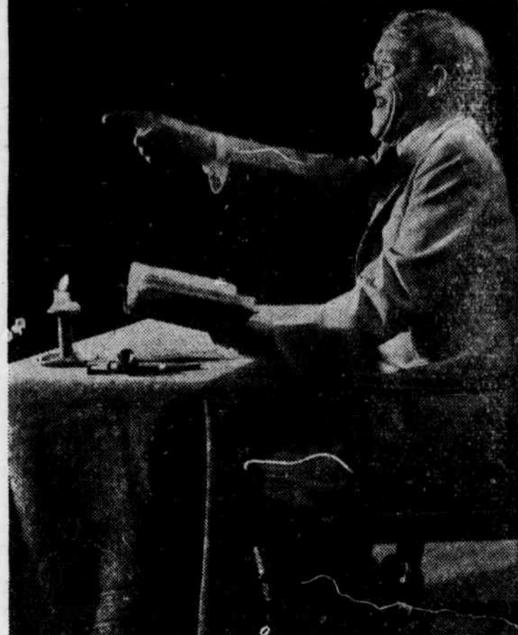
Mr. Shenck has been connected with Cook Electric Company in Evanston. Mrs. Shenck and small daughter, Sarah, will join Mr. Shenck later in the month. They plan to occupy the Sanborn house on Pennsylvania avenue.

Picture Exhibit

Display of outstanding newspaper photographs made during the past year will be open to the public at the Highland Pines Inn lobby beginning Friday and continuing through Sunday.

Members of The Carolinas News Photographers association, which meets here Sunday for election of officers and annual meeting, have already sent in about a dozen excellent photographs, and these will be hung for exhibit over the week-end, said C. A. Kinder, local member of the association.

Christmas Spirit High Despite War



Prof. Frederick H. (Proff) Koch's inimitable interpretation of the characters in Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" will be presented at the High School Auditorium here, Friday, December 19, as one manifestation of the Christmas spirit which remains alive and meaningful in this country. "Proff's" appearance is sponsored by the Junior Civic Club.

SEAL CAMPAIGN IS PROGRESSING

Mrs. Cheatham Says Goal of \$2,500 in Sight if Sales Continue to Remain Good

Moore County is rallying to the battle against tuberculosis the best ever, declared Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, chairman of the Tuberculosis association, this week.

Repeat requests for extra seals are coming in from all parts of the county, she said, some two and three times. This year's goal for the county, \$2,500, is in sight at this time, providing sales keep up as well as they have.

She attributed some of the renewed interest to the showing of tuberculosis pictures, "Goodbye, Mr. Germ," and "Let My People Live" in many places in the county by Walter Page of Winston-Salem. The films were shown in schools at West End, Eagle Springs, Eastwood Negro School, Hemp, High Falls, Cameron, Vass, and at Manly Church.

Plan Tuberculin Tests
Mrs. Cheatham and Dr. B. M. Drake, county health officer, conferred this week on a campaign to seek out any signs of tuberculosis among high school seniors in the county. Beginning shortly after Christmas, all high school seniors will be given the tuberculin skin test. Although a positive reaction to this test does not necessarily indicate presence of the disease, those showing positive reactions will be examined under fluoroscope.

Dr. Drake also said it was planned to try to purchase a fluoroscope for the county use, to eliminate transportation costs to the Sanatorium for examinations, and to give more complete protection in the county.

Funds raised from the Christmas seal campaign will be devoted to carrying on the fight against the disease.

The Tuberculosis Association have set as their goal the complete elimination of tuberculosis through prevention, cure and care of patients.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Members of the St. Anthony's Catholic Church Tuesday night began daily meetings at 7:30 p. m. to offer prayers for peace and for Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin. These prayers will continue daily.

'Aunt Fanny' Short Says Hitler Will Soon Get to End of His Row

News was scarce in the welfare of the children in Carthage Tuesday. Nothing was happening until "Aunt Fanny" Short, Negro of the old school, breezed in for a little chat with the "child" who is now head of the department, one of the Brown "children" whom she nursed some time ago.

Getting onto the subject of the war, "Aunt Fanny" exploded, if one with such a gentle look can do such a thing.

"Old Hit done it! He ain't got no religion. Old Hit had no business bothering us for we are a praying people. We was getting along all right. I was going to my church and you was going to yours; the white children was going to their school and the colored

'Proff' Koch Reading to Herald Christmas Spirit; Baskets To Be Given

Despite the triple shadow of war thrown over the country during this week, the spirit of Christmas will not be downed; and in Southern Pines plans are going ahead for spreading as much Christmas cheer as possible.

A Christmas Bureau, clearing house for Christmas baskets and other gifts to needy families, began operation this week, under direction of the Southern Pines Rotary Club.

Next week, the Junior Civic Club will bring to Southern Pines the unforgettable reading of "A Christmas Carol" by Prof. Frederick H. Koch of Chapel Hill, whose reading of the carol has gained nation-wide fame. This will be one of the outstanding Christmas events of the season.

In getting the Christmas Bureau underway, Ernest H. Lorensen, treasurer of the bureau, announced that the headquarters for the Bureau would be in his office in Professional Court on East Pennsylvania avenue. Barrels to receive all kinds of Christmas gifts to be distributed by the Bureau will be placed in stores throughout the town, he said.

"Gifts of food, clothing, toys—or anything else—for needy families this Christmas can be made to the bureau which, in cooperation with other civic groups, will see to the equitable distribution shortly before Christmas," Lorensen said.

Besides accepting such gifts as may be made, the Bureau also would like to receive reports on families who are worthy and needy of receiving special Christmas help. A file system will be maintained so as to assure that no one family receives too much while another deserving family gets nothing.

Churches, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and other civic organizations cooperate, Lorensen said, in making the bureau a clearing house.

STORES DISPLAYING LINES OF UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS
Having made their Christmas preparations long before the outbreak of the war, the stores of Moore County are offering an unusually well-stocked supply of Christmas gifts.

The colorful lighting and decorations of the stores add a cheering spirit to an otherwise dark period.

Many merchants pointed out that Christmas stocks of goods are going rapidly and that selections of useful and enjoyable gifts should be made as quickly as possible.

children was going to theirs," and everything was pleasant.

"They tell me he got the Japs to declare war against our president—and we got the best president that ever hit the chair," she exploded.

"God's going to rule this nation," she declared with conviction. "I heard them talking over the radio and I went to praying for our country."

Her final words of wisdom on the subject were:

"You be choppin' on a row of cotton and keep on and after while you'll get to the end of the row. And Hit will get to the end. If they don't anybody else put him out, God will put him out."

Axis War Girds Universe, Local Men In Battle Zone

MAJOR KIRKPATRICK WARNS LEGION THAT JAPS WELL PREPARED FOR WAR

The Japanese have been preparing for this war for 20 years, and it should not be taken lightly, warned Major F. S. Kirkpatrick, speaking at the meeting of the American Legion Sandhills Post Monday night.

Major Kirkpatrick spent several years on duty at Fort Stotsenberg, Philippine Islands, and related that he saw the Japs making maps on the various islands and obviously preparing their strategy for the war they were sure would come. He is now with 79th Field Artillery at Fort

Bragg.

"The Japs have a powerful Navy, army and air force, with bases on islands throughout the Pacific," the Major told the veterans of the last war. "The United States will eventually win the War, but we will know that we have been in a fight."

The Major urged the Legionnaires to throw their efforts behind the defense, both military and civilian, of the country. The Legion has been called upon to take active part in civilian defense activities of the county.

Young Newton First To Enlist In Navy After War Declaration

Seven-Eleven

Old Mars—the God of War—threw two naturals this week and, for our crap-shooting nation, this is our best token of good luck, thinks Jim Simons of Southern Pines.

On the Seventh of December, Japan declared war upon the United States, and on the Eleventh of December, Germany and Italy followed their Axis partner, both of which were countered by declarations of war by the United States.

Jim pointed out these significant numbers in the dates, and believes that two naturals in succession can only mean quick success for the United States.

LAST RITES HELD FOR MRS. McNEILL

Mother of W. H. McNeill and Mrs. Sledge Passes; Large Number Attend Funeral

Friends throughout the Sandhills were saddened by news of the passing of Mrs. Catherine Phillips McNeill, 87, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John R. McQueen, in Fairmont Monday afternoon.

Mrs. McNeill, a native of Moore County, with her husband, the late Daniel McNeill, lived for many years on their plantation two miles west of Vass, and it was there that their family of six sons and daughters was reared. In early life Mrs. McNeill united with "Old Union" Church and her love for this place of worship never diminished.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McNeill were prominent in the early life of the Vass section, giving of their best to promote the religious and educational development of their community.

Mrs. McNeill was greatly beloved for her many fine traits of character. Calm, serene and gentle, she grew old beautifully, her face reflecting her many virtues. She retained her keen interest in happenings of the day, and was deeply appreciative of the loving attention showered upon her by family and friends.

Wednesday morning, a large number gathered at Old Union for the final rites, which were conducted by Dr. Angus R. McQueen, Presbyterian minister of Dunn, the Rev. M. D. McNeill of Sanford, a former pastor, and the Rev. T. D. Mullis of Manly.

Dr. McQueen compared the life of Mrs. McNeill in its simplicity and beauty to a splendid work of art, and spoke of her great faith and confidence. Music for the service was by a choir from Pinehurst.

The body was laid to rest in the cemetery near the church and the grave was banked with many lovely floral designs.

Surviving are two sons, John W. McNeill of Maysville, Ky., and W. H. McNeill of Southern Pines; four daughters, Mrs. John R. McQueen of Fairmont, Mrs. Alex Stewart of Fayetteville, Miss Pearl McNeill of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Isham C. Sledge of Pinehurst, and six grandchildren, Lt. Donald Stewart of Fayetteville, Miss Sarah Stewart of Charlotte, Misses Katharine and Nancy Sledge and Bill Sledge, of Pinehurst, and Jack McNeill of Maysville, Ky.

One grandson, Alex Stewart of Fayetteville, died about three weeks ago.

Many Others from Sandhills on Duty with Army and Navy in Pacific War Zone Area

J. E. Newton, 21-year-old son of Southern Pines Police Chief Newton, was first to be inducted into the United States Navy at Raleigh last Monday morning, following opening of hostilities by Japan.

Young Newton, who had just started a job with the Seaboard Air Line railway, had offered himself for enlistment last week, and was in Raleigh first thing Monday morning to be accepted in the Reserve Class V-2 for aviation machinist's training.

Although Newton was the first enlisted after the War had begun, the Sandhills has many young men now serving in the war zone of the Pacific. John Stephenson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stephenson of Southern Pines, is reportedly serving on the battleship West Virginia at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Lt. Joseph H. Patterson, son of Mrs. R. E. Patterson of Manly, is with the Air Corps at Wheeler Field, Hawaii, and Harry G. Adams of Manly is at Hickam Field.

Four Lakeview boys are in the Air Corps at the Hawaiian Islands. They are Harold Eastwood, son of Mrs. J. B. Eastwood; Ratchford Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Haynes; Connor Cole, nephew of Mrs. Lou Stevens Cole; and Bill Coore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coore.

Johnnie Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Alexander of near Vass, on the Union Church road, and a Jones boy from route 2, Vass, are also reported in the Pacific war zone, in the service of our armed forces.

James Spring, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Spring of Southern Pines, and Dr. Greer Stutz, formerly of Southern Pines and son of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Stutz, are both on naval ships in the Atlantic, which since the declaration of war with Germany and Italy, has also become battle area.

FINAL ROLL CALL RESULTS GIVEN

Total Membership in County Reaches \$2,000; Money Collected Amounts to \$3,395.49

Final results of the 1941 annual Red Cross Roll Call were announced this week by George London of Southern Pines, county roll call chairman, showing a total of 2,000 members secured and \$3,395.49 raised, some in excess of the preliminary report made in The Pilot last week.

The Roll Call this year represents slightly over a 50 percent increase in membership and more than 25 percent increase in money.

Final Community Results

Results of community roll calls were given last week. Those in which changes have been shown by the final report are given here, with the roll call chairman:

Southern Pines, Carl G. Thompson, 1941, 755 members, \$1,483.60; last year, 435 members, \$1,376.21. (Due to an error last week, the report on Southern Pines was compared with the total for the county. The above is correct, to date.)

Aberdeen, Mrs. W. D. Caviness, 1941, 167 members, \$217.51; last year 99 members, \$133.36.

Jackson Springs, Mrs. Herbert Carter, 1941, 23 members, \$35.00; last year, 18 members, \$19.00.

Pinebluff, Mrs. W. D. Stewart and Mrs. J. W. McMillan, 1941, 127 members, \$166.00; last year 81 members, \$89.00.

Samarcand, Miss Bethany Von Cannon, 1941, 22 members, \$23.50; last year, 30 members, \$30.

TWO VIEWS GIVEN OF PRE-WAR SCENE

Captain Bill Fisher Anticipated Troubles with "Brown Brothers" in November

Like an electric charge flashing across an open circuit, blitz war this week shot its bolt into the western hemisphere from two directions and sent its shock across the American continent.

The United States is at war with the Axis.

Japan, Germany and Italy, and their minor satellites, declared and began open war with this country. The shock was felt in every fiber of every American in every part of the United States.

In Moore County, where a "maneuver war" had just ended, the opening shots of the war last Sunday in the Hawaiian and Philippine Islands struck nearer home than the actual bombing, some six and nine thousand miles away, would seem.

Captain William Fisher of the Army Air Corps, known as "Bill" Fisher of Southern Pines, was at Clark Field, Philippine Islands, one of the first objectives of the Japanese dive bombers. Mrs. George Kellerman, formerly Miss Elizabeth Rountree of Southern Pines, now living in Honolulu, cabled her mother, Mrs. J. B. Rountree, early this week with the brief message that they "were all right."

The former Miss Helen Blair of Southern Pines, now wife of Lt. John Henderson Turner of the U. S. Navy, is also in the war area of Hawaii, although nothing has been heard from her.

Fight Was Foreseen

Did the war come as a surprise? Captain Fisher recently wrote his friend, A. B. (Pat) Patterson. Dated November 6, the letter written from Clark Field, Fort Stotsenburg, Philippine Islands, said:

"It looks as though I'll be here until we begin and finish the fun here. Things are pouring in here now and I believe that we will be able to give the boys (Japs) quite a run for their money if it becomes necessary."

It has become necessary, and apparently it was anticipated for Captain Fisher also said:

"This idyllic existence (in Hawaii) broke sharply when I was ordered down to the Hawaiian Air Force headquarters as assistant G-3 at Hickam Field. We . . . lived quietly until the B-17's (heavy bombers) began to arrive, at which time . . . I was able to get attached to a squadron and began flying the "Flying Fortress." All was going quite smoothly when suddenly the little brown brothers over here began to get tough and a squadron was formed and sent over (flew) with nine bombers. I am second in command and a flight commander. They are wonderful airplanes—all you hear of them is true—and our outfit is well-trained and ready to operate."

"Things happened rather rapidly but before leaving Hawaii, we made arrangements for Dorothy (Capt. Fisher's wife, Ed.) and the kids to return to the States and stay with her folks in Clarks Green, Pa., until this is over . . . It looks as though I'll be here until we begin and finish the fun here."

Some Unsuspecting

But not every body sensed the situation quite as keenly as Captain (Please turn to Page 5)

Air Raid

E. H. Lorensen of Southern Pines is probably the first local man to go through an air raid alarm. And he found it wasn't very exciting.

Lorensen was in New York City Tuesday, coming out of the Woolworth Building, in front of the City Hall, when the first air raid warning there was sounded by screaming fire trucks and police cars.

Although it was not until later that it was discovered that the approach of enemy planes was only false alarm, Lorensen said the people on the streets didn't take the alarm seriously at the time. He was on the Staten Island ferry when the second alarm was sounded, and again the response was not one of fright or alarm among the crowds, he said. Lorensen returned to Southern Pines Wednesday morning.