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FIVE CENTS

## Volunteers Requested To Register For Work In Civilian Defense

Committees for Protection of  
Utilities and Health Estab-  
lished in Town

### PLANNING PREPAREDNESS

Southern Pines this week set itself in readiness for all civilian defense efforts it may be called upon to make.

Registration of volunteer civilian defense workers got underway the middle of the week, with registrations being taken at the office of E. C. Stevens in Southern Pines and at the school house in West Southern Pines.

A local Defense Council took shape with Mayor W. Duncan Matthews as chairman, John Howarth as coordinator and E. C. Stevens as director of registration.

Others on the committee are L. V. O'Callaghan, fire-fighting service; Chief Ed. Newton, police services; Mrs. Lee Clarke, medical services; Howard Burns, public works, streets, water and sewage; J. N. Steed, utilities. Almet Jenks, public relations and education.

Through Saturday, December 20, registration of volunteer workers will continue at Stevens' office and the West Southern Pines school from 10 a. m. until 9 p. m.

The Sandhills post of the American Legion last week, pledged cooperation with the defense committee.

It is planned to establish first aid posts and auxiliary firemen and policemen in different sections of town, ready to go into action if called upon. First aid training and activity will be placed under the Southern Pines Red Cross branch.

Precautionary measures for protection of all utilities are being taken. The Telephone company offices, which formerly were kept open to make two toll booths available for the public until 11 at night, will now be open only during regular office hours of the telephone company, it was announced.

## Mary Kelly Marries Lieutenant Thornton

Daughter of Lt. Col. Alex Kelly  
and Mrs. Kelly Weds in  
Fort Devens

Miss Mary Elizabeth Kelly, daughter of Lieut. Col. Alex P. Kelly and Mrs. Kelly, became the bride of Lieut. Robert L. Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee E. Thornton of Akron, Ohio, on Saturday, December 6th.

The bride's father is a former Moore County resident and her aunt, Miss Margaret Kelly, is associated with Pinehurst, Inc. She has many other relatives and friends in Moore County.

The ceremony was performed at high noon by Chaplain Ralph Boyd at the home of the bride at Ft. Devens, Mass. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Lieut. John A. Martin of Boling Field was best man. Only the immediate families and a few friends witnessed the ceremony.

Mrs. Thornton graduated from Goucher College of Baltimore, Md. She is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. Lieut. Thornton is a graduate of the University of Akron, where he is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.

After a buffet luncheon the young couple departed on a honeymoon trip to New York City. They will be at home after December 15th at West-over Field, Mass., where Lieut. Thornton is attached to the 1st Reconnaissance Squadron.

## First War Casualty Reported From Vass

First reported Moore County casualty in the present World War came this week with a telegram to Dan and Anna Belle Frye, Negroes of route 1 Vass, saying that their son, Neill Frye was "lost in action."

Frye was in the Navy and has been in service for about a year. An older brother has been in the Navy for several years. Details were not given, but it was understood that the youth had been in the Philippines.

## Gymkhana Saturday

Southern Pines' second Gymkhana of the season will be run off Saturday afternoon at the Country Club course, beginning at 3 o'clock.

Louis Schelers, in charge of the Gymkhana, announced the following events: Amateur jumping, open jumping and hunters on the outside course. Three novelty events will also be featured, an egg race, a wheelbarrow race and a potato race. A large number of entries is expected, he said.

## Koch's Carol Friday

"Proff" Koch will present his famed reading of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" in the Southern Pines high school auditorium this Friday night, December 19, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The Junior Civic Club, sponsoring appearance of Dr. Frederick H. Koch, said that a number of seats would be available at the door, but requested that all arrivals be made before the reading begins. Admittance will be made during intermissions. Dr. Koch's reading of the carol has brought him fame, not only in this State, but throughout the nation, and a large Sandhills audience is expected to turn out to hear the reading this year.

## CHECK OF \$1,000 ADVANCES DRIVE

Mrs. Francis T. Keating Makes  
Red Cross Donation for  
American War Relief

Faced with a \$10,000 county quota for the American Red Cross, to be used in caring for American war casualties, Mrs. Alice Burt Hunt, county chairman, said the drive to reach that figure received great impetus this week with a donation of \$1,000 from Mrs. Francis T. Keating of Pinehurst.

Questioned by The Pilot concerning this contribution, Mrs. Keating said that she wanted it to go "to our soldiers who may be dying or wounded in action for our country. I want it all to go for active field Red Cross service in the war zones."

Mrs. Keating, who is confined to her bed with arthritis, told The Pilot that this was "the one way in which I can help . . ."

Mrs. Hunt said other fine contributions were coming in; but that a real drive to raise the allotted quota would be launched shortly after the new year.

"This drive will emphasize that the new funds we are requesting are not for England, not France, not Belgium or China (but war relief for America—for our own people, for the defense of our own land," Mrs. Hunt said. Checks or money for the Red Cross should be sent directly to Mrs. Hunt at this time.

## Policy of Hounds Stated by Masters

Hunts by the Moore County Hounds will be continued through this season. A statement from Jackson Boyd and James Boyd, joint masters of the Moore County Hounds, this week stated:

"The state of war in which we find ourselves makes it advisable to give the public a statement of policy in regard to the Moore County Hounds.

"It might seem at first glance that hunting should be discontinued in the interest of National Defense but a careful survey of our situation shows that such a step would throw out of employment a large number of individuals who are dependent on the hunt for a living and who are not required for defense at the moment. Since in addition the hunt provides for a number of soldiers and officers sport of a kind which the Army itself considers valuable experience the Moore County Hounds have decided, unless other developments occur, to continue its program for the rest of the season.

(Signed) James Boyd and Jackson Boyd, Joint Masters.

## Library Music Series To Begin January 5th

The Southern Pines Library Association this week announced its Library concert series for the season, to begin January 5 with the presentation of William Klenz, cellist.

The concerts are to be presented Monday nights at the Library during the season.

Scheduled at this time are the following artists: January 5, Mr. Klenz; January 26, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Sly, piano and violin; February 16, Sherman Smith, bass-baritone; March 16, Sylvia Kahn Berke, piano. The concert of April 6 is to be announced later.

Season tickets are being sold at the library or by the concert committee, comprising Mrs. James Boyd, chairman; Mrs. J. K. Waller, Alfred Yeomans, Philip Weaver, Mrs. Almet Jenks, Mrs. A. Burt Hunt, Miss Birdilla Bair, and Miss Laura Kelsey.

## VERNON ALLAN RECEIVES 1941 JAYCEE AWARD

Active Young Telephone Man  
Honored by Civic Organiza-  
tion at Annual Banquet

### FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Vernon Allan, associated with the Central Carolina Telephone Company, was Monday night awarded the Annual Service Award of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for "outstanding service to the club and town during the past year."

The award was made at the Jaycees' annual banquet at the Dunes Club by Larry Miner, president of the organization.

Jaycees and their invited guests celebrated the end of the year with dining and dancing and a humorous speech from W. E. Debnam, news commentator with WPTF in Raleigh. Paul Butler introduced the speaker.

Since the organization of the Junior Chamber, the Service award has been an annual presentation, going first to M. F. Grantham and last year to Paul Butler. Besides being an active Jaycee, Allan is secretary of the Southern Pines Rotary Club.

## KIWANIS PRAISES SOLDIER CONDUCT

County-Wide Civic Club Com-  
mends "High and Good Con-  
duct" of Men on Maneuvers

The public affairs committee of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club this week completed a resolution commending the manner of conduct among soldiers while on maneuvers in this section and the reception of the people in the community to soldiers.

This resolution is the result of a recent discussion at a Kiwanis Club meeting during which several members expressed concern over what they considered misleading statements of Army chiefs concerning the vice situation in this county. County Prosecutor Leland McKeithen and Recorder J. Vance Rowe, both Kiwanians, each expressed his belief that there was a minimum of organized vice in this county during the maneuver period, although certain published reports seemed to indicate differently.

The resolution of the committee is as follows:

Whereas, it is the opinion of the Public Affairs Committee of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club that during the fall period of Military Maneuvers in and around Moore County, the men in service conducted themselves in a highly praiseworthy manner, and the citizens of this County were most generous with their time and efforts to the end that the soldiers might find their off-service time enjoyable and comfortable; and Whereas, this Committee feels it appropriate that these matters should be publicly recognized,

It is therefore resolved that the Public Affairs Committee of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club go on record as recognizing, and expressing its appreciation for, the high and good conduct of the soldiers while in this area, as well as the cordial, enthusiastic and wholesome reception and treatment accorded the men in the service by the people of the County. (Signed) Public Affairs Committee, Sandhills Kiwanis Club: G. C. Seymour, Chairman, C. J. McDonald, E. C. Stevens, Dr. J. I. Neal, W. A. Leland McKeithen.

## BURTON MCKENZIE DIES IN EUREKA COMMUNITY

Eureka Community was saddened this week by the sudden death of Burton McKenzie early Thursday morning. While he had not been in robust health recently, he had worked as usual at the furniture plant in West End Wednesday, and was stricken after returning home. Surviving are his wife and two small children.

## Publisher, Getting Wreck Story, Gets Involved with "Trouble Car"

The Pilot's publisher went out to cover" an Army truck wreck this week, had his own automobile damaged by a second Army truck and finally got straightened out by the commanding officer.

When an Army truck of the 41st Engineers, filled with Negro soldiers, crashed through the fence in front of Mrs. J. H. Andrews' home on Connecticut avenue extension, James Boyd, who lives nearby, went over to see about the wreck, found no one injured except some trees and shrubs.

While Boyd was talking with the men in the accident, he glanced up in time to see another Army truck of the

## Kiwanis Builder's Cup For 1941 Awarded to George H. Maurice



George H. Maurice of Eagle Springs, 1941 recipient of the Sandhills Builders Cup, awarded by the Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills, is shown here in front of his home, with two of his pets—and with his favorite—John Morris, his grandson, the son of Mrs. John Hammond of Connecticut.

## BERNARD LEAVITT DIES IN VERMONT

Former Telephone Company  
Owner Here Spent Most of  
Life in Sandhills

Bernard (Bernie) W. Leavitt, who came to Southern Pines in 1888 at the age of eight years and remained here, active in community affairs, until 1931, died Monday at his home in Bradford, Vt., his birthplace. He was stricken last Friday with a heart attack and funeral services were conducted Thursday.

Son of the late Eugene and Louise Leavitt, he came with his family to Southern Pines and attended school in Mrs. Ada Rockwell's old schoolhouse in 1891. For a short time around 1890, they lived near present Ashley Heights where Leavitt's Lumber Mill was operated. In 1900, father and son bought the City Telephone company from C. L. Hayes and I. L. Hamlin and the Leavitts operated the company until 1928, when it was sold to Central Carolina Telephone company.

During the period from February, 1905 to January, 1912, B. W. Leavitt served as Southern Pines postmaster. He was also a Master Mason and Knight Templar. He married Miss Nellie Woods in Southern Pines in 1914.

Three years after selling the telephone concern, the Leavitts moved to Bradford to operate a similar company there.

Surviving are his widow and four children. Eugene, now a telephone company manager in Bradford; B. W. Leavitt Jr., Mrs. Paul Nye, the former Nellie Louise Leavitt, and Dorothy Leavitt.

## Southern Pines Man Enlists in Marines

Raleigh—First man to enlist in the Marine Corps from Southern Pines during the present War period was Durward L. Epps, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Epps, it was announced by the U. S. Marine Corps recruiting office here.

Young Epps must have what it takes to become a part of the "Leathernocks" for he was turned down a few days previous to his enlistment for being underweight. It wasn't long before he returned to the Recruiting office here with sufficient amount of weight, plus some extra for good measure.

Private Epps is being stationed at Marine Barracks, Parris Island, S. C., for training. The Marine Corps now has unlimited openings for young men between the ages of 17 and 30, according to Sgt. Robert Dorsen of the recruiting division.

## Eagle Springs Man Recognized at Annual Ladies Night and Alumni Banquet

To Captain George H. Maurice of Eagle Springs Wednesday night went the coveted Sandhills Builders Cup, awarded by the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at its annual Ladies Night and Alumni Banquet.

The award was made by Judge H. F. Seawell of Carthage who cited particularly Capt. Maurice's activities in connection with the Moore County Hospital and the religious and educational activities of the community.

Great applause from the large number of Kiwanians, past Kiwanians, and their friends, assembled in the Carolina Hotel dining room, greeted the selection of the Builder's Cup recipient. It was the high spot of a highly entertaining evening, with the main speaker, Edmund Harding from Washington, keeping a festive audience rocking for nearly 45 minutes with his humorous presentation of "What's in Your Christmas Stocking."

### Eleventh Recipient

Maurice is the 11th Moore County man to receive the Kiwanis Builder's Cup, since the first award was made in 1928 to John R. McQueen. Succeeding presentations were: 1929 Leonard Tufts, 1930 Simeon B. Chapin, 1931 Bion H. Butler, 1932 P. Frank Buchan, 1936 Dr. H. E. Bowman, 1937 Mrs. Thaddeus A. Cheatham, 1938 Paul Dana, 1939 Dr. Clement R. Monroe, 1940 Charles W. Picquet.

### Entertainment and Songs

The evening led off with music by George Tosti and his orchestra, brought over from the Dunes Club for the occasion, and songs led by the Kiwanis songmaster—Charles Picquet. Miss Leah Price, music teacher at Carthage school, from Brick Hill Falls, Pa., rendered a Christmas selection, accompanied by Mrs. Carl G. Thompson of Southern Pines. Following the banquet there was dancing in the ballroom. Mrs. J. T. Overton won a "lucky number" award.

I. C. Sledge of Pinehurst, retiring head of the Kiwanis Club, presided over the occasion, and introduced District Kiwanis Governor J. Marion (Spiko) Saunders of Chapel Hill, present for the occasion.

There's no way to write up the main speaker's talk. Suffice it to say his remarks, cleverly interwoven with hilarious stories, kept everyone practically rolling in their chairs. J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen introduced him.

### Recipient of Award

George H. Maurice was born in Ossining, N. Y., March 18, 1872, and graduated from Lehigh University, Pa., in 1893 as a civil engineer. During the last World War he served as Captain of the home guard in Moore County.

He came to North Carolina in 1912 and located at Eagle Springs where he has made his home and operated a peach orchard since. His record of public service includes many years as a member of the Moore County highway commission, activity with the N. C. Historical Society, and being secretary of the N. C. Branch of Civil Engineers, a position he now holds.

He has been a director of the Pinehurst Religious Association and was for a number of years vice-president of the association and chairman of its building committee during the construction of the Village Chapel in Pinehurst.

### Devoted to Hospital

His outstanding work in the county has been in connection with the Moore County Hospital. He was on the original board of directors, elected in April, 1928, and on the building committee during the hospital construction, after which he was appointed.

## THE PILOT DONS NEW NAMEPLATE BY LOCAL ARTIST

Miss Ruth Doris Swett, Noted  
for Pine Tree Etchings,  
Does Pilot Drawing

### ADAPTED TO MOORE

In due keeping with a festive Christmas season, The Pilot this week dons a new banner heading and nameplate, especially designed for the paper by a local artist who has won fame for her etchings of long-leaved pines of the Carolinas and Florida.

Miss Ruth Doris Swett, Southern Pines native and daughter of the late Dr. William P. Swett, one of the county's pioneer builders, executed the original drawing of the pine needles, the compass and the map of Moore County which will adorn the top of The Pilot's front page from now on.

Seeking a banner heading suitable to The Pilot's position in the Sandhills and Moore County, The Pilot asked Miss Swett to design the nameplate and drawing which appears for the first time this week.

### Recognized Artist

In selecting Miss Swett for this task, The Pilot took into consideration her heritage of her father's deep interest and artistic feeling and vision for this community's future. She has made a specialty of etching trees, especially long-leaved pines, and one of her pine prints was chosen among the One Hundred Best Prints by the Society of American Etchers. Her etchings also are in the permanent collection of the Library of Congress and in many private collections.

After attending St. Mary's School in Raleigh, Miss Swett traveled abroad for two years and then went to California where she studied art in Los Angeles. She continued her studies at the Art Students League in New York City and studied etching and worked in the studios of Margery Ryerson, William C. McNulty and Frank A. Nankwell.

### Recipient of Awards

One of her Florida pine plates received the Florida Federation of Arts medal and a North Carolina mountain print was awarded the silver cup from the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs. She is a member of the Southern States Art League, Southern Printmakers, the American Federation of Arts, the Washington Color Club and other art organizations. For the past two years she has been instructor in etching at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida.

Some of her works are at present being shown at Hayes Sandhill Book Shop. She is staying with her brother, James Swett, and Mrs. Swett.

The Pilot hopes that its readers will share its pride in its new, attractive nameplate, executed by a Moore County native and symbolizing much for which the County is famous.

## Picture by Kinder Gets Honor Mention

Pine Needles Golf Scene Rated  
High; Photographers Name  
Humphreys Vice-President

A photograph by C. A. Kinder, local photographer, won honorable mention at an exhibit of the Carolinas News Photographers Association at the Highland Pines Inn Sunday.

Kinder's picture "Newly Weds in the Clouds" was used by The Pilot in its November 14 (resort edition) issue, and is of a recently married couple, standing before a pond on the Pine Needles golf course.

First award went to Jack Dickerson of Monroe for his "Preview—Hitler vs. U. S. A." and second to C. W. Martin of Greensboro for his "Checking the Run" picture.

Elected new officers were "Bugs" Barringer of Rocky Mount, president, Emerson Humphreys of Pinehurst, vice-president, and Duke Sanchez of Charlotte, secretary-treasurer.

Mayor Duncan Matthews, Pat Canidido, New York Daily News photographer, and Howard Burns were among those speaking at the banquet. Judges of the pictures were Fred Cohn of Raleigh, WPA director of information, S. R. Jellison and Carl G. Thompson, Jr., both of Southern Pines.

## Publish Tuesday

The Pilot will be printed Tuesday, December 23, next week. It will carry the usual date, Friday, December 26, but will come out three days ahead of time.

This is being done so that those who contribute each week to the publication and printing of The Pilot will have a holiday on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. All notices, advertising and any other matter for next week's paper should be in The Pilot office Tuesday morning at the latest.