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## Moore Tobacco Is Best In Years - If Weather Holds

### Curing Under Way: Some Will Be Ready To Sell By August 1

Moore county farmers were this week starting to barn one of the finest looking crops seen here in many years—crossing their fingers in hopes the weather would allow them to get it all in the barn in good condition.

The crop is somewhat waterlogged after about three weeks of solid rain. E. H. Garrison, Jr., county farm agent, reported. After an unusually wet spell, a sudden onset of hot dry weather can affect the plants just like a wilt. Working as fast as they could, the farmers would not be able to save it all, or even a large proportion.

So the next two weeks will tell the tale. By then the first curings should be completed and the rest of the leaves, if they survive, should be hardly mature.

Some early-birds among the growers had already cured a barnful by last week, but most of them were just starting to cure, a procedure which should continue for three or four weeks.

**Border Belt Markets**  
Some tobacco will be ready to market by August 1, date of the opening of the Border Belt markets (Continued on Page 8)

## VFW Sound Truck Gives Warnings For Safety's Sake

Were you a jaywalker last Saturday afternoon? If so, you may have heard a loud voice calling attention to your error.

Did you back your car out of a parking space without looking to make sure all was clear? If so—that same voice from the skies called everyone's attention.

Whether you broke any safety rules or not, if you were anywhere in the downtown area, you heard the voice and recognized the good sense of what it was saying.

The safety sound truck which patrolled the streets for several hours, issuing reminders of traffic safety and courtesy rules, marked the enthusiastic entry of the John Boyd post, VFW, into the lists of safety campaign sponsors here. That was Karl Klabbatz driving the truck, Harry Clatfield at the mike, and Don Jones, post commander, says they saw plenty to correct. "They came back from their patrol wondering out loud why more, and worse, accidents, don't happen," he added. The truck will be out again tomorrow, (Saturday) afternoon, so watch out for it—and listen to its warnings.

As the truck made its tour, other veterans of the post walked the streets handing out safety literature. Also, by police permission, they are putting safety stickers on the windows (right rear) of parked cars. The stickers offer the challenge—"I'm a Safe Driver—R-U?"

The veterans are planning a parade Saturday afternoon, July 29, climaxed by some tableaux, both humorous and grim at the town park. Joe Warren, WEEB radio announcer, will be the narrator for the tableaux.

Wednesday, Commander Jones will go on the air on Station WEEB at 7:15 p. m. with a safety program, in which he will be assisted by Announcer Warren. The following Wednesday, August 3, he will be heard on Station WSTS—same time.

The VFW post is maintaining the "accident report board" at the post office, started in May by the Moore County chapter, American Red Cross, and kept up through June by the Southern Pines Rotary club.

All this is part of the work of the Southern Pines Safety Council, of which the VFW post is a member. Each month since April (when the town board started off) some local organization interested in safety has headed up the campaign.

So enthusiastic are the VFW members over the project, reports Commander Jones, that they plan to make it an annual event.

## New Hospital Kitchen In Use

The kitchen and dining rooms in the new wing of the Moore County hospital went into use this week, while work is still being done on finishing the upper floors for private rooms and wards, according to E. T. McKeithen, hospital administrator.

The new kitchen, twice as large as the old, is said to be the last word in functional designing. Fixtures and equipment are practically all stainless steel. All equipment is installed except for two or three minor items, and these will be in shortly. The best of the old equipment is also still in use, supplementing the new.

Beauty and efficiency combined are seen in the tiled floors and walls, wide windows and fluorescent lighting.

The old kitchen and dining room are being converted into an outpatient department, with additional space for giving basic metabolism tests, making electrocardiographs, and a blood donor service.

This week also the hospital linens, drugs and surgical supplies

and other items which had outgrown their storage space, were being moved from the main hospital into the wing, where ample space has been provided.

Construction was begun about three weeks ago on the addition to the Negro wing, which will be ready in two or three months, adding a modern four-bed ward, two semi-private rooms, a nursing station and utility room to the facilities for Negro patients. Additional space is being rearranged to give this wing everything it needs for efficient care of the sick.

The addition for Negroes was made possible through the generosity of a private individual.

The \$400,000 wing is being paid for by donations from individuals and organizations from all over the county, plus funds from the Duke Endowment. A \$25,000 appropriation was recently made by the county commissioners to help with construction costs. About \$14,000 remains to be given for completion of the wing as planned.

## Mayor Page, Dawson Bring Back Facts From Chapel Hill On Town Recreation

### WHY WAIT?

Registration for the municipal election August 15 slow-down—understandably—during the past week, but the brakes are off now. Let's get on the books!

The vote for a recreation levy calls for a new registration. Wednesday of this week, only about 75 had registered—not nearly as many as signed the petitions calling for the vote.

The election for the town advertising and promotion fund uses the old books, but you'd better check and see if you're on. Registration will take place Saturdays at the firehouse (Mrs. Kaylor, registrar) and the whole week of July 31. Why wait?

## Local Draft Plans Still Uncertain

There's no definite news yet concerning Selective Service activities in Moore county, and mighty little in the State.

The July 8 bulletin that local boards were to be set up again, and that of July 11 that the first draft (nationwide) of 20,000 men would be in uniform by September 30, are just about the last anybody's heard—though not the last they expect to hear. No, sir.

Allen McDonald, of West End, member of the Moore county local board which was inactivated a year and a half ago, said he had received a form letter confirming the fact of reactivation, and adding that further instructions were to go to the chairman. Maxwell Rush, of Southern Pines, board chairman, is vacationing in Vermont. His plans (subject to change) were to stay there until well into August. What mail has been forwarded to him from State Selective Service headquarters, if any, is not known. He said when he left "if anything urgent came up" he would return at once.

Gene Stewart, of Carthage, third member of the board and former chairman, resigned several months ago. No word concerning appointment of a new member had been received early this week by any of the three persons whose task this will be: Miss Ethel Davis, superior court clerk; Sam C. Riddle, chairman of the county board of elections, and H. Lee Thomas, county superintendent of schools.

When the draft gets into operation eligible men of 25, not yet 26, will be the first called up for examination, according to word from Colonel Hershey, chief of the National Selective Service. Most of these who are able-bodied are also veterans, and it is not expected that even a modest quota can be filled from the non-veteran ranks. Succeeding calls will be by birthdays, working on down into the 19-year-olds. The present feeling is that youths of 19 and 20, are comparatively safe from being drafted—that the eligibles of 22 and 23 will fill the lists as needed.

## 70 N. C. Towns Have Municipal Programs; All Ages Take Part

Small communities as well as large ones are joining the growing list which have town-sponsored recreation departments and year-round programs, Dr. Harold D. Meyer, retiring director of the N. C. Recreation Commission, told a large group of town officials and recreation executives at Chapel Hill Saturday.

In the group attending the meeting, part of a three-day program of the Commission, were Southern Pines Mayor C. N. Page and A. C. Dawson, Jr., local high school teacher and coach and director of the summer recreation program here.

"I came away with a stronger feeling than ever before that a recreation program on a permanent basis is something every town should supply its people, especially its youth," said Mayor Page this week.

### Integral Function

Discussion held during the afternoon, in which Mr. Dawson took an active part, reflected today's thought that recreation is an integral function of town government, as much as the water department and fire department. It makes a town healthier-minded, happier, friendlier, more attractive to outsiders and more rewarding to its residents. Also—most important, the Mayor felt—it is the best weapon against juvenile delinquency.

The summer program now being held in Southern Pines, financed by donations of individuals and organizations, came in for some of the discussion, and recreation leaders expressed surprise that "so much could be done with so little." The variety and scope (Continued on Page 5)

## Prices Go Up In Wake of War News; Flurry of Buying Seen - Few Hoarders

A small and spotty flurry of "panic buying" was detected locally in the past few days, as citizens suddenly began to sense a rush toward war. It was hardly enough to be noticed—nothing like the grabbing reported in many larger cities—but there it was. Merchants discouraged such signs as they saw and hoped they would go away.

A spot-check up and down the street this week found them all, from Mayor Page on down, holding to one theme: "There is plenty of everything. No signs of shortages. But there will be if people start hoarding."

"To buy what you don't need just because you're afraid you won't be able to get it later makes it harder for everyone, including yourself," said Mayor Page. "It isn't what I call being a good American."

No word of shortages has come from distributors or wholesalers. Except for cars, which are still on a delayed-delivery program—they

## BASEBALL

A series of three, perhaps five, baseball games will be sponsored here by the Sandhills Merchants association, starting next Wednesday afternoon, according to plans announced Thursday by Lloyd C. Clark, president.

The first game will be next Wednesday, with Laurinburg or Raeford as a probable opponent of the town team. Other games are to be arranged, for ensuing Wednesdays, with game time set at 2:30 p. m. at the High School Memorial field.

Arrangements have been completed for the game of August 9, which will be with Manners, Harnett County entry in the Sanclay League. The town team, which has been playing informally here and at neighboring towns, has a number of high school college players in its membership.

## Vass Child Is Polio Victim While Attending Camp

### 40 Moore Campers Are In Quarantine

An 11-year-old girl who departed happily with other youngsters for a week at 4-H camp Monday of last week, before the week was out became Moore county's first 1950 polio victim.

As a result 40 other Moore County boys and girls who were at Camp Millstone, in Richmond county, are spending two weeks in quarantine, according to Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer.

He said the children are under close observation and the two weeks should be enough for any symptoms to develop, if they are going to.

What precautions are being taken in Lee, Harnett and Pender counties, which also had children at the camp, Dr. Willcox said he does not know but presumes they are the same as in Moore, as Dr. Reeves, Richmond County health officer, checked fully with state health authorities and made recommendations accordingly. A Light Case

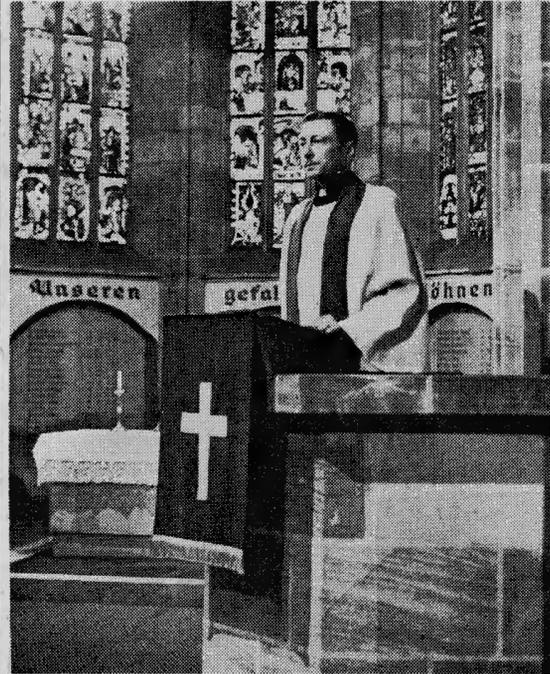
This week Anne Mae Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ferguson of Vass, was reported to be "doing nicely" at Rex hospital, Raleigh, where she was taken Friday. The case appears to be a light one, with no holdover of paralysis.

Anna Mae complained of a headache Wednesday following a swimming period at the camp. She was found to have a slight temperature and an Ellerbe physician consulted by telephone, prescribed rest and a sulfa drug. She slept well that night but in the morning her fever had risen slightly and Moore county leaders at camp, W. G. Caldwell and Misses Barbara Connally and Dorothy Fields, decided to bring her home.

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## Southern Pines Special Vote And Beer-Wine Election Will Both Be Held As Scheduled

### Holds Services In Historic Church



Chaplain Major Ariel H. Achtermann, formerly of Southern Pines, in the pulpit of 600-year-old St. Martha's church, Nurnberg, Germany. See story on Page 10. (Army Photo)

## Eastern Airlines Challenges Resort On North-South Service To Sandhills

### President Burwell Answers Right Back

Eastern Airlines, Inc., one of the major powers of the air which fought (unsuccessfully) the application of Resort Airlines for its International Skyroute certificate, is in there punching again.

This time, Eastern complains that Resort's application to render north-south service to the Southern Pines-Pinehurst airport would, if granted, hurt Eastern's business. Such service isn't needed anyway, claims EAL.

Local demand would indicate a need, L. C. Burwell, Jr., Resort's president, replied this week—and as for hurting their business, if Eastern wants to serve the Sandhills, come on over!

(Many Sandhills officials, private citizens and organizations have acquainted the CAB with the needs for Resort's north-south service, and for those who haven't yet done so—there's still time.)

A pointed exchange has gone on between Eastern and Resort, which is of interest here.

In a telegram to the CAB July 12, Gambrell, Harlan and Harwick, of Atlanta, Ga., EAL counsel, make a request and a protest:

"In re application of Resort Airlines for exemption order authorizing air transportation of persons and property between Southern Pines-Pinehurst, North Carolina, and New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Miami through the period June 20, 1950 through October 31, 1950, Docket 4544.

"As counsel for Eastern Air Lines, Inc., we have not received copy of above application, although Resort obviously is proposing domestic air transportation which would seriously divert traffic from Eastern's certificated services. The authority sought by Resort is identical with that which it has previously been denied by the Board. There is no public need for Resort's proposed service—the services of presently certificated carriers such as Eastern and Piedmont being fully adequate—and it would be contrary to the public interest. We are to-day writing Resort for a copy of its application under Docket 4544, and will, if necessary, elaborate further on Eastern's position in this matter after we have examined that document."

L. C. Burwell, Jr., of Pinehurst, (Continued on page 8)

## NEW CLASSROOMS

Bids on building two new classrooms for the Southern Pines elementary school, with four as an alternate bid, will be received next Friday, July 28, at 2 p. m. at the high school, after advertising in the News and Observer last week. School Architect W. H. Deitrick of Raleigh will preside.

The county commissioners have agreed to construct at least two classrooms, and if double that number may be built at a considerable saving, say they will go ahead and build that many, as all will be needed soon.

The need for extra classrooms will be acute with the opening of school this fall, said Supt. P. J. Weaver. They will get along as best they can under crowded conditions until the two (or four) new rooms are ready, perhaps with the start of the second half of the school year.

## Red Cross Rescue Squad Ready For Action

Organization of a rescue squad, for immediate action in case of a water emergency, has been completed by the Moore County chapter, American Red Cross.

Dr. J. C. Grier, Jr., of Pinehurst, announcing the squad list, said this week that the important thing for everyone to remember is—in case of emergency, call the American Red Cross.

Any member of the squad may also be notified, so it is well to note which one lives nearest the lake at which you and your family swim.

The procedure in case of a message to either the Red Cross office or a squad member follows along identical lines. At the Red Cross office, Mrs. David Mallon, secretary, will flash the message to each squad member. Any member receiving the message direct will notify the Red Cross office before leaving for the scene of the emergency.

Members of the squad include (Continued on Page 5)

## Judge Sink's Decision Victory For Both Sides

### Injunction Ends: "Fraud" Charges Held Unjustified

The question of which election shall be held next month, the Southern Pines special election August 15 or the beer and wine referendum August 26, resolved itself with victory for both sides at a special hearing called Thursday morning before Judge H. Hoyle Sink at Greensboro.

The Southern Pines municipal election, against which the Allied Church League of Moore county secured an injunction last Thursday, is to proceed "without let or hindrance," said the judge, dissolving the injunction.

The beer and wine referendum may also be held as scheduled, he ruled. The judge disregarded law passed by General Assembly of 1947 that no beer and wine election may be held within 60 days of any other election in the same county. He went back instead to a law of 1943, which says that no election already set may be invalidated by any other.

Judge Sink found as a fact that "there was no fraud or conspiracy" on the part of Southern Pines town officials, as charged in the Allied Church League's petition, but that "they had acted in pursuance of their duties and obligations" in calling the special election and setting it for August 15; also, that there was "no fraudulent act or intent on the part of the officials or any citizen" in the matter of petitions for the referendum levy.

The Allied Church League through its attorney, H. F. Seawell, Jr., had secured the injunction order, signed by Judge Clawson Williams at Sanford, who set the date for a showcase hearing for July 29.

However, through efforts of Hoke Pollock, Southern Pines town attorney, the earlier hearing before Judge Sink was secured, on the legal grounds that no due notice of the injunction had been given the defendants in the League's action. In such case, a hearing may be called within time limitations, which were met.

Attending the Thursday morning (Continued on Page 5)

## Rep. Deane Urges Reactivation of Camp Mackall

An effort to have Camp Mackall, World War 2 paratrooper training center, reactivated has been launched by Rep. C. B. Deane.

The Eighth District Congressman announced Monday he had requested Defense Secretary Louis Johnson, and appropriate Army authorities, to order the big airborne training center reactivated "in the light of increasing defense operations."

Deane told Johnson that Camp Mackall now has, on a standby basis, a headquarters establishment of more than 50 buildings valued at over a million dollars, standing on 6,542 acres of land and including a mile-long, surfaced air strip.

Because of this, coupled with the Army's recall rights to an additional 56,000 acres now under Interior Department control, the reactivation of Camp Mackall would be "a natural," Deane's office said.

The proximity of Mackall to Fort Bragg, where most of this country's airborne units now are based, also was pointed out by Deane, who recalled that during World War 2, Mackall, Bragg and the Laurinburg-Maxton Air Base formed a triangle which was the largest airborne training center in the world.