

### Knowles Sells Specialty Shop To C. L. Worsham, Retires At Age of 83

H. S. Knowles' Specialty Shop at East Broad and Connecticut, one of Southern Pines' best known food stores, became C. L. Worsham's Specialty Shop as of June 1.

Mr. Knowles, who founded the store in 1937, is retiring at the age of 83, having sold out to Mr. Worsham.

The new proprietor announced this week that he plans to continue the policies which have made the Specialty Shop a favorite with many year-round and winter residents. These include charge and delivery service, also the carrying of various specialty

foods and fine fare in addition to the usual staples.

He announces, however, two improvements. One is that fine meats, cut to order, will be available every day instead of only on weekends; the other that a telephone—a modern invention Mr. Knowles managed to do without—has been installed. The number is 2-3971.

N. E. Andrews, longtime assistant to Mr. Knowles, is continuing in the same capacity with Mr. Worsham.

Mr. Knowles entered the food store business here many years ago as manager of H. A. Lewis' big grocery store, then located on E. Broad where Holliday's Coffee Shop and several other buildings now stand. He worked for Mr. Lewis also at his Pinehurst store, then went into business here with C. J. Simons. Seventeen years ago he bought a small fish market, and expanded the building and the business into the Specialty Shop.

"Cliff" Worsham, the new owner, operated a meat market at Petersburg, Va., before moving to Southern Pines in 1925. He was associated here as partner in two enterprises combining food stores and meat markets. He was also in the automobile business for a time, as partner in the Worsham-Little Motor Co.

### Cucumber Market At Vass Is Slated To Reopen Monday

The cucumber market at Vass, operated by Charles F. Cates and Sons of Faison under management of H. D. Jackson of Lakeview, will reopen Monday for its third season, Mr. Jackson discloses. This year's acreage has jumped to 160 acres, 40 more than last year's planting.

Contract prices will be: No. 1 cucumbers, up to one and one-eighth inches in diameter, five cents a pound; No. 2's, up to one and a half inches, two cents; No. 3's, up to two inches, one cent a pound. These prices are the same as those of 1952, with a decrease of one-half a cent per pound on No. 2's, in comparison with 1953. Size of plantings for this early season money crop range from 1-2 acre to four acres, Mr. Jackson says, with a wide area represented. Not only are farmers in the immediate vicinity taking advantage of this market, but growers from Addor, Johnsonville, Olivia, Sanford Route, and the Glendon section are signed up.

Although contracts call for the market's remaining open until July 4, Mr. Jackson says that it was open until July 20 last year and indications are that it will be open that long or longer this season, as the crop appears to be about 10 days later than last year's. The company allows him to use his judgment as to the closing date that is to the best interest of the farmers, Mr. Jackson says. Grading machinery has already been put in place for the opening of the market, and the crop is said to be "looking good."

### Only 47 Show Up For Bloodmobile's Last Visit Here

Forty-seven pints of blood were donated to the Bloodmobile on its visit here last Wednesday, the smallest total given on any of its 10 trips into Moore county.

No further visits of the Bloodmobile are scheduled at this time, said Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy, executive secretary of the Moore County Red Cross chapter.

She announced the presentation of five new "gallon pins" to donors who last week gave their eighth pint. These were Mrs. John S. Ruggles, Mrs. Ira T. Wyche, B. J. Poley, Robert F. Arey and Virgil P. Clark.

Giving their blood at the Southern Pines Country Club for uses by government hospitals and other service-connected agencies, also for the fight on polio, were 32 donors from Southern Pines, 11 from Pinehurst and two each from Aberdeen and Carthage. A considerable number who had registered in advance failed to show up for the donation.

### Coleman Joins Lecture Service

Arch Coleman, who has been here for the past week, stated to The Pilot that he and his family have come back here for good.

The Colemans have reopened their home north of Manly on Highway 1 and Mr. Coleman will make the Sandhills his headquarters.

At one time attached to OSS, Mr. Coleman has joined the speakers bureau of Associated Clubs, with offices located in Princeton, N. J. and Topeka, Kansas. This is a company that organizes study groups and sends speakers throughout the country on lecture tours. An experienced lecturer, Mr. Coleman has been associated with this group since last fall, when he spoke to gatherings in Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio. While he expects to travel widely, assignments throughout the South will be his first interest, Mr. Coleman said.

Mr. Coleman is also compiling his voluminous notes, made during his varied career, both for lecture purposes and possible publication.

### Dr. Chester's Brother Dies In Statesville

W. F. Chester, 66, brother of Southern Pines' Dr. P. J. Chester, died at his home in Statesville last Sunday afternoon.

Death came to the Statesville man, suddenly, following a heart attack. Mr. Chester was superintendent of Statesville's chair factory.

Dr. and Mrs. Chester drove to Statesville Monday for the funeral, returning the same day. Dr. Chester has one other brother living and four sisters.

United States hog production, after declining for two years, is now on the increase and is likely to continue upward into 1955.

### State Alumni Hear Coach Edwards; Two Boys Stay In Scholarship Race

Earl Edwards, new State College head coach, made a highly favorable impression on members of the Moore County Alumni Association when he visited them as guest speaker last Friday night.

The former coach of the Michigan State powerhouse, which has gone twice to the Rose Bowl, told the alumni he was "greatly impressed" with the spirit of the N. C. players as viewed during spring scrimmage.

Though handicapped by having one-third of their players on the sick and injured list, the squad showed great possibilities and the building-up process is already well under way, the speaker declared. He added that he plans to use North Carolina players as much as possible, will stress "sportsmanship first—victory second" and insist on the maintenance of high standards of scholarship and personal living.

He said he expects to have about 52 players on the squad for the coming season, in which they will play about the same schedule as last year, with the addition of West Virginia and Furman.

John L. Ponzer, president, presided over the quarterly meeting, which was also Ladies Night. The program followed a chicken dinner served at the outdoor grill. Lee Buchan introduced the speaker.

President Ponzer reported to the group that the two Moore County boys selected by their committee as applicants for State College scholarships are still in the running after several screenings. The hundreds of applicants from North Carolina and several other states have now been reduced to 70, with some 55 scholarships to be given out. "It looks



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as though both of our boys might come through," he said, "It is my belief that, if this group had done nothing else, its existence will be more than justified if it gets one or both of these boys the education he wants."

Bill Austin of Aberdeen is chairman of the alumni committee, which chose the two boys, with the assistance of the principals of Moore county, Southern Pines and Pinehurst schools. One boy from Robbins and one from Southern Pines, Jimmy Barber, were selected by the screening committee.

The president appointed the following to a nominating committee, to make its report at the next meeting in September: Norman Caudle, Lee Buchan, Earl Auman, Kirk Thayer, John M. Currie and Don Traylor. Tom Hayes was in charge of the evening's program, with Graves Vann in charge of ticket sales.

### Saunders Sees Upturn In Robbins Mills; Stevens Company Buys Big Block Stock

Large Textile Firm Gets 41 Per Cent of Common Stock Shares

W. P. Saunders of Southern Pines, president of Robbins Mills (N. C.), Inc., with headquarters at the Aberdeen division of the mills, said last week that business is looking much better for the company than it has for some time.

He said that officials of the firm are working toward the goal of re-summing a six-day work week in the plants at Aberdeen, Robbins, Raeford and Red Springs. For several months, the mills have been on shorter schedules and employment has been curtailed, with large numbers of workers laid off and others working shorter hours.

Mr. Saunders' optimistic statements about conditions at the mills followed soon after announcement in New York City that Karl Robbins, former president of the corporation that bears his name, as well as chairman of the board, had sold his common stock holdings and holding of members of his family in Robbins Mills, amounting to 41 per cent of the common stock, to J. P. Stevens and Co., one of the nation's large textile firms.

Robert T. Stevens, Secretary of the Army, who has played a prominent part in the McCarthy-Army dispute hearings, is a former chairman of the board of J. P. Stevens and Co.

The New York announcement was made by Malcolm G. Jones, president of Robbins. Officials of the Stevens company said that the purchase was made as an investment, showing the firm's confidence in the outlook of the textile industry.

In addition to the four North Carolina weaving mills, Robbins has a finishing plant at Clarksville, Va.

The New York announcement said that Robbins Mills would continue under the present organization, separate from the purchaser, despite the fact that the amount of stock bought was a controlling interest. Executive and sales offices will remain in New York City.

Mr. Saunders will continue in his capacity of president of Robbins Mills (N. C.), Inc.

No announcement was made as to the purchase of the preferred stock held by Mr. Robbins. Poor health is said to have had something to do with the sale of his stock. Mr. Robbins, for whom the town of Robbins in Moore County was named, changing the name from Hemp, bought and began to operate the old cloth mills there, more than 15 years ago. He is a former resident of Pinehurst.

First the Aberdeen and then the Raeford mills were classed, when they were built, as the largest spun synthetic weaving mill under one roof in the world. All four of the Robbins mills in the central North Carolina area have had an extremely beneficial effect on the economy of the section, providing employment for many hundreds of men and women. The

### Aberdeen and Raeford Mills Were Built Since End of World War II

Shorter working hours and unemployment at the mills in the past year, as a result of the slump in production, have been keenly felt by business in the area.

### WSP Eighth Grade Has Final Program

Eighth grade commencement exercises were held Tuesday morning at West Southern Pines school, with a large crowd present to enjoy the program presented by the graduating boys and girls.

The Rev. J. D. Ray asked an invocation, and the elementary glee club sang "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." Ronald Little made the Class Oration, and Barbara Hailey spoke the salutatory. The glee club then sang "Syncopeated Clock," by Leroy Anderson. Jean Gore presented the gifts.

Valedictory was spoken by Peggy Reed, and Principal J. W. Moore gave a brief address. Mrs. T. T. Brown, elementary supervisor, presented the certificates. The singing of the school song closed the program.

### Trainees At Fort Bragg For Artillery Instruction

Fort Bragg welcomed last week-end the first of an expected 1200 trainees from Army installations throughout the country as 300 men arrived at this military reservation to begin an eight-week Artillery training program.

Arriving in increments of 300 for the next three weeks the trainees will be thoroughly instructed, by officers and men of the 112th Field Artillery, in fire direction, survey, driving, communications, cannoner training, and other subjects inherent to the Artillery.

Following their training the new artillerymen will be assigned to units of the 112th Field Artillery Group or to other Artillery units throughout the Army.

### FARM SAFETY WEEK

President Eisenhower has proclaimed the week beginning July 25, as National Farm Safety Week. In line with this proclamation, the National Safety Council and the U. S. Department of Agriculture are sponsoring a National Farm Safety Week in cooperation with the states and counties. The concerted action of national, state, and county agricultural agencies, farm organizations, farm press and radio, and other groups interested in agriculture during the past 11 years has done much to effect a substantial reduction in farm injuries.

United States farm exports totaled \$244 million in March, 1954, some 3 per cent above the February figure but 3 per cent below the March, 1953 figure.

### Sitterson Gets Degree In Foreign Relations

Lt. Col. John D. Sitterson, Jr., will be awarded an M. A. in International Relations at the Commencement exercises at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., on Saturday.

This award culminates nearly two years spent at the university graduate school, the first year of study being followed by research work. Last September, Col. Sitterson was detailed to Army General Staff and assigned to the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff G. 3.

A graduate of the local school, Col. Sitterson has a B. S. degree from U. S. M. A. and spent the war years serving with the 78th Division. In 1946 he graduated from General Staff and Command School. He served on the Ft. Bragg Ground Forces board, and took advanced artillery training at Ft. Sill. He served as military attache in India and Burma.

Col. Sitterson is at present on temporary assignment in the office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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