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WAR IN EUROPE NOT WORTH BLOOD OF ONE AMERICAN

So Col. Johnson, Botany Mills
Head, Tells Kiwanis.—But
We Should Prepare

CALLS ARMY INADEQUATE

"We do not want any part of the fight in Europe. It is not worth the blood of a single American boy."

So Col. Charles F. H. Johnson of Passaic, N. J., president of the Botany Worsteds Mills, told members of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at their weekly meeting, held Wednesday in The Pilot Restaurant in Aberdeen.

The "hate" and "greed" which keep European countries constantly at each other's throat is not of the American tradition. We do not hate over here, nor do we want land which doesn't belong to us. We are at peace and can remain at peace if we keep our heads and build up our army and navy to the point where foreign nations respect us and fear us.

That Col. Johnson desired "no part" of foreign entanglements he demonstrated a few years ago, soon after becoming head of the Botany Mills. Because of conditions there he disposed of 37 plants controlled by his company in nine countries, concentrating the business on this side of the Atlantic. He recounted some of his experiences during long residence in Europe; said that the present war was long obvious following the settlement — so-called — of the World War which, as an effort to preserve democracies, "was a lousy job."

Let Them Have Airplanes

Col. Johnson, a veteran of the last war and still in the Aviation Reserve Corps, does not believe our army of 235,000 regulars and 230,000 reserve is an adequate one. He does not believe it could be put into active service fully equipped and fully armed. He does believe it is all right for us to let the Allies have our latest type bombers and other airplanes because, he says, today's plane is obsolete tomorrow, that by the time we might need our new models of today, better and faster planes will have been developed for us.

Col. Johnson was presented to the club by J. Talbot Johnson, president of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce. The Kiwanians also entertained their lieutenant governor, J. Warren Pate of Fayetteville, at Wednesday's meeting. Mr. Pate praised the Sandhills club for its activities and its standing in the International organization.

Miss Miriam Johnson To Wed On Saturday

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson To Become
Bride of Westcott Burlingame

The marriage of Miss Miriam Converse Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen to Westcott Burlingame of Albany, N. Y., will be solemnized at the Johnson residence tomorrow, Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The rites will be performed in the garden by the Rev. Ernest L. Barber, pastor of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church. Miss Johnson will have as her maid of honor her sister, Miss Betsy Jean Johnson, and as bridesmaids, Mrs. Charles Swope of Pinehurst and Miss Frances Roughton of Old Fort, this state. Rufus Burlingame of Albany will serve as his brother's best man, and the groomsmen will be Lawrence Johnson, brother of the bride, and Howard Kalbfus of Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Johnson was chief hostess of the North Carolina exhibition at the 1939 New York World's Fair, and is socially prominent throughout the state. Mr. Burlingame is connected with the Eastman Kodak Company of Rochester, N. Y.

W. J. Stuart has returned to his home in Southern Pines after undergoing a major operation at the Kolar Health Clinic in Wichita, Kan. Mr. Stuart is much improved.

And Now It's the Dogwood Season in Southern Pines



OFFERS TOBACCO PLAN TO RESTORE FOREIGN BUYING

Senator Gravelly Suggests Securities Held Here By British Be Used As Collateral

State Senator Lee Gravelly, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, visited Aberdeen last week and in May is returning to Moore county to address the graduating class of Elise Academy at Hemp.

While in Aberdeen Senator Gravelly discussed with tobacco men his plan for restoring this country's export market, with particular reference to tobacco, without depleting Great Britain's gold reserve or placing the United States in a position to lose anything.

Pointing out that the English people have invested in marketable securities in this country approximately five billion dollars, Gravelly declared: "My idea would be to have the United States through the Commodity Credit Corporation, advance to England money, taking as security therefore, the 'Gilt Edge Securities' owned by the English in this country upon condition that this money be invested in agricultural products for export to England, thereby restoring our export market, in so far as Great Britain is concerned, for our tobacco."

This would not, in Gravelly's opinion (Please turn to Page Four)

House of David Baseball Team Here on May 8th

Tickets Go on Sale for Game with Sandhills All-Stars in Southern Pines

A capacity turnout is expected for the exhibition baseball game on Wednesday, May 8th, between the House of David touring professionals and the Sandhills All-Stars. Tickets are now on sale at 25c each and are going rapidly. All members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the game, are supplied with tickets.

Virtually all of the stores in Southern Pines are inaugurating their summer Wednesday afternoon closing on this date and the Jay-Cees are planning to make the day a gala occasion. A good crowd of baseball enthusiasts from neighboring towns is also expected to attend the game.

The sponsors are arranging to have adequate seating and parking facilities for all present, but no seats will be reserved. The game will start promptly at 2:30 p. m.

Surgeon General of United States Inspects Moore County Hospital

Dr. Thomas Parran Accompanied Here by North Carolina State Health Officer

Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General of the United States, and one of the world's foremost authorities on the subject of public health, made an inspection of the Moore County Hospital on Wednesday morning. Dr. Parran was accompanied by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, North Carolina State Health Officer; Dr. Wilburt C. Davidson, dean of the Duke University Medical School, and Dr. Watson S. Rankin, director of the hospital section of the Duke Endowment.

North Carolina's part in the development of modern hospitals has been impressive, and Dr. Parran wished to see for himself some of the institutions considered to be representative of the general advance, particularly in non-metropolitan areas. The party planned to visit also the Randolph County Hospital at Asheboro, and hospitals at Salisbury, Concord and Kannapolis.

As is usually the case, the distinguished visitors asked many questions about the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary, which has worked so effectively for our community institution.

Business Manager E. T. McKeithen was called on to explain the system under which every patient is expected and required to pay that which he is able to pay toward the costs of the care given him, but with the reservation — of which the Hospital is justly proud — that if a patient honestly can pay nothing whatever, he is nevertheless welcome.

Dr. Parran expressed himself as well pleased with the hospital personnel and plant, and with the record of work accomplished. The doctors commented on the good impression made upon visitors by the well-kept grounds, preparing them to expect modern equipment and high standards when they enter the buildings.

MISS ELWES TO TALK ON MEXICO AT CIVIC CLUB

Miss Mary Elwes of London, England, who has an exhibition of her water colors at the Southern Pines Library, is making a talk on Mexico and showing 50 water colors she made on her recent visit there, at the Civic Club this afternoon, Friday, at 3:00 o'clock. No admission is to be charged, and those interested are cordially invited to be present.

Miss Virginia Broom of Southern Pines, student at the Womens College of the University of North Carolina, has been engaged by Station WBIG in Greensboro for a 15-minute period of songs each Friday at 1:30 o'clock.

Half-Holidays

Merchants of Southern Pines to Close Stores on Wednesday Afternoons

Merchants of Southern Pines, with but two exceptions, have signed an agreement to close their places of business on Wednesday afternoons during the coming summer, starting the second Wednesday of May. The stores will close at 1:00 o'clock on each Wednesday through August.

"Alec" Innes Passes After Long Illness

Came To Pinehurst From Native Scotland In 1921.—On Country Club Staff

Alexander Innes of Pinehurst, beloved of all who knew him — and his friends were legion — died last Saturday in the Moore County Hospital after a lingering illness which culminated in an operation on April 11th. In the passing of "Alec," as all knew him, Pinehurst and the Sandhills lost a friend of long standing, one who had played a large part in the local picture for a period of 14 years.

"Alec" came to this country from his native Scotland in 1921, and came directly to Pinehurst because of his old acquaintanceship in the old country with Donald Ross. He soon became a member of the golfing staff at the Pinehurst Country Club, and his popularity with the golfing fraternity grew with each year of his connection. In the fall of 1932 "Alec" suffered a stroke which necessitated his retirement from activity, though he has been a frequent visitor at the club since, always following the golf tournament with devoted interest.

Mr. Innes was born in Dornoch, Scotland nearly 68 years ago. He leaves a wife, Mina J. Innes; two sons, Cathel W. of East Orange, N. J., and A. Roderick M. Innes, who is with the Bank of Pinehurst; five sisters and two brothers, all of whom reside in Dornoch. Funeral services were held on Monday in the Village Chapel in Pinehurst, with burial in Mount Hope Cemetery, Southern Pines.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY TO MEET NEXT WEDNESDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary will be held next Wednesday morning, May 1st at 10:00 o'clock at the hospital.

Rotarians, Teachers and Strong To Convene Here Next Week

Rotary's Governor



Rev. A. V. Gibson

Rev. A. V. Gibson of Sanford, District Governors To Preside at Pinehurst Convention

BANQUET ON WEDNESDAY

District Governor A. V. Gibson of Sanford will preside over the District Rotary Convention to be held at Pinehurst next Wednesday and Thursday, according to announcement by Conference Secretary Thomas R. Hood of Dunn.

The convention, which will bring together approximately 1,000 Rotarians from all sections of the state, will bring to a closing climax a successful year of Rotary in North Carolina under the able direction of Mr. Gibson.

One of the best district governors ever to serve, the Sanford Presbyterian minister has been largely responsible for many improvements during the year, including an increase in membership and successful completion of many worthwhile projects.

His work has not only attracted state-wide interest, but has been praised by officials of Rotary International. Rotary in North Carolina has prospered under his guidance.

He will preside over the convention and will be honored on several occasions. He will deliver the annual Governor's report and address Wednesday morning, May 1, at 10:30 o'clock, and on Wednesday evening will be honored at the annual Governor's banquet and ball.

A native of Mebane, he received his A. B. degree at Davidson College and his B. D. degree at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. He held pastorates at South River, Harmony and Whiteville before going to Sanford in 1933. He served as president of the Whiteville club and was a delegate to the Dallas convention. He has served as secretary of the Sanford club since 1934.

A sidelight of the district convention here will be the appearance of the Southern Mountaineers, Ashe county's nationally known hill-billy string band. The Mountaineers will put on a special program of music folk songs at the banquet on Wednesday night, and later that evening will play for a square dance.

The new district governor will be elected during the convention, with three candidates in the field: Ed K. Willis of Concord, Hal W. Little of Wadesboro and Vernon Baker of Lumberton.

Local Democrats Elect Chairman Next Week

Will Choose Precinct Committee and Delegates To County Convention

A meeting has been called for Saturday afternoon of next week, May 4, of Democratic voters of Southern Pines and of the Precinct committee, at which time a chairman and five members of the Precinct committee will be elected, as well as delegates to the County Democratic convention to be held Friday afternoon, May 10th at 2:30 o'clock in the courthouse at Carthage. The meeting here will be in the Municipal building.

The present chairman of the Precinct committee, Dr. George G. Herr, urges all Democrats in Southern Pines to attend this meeting.

Notice of the County meeting was given out this week by Chairman M. G. Boyette of Carthage. The Democratic State convention will be held in Raleigh on Friday, May 17th.

PHILLIPS CARRIES CAMPAIGN AND BAND INTO LEE COUNTY

Accompanied by his band of eight guitars and an accordion, D. C. Phillips of Southern Pines, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Representative in Congress from the eighth district, carried his campaign into Lee county on Tuesday night, addressing a meeting in the courthouse at Sanford.

TOP HONORS WON BY GLEE CLUBS IN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Pianist, Trio and Girls' Chorus of Southern Pines School Get Highest Rating

Members of the Southern Pines High School Glee Club covered themselves with glory at the State Music Festival held last week in Greensboro, repeating their triumphs of other years. The event, sponsored by the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, brought together representative schools from all parts of the state which had won preliminary honors in district elimination trials.

The Festival ran from the 16th through the 19th, the first two days being given over to instrumental contests, the last two to competition in vocal music.

On the 16th Lloyd Woolley of Southern Pines performed on the clarinet and Miss Helen Hilderman on the piano. Young Woolley, tutored by Edward Stirewalt, received an honor rating of three, while Miss Hilderman, a pupil of Mrs. Claude Hafer, was accorded the highest rating, one. On Thursday the school's trio, Emily Fowler, Dana Utley and Mary Belle Price, won another top honor rating of one for their alma mater.

Friday brought the three choral events into competition, with the following results: The Boys' Chorus won a two rating, the highest received by any chorus from a Class B or C school; the Girls' Glee Club captured the highest rating, one, and the Mixed Chorus, another two rating. The choruses were directed by Miss Selma Stegall, music instructor in the local schools.

Red Cross Here Asked For Aid For Norway

Mrs. Hunt, Chairman, Thanks Those Who Have Been Knitting for Finland

Mrs. A. Burt Hunt, chairman of the Moore county chapter American Red Cross, wishes to express the thanks and deep gratitude of herself and her committee to the many visitors to Southern Pines and Pinehurst who have been generously knitting garments to be sent abroad.

"We are asked to duplicate our first boxes sent to Finland," Mrs. Hunt said yesterday, "and we now have requests from Norway for help. We have received numerous letters of appreciation from national headquarters for our work. We have on hand a large supply of wool for socks and sweaters to give out to those willing to help. These may be had at the Southern Pines Civic Club on Friday mornings from 10:00 to 12:00 o'clock. Mrs. J. H. Towne is always on hand to instruct anyone who needs help."