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QUARTER MILLION NETTED BY ABC STORES SINCE '37

Board's Report of Four Year Operation Wins Commendation of County Commission

\$10,000 CHECK RECEIVED

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held Monday, James W. Tufts turned over \$10,000 from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, which was accepted and ordered given to the county auditor for proper distribution.

Mr. Tufts read his board's report and the commissioners commended the ABC Board for its splendid work.

The ABC Board's reports was as follows:

"Herewith is a brief report of the activities of the Moore county Alcoholic Control Board.

"On the first of April your Board started its fifth year in office. During that time it has worked very harmoniously, and it hopes satisfactorily, in the execution of its duties. During the past four years the operation of the stores shows a net profit of nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

1937-38	\$ 62,967.21
1938-39	56,828.86
1939-40	63,478.40
1940-41	66,234.26

Total\$249,506.73

The increase in profits was in the last quarter. The increase for the year was made in spite of the reduction in mark up put in force by the state board. Up to the 31st of March the Board has paid into the county treasury \$213,500.00 and with the checks presented today, the total has been brought up to \$223,500.00. The difference between the net profit and the amount paid into the county represents the necessary working capital. In addition to this money turned over to the county the state and Federal governments get a substantial income from this source. Last year we paid into the state treasury over \$29,300.00 in taxes. The Federal taxes are included in the purchase price and we do not have this amount figured separately but in all probability it is a little more than the county gets.

"During the past year our law enforcement officers have been busy and with the fine cooperation of the town and county officers have efficiently done their work. They have made 215 arrests, seized over 400 gallons of whiskey, destroyed 43 stills, seized 12 automobiles and destroyed about 10,750 gallons of mash. The courts have convicted 177 of those arrested and fined the defendants over three thousand dollars.

"The business for the next year depends on the following three factors: The local business and farm conditions, the resort business next winter and the business derived from the army. In all probability the profit to the county will be about the same as the past two years."

The report was signed by Mr. Tufts, who is chairman of the Board. Other members are D. G. Stutz and E. R. Brown. H. A. Matthews is secretary.

Leniency Over For Selective Service Boys

Must Respond to Notices Or Penalties Will Be Enforced, Says General Metts

Warning to all Selective Service registrants that they must respond to notices issued to them by local boards or become liable to severe penalties was given this week by General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service.

The State Director pointed out that Section 11 of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 provides that any registrant who fails to conform to the law or regulations shall be liable to punishment "by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by fine and imprisonment."

"Most of the cases of delinquency (Please turn to page eight)

The 1941 Graduating Class, Southern Pines High School



Back row, left to right: Harry Klabatz, Charles Wesley Austin, William Boney, James Franklin Ross, Robert Elwyn Bailey, Albert Kellogg Stebbins, 3d, John Scott Newton, June Holt, Boyd Starnes, Clyde Thomas Dunn, Paul Finch, Raymond Cameron, Harold Stanley Austin, Robert Warwick DuRant.

Middle row: Robert B. Kellis, Warren D. Matthews, William Alexander, Misses Myra Ellen Scott, Alice Crosby Eddy, Margaret Ellen Pierce, Jessie Louise Windham, Lillian Irene McCain, Marjorie Anne Shepard, Gladys Melita Snipes, Frances Council and Norma Jean Palmer, and Josiah Allen Swett.

First row: Misses Anna Bertha Tobin, Mary Grey, Elizabeth St. George Barnum, Kathryn Cloania Boney, Vivian Elizabeth Wilson, Peggy Izlar Broom, Marie Louise Porter, Gene Ruth Van Camp, Gertrude Agnes Jacobs, Paul Jeanette Greene, Lois Morrison, Susan Harriet Chatfield and Ruth Beverly McFarland.

36 PLANES, 600 MEN TO BASE AT KNOLLWOOD FIELD

Squadron From Columbia, S. C., Expected Here For Fall Maneuvers

COLONELS INSPECT FIELD

Unless there is a change of plans, Knollwood Airport will be headquarters for 36 observation planes and 600 men of the U. S. Air Service during the big Army maneuvers to be held here during October and November.

Cols. Tipton and McHafferty of the Air Service paid a visit to Harold Eachman, manager of the local field yesterday and went over the situation with him. They expressed the definite opinion that the field would be utilized by a squadron from Columbia, S. C. which will participate in the general maneuvers over the two Carolinas.

A sum of money was allocated by the government to Knollwood Airport several months ago for necessary improvements, and it is hoped here that the coming of an arm of the Air Service this Fall will expedite these improvements. The flood-lighting of the field is considered a distinct possibility.

Recess in Red Cross Work Here Announced

National Headquarters Writes Letter of Appreciation For Accomplishments

The officers of the Southern Pines Branch of the American Red Cross announce that there will be a recess for a time until the new quota is given out. This also affects the Army wives who have been meeting at headquarters in the Civic Club every Wednesday morning. A letter of deep appreciation has been received from National headquarters in Washington for the splendid work done by the Southern Pines Branch during the Winter.

The second quota of the Winter included 29 girl's skirts, 34 complete layettes, 26 dark grey dresses for little girls, three boys' shirts, 32 women's dresses, beautifully pressed by the Valet Dry Cleaners, three baby quilts, 27 suits of hospital pajamas, 30 women's knitted sweaters, 200 children's sweaters, seven shawls, 41 beanies, 25 mufflers, 60 pair men's socks, and five Afghans. Yarn for summer knitting is available, and work for churches and groups who wish to sew can be had from Miss Florence Campbell.

Forty Seniors Awarded Diplomas At Southern Pines High School

Class Hears Address by Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman of Davidson College

Moore Lagging Garrison Writes Warm Letter Urging Sign-Up of Land For Maneuvers

"Moore county is lagging behind all the North Carolina counties, and will fail in this patriotic duty unless you help now."

These words are contained in a letter sent to rural landowners in the county this week by County Agent E. H. Garrison, Jr., who is cooperating with the Army in its efforts to sign up farmlands for use in the maneuvers to be held throughout North and South Carolina in October and November. Mr. Garrison said he couldn't understand the failure of farmland owners to cooperate. "Their sons and neighbors' sons are willingly lending themselves to the Army, come what may, yet some of them are hesitating to lend their lands for a short time for the Army's training," he said. The deadline is June 15.

His letter reads: "Your country is asking you to help train our Army by giving the Army permission to come on your land if necessary for a short time during October and November of this year only.

"You can do your share by filling in the enclosed card and mailing it now and by urging your neighbors to send in their cards.

"Moore county is lagging behind all the North Carolina counties, and will fail in this patriotic duty unless you help now.

"Sixteen hundred Moore county landowners have given their permission and only one has refused outright.

"Unless you send in your card, someone will have to see you personally and get your permission or your refusal. This delay may cause Moore to be the only county to fail to complete his important defense job in the few days that are left. I am sure that we can depend on the people of Moore county to do their part. Won't you send your card in without delay?"

MARY ELLEN SADLER IS BRIDE OF PITTSBURGH MAN

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Sadler of Southern Pines announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Ellen, to Lennox Forsyth of Pittsburgh, Pa., on Saturday, May 31 at Bennettsville, S. C. Mr. Forsyth is in business in Pittsburgh where the young couple will make their home.

New Highway to Ft. Bragg Awaits Only Designation As "Defense Access Road"

Funds Available and State Ready To Build on Word "Go" From General Devers

WHITFIELD CONFERS HERE

All that appears necessary for prompt construction of an improved highway leading from Fort Bragg to the Sandhills section is the designation by Maj. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commanding officer of the post, of the proposed route as a "Defense Area Access Road." Funds for building roads so designated are said to be immediately available, and according to State Highway officials, work could be started immediately upon the awarding of contracts.

A group of Sandhills citizens met in Southern Pines yesterday with L. D. Whitfield, division engineer for this section, to discuss the much needed highway improvement between the Sandhills and its neighboring Army post. Present at the gathering were Mayor W. D. Matthews, P. Frank Buchan, Robert L. Hart, J. M. Windham and Howard F. Burns of Southern Pines, Alton Cameron and R. P. Beasley of Vass, Clifton Blue and Landon Tyson of Aberdeen. Mr. Whitfield told them that the Highway Department was interested in the proposed highway and stood ready to cooperate as soon as funds were available, and that these would be available if the route selected was designated as a "Defense Area Access Road." Mr. Whitfield left here after the session to contact General Devers at Bragg.

The loss of 3.18 inches of rain during the month now brings the deficiency for the first five months of the year to 7.78 inches. Late in the afternoon of the 17th a wind and dust storm swept through the Sandhills causing considerable damage in some localities.

Long time	Max	Min	Aver
Aver.	82.8	58	70.4
1940	75.5	53.8	66.1
1941	89.1	52.1	70.6

SANDHILL SECTION MAY GET SECOND BIG ARMY CAMP

Hoffman Resettlement Area at Top of List of Prospective Sites

It begins to look more and more like another Army camp in the neighborhood. The Hoffman resettlement area in the upper end of Richmond county is heading the list of prospective sites for the location of a huge training camp to be located in North Carolina, according to substantiated rumors from Washington.

The new base, to be located somewhere in the central part of the state, is expected to cover some 50,000 acres and be a training center for both infantry and field artillery. The largest objection to using the Hoffman area, it seems, is the fact that it is so near Fort Bragg. Some Army officials seem to think that the new base should be located at some distant point.

On the other hand, the locating of this base in this county is favorable because the government already owns the resettlement area. The area is now being leased to the State, but the lease could be easily terminated, officials believe.

The site picked for the new camp will not be secured through political means. Congress recently appropriated \$15,000,000 to the Army so that it might make extensive surveys in placing the additional camps. Several have already been placed, and the central North Carolina camp, along with several others, will be placed soon, it is believed. Very little publicity has been released by the War Department for fear it would be swamped with delegations from various parts of the state seeking the camp for their section.

The Hoffman project area, if it is selected, will be the nucleus for the new camp. Some 20,000 acres are included in the area and the camp reservation would probably include some 50,000 acres.

MRS. MCCAIN HONORED

Mrs. Paul P. McCain of Sanatorium was installed this week as president of the General Alumnae Association of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.