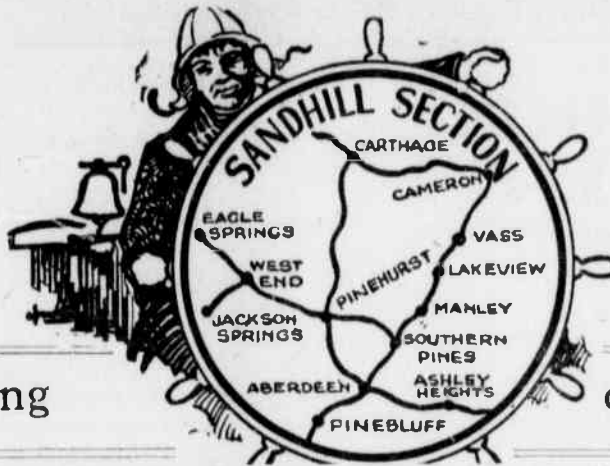


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TOWN TO PURSUE EFFORTS TO GET TRAIN WARNINGS

Board Authorizes Mayor to Consult with Railroad Officials on Crossing Signals

TO TRIM SHRUBBERY

Southern Pines' efforts to get warning signals at major railroad crossings along Broad Street will be carried to officials of the Seaboard Air-line Railway.

The Board of Town Commissioners, in meeting Wednesday night, requested Mayor W. Duncan Matthews to pursue the matter with railroad officials. This action followed a report of Mayor Matthews and Commissioner E. C. Stevens that they had received little satisfaction from the State Utilities Commission concerning the danger of the crossings.

Although the town's representatives pointed out the increased hazards of the crossing, since so many fast Diesel trains are running through the town at a high rate of speed, the State Commission's representatives did not give any indication of being able to take action.

To relieve the hazard temporarily, the Board instructed Commissioner L. V. O'Callaghan and his staff to thin out shrubbery at intersections of all grade crossings so that motorists might have clear vision of the approach of trains.

The Board in its regular meeting also received a petition from property owners on West Broad street, south of the post office, requesting classification of property so that it could be included in the business district.

Carl G. Thompson, one of the petitioners, told the board that with the present expansion of the town's business district and its closeness to the railroad, the property was no longer as suitable for residential property as for business. He urged that the area be re-classified so that the business district could continue its present westward expansion along Broad street.

The petition was referred to the Board of Adjustment, consisting of James Boyd, A. S. Ruggles, J. C. Barron and Norris L. Hodgkins.

The board re-appointed Norris L. Hodgkins and Mrs. James S. Milliken to three-year terms on the local school board.

New Mid-South Bakery Opens Doors To Public

Modern Plant Occupies Building Formerly Home of The Pilot

The Mid-South Bakery, Southern Pines newest industry, opened its doors to the public this week. Occupying the building on East Broad street formerly the home of The Pilot, it is modern in equipment and up-to-the-minute in arrangements. The building has been completely renovated, providing the best of light and ventilation, important in an institution of this type.

In speaking of this new local industry, M. L. Ponder, the owner and proprietor, told The Pilot his bakery has the capacity for a town of 10,000 or more. "One of the important things in a bakery is ventilation," he said. "In our bake room we have a total of eight windows and could well call it 'The Sunlight Bakery.' We have machinery for every purpose except where a better bread or a better cake can be made by the human hand.

"As to our bread, it contains a high percentage of milk, and we also use the percentage of Vitamin B 1 to bring it to the highest standard recommended by the U. S. government in its National Defense Program. This enrichment is recommended in order to supply the body with more energy."

Mr. Ponder has acquired the services as chief baker of Dewi Barbre, a young man who has made plain and fancy baking his life work. Although only 30 years old, he has served as head baker in one of the largest or-

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Eight Selectees in County Win Deferment on Eve of Induction

Only Those Under 28 To Report Today.—Medical Students Can Win Commissions

Four white registrants and four colored men ordered to report this month for induction for their year of military service have been notified that they need not do so. The Moore county Selective Service Board last week received advice from State headquarters to defer from induction for 30 days all registrants who were 28 years of age or over on July 1st, due to pending legislation in regard to deferring all such registrants from the list.

Those on the Moore county list ordered to report today for induction at Fort Bragg who are now deferred under this ruling are:

Charles Jacob Shaw, Southern Pines.

Duncan Leon Keith, Vass.
Robert Gordon Sheffield, Carthage.
Wesley Guy Dairymple, Aberdeen.

The board announced that as insufficient time remained to replace these men, it was sending only 24 selectees to Bragg today.

The colored selectees coming under the age ruling and who are therefore deferred are James Ransom and Archie Morrison, Pinehurst; James Harrington, Carthage, and Elsie Van Brower, Southern Pines. The following have been ordered to report next Monday to take their places:

Luther Washington, Jr., Southern Pines; Julius Cole and Garland Person, Carthage, and Ordell McNeill, Cameron.

The Selective Service Board also announced this week that junior and senior medical students in Grade A, medical schools in the United States, if physically fit for military service, may be commissioned as second lieutenants in the Medical Administrative Corps Reserve. This was announced by General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, and is in accordance with a policy recently adopted by the War Department.

The policy also provides, General Metts pointed out, that internes may be commissioned as first lieutenants in the Medical Corps Reserve with the understanding that they will be permitted to complete their internship before being ordered to active duty.

General Metts urged all junior and senior medical students and all internes who desire to take advantage of this opportunity to obtain commissions, and at the same time complete their medical preparation, to submit to the War Department applications for appointment. Final approval in each case will be made by the War Department, General Metts stated.

TREAT HITLER AS ANY OTHER MAD DOG, SAYS LANG

State N.Y.A. Administrator Addresses Fourth of July Crowd at Carthage

FEATURES DAY'S PROGRAM

A stirring address by John A. Lang, State Administrator of the National Youth Administration, featured a full program in celebration of the Fourth of July at Carthage last Friday. Urging his fellow citizens of the county to the utmost in preparedness and sacrifices that the rights and principles of the Declaration of Independence may be preserved, Lang said:

"Hitler, Goering, Himmler, Goebbels and the other mad dogs of totalitarianism must be treated as you and I would treat any mad dog here in Moore county. Hitlerism and all it stands for must be removed from the face of the earth that it may no longer taint international peace and good will with its bestiality."

Lang spoke at noon on an all-day program of festivities, contests and entertainments which opened at 9:30 a. m., with Mayor Clyde B. Shaw's address of welcome and closed with a private banquet for the Carthage Jun-

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Trusty Escapes

Local and State Police With Bloodhounds Fail To Find Dickson

Robert Dickson, a trusty with only four months to serve on a larceny conviction from Scotland county, couldn't wait for his freedom, so he walked away Tuesday about noon from a road gang working on the Bethesda Road, near The Ark school, Southern Pines.

Last reports said local and State police had been unable to trace the escaped convict farther than Aberdeen, although the search brought forth double locks on homes in the vicinity of the escape. Heavy rains of the past few days hindered an attempt to catch the fugitive with bloodhounds.

SAFETY CAMPAIGN IS ENDORSED BY COUNTY BOARD

Commission Also Votes Commendation of Work of Tuberculosis Association

The adoption of resolutions endorsing the Safety Committee of Moore County and the acceptance of the report of Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, treasurer of the Moore County Tuberculosis Association, were features of the regular meeting of the County Commissioners, held Monday with all members in attendance.

The resolutions relative to the new safety organization follow:

"Whereas under the sponsorship of the Highway Safety Division of the State Department of Revenue of North Carolina there has been organized in Moore county the 'Safety Committee of Moore County,' and whereas it is the opinion of this board that said Committee will serve a great and needed purpose in making the highways of this county safer and whereas it is the will of this body to encourage said Committee and to expressly endorse its efforts in behalf of highway safety in Moore county.

"Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Moore county that all encouragement and support and aid be given by this body to the Safety Committee of Moore County; be it further resolved that this body does endorse all efforts of said Committee to promote highway safety in this county to the end that there may be less accidents, injuries and deaths because of accidents between automobiles, between automobiles and bicycles, and between automobiles and pedestrians; be it further resolved that the initial effort of said Committee be endorsed specifically in its project to make the operation of bicycles in this county safer."

Tuberculosis Report

Mrs. Cheatham's report covering the year from June 1, 1940 to '41 gave the following interesting information: Balance on hand June 1, 1940, \$1,172.20. Receipts: County Commissioners, \$1,800; Seal Sale, \$2,388.45; Contributions, \$100; Patients' refunds, \$104.85; Total receipts and balance, \$4,393.30.

Expenditures: North Carolina Sanatorium, \$2,688.58; Milk, \$708.85; Medicine and Supplies, \$416.41; Nursing and Service, \$25; Transportation, (Patients to and from Sanatorium for treatment) \$47.21; Incidentals, \$65.27; Cod Liver Oil, \$18.25; Medical Care, \$7.50; Clothing, (Pajamas, Bathrobes, etc.) \$31.64; School Bonus, (10 percent of amount of Seal Sale to be used entirely for health work) \$91.45; North Carolina Tuberculosis Association 25 percent of Seal Sale, \$597.46. Total paid out, \$4,710.12. Balance in bank June 1, 1941, \$855.38.

The report was accepted and it was ordered that Mrs. Cheatham and her

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LEWIS E. STONER DIES AT SUMMER HOME IN CANADA

Southern Pines Shocked at Sudden Passing of Prominent Winter Resident

HAD MANY INTERESTS

Lewis E. Stoner, prominent Winter resident of Southern Pines for the past several years, died early on Tuesday morning, July 1st at his Summer home in Ste. Agathe des Monts, Quebec, Canada, according to news received here last Friday. His sudden passing, within a few weeks of his departure from the Sandhills, was a great shock to his numerous friends here. Though he had been ill for some time, he had continued his daily golf game at the Southern Pines Country Club up to the time of leaving for the north. He was 62 years old.

Mr. Stoner was a man of many interests. He was associated with the City Bank of Hartford, Conn., for many years, was active in the organization of the Morris Plan Bank of Hartford, becoming its first treasurer and manager about 15 years ago. He was also associated with the Jacobs Manufacturing Company of Hartford, joining that firm as secretary and later becoming its president, a position he held from 1918 to 1932. Since then he has not been active in business, though keeping up his interest in Hartford enterprises and in the Laurentide Inn at Ste. Agathe, of which he was the owner.

Born in Pennsylvania

He was born in Bedford, Pa., a son of the late Albert and Virginia Dickson Stoner. Surviving are his wife, the former Clara E. Jacobs of Hartford, and two sons, Arthur M. Stoner and Louis B. Stoner of Hartford. A brother, Attorney George A. Stoner of Hartford, and a grandson, Dickenson Stoner of West Hartford, also survive. Private funeral services were held at his late home in Hartford.

Mr. Stoner was a well known philanthropist, giving generously of his means to aid the less fortunate, both here and in the north. Unostentatious in his giving, he had befriended many underprivileged in Southern Pines and vicinity, and aided in gifts to numerous causes.

After leasing a home in Weymouth Heights here for several seasons, Mr. Stoner a few years ago purchased the former residence of John G. Nichols near the Country Club, and had spent much time here since. He was deeply interested in the Country Club and its prospects, at one time considering the purchase of a controlling interest in the property.

When Mr. Stoner's body was borne to the station at Ste. Agathe for transportation to Hartford, a platoon of soldiers from the Military Training Center at nearby St. Jerome stood at attention and presented arms, a fitting tribute to a neighbor who had done much for the community. A drum and bugle band of the Sacred Heart College Cadet Corps was also in attendance.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT TONIGHT

Commencement exercises and program of the Daily Vacation Bible School, which has been in session for the past two weeks at the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, will be held this evening, Friday, at the church at 7:30 o'clock under the direction of the teachers connected with the school. All parents and friends of the children are urged to be present.

MRS. HEREFORD DIES AT HER HOME IN PINEHURST

Mrs. Margaret Fuller Hereford died last Sunday at her home in Pinehurst where she had resided for several years. A sister of Mrs. Nat S. Hurd of Pinehurst, she was the daughter of the late W. W. Fuller, for many years general counsel of the American Tobacco Company, of Durham, and Mrs. Fuller, nee Staples. Funeral services were held at her former home in Ossining, N. Y.

Dies in Canada



LEWIS E. STONER

33 LICENSES OF DRIVERS REVOKED HERE SINCE JAN. 1

Record 3,866 is Total in State, Mostly For Drunken Driving

Thirty-three Moore county motorists had their drivers' licenses revoked during the first six months of this year, the Highway Safety Division reported this week.

The revocations in this county were a part of the record 3,866 made in the state. Total revocations since passage of the Uniform Driver's License Act in 1935 now number 35,524.

Drunken driving, of course, was the chief basis for the revocations, 3,115 of the 3,866 license revocations this year being based on drunken driving convictions in North Carolina courts, and 243 others on this charge in combination with other violations. Another 233 Tar Heel drivers lost their driving privilege because of convictions for "driving under the influence" in other states.

Guilford county led the state in revocations the first half of this year, with 227, followed by Mecklenburg with 183, Forsyth with 152, Cumberland with 131, Rowan with 117, Cabarrus with 110, Robeson with 107 and New Hanover with 99. Only one small county—Camden—reported no license revocations the first six months of this year.

The 3,866 revocations so far this year represent an increase of 40 percent above the 2,774 recorded in the same period last year.

Asked whether this indicated an increase in the number of drinking drivers in the state or an increase in the apprehension and conviction of drinking drivers, safety division officials said it was "probably a combination of both."

Col. Elliott Succeeds To Ft. Bragg Command

General Devers Relieved of Post Duties To Give Full Time to 9th Division

Colonel Charles B. Elliott, GSC, who has been serving as chief of staff of the Ninth division, has been designated as post commander of Fort Bragg and has taken charge of administrative affairs of the big Army post, relieving Major General Jacob L. Devers from these details in order that the general may devote his full energies to the command and training of the Ninth division.

Colonel Elliott will also act as commander of the station complement troops stationed at Bragg.

It was also announced this week that Colonel Carlos Brewer, who has been plans and operation officer of the Ninth division, has been appointed the new chief of staff of the Ninth division.

Major Edwin L. Johnson, who has been serving with the 36th field artillery, was designated as aide de camp to Brigadier General Gustav H. Franke, commanding general of the field artillery replacement training center.

DEFENSE GROUPS MAKE PROGRESS PATTERSON SAYS

Local Civilian Committees Training Volunteers for Services, Chairman Tells Kiwanians

TO ORGANIZE HERE SOON

Sandhill communities are forging ahead in civilian defense activities, A. B. (Pat) Patterson told members of the Kiwanis Club Wednesday.

Pat, who is general chairman of the Sandhills Civilian Defense Committee, said Pinebluff, Pinehurst and Aberdeen had made progress in training volunteers for first aid, fire fighting and police patrol functions.

The Southern Pines committee, with John Howarth as chairman, plans an organization meeting soon, Pat said.

Kiwanians met at the Berkshire Hotel Wednesday and initiated into membership Reuben C. DuBose, new local manager of the Carolina Power and Light Company. Visitors were Harold B. Fowler and Carl G. Thompson Jr.

"At least one third of the total conflict in this war is the training and discipline of civilian population," Patterson told the club. "This fact has been clearly recognized by the leaders of enemies of democracy from the first, and by every means and everywhere, they have, and are, trying to break down the morale of civilians by rumors, by defeatism, by propaganda, and by sabotage. It is the purpose of our civilian defense committees to meet this challenge."

The civilian defense committee will be concerned chiefly with training of volunteers in first aid and ambulance units, in motor and airplane mechanics, emergency fire fighting, protection of public utilities, and policing of traffic for military convoys and maneuvers. Women's divisions of the committees are studying economical home management, elimination of waste in household management, and collecting discarded materials which may be useful in defense needs.

In Aberdeen, where Dan Farrell is committee chairman, emphasis has been put on training fire fighters and traffic assistants, with protection of utilities, especially railroads, receiving next attention.

The Pinebluff committee, headed by Cadwallader Benedict is making its start by studying the most immediate needs of a long list of possible activities. With a limited number of volunteers in each community, Patterson said, an attempt is made to concentrate on the most important local needs.

In Pinehurst, Chairman Willard Dunlap has named Miss Helen Waring to head up first aid and ambulance activities, and first aid classes are underway. Howard Phillips is directing the training of firefighters, John Taylor handling the utility committee, and Mrs. Ellis Fields working with women on study of health and home defense needs. West End's chairman is J. D. Sinclair.

The idea of civilian defense committees, now launched on a national scale with New York's Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia as chairman, originated in the Sandhills a year ago this month with Struthers Burt, local author who proposed civilian defense groups to Governor Hoey. This spring, shortly before the President created the Office of Civilian Defense, Mr. Burt appeared before many local civic organizations, outlining the plan which, in most respects, is now going into operation on a national scale.

As a result of these meetings, the various organizations named representatives to form the Sandhills Civilian Defense Committee. Pat Patterson was elected general chairman.

Following Patterson's talk, President I. C. Sledge asked visiting Carl Thompson to describe the air tour of the State which he recently made in a British ambulance plane.

Airports of North Carolina have been vastly improved in recent years to handle traffic of large transports and military planes, Thompson said he noted on the air trip.

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