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Moore County Preparing For Fall Army Maneuvers

Local Officials Attend Raleigh Session to Hear Plans for Handling "Battle"

Moore County people may wake up some morning next October or November to the rattle of machine guns and the rumble of tanks, but you won't need to grab the old shotgun in the corner, because the soldiers making that noise down in the woods will belong to our own U. S. Army and will be training for the defense of democracy in the biggest military maneuvers ever held in this country in peace or war.

What war at our doorstep will mean in terms of the three basic problems of health and sanitation, traffic control, and law enforcement was explained in Raleigh Wednesday to representatives of county and municipal governments in the troop concentration area meeting at the call of Governor J. M. Broughton.

Town officials and police officers who attended the meeting from this section are Mayor W. D. Matthews and Chief Ed Newton, from Southern Pines; Earl Freeman, from Aberdeen; Cadwallader Benedict and Chief O. C. Combs from Pinebluff; and Dr. J. Symington, Moore County Physician, from Carthage.

Eight counties in North Carolina, including Moore and eight in South Carolina adjoining them, will be the battleground where two "armies," each of which will be more than three times the present strength of Fort Bragg, will meet in the swift and complicated combat of modern war. Even if you don't need the old shotgun, in two months you will be living in a blitzkrieg involving almost half a million men.

The Raleigh conference was addressed by the Governor; Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer; L. Ben Prince, Chairman, State Highway Commission; Major John T. Armstrong, Commander of the State Highway Patrol; Wade Bruton, Assistant Attorney General; Dr. Williams, liaison officer between the Army and the Public Health Service; and by the following Army officers: Brigadier General J. Van B. Metts, Adjutant-General of North Carolina; Colonel T. R. Goethals; Colonel James E. Bayliss; and Brigadier General H. C. Coburn, Chief Surgeon, Fort Bragg Hospital. Colonel J. W. Harrelson, Chairman of the North Carolina Council for National Defense, presided at the meeting.

Here is how these civilian and military experts say that an ordinary citizen in the maneuver area will be affected in the days to come.

To insure safety on roads crowded with military traffic, your automobile will be subject to inspection by the State Highway Patrol, and will be given a windshield sticker of approval only if brakes, lights, horn, tires and mechanical condition are good. This inspection, according to Major Armstrong, will begin immediately.

From October 1 to December 1, the period of the maneuvers, the speed limit on all State highways being used by the Army has been set by special statute at 30 miles per hour. Portable signs will designate this speed limit and will be removed from highways when the road is not under military use. A force of from 75 to 100 State Highway Patrolmen will be stationed in the maneuver area, and a military police officer will be assigned to each patrol car.

If you own a cafe, or sell beer or milk, if you run a tourist cabin or trailer camp, your premises will be inspected, graded and placarded by the State Board of Health. To open or operate a trailer camp, a State permit must be obtained, since both civilian and military health officers pointed out that these establishments have become a center of prostitution and venereal disease infection. Cafe inspection begins August 1.

The hundreds of disreputable camp followers, gamblers, profiteers, and prostitutes who are expected to pour (Please turn to page eight)

This Time All Stores and Offices on Daylight; Post Office, Trains and Buses, on Standard

Without too much confusion, the Sandhills this week became adjusted to Eastern Daylight Saving Time, while certain of the institutions remained on Eastern Standard Time. With the exception of the Southern Pines Post Office, bus and railroad schedules, all local stores and offices are now operating on daylight time.

Postmaster P. Frank Buchan said that because of the train and mail schedules, which were not changing, the post office here would be able to give better service by maintaining former working hours. This means, to those on daylight time, that the post office is open at 9 o'clock, instead of 8 o'clock, and closes at 7 o'clock instead of 6 o'clock. However, the post office clock remains set on Eastern Standard Time.

In The Pilot all time references are Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless specifically stated otherwise.

HEMP PLANNING LIVESTOCK SHOW

Raisers of Farm Stock Arrange for Fourth Annual Exhibit in Upper Moore

Finest display of farm livestock in these parts is planned for August 30 in Hemp by the Moore County Breeders Association, which has sponsored three successful livestock shows in 23 many years.

Officers of the association began this week in Hemp to make arrangements for the annual event, which brings together in the upper part of Moore some of the choicest specimens of farm mules, horses, cattle and, for the first time, this year, sheep.

Last year, 98 head of livestock were on display and the planning committee is confident the number will go far over 100 at this year's event.

C. A. Hussey of Hemp is president of the association, and among others taking part in laying the ground work were Lewis Hussey, D. A. Dunlap, Stacy Brewer, E. H. Garrison, County Agent; and W. C. Eagles, county soil conservationist.

Mrs. Sheldon Passes After Long Illness

Wife of Retired Minister Dies in Duke Hospital; Services in Connecticut

Mrs. Susan Mantle Sheldon, wife of the Rev. Warren French Sheldon, retired minister who lives in Southern Pines, died Sunday evening at Duke Hospital, in Durham, after a long illness.

Dr. Sheldon left Tuesday for Plainville, Conn., where funeral services and interment will be. He has been filling the pulpit at the Church of Wide Fellowship during the absence of its pastor, the Rev. Voigt Taylor. Mrs. Sheldon was in Pine Crest Sanatorium for a number of years.

Mrs. Sheldon was born August 11, 1871, in Portland, Maine, and after graduation from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., taught in Maine high schools until her marriage in 1899. She was a daughter of Captain John Darling Mantle, a sailing captain of England, and Mary Jane Brown of Eastport, Maine.

The Sheldons have been living here for about three years.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil G. Farrell of Pinebluff announce the birth of a son, Cecil Graham, Jr., Thursday, August 31. Mother and son both are doing nicely.

MUDGETT NAMED HIGHLAND PINES NEW PRESIDENT

Stockholders Meeting Elects New Slate of Officers, Directors of Hotel

HODGKINS IS SECRETARY

The disputed June election of directors for the Highland Park Hotel Company was settled this week at a special stockholders' meeting with the election of a new slate of officers and directors, headed by Dr. William C. Mudgett as president.

Adhering to the by-laws of the Hotel Company, owners of Highland Pines Inn, the stockholders elected three officers and five directors as follows: Mudgett, president; Eugene C. Stevens, vice-president; and Norris L. Hodgkins, secretary-treasurer; Mudgett and Hodgkins were also elected directors, along with Dr. E. W. Bush, Dorsey G. Stutz, and Garland A. Pierce.

Reason for special meeting of stockholders Wednesday was questioned over the legality of an election held in June, when seven directors, but no officers were elected. At this time, the extant copy of the corporation's by-laws could not be found, but later, when by-laws were located, it was found that they called for election of officers and five directors. According to the by-laws, officers were not members of the board of directors, unless especially elected.

Shortly after the June meeting, the existing officers of the corporation, Stutz, Pierce, along with F. W. Van Camp, stockholder, issued a call for the July 30 meeting for the purpose of clearing up this issue.

Although neither Stutz nor Pierce were among the seven named at the June election, later accepted as not in accordance with the by-laws, they are included on the new board of directors.

Following the stockholders meeting Wednesday, the board of directors discussed matters of hotel management, including a lease arrangement which was made between the owning company, and an operating company, which included Stutz and Pierce as officers. No definite settlement was made concerning the operation of the hotel at this time, it was stated.

Collections Underway For Ambulance Plane

Local Post Office to Be Site of Collections for Old North State Fund

If Father Thomas Williams or Mrs. T. D. Campbell greet you with outstretched palm on your way to the post office Saturday morning, you'll want to know that they are asking for your contribution to the Old North State Fund, for the purchase of a "mercy plane" for Great Britain.

Southern Pines' quota has been set at \$100 by W. D. Sabiston, Jr., of Carthage, chairman for the county. Purpose of the fund is to purchase a "flying ambulance" in the form of a Grumman G-21 amphibian, which will be used by Britain for the rescue and treatment of R. A. F. pilots shot down in the English channel. The Old North State Fund is cooperating with the British American Ambulance Corps in raising money for this cause. When the airplane ambulance is sent to Britain, it will carry the legend on its nose, "Presented to Great Britain by the People of the State of North Carolina."

MOORE 4-H CLUB GIRLS ATTEND STATE SHORT COURSE

Misses Jean Howie of Pinebluff, Gertrude Pressley of Carthage and Iris Brown of West End are attending the State 4-H Club Short Course at State College, Raleigh this week.

Miss Pressley, who was Moore County health queen, will take part in the pageant given in Raleigh when the State health king and queen are crowned.

New Three-Lane Road Assured With Rights-of-Way Obtained

Work to Begin Soon on Route One Between Southern Pines and Aberdeen

The Town of Aberdeen's efforts to obtain a mile-long, 100-foot right-of-way through its residential area, one block west of Poplar Street, were successfully completed last week, assuring early beginning on the new three-lane highway to carry U. S. Route 1 traffic between Southern Pines and Aberdeen.

Johnson and McCluer, attorneys for the town, announced that they had obtained necessary title to all lands needed for the new highway, although removal of seven buildings from their present site will be necessary.

Construction of the new stretch of U. S. No. 1 is expected to start in about 30 days, it was understood. The three-lane concrete road will begin at the bottom of Sugg's Hill, leaving the present roadway, and continue in a straight line, right through Aberdeen, across South Street between the Pilot Restaurant and the Ford Garage, and extend about 300 yards South of this intersection. There, the highway will branch into a "Y," the western leg coming into junction with present U. S. 1 about a mile south of Aberdeen, and the eastern leg joining the Laurinburg road (U. S. 15 and 501) around 300 yards south of the present turn, just outside of Aberdeen.

To Cost \$350,000

Total cost is expected to run approximately \$350,000, to be borne by Federal road funds, the WPA and the State Highway Commission. According to J. Talbot Johnson, of Johnson and McCluer, highway engineers plan this three-mile stretch of three-lane highway to be without noticeable curve or hill, until it reaches the "Y" division, south of Aberdeen. Obtaining the right-of-way through Aberdeen removes the last large obstacle in putting through the highway.

The new road in Aberdeen will cut through residential lots a short block east of the present highway, bordering upon and absorbing part of Chestnut Street. Among the dwellings which will have to be removed to other locations to make way for the highway are those of Dillon Jordan, W. G. Wooten, Paul Kellis, K. G. Deaton, E. L. Byrd, and the old Bass home, now owned by H. A. Page, Jr., as well as the barns on the lot of J. Talbot Johnson.

Some Land Given

Obtaining the right-of-way involved a cost for the town of about \$12,000 which does not include about one-half mile donated by Frank Shamburger and two houses and lots which were purchased by Leon Seymour who then gave the right-of-way to the town.

Details for the U. S. One stretch will be one of the widest and straightest pieces of roads on the whole trunk line, were worked out among D. B. McCrary, highway commissioner from Asheboro, L. E. Whitfield, district highway engineer; and the Aberdeen Commissioners composed of J. D. McLean, Dr. E. M. Medlin, J. M. Taylor, A. J. Smith and E. O. Freeman, with Forrest Lockey as Mayor.

The town officials have put in a number of extra sessions, trying to iron out details of getting clear titles to the lands necessary for the rights-of-way, and the attorneys said nearly a month had been devoted solely to this effort.

Dorothy Tate To Wed In Church Ceremony

Miss Dorothy Tate will become the bride of William Eugene Blackwelder of Hamlet in a church ceremony to be performed at 4 o'clock Monday, August 4, in the Church of Wide Fellowship.

Miss Tate is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tate of Southern Pines and a popular member of the younger set here. Mr. Blackwelder is the son of Mrs. Grace Blackwelder of Laurinburg and is connected with the Hamlet laundry.

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ROBERT LEE HART

DRAFT CATCHES 15 MOORE YOUTH

Harold Fowler of Southern Pines Among Those Ordered to Report August 7

Fifteen Moore County men, including Harold Burgess Fowler of Southern Pines, were ordered this week to report to the Moore County Draft Board on second floor of the courthouse in Carthage at 10:45 Thursday, August 7, for induction into the United States Army.

Upon reporting to Carthage, the men will be sent to an induction station at Fort Bragg, to begin their service under the Selective Service Act.

Following are those ordered to report August 7: Elvin Claude Pope, Carthage; John Gilbert Monroe, Carthage route 3; Oliver Lee Marsh, Cameron route 1; Harold Burgess Fowler, Southern Pines; Harrison John Speer, Carthage route 3; Sulton Burpee Cassidy, Hemp; Paul Augustus Klein, Pinehurst; June Cockman, Carthage route 1; James Fletcher Martindale, Highfalls; Payton Rowe Edwards, Glendon; William Jason Dennis, Hemp; Marvin Marshall Saunders, Aberdeen; Donald Clifford Gardner, Pinehurst; Oscar Sheffield, Hemp route 1; and Robert James Austin, Pinebluff.

Kids! Here's Answer To Saturday's Baths

Town Starts Sprinkler Shower for Children to Cool Off—and Get Wet

Okay, kids, here's the kind of bath you've been looking for—and you'll probably want one three times a week instead of just on Saturdays.

Beginning Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, the Town of Southern Pines will turn on the showers on Ashe Street between New York and Pennsylvania Avenues, for children to get relief from the heat—and get a good soaking.

The special sprinkler will be attached to a hydrant in the middle of the block; the street will be roped off from traffic, and the water will be fine.

Howard Burns, town clerk, said the sprinkler would be turned on Friday, Saturday and Tuesday, from 5 to 7 o'clock in the evening. The water will spray into the air, so that the children can dart in and out. Parking will be provided for parents bringing their children, he said.

JAYCEES EAT WATERMELON

It was a regular meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Monday night, but the only business scheduled was disposition of a goodly number of watermelon, supplied by President Paul Butler. Thirteen members and two guests were present at the meeting at Aberdeen Lake, and ably disposed of the business at hand.

ROBERT LEE HART TAKEN SUDDENLY BY HEART ATTACK

Funeral Service Set for 10:30 o'Clock Friday in Episcopal Church

SERVED HERE 2 DECADES

Robert Lee Hart, for two decades Southern Pines' "corner druggist," was fatally stricken by a heart attack early Wednesday morning at his home on Massachusetts Avenue. He was 51 years old.

The fatal attack came with little warning. Only Tuesday night, "Doc" Hart was serving in his normal capacity as pharmacist, cool drink mixer, and as the other half of conversations with his many friends who paused on the drug store bench to catch what evening breeze there was. Wednesday morning, a simple wreath on the Pharmacy door broke the shocking news to these same friends: Rob Lee Hart was dead.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Episcopal Church on Massachusetts Avenue, by the Rev. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst, assisted by the Rev. J. Fred Stimson of Southern Pines. Interment will be in Mount Hope Cemetery here.

Mr. Hart was taken ill about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning and called for medical attention. Shortly after 5 o'clock, a final attack took him. The corner of Broad Street and Pennsylvania Avenue where since 1921 Rob Lee Hart has held forth will no longer be the same to those hundreds of Sandhills' folks who depended upon a morning or evening chat with Rob Lee, or who waved in passing to the tall, mild-mannered druggist as he rested on the window sill of his store, or on the bench outside.

During his first five years here, after taking over the old Wiley drug store, Mr. Hart was located in what is now Welch's Gift Shop, and was the favorite "stopping-by" place for folks going to and from the post office, down the street.

When in 1926, he erected the Hart Building and moved his store across the street, it made very little difference to those who joined in the informal "town meetings," presided over by Rob Lee in his drug store.

Out of his participation in these informal discussions, which included that range of subjects which only a bunch of men can cover, Rob Lee earned such positions as president of the Chamber of Commerce for two years and Town Commissioner from 1939 to 1941. He was also active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the Episcopal Church.

Born in Henderson on May 29, Mr. Hart came to Southern Pines in 1921, bringing his wife, the former Miss Lucy Wray of Reidsville. Mrs. Hart and a 14-year-old daughter, Lina Lee, are only close family survivors.

Pallbearers for the funeral will be Albert Bretsch and Clifton Johnson, long co-workers with Dr. Hart; Henry Clark, Norris L. Hodgkins, Frank Shamburger, B. F. Page, of Raleigh, and Dr. W. C. Mudgett and Dr. J. S. Milliken.

Tax Collector Hits "Foreign" Pedlers

Huntley Cites Company for Selling Merchandise in County Without License

W. T. Huntley, whose business it is to collect taxes of various and sundry kinds and "schedules," is cracking down on pedlers from other counties who are coming into Moore to dispose of their wares without obtaining the necessary licenses.

A warrant has been issued against Hallum Furniture Company and Tom Hunter, charging them with peddling goods, wares and merchandise in the county without license, but the case was continued in Recorder's Courts until next Monday. County merchants who are paying to operate in the county are watching the outcome of this case with interest.