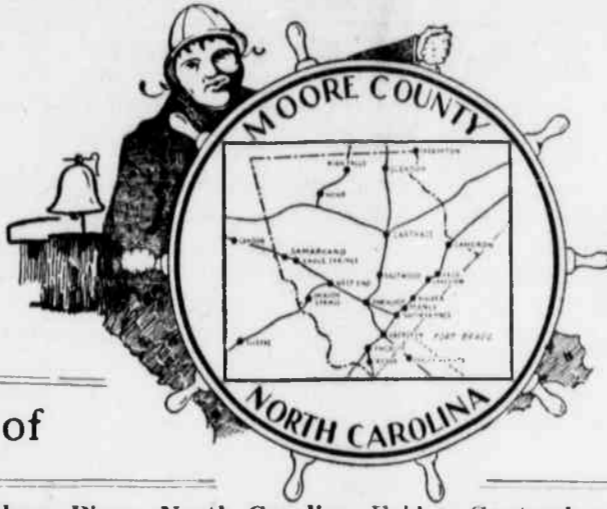


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## Towns Name Committees To Plan Accommodations For Soldiers In Sandhills

Troop Movements Under Way in This Area, as First Phase of Maneuvers Begin

### TOWN MEETINGS ARE HELD

With the Army in their midst, Moore County towns almost frantically completed this week preparations for the taking care of "on leave" soldiers from "No Man's Land" during the two months of maneuvers in this battleground of 16 North and South Carolina counties.

With the assistance of USO and Federal Security Agency officials from Washington and from the Carolina Maneuver Headquarters in Monroe, towns appointed committees to care for civilian problems to be confronted.

### Padget Warns of Problems

Most concise and complete warning of what may be expected and of how to prepare for the unexpected was offered by Major Paul Padget of Fort Bragg Tuesday night, when he addressed a town meeting in the Southern Pines High School Auditorium, and outlined four major problems to be confronted.

Physical accommodations for soldiers and officers on leave; sanitary protection, adequate civilian supplies, and control of prostitution were listed as the four major considerations by Major Padget.

Meanwhile, Southern Pines began to garner its resources to meet an expected overflow of soldiers from the active maneuver area.

Town officials met with A. W. Garnett of the Federal Security Agency and with Nathaniel Mason of the United Service Organizations to make final preparations for maneuvers.

Under a special committee of town commissioners composed of Mayor Duncan Matthews, L. V. O'Callaghan, Hugh Betterley and E. C. Stevens, additional committees will function. Kinds of committees and chairmen are:

Necessary comforts, to provide showers, drinking water, toilets, beds, etc., Commissioner O'Callaghan.

Community facilities, to provide places to lounge, equipped with stationery, ink, pens, tables, magazines, etc., Mrs. E. Levis Prizer.

Inventory committee—to make brief inventory of resources in and near towns to be used for recreational purposes, Town Clerk Howard Burns.

Home and Church hospitality committee—provide invitations to homes, special church services, picnics, socials, etc., all church pastors are being asked to serve for this work.

Publicity and information—to provide bulletin of events, information centers, etc.—Clerk Burns.

Commercial Recreation—informing shopkeepers to keep abundant supplies of commodities in demand by soldiers, Paul Butler.

Athletic Events—to provide as many such events for soldiers as possible, Dante Montesanti.

Social Events, such as dances, concerts, etc., Mrs. Clarence Edson, Mrs. O. L. Broom and Mrs. Paul Butler. In Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Pinebluff similar activities were underway.

A large number of Pinehurst citizens attended a meeting in the Community Church to make plans for accommodating the influx of soldiers.

I. C. Sledge was general chairman of the meeting and W. A. Leland McKelthen, secretary. The following committee chairmen were named, to select other members of their committees for handling their particular problem:

Finance Committee, L. L. Biddle II; necessary comforts committee, Gordon M. Cameron; inventory and information, James W. Tufts; home and church hospitality, the Rev. A. J. McKelway; publicity committee, Francis T. Keating; commercial recreation, A. P. Thompson, athletic events, Chester I. Williams, and so on. (Please turn to page eight)

### Singer

Stranger, Singing at Episcopal Church, Revealed As Professional

Softly, it began, and then increased in volume until the whole Episcopal congregation was enthralled last Sunday, as a stranger, in the choir rendered the "Lord's Prayer, in rich, resonant tones of a professional.

The stranger was John Elliott Macmillan who will be heard this fall on Eddie Cantor's radio program, under the name of John Elliott, his stage name. Mr. and Mrs. Macmillan have been staying at Resthaven Apartments, but departed Thursday for New York where Mr. Macmillan was called on business. He is rehearsing now for the fall show.

## YDC MACHINERY RUNS SMOOTHLY

New Slate of Officers Goes in Without Opposition; Dispute Over Endorsements

The well-oiled machinery of the Moore County Young Democratic Club turned out Clifton Blue of Aberdeen as the Club's new president for this year, and jammed only once during the meeting when a squabble arose over the question of "to endorse or not to endorse" candidates for certain State offices.

Without opposition candidates for the YDC offices were elected following nomination, Miss Jean Swett of Cameron and Douglas David of Pinebluff were re-elected to the offices of vice-president, while Mrs. Richard Hassell of Southern Pines went in as secretary. Calvin Simmons of Glendon was elected treasurer.

Large "Off-Year" Crowd For an "off-year," a large crowd of Young Democrats, with a few of the older party members scattered about, took part in the elections last week in Moore County Court House.

Question of endorsement of candidates for offices in the State organization was raised when Billy Clegg of Carthage offered a motion, which included endorsement of Ralph Monger, Jr., of Sanford as secretary and of Ralph Gardner of Shelby for re-election as president.

Only Monger Endorsed As opposition arose to this movement, the meeting became involved in parliamentary procedures, involving motions to table, substitute motions, amendments to motions and points of order. Finally, Eddie Burns of Carthage offered a motion that was carried, and left the meeting on record as endorsing Monger and none else.

Praise for the Democratic party, and "inspiration" for the Young Democrats was offered by impromptu speakers including "Senator" E. M. McLean of Aberdeen, J. Hawley Poole of West End, M. G. Boyette of Carthage, and H. Lee Thomas, Moore's superintendent of schools. A number of the club members indicated that they would be in attendance at the State YDC meeting in Winston-Salem this week-end, and the new president was designated to head the delegation.

### CHURCH FOR SOLDIERS

The Church of Wide Fellowship is converting most of the Church's basement into a recreation and reading center for soldiers during the maneuvers. A reading and writing room will be in the front, with a dressing room and showers in the rear. Three showers will be available.

## HIGHLAND PINES TO OPEN OCT. 1; FLYNN MANAGER

Court Holds Operating Company to Continue Management Under Lease Terms

### SEASON STARTING EARLY

Highland Pines Inn announced this week its opening October 1, about a month earlier this season than usual, under management of William E. Flynn and the Highland Pines Inn, Inc., operating company.

This announcement followed a Superior court order issued in Carthage earlier this week that the operating company should continue as lessee of the resort hotel, despite efforts of the owning company, the Highland Park Hotel Company, to cancel the present lease.

The order was issued by Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., after the owning company had sued for cancellation of its lease with the operating company, alleging that lease terms had not been fulfilled. The Highland Pines Inn, Inc., in its answers, declared it had more than fulfilled its obligations. The court still has not ruled on the cancellation of the lease.

Court action resulted from a change in control of the Highland Park Hotel Company this summer, when new officers and board of directors were elected. The owning company attempted to have the court appoint a receiver to operate the Hotel until such a time as the determination of the lease status could be made.

Judge Pless denied this application, but required the operating company to post with the court surety to the amount of \$10,000, with provision that lease of the Highland Pines Inn, Inc., would continue under its present terms until the court ruled on the application for cancellation.

The decision of Judge Pless was that "the defendants file in this court, within 12 days from this 15th day of September, 1941, a justified bond, with solvent surety," provided "such rent as many accrue under terms of the lease" is paid.

The bond is conditioned upon the court's decision as to whether "said lease was properly cancelled or whether it "is still in full force and effect."

Highland Park Hotel Company lists as directors and officers, Dr. William C. Mudgett, E. C. Stevens, N. L. Hodgkins, D. G. Stutz, Garland A. Pierce, and Dr. E. W. Bush. Named with the Highland Pines Inn, Inc., were D. G. Stutz, Garland A. Pierce and Jack Thompson, who is caretaker of the Inn.

## Hyde Takes Position With Syracuse Paper

Former Editor and Publisher of The Pilot Returns to Herald-Journal Staff

Nelson C. Hyde, former editor and publisher of The Pilot, has accepted a position on the editorial staff of the Syracuse, N. Y., Herald-Journal, one of the largest newspapers in upstate New York with a daily circulation in excess of 115,000. Mr. Hyde was associated with the same paper before coming to Southern Pines, writing a daily feature column.

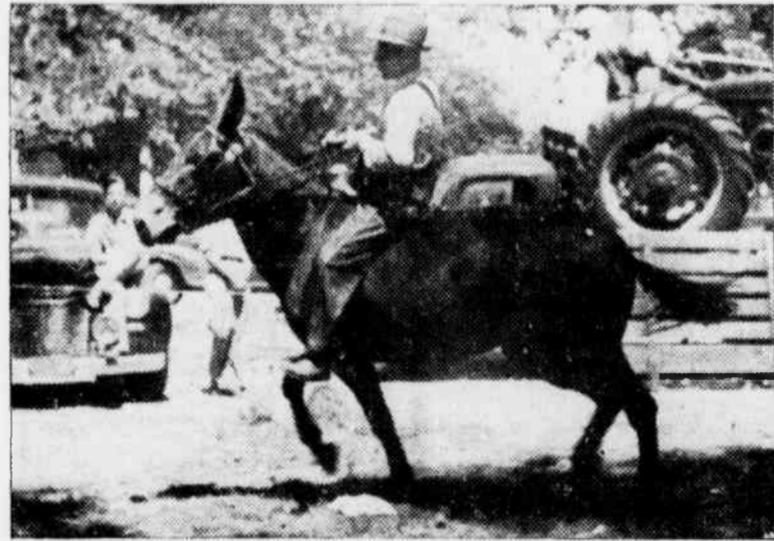
Mr. and Mrs. Hyde and their son Timmy will make their home at 1650 James street, Syracuse. Mrs. Hyde is the former Martha Pleasants of Aberdeen.

## Mrs. Gilman Pierce Dies In Leominster

Mrs. Gilman Pierce mother of Garland Pierce and sister of Mrs. Frank Welch died September 13 at her home in Leominster Mass., after long illness.

Garland Pierce left Sunday by plane and Mrs. Welch departed by train Sunday night to attend funeral services which were held Wednesday in Leominster.

## Jasper Hussey Rides A Winner



When his mule was proclaimed the Champion Mule at the Hemp Livestock Show, Jasper Hussey, route 2 Hemp, leaped upon his mule's back and rode triumphantly around the judging ring. Judges showed no hesitation in selecting this sleek, powerful animal as the best single mule, any age.

## Southern Pines and Aberdeen In Play-Off for Championship

Softball Teams Engaged in Series to Determine Season's Top Ranking

Southern Pines and Aberdeen softball clubs were in a fight to the finish for the Sandhills League Championship, as The Pilot went to press this week, with Aberdeen having a one-game advantage, after snatching an 8-7 victory from the locals Wednesday.

Southern Pines went to the top for the second half of the softball season last Friday when Walter Harper's single in the last half of the last inning brought in two runs against Pinehurst to clinch the game and second-half with a one run lead.

As the neighboring teams went into a five-game play-off for the season championship Monday night, Southern Pines waded into the Aberdeen players to take an 11-7 victory, but Aberdeen came back with a vengeance Tuesday to win 13 to three.

Wednesday's game saw Southern Pines take a four to two lead in the first inning, and then drop behind by one run until the seventh, when Southern Pines was leading by one tally. A last inning rally by Aberdeen brought in two runs to win.

If Aberdeen wins Thursday night (The Pilot goes to press Thursday afternoon) the season's over, with Aberdeen on top. If Southern Pines wins, then Friday's game will decide the season. A double-header is scheduled for Thursday at Pinehurst when the Asheboro soft-ball club will take on the Moore County All-stars. (Please turn to page eight)

## Tombstone Epitaph Collector 'Slays' Kiwanians With Quotes

Tombstone epitaphs, ancient and modern, reveal humor, pathos and philosophy, but Sandhill Kiwanians heard mostly humorous ones from Prof. A. C. Hall, of Woman's College, University of North Carolina, who's been collecting famous "last words" for about 30 years.

Prof. Hall's search for the odd and unusual in graveyard epitaphs has led him to a study of old customs and sciences, he told Kiwanians Wednesday, including investigation of such things as colonial furniture, school and church customs, practice of medicine, and funeral ceremonies of colonial America.

Selecting a few from his collection of over 2,000, Prof. Hall, also a Kiwanian, aimed them at some of the professions represented. For instance, Dr. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen chuckled over this one:

"Stranger, approach this spot with gravity; "Dentist Brown is filling his last cavity."

And for any bankers around, the collector recalled this from a banker's tombstone: "Here lies old Twenty per cent."

## LEGION OPENING HUT TO SOLDIERS

L. D. Williams Inducted as Commander of Sandhills Post; Wife Heads Auxiliary

Sandhills Legionnaires will hold open house during week-ends of the maneuver period, it was decided at a meeting of the Sandhills American Legion Post this week.

The Legion Hut will be available to soldiers on maneuvers for resting, reading, and writing letters. The main room of the Hut will be re-arranged and writing paper, newspapers and magazines made available.

District Commander J. F. Sinclair was present at the meeting and installed new officers for the coming year: L. D. Williams, Commander; Thomas Wilson and Dan McNeill, vice-commanders; L. V. O'Callaghan, finance officer; the Rev. A. J. McKelway, chaplain; and E. A. Andrews, sergeant-at-arms.

Report on membership showed that the Post had 82 members during the year, the highest for some time. Membership committee comprises vice-commander Tom Wilson, Haynes Britt, T. L. Campbell and Don Currie.

Meeting jointly with the Post was the Woman's Auxiliary, which inducted Mrs. L. D. Williams as president for the forthcoming year, but postponed induction of other officers until next meeting. The Auxiliary joined with the Post in planning for entertainment of soldiers.

## SCHOOL SEEKING FEDERAL MONEY FOR NEW PLANT

Application Made for \$25,000 from PWA, Because of Army Children Enrollment

### PLANS BEING COMPLETED

Application for \$25,000 in Federal PWA defense funds was made this week by the Southern Pines School to supplement promised county funds for building a new school plant here.

Although planned for several years, and virtually assured over a year ago, the new building will probably not be started until next summer; when not less than \$30,000 in county funds will be available.

Because nearly 10 per cent of the total school enrollment is comprised of "Army children" this season, the Southern Pines School district is eligible for special Federal funds to supplement its expenses. About \$150,000,000 in PWA funds have been allocated for erection of hospitals, water plants, schools and other public essentials in defense areas. It is to this fund that the Southern Pines School has applied for its share.

The application of the local school has the approval of Col. Elliot, Fort Bragg commander, and of T. R. Owen of Fayetteville, construction engineer for PWA.

Dr. G. G. Herr, chairman of the Southern Pines School Board, said this week that architect's plans for the proposed structure are being completed by William Dietrick, Raleigh architect, who has planned many modern school buildings in the State.

Although County officials have assured the school district of at least \$50,000, the school board is attempting to get additional funds in order that all improvements necessary to relieve the classroom congestion which has been increasing yearly may be made.

Site of the new building will be directly across Ridge Street from the present school grounds. Although prospects now are that construction will not begin until next summer, there is some possibility that, if the Federal funds are granted date of beginning construction may be pushed ahead.

## New Officers Elected For Fellowship Forum

The Fellowship Forum of the Church Church of Wide Fellowship at its regular business meeting Tuesday, elected officers for the ensuing year.

Robert Henderson was elected president, and other officers are as follows: Rebecca Causey, vice-president; Sybil Epps, secretary; Blanche Sherman, treasurer; Mary Alice Tate, program chairman; Herbert Cutter, social chairman; Iris Tate, cheer chairman; Lloyd Woolley, social service; R. W. Tate, music chairman; Louise Wiggs, missionary chairman, and Veta Epps, publicity chairman.

### SHAMBURGER IMPROVED

Frank D. Shanburger of Aberdeen, who has been seriously ill, was reported greatly improved Thursday. Mr. Shanburger suffered a heart attack September 3 and has been in critical condition at his home.

## The Pilot's Log

Last week, W. T. Ives lost his key case, containing about six valuable keys. He inserted a large type want adv. in The Pilot. Less than an hour after The Pilot had gone to press, Mr. Ives' key case was returned. The finder of the keys had purchased a Pilot from one of the street salesmen and spotted the "Lost" adv. immediately.

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