

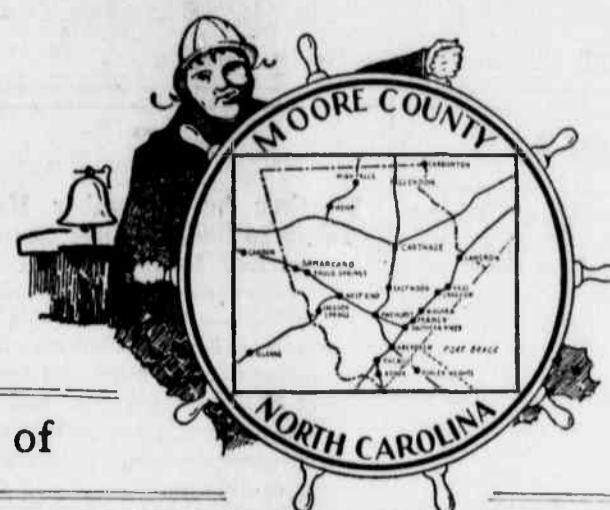
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FIRE CONSUMES HALF OF BLOCK IN COUNTY SEAT

Soldiers and Civilians Get Fire-Fighting Practice on Law Building Blaze

OLDEST PUBLIC BUILDING

A sweeping blaze, which raged for three hours Sunday before it was brought under control by firemen from four towns with the help of Uncle Sam's soldiers, completely destroyed the two-story Law building in Carthage and lent realism to the mock battle being fought by the Army in this area.

A soldier discovered and reported the fire at the northwest side of the stoplight corner about 6 o'clock Sunday morning and many of Uncle Sam's uniformed men joined in the fire-fighting with the volunteers from Carthage, Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Sanford, all of whose departments responded to the emergency call.

Fire Alarm Disrupted
Of undetermined origin, the fire had made such headway before it was discovered that it disrupted the electric power system so that Carthage's fire siren could not sound the alarm. Although the telephone system also was damaged by the blaze, the telephone operator was able to give a ring to most of the local firemen, after the fire was reported, and get them down to the scene of the blaze.

Southern Pines' department was called about 7 o'clock, after the extent of the inferno was realized, and Chief L. V. O'Callaghan led a force of one truck and five men to the scene. Firemen Ted Kennedy, Elmer Renegar, Stanley Dunn, Bill Bryant and Frank Kaylor responded to the early morning call.

Only Skeleton Left
The fire completely gutted the brick-walled building, leaving only the skeleton bricks standing gaunt and bare after the blaze was extinguished. Two of the walls were pulled down to prevent their collapsing without warning.

The Law building carried around \$8,000 insurance, it was reported, which is considered about half its worth. Housed in the structure were the Wallace Brothers grocery, Park and Fry undertaking establishment, a barber shop, beauty parlor, law offices of S. R. Hoyle, county attorney, the Junior Order lodge and the United Insurance Agency. It was the oldest public building in Carthage, having been erected in 1899.

An old building, constructed of heart pine, one-fourth was owned by each T. C. Black of Jonesboro, the D. A. McDonald Estate of Carthage, the Carthage Methodist Church, and one-fourth by Mrs. Louella Muse of Carthage and the late Miss Ethel Kelly of Jonesboro.

The entire stock of the stores and other establishments was destroyed, with only part insurance being carried.

At late as Monday night, there was still smoldering and smoke at the scene of the blaze. The sidewalks and streets were roped off to protect pedestrians and motorists from any possible collapse of the walls not yet pulled down.

Taste of Real Battle

In fighting a blaze within a town, soldiers on maneuvers and civilians got a taste, though perhaps a bitter and unnecessary one, of some of the emergencies in real wartime. Importance of firefighting in modern warfare was brought sharply to civil and military attention during the Fascist revolt in Spain, especially during bombardments of Loyalist Madrid. This has been further emphasized since the fascist aggression spread over England. Since German bombings began in England, resources of English civilians and soldiers have been called upon to halt the spread of blazes caused by incendiaries and other bombs.

It is perhaps ironic that a town bearing the ancient and honored name of Carthage, whose namesake has been the scene of famous battles, should have inadvertently become the guinea pig for soldier and civilian fire-fighting in this maneuver area. Although the building ablaze was destroyed, efforts of civilian and soldier firemen saved the rest of the business block of the county seat, despite the fact that other buildings adjoin the destroyed building.

Soldiers, Townspeople Enjoy Concert



Battling such elements as roaring airplanes, tooting automobiles, whistling, chugging trains and chattering children, the crack Band of the 207th Coast Artillery, anti-aircraft, captured the pleasure of Southern Pines audience with its open-air concert in the Town Park last Sunday. Under direction of Capt. Francis W. Sutherland, the band of the famous Seventh (now 207th) presented a varied program of light classics with an injection of approved "boogie-woogie" by the "Zombies" of the group. Shown here is just a part of the crowd which encircled the musicians during the afternoon. Capt. Sutherland visits often at the Highland Pines hotel, where Mrs. Sutherland is staying during maneuvers.

Defendants In Lottery Case Given Suspended Sentences

CIVIC CLUB OPEN FOR SOLDIER USE

Hall to be Used for Dancing; Plan to Have Supper and Dance Saturday Night

At their first business meeting of the season, members of the Southern Pines Civic Club voted to throw open their hall for use by soldiers and to serve supper to the Army men this Saturday from 5:30 to 7 o'clock at moderate cost, with dancing to follow in the evening. Miss Florence Campbell, president, was in charge of the meeting.

The Civic Club hall was made available for dancing and other recreation on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights. The first two nights will be under the local Soldier Recreation committee, and the Saturday night open house will be planned by a Civic Club committee consisting of Mrs. D. D. Shields Cameron, Mrs. George B. Schoolcraft, Miss Laura Kelsey and Mrs. James Milliken.

The Girl Scout troop of the Civic Club has begun its first aid study every Wednesday afternoon in the clubhouse, with Miss Eleanor Barron, Mrs. John Howarth and Mrs. Roy Grinnell in charge.

Following precedent of the last two years, the members voted to open the club for the Southern Pines Red Cross to use five days each week for sewing and knitting headquarters.

Store in Carthage Robbed During Night

LeRoy Lee's Employees Find Safe Open and Cash Registers Rifled

When employees of LeRoy Lee's Stores in Carthage opened up for the day's business Monday morning, they found the safe open, cash registers rifled and all of the cash missing. Mr. Lee reports that between \$700 and \$800 was taken.

How entrance to the store was gained is not known and there appears to be no clue as to the identity of the thief. Everything in the store, which carries thousands of articles from 5c to \$1.00, was in order and nothing was missed from the stock of goods.

MOVED TO GEORGIA

Major and Mrs. Lloyd O. Yost have moved from Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala., to Valdosta, Ga., where Major Yost continues his air training work for the U. S. Army. He formerly was manager of Knollwood Airport.

Restitution of \$700 to Aberdeen Fire Department Brings Leniency Plea

Finis was written to one of the Gramas resulting from the Sandhills Fair held in Aberdeen the last week in September when three of four persons charged with framing a lottery drawing were convicted in Recorder's Court Monday and given suspended sentences ranging up to six months.

Leniency for Mrs. Nina Scott, D. J. Roland and Catherine Robertson (Mrs. Harvey Hanford) was recommended by private prosecutors for the Aberdeen Fire Department because the defendants had repaid \$700 to be refunded to purchasers of tickets for the framed-up lottery.

Shooter Out on Bond

Meanwhile, Lacy Scott, husband of Mrs. Scott, was released from jail on \$1,000 bond and bound over to Superior Court on a charge of assault with intent to kill. Scott is charged with firing a shotgun load into the stomach of Jimmy (Tarzan) White, one of the showmen at the fair, after an argument with several of the men. Pending outcome of White's condition, considered dangerously critical for a time, Scott was held without bond.

Conviction of the three lottery defendants followed evidence to the effect that they, with the help of one Jack Purcell, now fighting extradition in Florida, framed up drawings for "grand prizes" on the last evening of the fair. Principal state witness was McBryde Albright of Kernersville who was to be one of the car-winners in the trumped up drawing. Catherine Robertson had already been awarded the prize as "Queen of the Sandhills" despite the fact that she claimed to have come from Fayetteville and actually came from Burlington.

Auto Wreck Cracks Case

The frame-up might have succeeded, officers said, except for an automobile accident which prevented Albright, who was driving to the Fair with Audrey Scott, daughter of Scotts, from being on the scene to receive his prize. Later, a confession by Albright started a full investigation of the drawing, and warrants were issued for the fair promoters and Jack Purcell, who had come from Florida to handle the "awards."

The Sandhills Fair began to explode Saturday evening, September 27, about six o'clock when Scott became involved in an argument with several of the Monarch Shows' assistants. Shortly after the fracas, Scott was caught by ABC Officer J. A. Lawrence after he had fired a shotgun load into White. About five hours later, the awards started, and the seed of prostitution. Eulastein's case was when two "outsiders" won major prizes. Investigation exposed the details and led to arrest of the principals.

Chief Clayton Brasington of the Aberdeen Fire Department said that the \$700 collected from the defendants would be used to reimburse purchasers of lottery tickets.

RED CROSS PLANS FOR BIGGEST ROLL CALL IN HISTORY

Central Carolina Chapters Meet in Pinehurst to Discuss Annual Drive

CARRYING HEAVIER LOAD

Representatives of Red Cross groups in 47 North Carolina counties gathered at the Holly Inn in Pinehurst Wednesday to plan with national representatives for the 25th Annual Roll Call which will begin over the entire nation on November 11.

Recognizing the importance of keeping Red Cross training and work going steadily, speakers emphasized the fact that the Roll Call will last only 10 days this year, in order to interrupt the regular program for as short a time as possible.

At present, the Red Cross is the only civilian organization functioning at service bases, speakers said, expressing the hope that the 5,000 Red Cross nurses now serving with the army and navy will soon be increased to 10,000. The representative from the Charlotte Air Base emphasized the importance of close cooperation between local chapters and representatives at service bases in order to facilitate the work being done.

Speaking of coordination between the Red Cross and Civilian Defense Councils, both national and local, Everett Dix, assistant manager of the eastern area, said the organization has a great task to perform in training volunteer workers to do first aid, nursing and many other phases of civilian defense work. At the present time, he said, there is a place in the defense effort for every graduate nurse in the country, either with armed forces or as trainers for volunteers.

Because of the added burden of work resulting from defense efforts, the Red Cross roll call goal has been set at 18,000,000 this fall, twice that of last year, and a quota of \$11,000,000, or \$7,000,000 more than last year, it was explained by A. E. Chamberlain, special roll call field representative.

Junior Red Cross

The importance of the Jr. Red Cross was stressed by C. Leo Wilhelm, General Field Representative of Eastern North Carolina. It was pointed out that one of Hitler's greatest assets today is the powerful Youth Movement in Germany, a force which will last long after Hitler, the man, is gone. Training in youth makes for national strength and plans are being made for a tremendous Jr. Red Cross enrollment.

More than 160 people attended the luncheon meeting and participated in the discussion groups which were making plans for all phases of the Red Cross activity. H. D. Browning, chairman of first aid for the Columbus County chapter, presided over morning and luncheon meetings and E. H. Foley of Cumberland County chapter spoke on the "Red Cross Today." At the luncheon meeting uniforms designed for volunteer workers were displayed and the tables were centered with American flags and other decorations in patriotic colors.

Madame Adel Serpe, French singer, and Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, accompanist, presented several musical numbers. Rabbi William Greenburg, of Charlotte, asked the invocation and the Rev. Charles A. McGirt of Salisbury said the benediction.

National and State representatives were present at the meeting and Miss Florine Thomason, the Nursing Field Representative in North Carolina and Mrs. Graham Dougherty, a member of the National Volunteer Service Committee, spoke briefly.

A round-table discussion on Roll Call planning was held in the afternoon with A. E. Chamberlain acting as discussion leader.

Mrs. James Tufts of Pinehurst was chairman of the committee arranging for Wednesday's meeting, and she was assisted by Mrs. Alice Burt Hunt, Moore County Chairman, Miss Florence Campbell, Southern Pines Chairman, Mrs. H. F. Kelly, Pinehurst Chairman and various committees.

CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

The sophomore class of Vass-Lakeview high school has elected the following officers: president, Roy Stutts; vice-president, Harrison Stutts; secretary-treasurer, Janet Rosser.

Battle of Moore County Leaves Devastation--- But It's All On Paper

Commissioned



LT. JAMES L. WILLIAMSON, JR.

After completing weeks of training at the Army Officers Training School at Fortress Monroe, Va., James L. Williamson Jr., of Southern Pines, has just been commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. Only a graded few enlisted men are given an opportunity each year to earn their commissions in the U. S. Army. Last reports from Lt. Williamson, who was first assigned to Fort Bragg, are that he is now stationed in Charleston, S. C.

COUNTY YDC SETS ORGANIZING GOAL

Gathering of Officers and Members Hear Governor's Secretary Praise Plan

Although prepared to hear the inside on how goes the defense effort in Washington from their Congressman, W. O. Burgin, a few members of Moore's Young Democratic Club welcomed Monday night Thomas E. Egan, secretary to Governor Broughton, at an informal meeting in Carthage.

Due to show up for the opening of Moore County Fair, Congressman Burgin at the last minute was detained in Washington because of Congressional committee work and could not appear either for the YDC dinner (Please turn to page eight)

Nine County Dairies Get on Approved List

Health Department Gives Rating of 90 Percent and Over to Milk Companies

Nine Moore County dairies were placed on the approved list of State Board of Health following special inspection of the plants by two field inspectors. It was learned this week from R. T. Mills, local milk inspector.

Special ratings of dairies were made in the Army maneuver area, and those being graded at 90 percent or more were placed on the approved list.

Following are approved dairies, their managers and location: Pinehurst dairies, pasteurized, W. L. Dunlop, Pinehurst; Royaltown Pines dairy, pasteurized, W. W. Olive Southern Pines; Lakeview Dairy, J. E. Caviness, Lakeview; Lawrence dairy, B. S. Lawrence, Seagrove; Leslie Dairy, F. W. Taylor, Vass; Niagara dairy, Mrs. Mary Snipes, Niagara; Silver Springs dairy, E. J. Austin, Pinebluff; Osco Farm, R. L. Sugg, Southern Pines; Sunny Brook dairy, T. S. Kanoy, route 3 Carthage.

Mills said that Little River Dairy, J. W. Garrison, Carthage, was graded at "C" and was not on the approved list.

"Tactical" Bombings Destroy Court House, Library, Other Buildings

WAR RAGES ON STREETS

IN THEORY—

Every important building in Moore County lay in smoldering ruins Tuesday night after the valiant Blue Army had repulsed the invading Red Army with artillery fire and infantry charges which destroyed the County Court House, the Southern Pines library and post office, Knollwood Airport, and nearly every hotel in the section.

IN FACT—

Towns and countryside were literally in a midst of a realistic war demonstration as machine guns, speeding, thundering tanks and trucks, and infantry outfits rushed through the Sandhills, capturing towns and strategic outposts.

The maneuver of the 26th and 44th divisions, under Major General Truesdell, Sixth Corps Commander, was one of the first of simulated war activities really to hit this section.

Street fighting in Southern Pines came late in the day Tuesday after the Blues had driven across the Sandhills country from Carthage, through the countryside to Vass and Pinehurst, where great devastation, theoretically, took place.

The court house in Carthage was "bombed" early in the day, and as the Blues advanced the Vass-Lakeview school building was "bombed." Objectives in Southern Pines and Pinehurst were also targets of artillery fire as the Blues continued their conquering march over the Sandhills.

Actually, this maneuver was only a tactical effort on the part of two divisions, with the Red Army, for the most part, simulated. The type of maneuver demonstrated Tuesday is not won or lost by opposing forces, according to the Army tactical section. The action on the Sandhills front was in reality merely a "problem" maneuver. After the day's problem had carried out, the Sixth Corps troops moved southward to Camden and Rockingham, and the troop movement continued throughout the night.

Beginning around November 1, according to certain advices, the tactical problems will give way to an actual combat problem, involving all troops in this area. When this maneuver begins, it will be the first time that such an unplanned, free-for-all battle has been waged between maneuvering forces. Previously, most maneuvers have been concerned with such problems as were carried out in the Sandhills earlier this week.

Activities Disrupted

Despite the "play" element in the Army maneuver, the rolling of trucks and movements of men were enough to disrupt for the day many normal (Please turn to page eight)

Singer's Name Means Something to Picquet

So Theatre Manager Gets John Elliott to Sing in His Church Choir

When Charlie Picquet learned there was a singer stopping in Southern Pines by name of John Elliott, under contract to Metro Goldwyn Mayer, he pricked up his ears and immediately looked him up to discover whether it could be the same John Elliott whom he had met and heard at the National Theatre Owners' Convention in Philadelphia a few years ago.

In Southern Pines, it's always a small world, as far as meeting people you know, and John Elliott Macmillan (who drops the Macmillan for stage, radio and screen purposes) who with Mrs. Macmillan, is staying at Resthaven, turned out to be the young man of his past acquaintance.

As a result, John Elliott will appear as guest soloist Sunday at the Church of Wide Fellowship where Charlie Picquet is musical director.

After hearing him in Philadelphia, the local theatre manager booked several pictures in which the singer appeared. The Macmillans have been staying in Southern Pines for several weeks, although John Elliott makes frequent trips to New York for rehearsal in a new radio show.