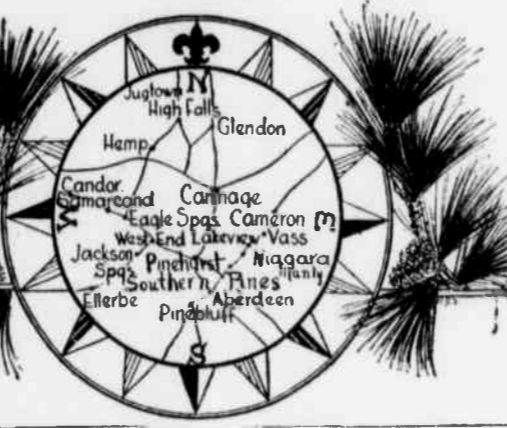




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Oats For Trophies Set As Rewards For Winners In Annual Horse Event

Third Annual Southern Pines Horse Show to be Held Friday, February 27

PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED

Oats that horses can eat, not trophies to decorate mantels, were decided upon as rewards for winners in Southern Pines' Third Annual Horse Show, to be held in the show ring at the local Country Club Friday, February 27.

In a meeting of the horse show committee at the city clerk's office Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Margaret Thorne Smith was elected general chairman for this year's event, and other officials for the show were selected. It was decided to donate net proceeds to a national war relief organization.

In a discussion of prizes for the winners in the various events of the show, the idea of awarding metal trophies was discarded in favor of a suggestion that something useful—"something the horse can enjoy"—be given this year. Bags of oats—a blanket—or some such useful award will be made to winners, along with appropriate ribbons. It was left to Mrs. George W. Johnson to determine exact awards in the various classes.

Other Show Officials

Herbert Cameron and Nick Crotty were selected by the committee as show managers, and Lloyd Tate of Pinehurst accepted the committee's invitation to act as ringmaster for the occasion.

Other committee chairmen were: Mrs. Johnson, trophies and awards; Miss Ellen Vale, program; Mrs. E. C. Stevens, entertainment; Louis J. Scheipers, parking arrangements; and Howard F. Burns, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Judges and other officials are to be decided at a later meeting. At Thursday's session, all were enthusiastic about the prospects for this year's exhibits.

Growing Interest

At each of the first two horse shows held in Southern Pines, nearly 100 of the finest bluebloods in this section went before the judges to compete for honors. Classes this year will be just about as previously, although definite determination of the various entry classes is yet to be made. Hunters, jumpers, and children's classes will be included.

It was felt that the awarding of something besides trophies was more than a novelty; that it would coincide with the efforts of local sports programs to cooperate as fully as possible in the furtherance of national defense, while at the same time providing healthy sport events for civilian morale.

WALTER E. POE DIES IN CHERAW

Early Settler Here Built Old Baptist Church; Three Daughters Live Here

Walter E. Poe, an early Southern Pines settler and builder, who constructed the old Baptist Church on Connecticut avenue and Page street, died at his home in Cheraw, S. C., last Saturday night at the age of 87.

Mr. Poe was the father of three Southern Pines residents, Mrs. Mollie Burgess, Mrs. Lottie Thomas, and Mrs. Alex Fields, also of Mrs. Carrie Bilyeu, formerly of Southern Pines, all of whom survive. Mr. Poe visited Mrs. Burgess here before Christmas.

Born in Chatham County, Mrs. Poe came to Southern Pines in 1891 with many others who came from that county to Southern Pines, including the late M. N. Sugg and T. S. Burgess. He lived here about 10 years and then moved to Cheraw where he has since made his home.

Among survivors are a son, Eugene Poe of Columbia, Mrs. Pearl Womack Poe, his second wife and two sons, George Poe of Cheraw and Dwight Poe of Atlanta. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at Cheraw Baptist Church.

Amateur-Pro Tourney To Be Held Tuesday

The next Sandhills amateur-professional tournament is scheduled for the Southern Pines Country Club, Tuesday, January 20, under direction of Roy Grinnell, professional. Winners in the last week's tournament held on The Pine Needles course, were Karl Andrews and Purvis Brown with net score of 88, with Chester I. Williams and Myron Barrett at second with 87, and a tie for third place at 88, scored by F. C. Robertson and Bert Nicolls, and Eric Nelson and Myron Barrett.

Woe on the 13th

Woe befell A. R. Burch, elderly Pinehurst Negro, on his 63rd birthday which arrived on January 13. He was in the office of W. A. Leland McKeithen in Pinehurst Tuesday afternoon when he suffered a heart attack that rendered him unconscious. Rushed to the Moore County Hospital, he was recovering slowly from the first shock when a fire alarm sounded. The fire was at Burch's home and store in Taylortown and both were almost completely destroyed by the flames. The elderly man, who is employed by John Bross Lloyd and is widely liked in Pinehurst, is reported on the way to recovery from his sickness.

BURT'S NEW BOOK OUT NEXT MONDAY

Thirteenth Volume by Local Writer Deemed Best; Claude Hayes Comments On It

In Claude Hayes' opinion, it just "ain't so" what they say about "unlucky 13." Being issued by Scribner's next Monday, January 19, is the 13th book by Struthers Burt, Southern Pines author, and advance notices deem "Along These Streets" as the best of the lot.

The streets are in Philadelphia, and the young man who walks along them was more interested in monkeys than in Philadelphia until a wild deed he must spend a certain amount of time in the City in order to come into his inheritance.

What Hayes Thinks

Claude Hayes is one of the few around here who have yet read the book. Here's what he had to say about it and the main character, Felix.

"I believe you will like Felix. He is so unworshipful, so seemingly impractical, yet acquires that wisdom, the lack of which prevents the happiness which all pursue and so few achieve.

"The streets are in Philadelphia, but the scene is almost country-wide. No muck-raking book this. It covers mean streets and fine ones, characters that border on beastliness and others that are the finest type of American.

"Above all else, the book has that (Please turn to page 5)

Bank Stockholders Elect New Directors

Stockholders in the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Southern Pines learned at their annual meeting Tuesday that deposits in the bank were \$126,000 over last year and were at the highest point in the history of the bank, with a total of \$889,777.87 on hand at the close of 1941 business.

N. L. Hodgkins was re-elected president of the bank and the following were named directors: Paul T. Barnum, N. L. Hodgkins, George C. Moore, Frank Welch, John C. Barron, John M. Howarth, Kenneth B. Trowsdell and Howard F. Burns. The latter four are newcomers to the directorate since last year.

Most of the stockholders were represented at the meeting, either personally or by proxy, and heard the president's report of activities for the past year. A dividend of \$4.00 per share was declared at the end of the past year, one dollar higher than the past year, and reserves are up \$5,000.

Hodgkins reported that the bank had concluded one of the most successful years in its history.

Farmers Responding To Scrap Metal Call

Drive among farmers for scrap metal and other waste material, such as rags, paper and old tires, valuable to national defense, got off to a good start this week with the collection of about 70,000 pounds at West End, Monday and Tuesday and of around 10,000 at Cameron Wednesday.

H. Garrison, Jr., said most of the farmers were selling their scrap directly to the junk dealers; but that there were some contributions to a pile set aside to benefit the Red Cross.

Drives of scrap will be in Aberdeen January 19 and 20 and in Southern Pines at Chandler's Coal Yard, January 21 and 22, to purchase that which is brought in. Most of the scrap so far collected has come from Southern Pines farms; but the dealers will be prepared to buy the scrap from any groups. Almost anything except shot metal and bottles will be purchased.

Mercury of Mercy Soars to Top; Local And County Quotas Reached

Local Collections Through "Be Your Own Solicitor Plan" Take Jump Following Appeal in Pilot; Dana Expects County Drive to Net \$12,000

Preliminary figures from sub-chairmen through Moore County indicated that the \$10,000 quota for its share in the Red Cross War Relief Fund would be exceeded by about \$2,000. Paul Dana, special county chairman for the drive, reported Pinehurst had raised a total of \$5,732.63 in the special drive.

The mercury of mercy almost shot through the top of the Red Cross Thermometers in front of the Southern Pines post office and bank this week, as the \$3,000 quota for the town was reached and surpassed.

With the "Be Your Own Solicitor" drive brought to a successful end, Carl Thompson, chairman of the local effort, said that any further contributions were still needed and would be welcomed, but he expressed satisfaction with the prompt manner in which Southern Pines fulfilled its part in raising the \$10,000 quota assigned to Moore County for the National Red Cross War Relief Fund. "Spurt Taken Over Week-End."

The thermometers took a spurt last Friday, after The Pilot came out, when the Red Cross War Relief fund jumped ahead several hundred dollars, and through Saturday, in spite of the cold, the thermometers showed

steadily climbing toward the top. But Saturday night, Southern Pines lacked only \$250 of making its quota of \$3,000. Over Sunday and Monday contributions trickled in, and by Monday night, only \$105 were needed to reach the goal.

Additional Contributors

In addition to the names given last week, the following have helped to send the mercury of mercy soaring (duplication of names indicates more than one contribution).

Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, Mrs. Mary W. Barron, Mrs. Littlefield, Mrs. Nettie Ayres, Mrs. Jessie L. Rogers, Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Mrs. E. M. Lewis, Miss Elinor Valentine, Mrs. C. L. Hayes, Mrs. L. M. Shering, Miss Kate and Eva Graham (Vass), Mrs. R. H. Rollins, L. E. Pender, Almet Jenks, Mrs. Charlotte Jenks, Geo. C. Moore, Mrs. R. T. Tompkins, Miss Lillian G. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett French, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Alba de Costa, Jr., Miss Mary E. Blymer, Jack's Grill, Mrs. Geo. C. Scott, Miss Harriet Barnum, Mrs. Miller Gaffney. Also Mrs. Jane H. Towne, Mrs. Grace J. Stevens, Miss Stella I. Hays, Mrs. Thomas Barron, J. D. Arey, Sr., J. C. Barron, Mr. and Mrs. Harry (Please turn to page 5)

Army Using Patented Blackout Lamp Invented by Local Officer

Lt. Col. Thee Perfected Light Filter, Possibly to be Used by Civilians

Fort Bragg—(Special to The Pilot)—Granted a patent on the first blackout lamp approved by the War Department, a Fort Bragg officer has given the Secretary of War complete control of the production and sale of the invention for military and other government use.

The officer, Lieut. Col. Walter C. Thee of Southern Pines, now commanding officer of the Quartermaster motor maintenance district, developed the light filter after six months' research in the engineering division of the Holabird Quartermaster Depot, near Baltimore, in 1937.

Now in production in five plants, the lamp currently is being used on military vehicles only, but the Office of Civilian Defense may consider its adaptability for civilian machines.

According to its inventor, the device also could be used for railroad signals and beacon lamps, and to indicate obstacles on land and sea, river banks, dams, streets and entrances to buildings and first aid shelters.

The lamp consists principally of a louver—a series of horizontal slats attached inside the headlight and taillight lens—which prevents direct light from being seen at an angle greater than twelve degrees above the horizontal axis of the lamp. However, as a safety precaution sufficient light is visible through the slats to permit persons on the ground to note the vehicle from a distance of one thousand feet, front or rear. Lieut. Col. Thee estimates that 300,000 Army vehicles now are equipped with his invention.

Born in San Francisco, Lieut. Col. Thee entered the Army as a second lieutenant in October, 1917, and has served overseas in coast artillery and quartermaster units. He was graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, receiving his bachelor's degree in 1924, and his master's degree in 1925. He came to Ft. Bragg last May when the motor maintenance district shops were organized here.

Lt. Col. Thee, Mrs. Thee and children are making their home in Southern Pines, while Lt. Col. Thee is stationed at Fort Bragg.

Fire Destroys Home; Others Not Serious

Three Alarms Given During Past Week; Two in West Southern Pines Houses

Of three fire alarms during the past week, only one resulted in considerable loss. A fire Sunday at the home of Miran Threadgill in West Southern Pines completely destroyed the house and its furnishings.

Firemen said that the alarm was turned in too late, and that the house was collapsing when the fire equipment arrived at the scene. It was understood no one was at the house when the fire started, and that a neighbor telephoned in the alarm after the blaze had made great headway.

An alarm at 8:30 Saturday night brought firemen to Charlie Newkirk's house in West Southern Pines where an inside fire was extinguished without much damage. Another alarm at 12:50 Tuesday afternoon was for a grass fire at 40 Rhode Island avenue which was quickly put out.

MAJOR FISHER REPORTED SAFE

Letter from Former Southern Pines Librarian Tells Recent News of Her Son

Most recent news from Major William Fisher, who was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by the U. S. War Department, reached Southern Pines this week in a letter from his mother, Mrs. E. S. Fisher to Miss Ruth Burr Sanborn.

Major Fisher is now in command of a squadron of Flying Fortresses in the Philippines and last reports were that he was "keepin' 'em flyin'."

Mrs. Fisher, former Southern Pines librarian, is now connected with Red Cross headquarters in Winston, Salem. She wrote of her son, "I am mighty proud of him . . . He was the second in command of that entire flight (from Hawaii to the Philippines) for which the Distinguished Flying medals were given, and has been promoted since reaching the Philippines . . . His wife received a cable on December 19th (their fifth wedding anniversary) saying "Alive and well—don't worry" and still another on Christmas day, saying simply "OK." We can only feel that since we receive no bad news, there is none to send, and hope for the best . . . His wife and children came back to her home in Pennsylvania when he went to the Philippines and he said he was glad to know his family was safe in the hills of Pennsylvania. He did not have to worry about them when Hawaii was attacked . . . Hunt (younger son of Mrs. Fisher) is still at Fort Jackson but expects to be sent somewhere else by February 1, and there's no telling where . . ."

Herbert Cameron will assist in running off the events and Nick Crowder, well-known trainer, will probably act as announcer. As usual, there's no charge for the gallery to witness the horsemanship and horse play!

Young Democrats Have Meeting in Aberdeen

Collection Taken Up for Red Cross; Radio Commentator Speaks to Club

About 60 Moore County democrats, mostly falling under the category of "Young Democrats" gathered at Aberdeen last Thursday night for a Jackson Day dinner, that really was just a "patriotic rally" to put their forces behind the defense effort.

Among other things the banquets donated a total of \$25.03 for the American Red Cross, in response to a plea delivered by P. Frank Buchan in the form of a humorous sermon.

W. E. Debnam of Raleigh, radio news announcer, was principal speaker of the evening and reviewed the progress of the current World War and predicted ultimate, but a hard fought victory for the Anti-Axis powers. Other speakers included John A. Lang, State NYA Administrator, and M. G. Boyette of Carthage. H. Clifton Blue, YDC president, was in charge of the session.

He Was Going to Remain A Year; Now He Observes His 45th Here

In January, 1897, a man came to town and surveyed the community of less than 300 resident population, and voiced the opinion that he would not remain here more than a year.

This week, that man, C. T. Patch, celebrates the 45th year of his mercantile career in Southern Pines in a building scarcely a hundred feet from where he first set up business.

Had the original store building of his venture survived, it would now be pointed out as a landmark, but few of the business buildings of 1897 now remain. Certainly there are none of the rather sprawling architectural design of the Tarbell building, then located on the present site of the Sandhill Drug Co., and the A. & P. store, which housed the somewhat immature stock of the firm of Tarbell and Taplin, dealers in general merchandise—mostly groceries.

To Speak Sunday



Sponsored by the Southern Pines General Welfare Center, whose chairman is D. H. Turner, Arthur L. Johnson, national executive secretary of the General Welfare Federation, will address a gathering of pension-minded folks at the Baptist Church in Southern Pines, Sunday afternoon, January 18, at 3 o'clock. His subject will be "War and Pensions," relating to the objective of the organization to obtain a uniform Federal pension of \$30 per month to all over 60. The public is invited.

LOCAL BLACKOUT SHOWS WEAKNESS OF RAID ALARMS

Officials Seeking Methods of Reaching Outlying Districts in Raid Warnings

DISTRICT TRIAL TO BE NEXT

The Defense Council of Southern Pines is asking for contributions of old vacuum cleaner motors so that more sirens can be made for use in outlying districts of the town during blackouts. Anyone having these to contribute is asked to telephone A. B. Patterson, Air Raid Warden, who will call for them.

It was a genuinely dark blackout in Southern Pines last Friday, contrasting with the moonlit blackout of the week before, but the presence of lights in the town was deemed more widespread than before.

Defense Council officials said, however, that they did not believe it was lack of cooperation but the inadequacy of the alarm system. Besides the fire siren, police cars toured parts of the town. Knoxville had a makeshift signal that was declared unsatisfactory. One of the most piercing alarms came from the home-made siren made and installed by Cecil Robinson in the Pinedene section. It is this type of siren that may be made locally to fill the need for better alarms.

Pinebluff Blacks Out

With most of Moore County now incorporated in the Charlotte Air Raid District, the lower end of the county underwent a district-wide blackout Wednesday night, in conjunction with the Lumberton district, of which it is a part.

Although the warning signal was given later than expected in Pinebluff, due to an error in signals, when the warning did come, the town went into complete darkness, it was reported. This effort was made throughout the section incorporated in the Lumberton district.

John Howarth, defense coordinator, said it was expected that Southern Pines would participate in a Charlotte district blackout sometime during this month and that no more local trials would be conducted until that time. The district-wide blackouts are held under the instruction from the Army's Third Interceptor Command, and are considered extremely vital precautions. The exact date for this has not yet been set.

In the last local blackout, most glaring lights were those of a Texaco filling station on Broad Street and from the basement of the Southern Pines School house. Both instances were attributed to lights which had been left burning during the daytime and had not been turned off. Officials finally entered the school and had the lights there off before the all-clear sounded.

The second test alarm lasted a few minutes longer than the first, because wardens had more difficulty in getting around than during the week before, when moonlight assisted sight. During the cloudless night, the dimmed headlights of the official automobiles provided scarcely enough light for slow driving. In fact, so dark was it that the usual situation of the automobile bumping into pedestrians was reversed when one person, running along in the streets, ran smack into a parked automobile. No damage was reported.

BOARD PASSING ON TIRE SALES

Four Certificates Issued by Rationing Group; Secretary to Help Applicants

The Moore County Tire Rationing Board began its duties last week with the issuing of certificates to four Moore County citizens, giving them permission to purchase needed tires and tubes.

The Board will be in session each Thursday, beginning at two o'clock in the basement of the court house to pass upon applications for tires and tubes. Meanwhile, Miss Eliza Green has been assigned as secretary to the Tire Rationing Board to assist applicants in filing application for needed tire equipment. She will keep office hours from 9 a. m. until noon and from 1 to 5 p. m. each day in the office of the board.

Those to whom certificates were granted last week are as follows: George Henry Parrish of Carthage, one truck tire and one tube; Dr. Robert Lee Felton of Carthage, one automobile tire and tube; Arthur Raleigh Williams of Eagle Springs, one truck tire; and John Harrison Oldham of Carthage, two truck tires and two tubes. Members of the board are J. L. McNew of Carthage, chairman; R. F. Carlton of Southern Pines and George M. Maurice of Eagle Springs.