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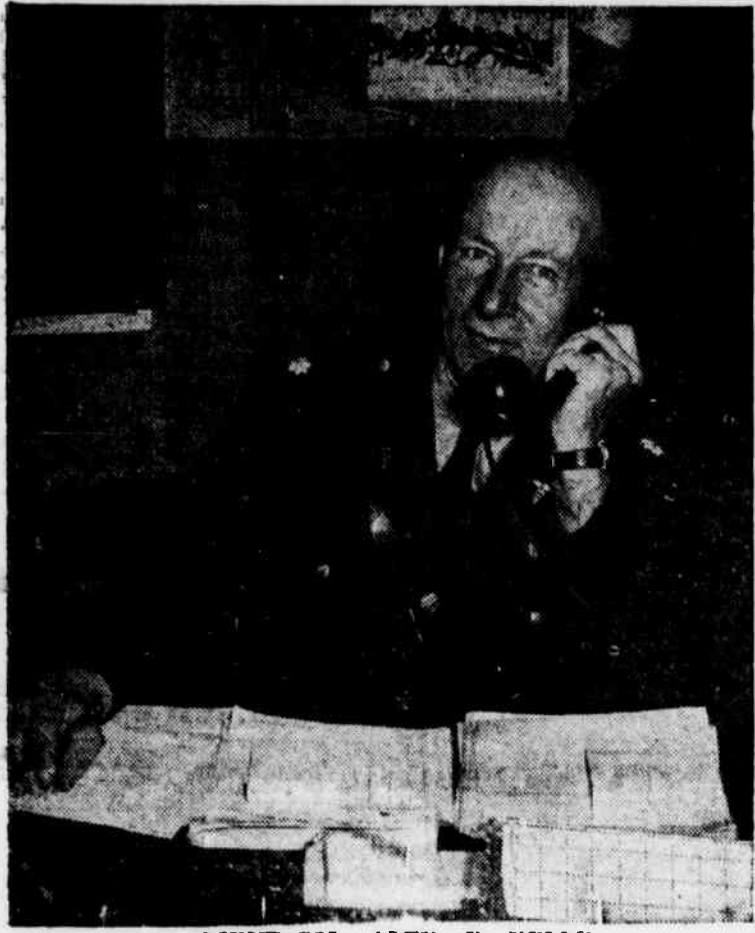


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FIVE CENTS

Carthage Officer Back In State



LIEUT.-COL. ALEX. P. KELLY

Lieut.-Col. Alex. P. Kelly Commanding Officer of Camp Davis Hospital

Just assigned as commanding officer of the Camp Davis station hospital, in eastern North Carolina, is Moore County native Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander P. Kelly, who was born and educated near Carthage.

Lieut.-Col. Kelly has been commanding officer of the 16th Medical Regiment at Fort Devens, Mass., and was in the Carolinas during last fall's maneuvers. While his company was in maneuvers, Lieut.-Col. Kelly visited his former home and a dance was given at the Pinehurst Country Club in his honor. His sister, Miss Margaret Kelly, is connected with Pinehurst, Inc.

Col. Kelly entered Army service in 1918 and was commissioned a lieutenant in the Medical Corps in 1920. He was appointed lieutenant colonel August 19, 1938. He attended Davidson College, North Carolina Medical College and the Medical College of Virginia, and later graduated from the Medical Field Service School, Army Medical School and the advanced course at the Medical field service school.

LUMBER MAN GETS MOST NEW TIRES

Rationing Board Issues Permits to Doctors, Funeral Home, and Others

Doctors, a funeral home, and a lumber dealer received most of the tires and tubes issued last week by the Moore County Tire Rationing Board.

Colin G. Spencer of Carthage was allotted several tires and tubes by the board to be "used on trucks in hauling lumber for national defense," according to the board.

Dr. E. W. Bush of Southern Pines was issued certificate for two passenger car tires and tubes; Clark's Funeral Home of Southern Pines for two ambulance tires and tubes; and Herbert N. Cameron of Southern Pines two truck tires and one tube. Certificates to Spencer allowed purchase of five truck tires and tubes.

Other tire certificates issued were to Royal P. Muse of Carthage, one truck tire and tube; Dr. Malcolm D. Kemp of Pinebluff, two passenger car tires and tubes; McCrimmon Feed and Seed Co., Aberdeen, two truck tires and tubes.

Also certificates were issued for obsolete tires, which do not affect the county quota, to the following: John Lineberry of Hemp, Lee Roy Monroe of Eagle Springs, Coy Simpson Wallace of Hemp, Ernest W. Brewer of Eagle Springs, John Dewey McNeill of Hemp and Ruby Genevieve Marks of Southern Pines.

Frances McKeithen Now Senior Hostess

Fort Bragg—Miss Frances J. McKeithen, daughter of Mrs. Neil A. McKeithen, of Carthage, has been appointed senior hostess of Fort Bragg's Motorized and Animal Units Service Club.

Miss McKeithen was formerly junior hostess at the Motorized and Animal Units Service Club in charge of recreational activities and has been associated with this club since its opening. She was formerly a teacher in the Carthage school system.

SLY DUO TO GIVE PIANO AND VIOLIN CONCERT MONDAY

Beethoven, Chopin and Schubert to be Featured in Second Library Concert

BOTH WIDELY RECOGNIZED

A man-wife musical combination will be presented next Monday, January 26, at 8:30 p. m. by the Southern Pines Library Association as the second in the current concert series.

Allan Sly, noted English pianist, and Betty Ware Sly, American violinist, will present a program featuring works of Beethoven, Chopin and Schubert.

Mr. Sly has concertized widely in Europe and this country and is now the head of the music division of the department of fine arts at William and Mary College in Virginia. Mr. Sly's art is characterized by deep sincerity, warmth of feeling and a technical virtuosity equal to the most exacting demands of piano literature. A distinguished musical scholar, he prefaces each work to be played with illuminating comments which contribute greatly to the understanding and enjoyment of the program and establish an intimate and informal relationship between artist and audience.

Mrs. Sly is a highly accomplished violinist with a tone of unusual beauty and a virile style which makes her part of the program a really stirring musical experience. Mrs. Sly also is a fine viola player and it is hoped that she may be willing to add to the program proper one or two short numbers on this rarely heard but appealing instrument.

Program for Concert

The program for next Monday night is as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Sly: Sonata in G major, opus 30, No. 3, by Beethoven, allegro assai, tempo di minueto, ma molto moderato e grazioso, and allegro vivace.

Mr. Sly: Chopin's Scherzo in B flat minor, Ballade in F minor, Mazurka in B flat major, Mazurka in C sharp minor, Valse in A flat.

Mr. and Mrs. Sly: Schubert's Sonata in G minor, opus 137, No. 3; allegro giusto, andante, minueto-allegro vivace, allegro moderato.

Polio Campaign

Infantile Paralysis Fund Raising Gets Underway in Moore This Week

The annual campaign to raise funds to fight the dread Infantile Paralysis is beginning in Moore County this week with F. D. Farrell of Aberdeen again serving as County Chairman.

Local chairmen are as follows: Southern Pines, Mrs. Carl G. Thompson, Jr.; Hemp, Miss Lucy Snyder; Carthage, L. L. Marion, Sr.; Vass, Mrs. D. M. Corbett; Pinebluff, Mrs. W. K. Carpenter; West End, Miss Eva Ritter; Pinehurst, Frank McCaskill and Aberdeen, Clifton Blue.

Coin collectors will be distributed to stores and other public places. Contributions can be made in this way or by mailing or bringing cash or checks to Mrs. Carl G. Thompson, Jr. at the Pilot. The campaign is conducted by the Committee for Celebration of the President's Birthday, but no local dance or entertainment is planned.

War Threatens Cupid's Plans; But Story Has Happy Ending

Uncle Sam's declaration of War came near interfering with the consummation of a soldier's romance, but the willing hospitality and friendship of a Southern Pines woman came to the rescue of Cupid.

The story actually began many years ago but ended this week with the happy announcement: Miss Margaret McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McDonald of Cresskill, N. J., became the bride of First Class Private Nicholas Short of Cresskill, now of Fort Bragg, in Bennettsville, S. C., Saturday, January 10.

It's a story which began when Mrs. Anna E. Wenger was a girl and attended school in Closter, N. J., with a boy named Edward Short. Years later, Mrs. Wenger moved to Southern Pines. Last year she heard from her old friend, Mr. Short. His son, Nicholas, had been taken into the army and was stationed at Fort Bragg. Mrs. Wenger invited the boy to visit her and he came over to Southern Pines often.

About Christmas time, Private Nicholas told Mrs. Wenger some good news. He was going home on a fur-

Steeplechase Set For Monday; Benefit Hospital, Navy Relief

Racing Association Anticipates Successful Year Because of Number of Horses in Training; Profits to Go to Recognized Institutions; to Lead Off Races

The track to lead to the Sandhills' most gala steeplechase meeting was opened up this week with the setting of Saturday, March 14, as the definite day for the meeting and the selection of Navy Relief and the Moore County Hospital as the beneficiaries of steeplechase profits.

These two important decisions were made Tuesday afternoon after Almet Jenks, president, had presented written reports from Richard Wallach, Jr., racing secretary, following his conference in New York City with Fred Parks, secretary of the National Hunt and Steeplechase Association.

The hunting race on the Barber Estate Course, between Southern Pines and Pinehurst, will open the season of steeplechase racing in the country, with the events swinging to Aiken, S. C., for March 21.

Because the profits from the Sandhills Steeplechase meeting will go to benefit two worthy institutions, one local and one national, every effort will be made to make it the most outstanding meeting since the beginning of the event, eight years ago.

Navy Relief was selected by directors of the Sandhills Association to

benefit from the races because that organization is being heavily taxed during this early period of the War, when the U. S. Navy is carrying much of the brunt of hostilities.

In deciding that Moore County Hospital should also share in the proceeds, members of the Association pointed out that the Hospital would probably face a lean year, unless some additional means of support is found. In face of other fund-raising campaigns for national emergency, it was felt that the Hospital might be neglected and that it was due considerable support from the racing meet.

Despite the call to armed service of many riders and owners of racing and hunting horses, a survey of the possible field of entrants made by Facing Secretary Wallach recently showed that there were a number of good horses in training for the steeplechase circuit.

Taking part in the meeting this week were Mr. and Mrs. Jenks, Mrs. Margaret Thorne Smith, Mrs. Reid Healy, Mrs. John R. Drexel, Sprigg D. Camden, Col. George P. Hawes, Jr., P. S. P. Randolph Jr. and Isham Sledge.

Burt's New Book Well Received By State and National Reviews

HIGHWAY WRECK TAKES 3 LIVES

Head-On Collision East of Carthage is Moore's First Fatal Accident of Year

Moore County's first fatal highway accident of 1942 took three lives last Friday night in a head-on collision between two automobiles on the Sanford-Carthage highway, about six miles east of Carthage.

Killed instantly were the drivers of the cars, Charles T. Russell, 23, of Troy, and Neal Pierce, 28, of Lemon Springs. Chalmers Thomas of Lemon Springs, who was riding with Pierce, died about 7 o'clock Saturday at Moore County Hospital from injuries received in the crash.

Both Cars Smashed

Both cars were badly smashed in the accident and investigating officers had not been able to determine the cause of the accident. Sergeant W. B. Kelly of the Highway Patrol, Deputy Sheriff C. R. Dunlap and Coroner R. G. Frye, Jr., of Carthage, who investigated the accident, said that Pierce was headed toward Sanford and Russell toward Carthage when the accident occurred.

Russell, 23, was driving a 1942 Chevrolet belonging to Mrs. R. R. Parsons of Troy. Pierce and Thomas were in a 1941 Plymouth and were returning to their homes in Lemon Springs from Charlotte. Pierce was going to spend the week-end with his mother, and Thomas was riding with him.

Funeral services for Pierce were held Sunday afternoon at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, conducted by the Rev. W. A. Pate. Last rites for Thomas were held at the Shallow Well Christian Church in Lee County Monday. Services for Russell were conducted at Lovejoy Church in Troy Sunday afternoon.

New York Times Favorable; Local Author Well Pleased With Recognition

With unusual unanimity book reviewers in the State and national press this week went down the line in favor of Struthers Burt's new novel, "Along These Streets," which on Monday became the possession of the public—and the critics.

The critics were more than kind. They were undisguisedly pleased. Even the New York Times Book Review section, which doesn't bother to pull punches, was without reservation in its praise for the book.

Burt is Pleased

"I certainly am well pleased with the reception," Mr. Burt said at his home here in Southern Pines. "I think it's wonderful. The reviewers all seem to favor the book."

Caro Green Russell, conductor of Literary Lantern for many North Carolina papers, began her review with "We need more novelists with the faith of Struthers Burt, with the gift for expressing this faith as he so impressively writes of it." Mrs. Russell is sister of Paul Green, playwright, and wife of Phillips Russell, another North Carolina writer.

Times Is Favorable

In the New York Times, Miss Katharine Irwin Woods, Philadelphia-born writer, editor and book reviewer says: "Along These Streets" is a large novel, and a good one. It is entertaining and earnest, ironic, outspoken, and at one point, magnificent; and, yes, it is an interesting story about the young anthropologist Felix Macalister and his Philadelphia inheritance and the three women who adorned, eased and tormented his new life . . .

"The story is, as has been said, is always interesting. But it has long ago become plain that Mr. Burt's new book has distinction, value and genuine stirring appeal not as a story about individual men and women but as a novel of ideas . . .

"With its motive in the noblest and most far-visions patriotism, the novel may be seen, too, to have progress as its theme—in an understanding so much larger than our customary use as almost to spell paradox. For the progress which is an animating force in this story . . . demands above all the present's open-eyed succession to which has been greatest in the past; the keeping of history's noble promises, the realistic courage to meet change, engage in conflict, make sacrifices, so that the best substance of the past may live on—no beautiful dead leaf but a root from which justice and freedom and the good life may continue to grow . . .

"Along These Streets" . . . is . . . highly entertaining. Its writing is brilliantly epigrammatic, with the stimulating quality which is so acutely remembered from the second period Wells. In a recent interview in these columns, Struthers Burt expressed a whimsical wonder as to why people wanted to read novels now. His own novel offers one answer: for diversion that pricks the mind to pertinent thought." So Miss Woods in the New York Times.

The Tribune Likes It

"Mr. Burt builds his characters well, makes them thoroughly interesting and attractive, and manages to sustain his rather diffused love interest effectively," says Florence Haxton Bullock in the New York Herald Tribune. "Along These Streets" is a pleasant book to read. Leisured without being tedious, this fat, slow. (Please turn to page 5)

DEFENSE COUNCIL HEADED BY TUFTS IS ESTABLISHED

Group Will Coordinate Civilian Defense Efforts Throughout Moore County

CHANDLER VICE-CHAIRMAN

A county-wide defense council to coordinate civilian defense activities in Moore was established at Carthage Tuesday in a meeting called by James Tufts of Pinehurst, recently appointed Moore County Defense Chairman by Governor Broughton.

The Pinehurst man was named to succeed W. D. Sabiston, Jr., of Carthage who was first named to the job and then resigned because of the job and then resigned because of the press of personal work.

From among the representatives at Tuesday's meeting, the following were elected as council members:

Ralph L. Chandler, vice-chairman, Southern Pines; H. W. Doub, Aberdeen; L. B. McKeithen, Cameron; the Rev. W. L. Warford, Carthage; D. D. McCrimmon, Hemp; C. Benedict, Pinebluff; L. L. Biddle, Pinehurst; Alton M. Cameron, Vass; J. Hawley Poole, West End; L. W. Edwards, Deep River Township; Roland Upchurch, Ritters township; and C. C. Underwood, Bensalem township.

Third Try for County Defense

This actually is the third effort made in Moore County to establish a coordinated civilian defense effort. Many moons ago, under initiative from Struthers Burt, civilian defense committees were established throughout the Sandhills. These, incidentally, were forerunners of national organizations.

Tien came a period of all-out emergency and the establishment of the national Office of Civilian Defense, and State Civilian defense directors. County chairmen were appointed from Raleigh and new committeemen were selected, superceding the original volunteer organization. Sabiston was appointed Moore County civilian defense chairman; but found he was unable to devote sufficient time to the job and resigned.

No immediate successor could be found. State officials said the job might take from two to six hours a day of a man's time, as work developed. Acceptance of this job by Mr. Tufts a couple of weeks ago was not announced until this week. It was understood that he planned to devote considerable part of his time to this job.

Committees Proposed

The County Defense Council discussed the desirability of establishing committees for civil protection, already fairly well organized in various communities; for health and welfare, agriculture, publicity, conservation, and finance.

The purpose of the Council will be not only to prepare for any wartime eventualities but to assist in gearing the whole population to wartime efforts. To a large extent it will operate through existing agencies, but as has been done in the past, certain local committees for special functions, such as air raid protections will be established. County-wide blackouts, for instance, will call for complete coordination among the local air raid wardens and other officers who function during blackouts.

FATHER McDEVITT, PINEHURST, DIES

Pastor of Sacred Heart Church Passes in Charlotte Hospital; Burial at Belmont

The Rev. E. J. McDevitt, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Pinehurst, died Sunday at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte. He was 44 years old.

Father McDevitt succeeded the late Father W. J. Dillon as pastor of the Pinehurst Catholic Church last year. He has served as pastor at Waynesville, West Asheville and Rocky Mount, previous to coming to the Sandhills.

A native of Ireland, he came to this country as a young man and received his college and seminary training at Belmont Abbey, where he was ordained by the late Bishop Haid.

Services were held Monday at the Pinehurst church and a Pontifical Requiem Mass was said by Bishop Eugene J. McGuinness of Raleigh in Charlotte Thursday. Burial was in Belmont Abbey cemetery. One brother, Patrick McDevitt of Bayonne, N. C., survives.

Vass Blackout

The town of Vass has scheduled a local blackout practice next Tuesday night, January 27, between the hours of 8 and 10 p. m. Five long blasts of the fire alarm over a two minute interval will be the warning signal for the blackout and a straight 30-second blast will give the all-clear.