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## FATHER WILLIAMS GOES TO KINSTON; HERE SINCE 1935

### Farewell "Open House" Being Given Catholic Priest at Parish Hall Thursday

#### WAS ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY

Father Thomas A. Williams, since 1935 pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church here, was this week advanced to a pastorate in Kinston to be in charge of the Church of the Holy Trinity there.

He is to be succeeded here by the Rev. Herbert A. Harkins of High Point. It was unofficially reported.

To pay tribute to the youthful priest whose work here has reached many phases of community life, his parishioners are holding an open house Thursday evening, January 29, at the Parish Hall on Broad street to bid him farewell. Especially invited are the Mayor and town commissioners, scout executives and scoutmasters of the county, as well as members of the scout troops, the school board and other local pastors.

#### Active With Boy Scouts

Father Williams has been especially active in Boy Scout work while in Southern Pines and is scoutmaster of Troop 63, besides being State Chaplain of the Catholic Youth Council. Much of the scouting which has been developed in the county during recent years has been due to his efforts in this field.

During his stay here, the Church of the Holy Child in Pinebluff was built and the mission there was under his charge. In his own church, he has been active in building the active congregation to its present number of 167, not including approximately an equal number of Army families who are included.

Many improvements have been made to the Church, and the Parish hall during his stay. He also has been school chaplain for Notre Dame Academy, which was established here by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

Father Williams came here to succeed the late Father W. J. Dillon, who at that time was transferred to Pinehurst, and his pastorate included all of Moore County except Pinehurst and that part of Hoke County, west of Sanatorium. He was ordained in Boston by Cardinal O'Connell in 1933 and served as secretary of Bishop Wm. J. Hafey for 11 months, before going to Nazareth Orphanage, just outside of Raleigh as a member of the N. C. Apostolate.

Father Williams is taking the place of Rt. Rev. A. R. Freeman, who goes to Charlotte from Kinston.

His mother, Mrs. Mary A. Williams, who has lived with him during his stay here, will go with him to Kinston.

## Judge Rowe's Son Now Flying Cadet

### Aberdeen Boy Wins Appointment to Navy Flying School in Jacksonville, Fla.

Joseph V. Rowe, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen, has won an appointment to the Navy's flying school at Jacksonville, Fla., after being in training at the Naval Reserve Air Base in Atlanta, it was learned this week.

Cadet Rowe, 22, attended Aberdeen High School and went three years to the University of North Carolina, before enlisting in the Navy on September 27, 1941. Young Rowe passed his elimination course at the Air Base in Atlanta, where he held a rating of seaman, second class.

## Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive Continues

Coin collectors have been placed in stores and other public places all over Southern Pines as a convenience for people wishing to contribute to the fund for the fight against infantile paralysis. Coin cards have been distributed in both schools and it is hoped that children will be encouraged to contribute to this fund to help other children. Anyone wishing to make a contribution by check can do so by bringing or mailing it to Mrs. Carl G. Thompson, Jr., Southern Pines Chairman of the Fund, at The Pilot.

## Books For Army

Red Cross headquarters are acting as the depository for books being collected for distribution to Army camp libraries. Throughout the country, an appeal has gone out for individuals to donate any books they can spare to be distributed to Army centers. Southern Pines' Red Cross headquarters are located in the Straka building on Broad street, and local contributors are urged to bring their books to this office, where they will be turned over to Army authorities.

## To Kinston



FATHER THOMAS A. WILLIAMS

## Refugees

Refugees from the war zone in Hawaii arrived here this week to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Scott, Mr. Scott's cousin, Mrs. A. A. Meriam, and two children, Harold and Thomas, arrived here Tuesday, having been evacuated from Hickam Field where Master Sergeant Meriam is stationed. They were at Hickam Field during the December 7th attack and machine gun bullets and sirap-nel went into the house in which they were living, but none of the family was injured.

## A. GUNTHER DIES; WAS VASS MAYOR

### First Executive of Vass Dies at Son's Home in Florida; Was Scientific Farmer

The death in Eustis, Fla., of A. Gunther, first mayor of Vass and for years a scientific farmer in the county, was reported late last week to C. T. Patch here.

Mr. Gunther had been living in recent years with his son, Otto, and funeral services were conducted in Eustis, where burial was made. He died January 22.

Mr. Gunther came to this section before 1900 from Worcester, Mass., settling first in Southern Pines and then buying what is now known as the Duncan Matthews place doing truck farming. Those in Vass who knew him said he was the best horticulturist that had come to the community. He grew lettuce for northern markets, had a peach orchard and grew blackberries, before dewberries had been introduced in this section.

He was elected Vass' first mayor in 1907 and shortly after that moved to Louisburg. While in Vass he was married to Miss Lula Frisbie of Maine and their son, Otto, was born there. Mrs. Gunther died in Louisburg, after which Mr. Gunther moved to Florida. In recent years, he had been blind.

W. D. Smith, Vass man, commented that he "liked to talk with Mr. Gunther because I could learn from him."

## John Stevens Better After Minor Operation

John F. Stevens, father of E. C. Stevens, and widely known because of his pioneer engineering work on the Panama canal and the nation's railroads, as well as those of Russia, is reported to be recovering successfully, following a minor operation at Duke Hospital in Durham. Although still confined to the hospital, it is expected that his recovery will allow him soon to return to his home in Southern Pines.

## Rotarians Cautioned Concerning Future

Rotarians were told by C. Reeve Vanneman of Albany, N. Y., a Rotary International representative, last week that unless they concerned themselves more directly with current affairs and their solution, such things as Rotary clubs might pass out of existence during the next few years.

This week, meeting Friday at Southern Pines Country Club, the Rotary Club will hear John H. Esquirol of Fairfield, Conn., who is visiting in Pinehurst.

## HALL TO POST OFFICE

L. T. Hall, who has been employed at the A. B. C. store here, will begin Monday as a clerk at the local post office. His place at the liquor store will be taken by George Christmas.

## SEAWELL CLAIMS 'AMBITION' LIES BACK OF CHARGES

### Carthage Attorney Issues Statement on Eve of Trial Denying Federal Charges

#### TRIAL TO START MONDAY

On the eve of a special term of Federal Court in Rockingham to hear charges against H. F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage for alleged mishandling of funds while acting as a referee in bankruptcy, the Carthage attorney, known as "Chub," this week issued a statement claiming the action against him was brought for "the purpose of humiliating and embarrassing me."

The court session is slated to begin in Rockingham, Monday, February 2, under Judge E. Yates Webb of Shelby. The special term was called at the request of Judge Johnston I. Hayes, who several years ago appointed Seawell as referee in bankruptcy for this district and who is scheduled to preside at the regular term of Federal Court in March.

Two bills of indictment drawn last June charged Seawell with nine cases of false reports and two embezzlements. These he immediately denied in a public statement, which pointed out that no individual or corporation brought charges. His statement this week was similar.

#### Attorney's Statement

"I do not like to issue statements to newspapers about matters that are to be tried in court. I can say this, however, that no firm, person, corporation, partnership, trustee, lawyer or anyone else has contended or is contending that I owe them a penny in regard to any matters that have ever pending before me in bankruptcy," his statement said.

"The entire matter seems to be a matter of personal ambition on the part of someone in the Attorney General's office. The government is contending that I have charged more in the administration of estates than I should have charged.

"Without any warning, any questions or any notice, the government proceeded to get bills of indictment against me which on their face appear to be purely for the purpose of humiliating and embarrassing me, if possible.

"I understand that the attorney who is handling the case has made statements and issued them to the newspapers for the purpose of trying to prejudice the matter and make it look as if some terrible crime has been committed.

"The entire matter has developed into one of personal ambition and egotism on the part of the attorney for the government, as no one else is interested in the matter from a financial standpoint or otherwise," his statement concluded.

Seawell held the position of bankruptcy referee for nearly 13 years, resigning in the fall of 1940 to become a candidate for the State Legislature.

## Scout Executives To Plan Cub Dens

Parents of cub scouts and of boys of cub scout age are invited to attend a conference at the Church of Wide Fellowship Friday night at 7:30 for the purpose of completing organization of cub scout dens in Southern Pines.

Assistant Scout Executive Monty Culhoun of Sanford will meet with the Rotary Club committee, composed of the Rev. Voigt Taylor, S. R. Jollison and Lloyd Clark, and with R. F. Tarlton, cub master, and N. L. Hodgkins, president of Onconeechee Council. They will decide upon meeting time and places of the cub troops.

## Sanatorium Showing Progress; Twelve from Moore Are Patients

On the crest of a high sand hill, about eight miles east of Aberdeen, just over the Hoke County line, there spreads an institution which has for years been in the forefront of the State's fight against the dread disease of tuberculosis.

The State Sanatorium is not a new institution to the Sandhills but it is one that often gets attention only during that season of the year when the Tuberculosis Associations are conducting seal sales to raise money to finance patients who are confined to the Sanatorium.

From Moore County, at the present time, there are 12 persons, seven white and five Negro, undergoing treatment for tuberculosis at the Sanatorium. Of this number 10 are able to receive the needed treatment because of the county tuberculosis association, which is paying for the hospitalization.

#### Marked Progress

During recent years, there has been marked and proved progress made in the battle to diminish the toll of tuberculosis among North

## Innes-Taylor Gets Medal For Rescue Of Drowning Woman

### National Foundation Awards Local Man Medal for Bravery for Plunge into Pamlico Sound Last July to Save Mrs. Charles Ludwig from Death

Captain Alan Innes-Taylor plunged into the cold waters of Pamlico Sound last July 16 to save the life of a drowning woman this week brought him an award from the Carnegie Hero Fund, citing him for an act of bravery.

Captain Innes-Taylor has had experiences with the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Byrd expedition, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, but it was the first time that the man, who now makes Southern Pines his home, had ever been called upon to rescue a drowning person. He dived overboard to rescue Mrs. Charles Ludwig, wife of a Cincinnati, Ohio, newspaperman.

#### Commission Tells Story

"Mrs. Ludwig fell from the deck of a moving launch into Pamlico Sound 15 miles from shore, where the water was 22 feet deep. Innes-Taylor, fully clothed, dived from the launch, swam 75 feet to Mrs. Ludwig, and

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took hold of her. Mrs. Ludwig became dazed.

"The launch was swung in a large circle; and Innes-Taylor wondering how long he could keep afloat, swam toward Mrs. Ludwig 25 to 35 feet toward it. He then trod water, supporting her.

"The launch was maneuvered to a point near Innes-Taylor, who repeatedly called to hurry. A life preserver at the end of a line was thrown to him, and he and Mrs. Ludwig were pulled to the launch and aided onto it. Innes-Taylor was gasping and was greatly fatigued. Mrs. Ludwig fainted but was revived."

The Captain, who makes his home on Fairway Road near the Country Club, has related several of his experiences before local civic clubs, but he has never talked much locally about this action for which he was awarded the bronze Carnegie medal for bravery.

## SCHOOL BUSES WILL GET TIRES

### Rationing Board Approves 10 Certificates for Board of Education; Others Issued

Tire rationing in Moore County continued this week with a number of applications being approved by the Tire Rationing Board, including 10 certificates issued to the Moore County Board of Education for bus tires and tubes for use on the school buses.

The Board meets each Thursday in the courthouse to consider applications for purchase of tires and tubes, and an office is maintained other days with a secretary to assist in filling out applications.

Following applications were approved by the board:

Lester J. Dawkins, Aberdeen, two passenger car tires and tubes; Mrs. Maggie Lee Kelly, Carthage, one passenger car tire; W. R. Kennedy, Hamp, four passenger car tires; Buffalo Brothers, Carthage, three truck tires and tubes; John Allen, Hamp, one truck tire and tube; O. T. Parks, Jr., Hallison, three truck tires and tubes;

Also, Carl Lee Davis, Star, four truck tires and tubes; Daniel Oscar Caddell, Carthage, two tractor tires and tubes and two truck tires and tubes; Southern Pines Warehouse, Southern Pines, one truck tire and tube; Carl Oldham, Glendon, one truck tire and tube.

Permission to purchase obsolete tires was given to T. M. Sharpe of Aberdeen and Mrs. M. G. Dalrymple, Carthage.

## Dr. McLeod Elected Medical Society Head

Dr. A. H. McLeod of Aberdeen was Monday night elected president of the Moore County Medical Society at its monthly meeting at Moore County Hospital. He succeeds Dr. A. M. Bloe of Carthage as head of the local organization, which is affiliated with the State Medical Society.

Other officers elected Monday night were Dr. E. M. Drake, county health officer, vice-president; Dr. R. J. Rosser of Vass, secretary; Dr. Frank Owen of Pinehurst, delegate to the State convention; and Dr. Clement Monroe of Moore County Hospital, alternate.

Election of officers was major business of the evening.

## LIBRARY CONCERT GREATLY ENJOYED

### Piano and Violin Presentation Attracts Large Audience of Sandhills Folks

A large Sandhills audience received with delight the piano and violin renditions by Mr. and Mrs. Allan Sly of William and Mary College, Va., at the Southern Pines Library Monday evening.

This was the second in the season's concert series, presented by the local Library Association. Next presentation will be Sherman Smith, young bass-baritone from the University of North Carolina, who will appear Monday, February 16.

At the request of The Pilot, Alfred E. Yeomans, prepared the following comment on the Sly concert:

"An all too prevalent idea among concert goers is that only artists of established, nation-wide reputation—"stars" in other words—are worth paying money to hear. It is no disparagement of justly celebrated artists to say that this cult of the "star" in music, carried to an absurd extreme as it so often is in this country, must be overcome if the art of music is to occupy its rightful place in the average American home.

"A necessary step in this direction is the recognition of the fact that there are musical "stars" of minor dimensions, as far as public reputation is concerned, who may be just as competent to interpret great musical masterpieces as some of the first magnitude.

"The enthusiastic reception of Monday's concert by Allan and Betty Sly, under the auspices of the Library, is a case in point. Here you had two sensitive, fully developed artists who, had they been willing to pay the price in heart-breaking labor and a hectic year of life, might have achieved national reputations as concert artists. Instead, they chose to apply their great musical gift through educational agencies. They chose the work of making a love of fine music a real part of the life of the average American, their concert appearances being incidental to this work.

"Hence, in their playing on Monday night, one sensed not merely complete technical and interpretive competence to cope with the compositions played out a self-forgetful devotion to the cause in which they were enlisted—the cause of fine music. This spirit of the amateur with the competence of the professional is all too rare on the concert stage. Its occasional emergence is to be welcomed."

## Bank of Pinehurst Re-Elects Officers

Officers and directors of the Bank of Pinehurst were all re-elected for another term at the annual stockholders meeting held Wednesday afternoon in the bank offices at Pinehurst.

Elected by the board of directors as officers were Richard S. Tufts, president; F. Shelby Cullom, executive vice-president; Paul Dana, vice-president; Carlton C. Kennedy, cashier; and Miss Mary Ritter, assistant cashier.

The directors, all re-elected, are A. L. Burney and Frank D. Shamburg, Jr., Aberdeen; F. Shelby Cullom, Paul Dana, Isham C. Sledge and Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst; Wilbur H. Currie and S. H. Miller, Carthage; and J. Hawley Poole, West End.

Francis Pleasants continues as manager of the Aberdeen branch and P. K. Kennedy of the Carthage branch.

The cashier reported the bank in sound financial condition, referring to a six percent dividend declared on common stock during the past year.

## TEST BLACKOUTS IN THREE TOWNS ARE SUCCESSFUL

### Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Vass Declare Trials Are Near 100 Percent Perfect

#### ST. LIGHTS TROUBLESOME

Three Sandhills towns underwent trial blackouts Tuesday, including the unincorporated resort village of Pinehurst, which obtained special permission from the county commissioners to exercise certain emergency powers during such trials—and the real thing, if it should ever occur.

Aberdeen and Vass also tested their blacking-out abilities, although none of the three experiments were related or coincidental.

Officials in Aberdeen declared the blackout there 100 percent successful, except for the same trouble that Southern Pines has had during its two trials—the strong beam of a train light going through town during the lights out period. In Vass, the blackout began at 8:15, and in comparatively few seconds, every light in the business section and close residential section had been extinguished.

However, several families in the outer sections of the town limits failed to hear the alarm at first, but darkened their homes when notified by wardens that the blackout was on. Traffic along the highway was allowed to continue. The blackout lasted about 15 minutes.

In Pinehurst, chief air raid warden L. L. Biddle expressed gratification for the cooperation shown in achieving a complete blacking out of the town shortly after the alarm was sounded. He especially mentioned the speed with which air raid wardens put out the street lights of the city. Most of these are controlled by individual switches and at the sound of the alarm it was necessary for wardens to speed for the switches and cut out the lights simultaneously.

Two failed to respond, but Police Chief Dees got them shortly after the alarm sounded.

The Aberdeen blackout lasted thirty minutes, beginning at 8:15, and was declared 100 per cent by M. B. Pleasants, chief air raid warden.

## KIWANIS ENJOYS DOUBLE PROGRAM

### Glee Club Entertains; Dr. Wm. A. Brown Cites Need for "Bill of Duty"

Victory in the war and victory in the peace depends upon this nation's acceptance of a "bill of duty" as well as a Bill of Rights, declared Dr. William Adams Brown, former faculty member of Union Theological Seminary in New York, at the Kiwanis Club meeting Wednesday.

Kiwanians enjoyed a double program at their meeting, which led off with the rendition of several popular and religious selections by the Southern Pines High School Glee Club under the direction of Miss Selma Stegall. The fine harmony and balanced execution of the hymns, spirituals and popular numbers by the young students brought round after round of applause from the club members. Charles Picquet introduced the club, and declared it "was a pleasure that is never duplicated" to hear the half-hour of singing by the mixed chorus.

Ed. Horne of Pinehurst introduced Dr. Brown who addressed his remarks not just to the Club but to the high school students, who joined the Kiwanians after they had finished their singing.

Declaring that Hitler had indoctrinated the people of his country with a "philosophy of duty without any rights," Dr. Brown said that the weakness in this country was that we had followed a "philosophy of rights without any duty."

"We have forgotten that democracy calls for a 'bill of duty'—of sacrifice, discipline, unselfishness and self-forgetfulness; but unless we remember this in time and bring ourselves to a common mind, forgetting our petty differences, this war and the peace cannot be won," Dr. Brown said.

While "Mein Kampf" has been the textbook in Germany, in the democracies the textbook of The Bible has been allowed to go into disuse, the speaker added. It is in The Bible that we will find that common purpose that will bring eventual victory and peace, he concluded.

## Memorial

Upon motion of U. L. Spence, a committee composed of M. G. Boyette, H. F. Seawell, Jr., and W. D. Sabiston, Jr., was appointed in Court last week to prepare and report to the next term of Superior Court suitable resolutions upon the life and death of Frank W. McCluer for action thereon by the Moore County Bar in a memorial service to be held at the next term of court.