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FIVE CENTS

### GOVERNOR TELLS TEACHERS CLUB OF WAR DUTIES

#### Educo Club Members from Central District Meet at Local Country Club

#### SAYS TEACHING IS FIRST

War and civilian defense places new and important responsibilities upon the schools, declared Governor J. Melville Broughton in addressing about 165 members of the district Educo club, meeting in Southern Pines Country Club Wednesday evening.

The governor told the men teachers that the schools had a job to do in teaching proper understanding of American ideals, in preparing technicians for war and civilian defense, in assisting in maintaining morale in communities and in helping in rationing and other similar programs.

"But above all," he concluded, "let us not forget that our job is to teach. Continued improvement of our educational efforts is our primary job."

Governor Broughton was introduced by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin. Other guests of the Club were Nathan Yelton, executive secretary, State School Commission; Fred Green, secretary, N. C. Education Association; and Jule Warren, editor of the N. C. E. A. magazine. Joseph Bowman of Anson county, retiring president of the district clubs, was in charge of the meeting.

Included in the entertainment were renditions by the Southern Pines High School glee club and musical numbers by the Hoke County High School band. Lloyd Woolley of Manly entertained with accordion solos. Among local guests were Dr. G. G. Herr, John Howarth, and N. L. Hodgkins of Southern Pines School Board; John W. Graham of Aberdeen, chairman, county board of education, and about 40 other teachers and board members from Moore County.

New officers of the club were elected and are Harold Kraus of Cumberland county, president; G. W. Wheeler of Sanford, vice-president; and K. A. McDonald, of Hoke County, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

### AUDIENCE LIKES SMITH'S SONGS

#### Library Concert Artist Delights Listeners with Dramatic Interpretations

A delighted audience at the Library last Monday night brought Sherman Smith, bass-baritone of Chapel Hill, back to the stage several times after his program was finished to hear more of his entertaining renditions of German, French and American folk songs.

Best with songs which gave full play to his bass range and afforded him an opportunity to display his dramatic and well as singing ability. Mr. Smith presented four groups of selections, each group seeming to be better than the last.

Introducing foreign language songs with his own notes, the artist amused, delighted and thrilled his audience with Wolf's German folk songs of soldiers and of nostalgia, with a group of French selections of love, soldiers and festivity, and with his final group by Russian composers.

Being by profession a chemist but by nature an excellent dramatic singer, Mr. Smith did particularly well with two songs by Borodin, Russian chemist-composer. Unfortunately, Mr. Smith did not include any American folk songs in his formal program; for in his first encore he sang and whistled a western folk song that brought such response he had to make two more returns to the stage.

The piano accompaniment of William Gant, also of the University, is also worthy of mention, as the work on the keyboard blended well with the featured artist's voice and added much to his more stirring songs.

### Red Cross Starting New Training Classes

A new series of First Aid classes will begin next Tuesday, February 24. The afternoon class will be held at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Raymond Tompkins on Orchard Road. The evening class will be held at 8 o'clock Tuesday at the Civic Club. All those wishing to take this course are urged to register at the Red Cross Room in the Straka Building before Tuesday.

The Red Cross is also planning a home nursing course, teaching the rudiments of nursing, and those wishing to take this may register at Red Cross headquarters in the Straka Building from 10 to noon and two to five during week days.

### Battle of Publicity Agents Jolts Serenity of Sandhills

#### Acquisition of Dateline for Knollwood Held as Chief Prize in Local Dispute

The Mid-South serenity of the Sandhills was jolted this week when a Battle of Three Publicity Agents was thrown open to the public.

The lid of the cauldron which had been boiling for some little while, after having cooled for about a decade, was knocked off by Pinehurst, Inc., Publicity Director Robert E. Harlow in his column, "Pinehurst Scoreboard," which appears in "The Pinehurst Outlook."

The whole matter, which has now got Southern Pines' officials, Pinehurst, Inc., managers, and Knollwood Sanitary District Commissioners in a "dither," involves no great issue other than the moral one of who gets credit for what publicity.

#### Facts in Nutshell

In a nutshell, the facts are thus: News items concerning Knollwood, part of which is in the corporate limits of Southern Pines, have in the past been appearing throughout the country under a Southern Pines dateline. This season, The Pine Needles substitute publicity man, John J. Walsh of Pinehurst, was inspired to send out these items from "Knollwood Village." Some newspapers refused them from the beginning; others dropped them later, some continued using them. Mr. Harlow, who this week expounded the issue, setting himself up as a "neutral," is Pinehurst, Inc., Publicity Man and suggests that "Pinehurst would indeed be due some consideration" in regard to setting

#### Holiday Closings

Washington's Birthday falling on Sunday this year means that Monday becomes the official Federal holiday, to be observed chiefly by banks and the post office. The local banks will be closed all day Monday; but the Southern Pines post office will be open for regular window service until noon Monday, when the windows will close. Mail despatches and distribution of incoming mails will be carried on as usual.

of a dateline. Southern Pines' Publicity Agent Howard Burns, who has been handling Knollwood news along with Southern Pines items for the "outer" world, is the third party in the battle and said he thought the matter had long ago been settled.

The full story goes back some years ago when Knollwood began to flourish as a haven for many winter residents who wanted to get away from commercialism which has now raised its ugly head. Setting up a sanitary district, the residents sought utilities such as water, sewerage, schools, and fire protection. The Town of Southern Pines agreed to furnish these items. The town also agreed to include Knollwood in its publicity and advertising program, on which many dollars—a good sum—are spent each year.

#### "Knollwood Village" Scheme

Where the scheme was concocted. The Pilot was unable to learn; but this year there has been some talk (Please turn to page eight)

#### 1, 719 Register

An additional 1,729 young and older men were added to the Selective Service list of the Moore County Draft Board Monday, in the third nation-wide registration, this time including men from the age of 20 through 44.

Southern Pines headed the list with 260 registering and Pinehurst was second with 240, while West Carthage listed 195. Other registrations by precincts were as follows: Aberdeen 165, Cameron 116, East Carthage 76, Deep River 38, Eureka 27, Pinebluff 28, Vass 89, West End 92, High Falls 46, Ritters 36, Spencerville 60, Spies 9, and Bensalem 67.

### SEAWELL BLASTS AT 'WITCH HUNT'

#### Absolved, Carthage Attorney Hurls Charges at "Phi Beta Kappa 'Experts'"

Completely absolved by the Federal Court of charges of embezzlement and false reports during his term as bankruptcy referee, H. F. (Chub) Seawell, Jr., of Carthage this week issued a blast at "Phi Beta Kappa 'experts'" and "centralization of administrative power" as being responsible for his trial.

Previous to his trial in Rockingham which ended last week, Mr. Seawell had issued two statements to the press, claiming that the charges were brought because of "personal ambition" on the part of somebody in the attorney general's office and to cause him "embarrassment."

#### Statement of Attorney

With the matter now settled in his favor, following a rather unusual statement by Presiding Judge Webb in his favor, Mr. Seawell issued the following statement:

"Now that the 'witch' hunt is over, please let me express to my friends my appreciation of their loyalty and faith in me during the unwarranted attack on me by the Attorney General's office. Some say it was politics. Maybe 'big time' politics, but certainly not local. The matter was instigated at the hands of a group of Phi Beta Kappa 'Experts,' overwhelmed with book learning and not a corpuscle of common sense. It is amazing that in a free country a man can be assaulted by such a group and thousands of dollars spent over nothing. I am not the only victim of such procedure; there have been other instances. It is the natural result of the centralization of administrative power; the destruction of local self-government and the establishment of government by prescription, rules and orders and regulations. Such processes will eventually cause national paralysis if something isn't done to curb it.

"Again thanking all my friends for their many kindnesses and loyalty. (Signed) H. F. Seawell, Jr."

#### MISS MARY RIDDLE ADDED TO DRAFT OFFICE STAFF

Miss Mary Ruth Riddle last week assumed her duties as assistant clerk in the draft board office in the court house. Miss Riddle is a Carthage girl and she has recently returned from Greensboro, where she attended school.

### McKEITHEN KILLED AT RAIL CROSSING

#### Streamliner Hits Farrell Coal Truck, Killing Fred McKeithen, Driver

The crash of Seaboard Streamliner No. 9 into the light pickup truck of Farrell Coal Company at Doub's crossing in Aberdeen last week took the life of Fred McKeithen, 36-year-old Aberdeen man, almost immediately.

Driver and sole occupant of the truck, McKeithen was rushed to Moore County Hospital shortly after the accident about 11:15 last Thursday night and died shortly after reaching the place.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Aberdeen Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. E. L. Barber, pastor, and the Rev. A. J. McKelway of Pinehurst, officiating. Active pallbearers were Leon Blue, Dan McCrimmon, Eston Blue, Charles Pleasants, Dan Allred and Alton McLean. Interment was in the family plot of Old Bethesda cemetery.

Officers report that McKeithen was approaching the railroad crossing, going west, and apparently drove onto the tracks in front of the oncoming diesel, without seeing it.

The driver was thrown clear of the truck, which was almost completely demolished.

Mr. McKeithen was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James A. McKeithen and was unmarried. Surviving are two brothers, James and William McKeithen of Aberdeen, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Jones and Mrs. David Coffee, now of Lakeview.

### Sportsman Pilots Meet at Mid-Pines

A swarm of about 45 private airplane pilots with their own machines, comprising the national Sportsman Pilots Association will fly into Knollwood this week-end for their annual convention to be held at the Mid-Pines club.

J. L. (Jimmy) Hamilton of Charlotte is in charge of the arrangements for the occasion and with him, as his agent, will be Zack Mosley, cartoonist of "Happy Jack," the aviator and his friends.

This is the first time the Association has met in this section of the country, previous meetings having been held in Miami, Fla. For the entertainment of the Sportsman Pilots, John J. Fitzgerald, Mid-Pines manager, has arranged a program including the display of an old Moore County "schooner" wagon, which will come down from above Hemp with Edgar and Howard Hussey in charge. Native pottery "hurricane" lamps will be given as novelty prizes to the ladies.

The meeting will begin Saturday and last through Monday, with business session, dinner-dance and outings.

#### BOOKS NEEDED FOR SOLDIERS

Books are needed for the soldiers at Fort Bragg. Anyone having books to contribute for this purpose can leave them at the Red Cross Room in the Straka Building or call 6974 to have the books picked up.

### SANDHILLS STYLES TO BE ON PARADE IN FASHION SHOW

#### Junior Civic Club to Use Local Models to Display Fashions from Shops

#### TO FOLLOW BRIDGE-TEA

The latest thing in Spring fashions for the Sandhills will be on parade at Southern Pines Country Club March 4, following a bridge-*tea*, under sponsorship of the Junior Civic Club of Southern Pines.

Local models will appear in fashions for all age groups, wearing clothes from Southern Pines and Pinehurst shops. With music accompaniment and in charge of a master of ceremonies, the models will display the latest in sports, lounging, evening and other wear.

Parties of one or several tables can be made up for the bridge party and individuals not coming in a party will be made into playing groups. Each table must furnish its own cards, although score pads will be furnished. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock, at which time the fashion show will begin. Those not playing bridge, including men, are invited for the tea and show.

Tickets for the dual event are being handled by members of the junior club and at local hotels.

### Club Speaker Says Plan Now For Peace

The present is not too early to begin planning what kind of a world there will be following the war, declared the Rev. A. J. McKelway, pastor of Pinehurst Community Church, speaking at the Kiwanis Club luncheon at the Berkshire Wednesday.

In this war, the Church should not serve again as a recruiting center or a bond salesman, the minister said, but it can bring a message that will hasten the peace and preserve it. He pointed out that the enemy has a certain "fanaticism" which must be matched in this country by a "cause."

"The Church can furnish the only rational logic of utter self-sacrifice for a 'cause' which will match the 'fanaticism' of the enemy," he continued. "The Church also can furnish the logic of democracy—that there is a value for every human life, in the world. The Church can also furnish the only hope for a permanent basis of peace.

"The world is not going to be anything it has been in the past. We are witnessing a passing of a civilization which has proved itself unworthy to endure. Those things which are worthy cannot be destroyed by war or greed or force," he concluded.

Visitors with the club Wednesday included M. J. McLean of Carthage, Dr. Roy Heffernan of Boston, Mass., and the Rev. S. A. Maxwell of Aberdeen.

### County U.N.C. Alumni Will Meet March 3

Moore County alumni of the University of North Carolina will hold their annual get-together at The Pine Needles Inn clubhouse Tuesday, March 3, in the form of a buffet supper. It was announced this week by the Rev. T. A. Cheatham, president.

This will be an informal gathering, with wives of the alumni invited, and J. Marion Saunders, secretary of the Alumni Association, will present a program for the local group. There are about 160 Carolina alumni in the county. Election of officers also will take place.

### Our County Resources And Civilian Defense

(Editor's Note: This is the second article on Civilian Defense in Moore County. The first appeared last week.)

How can the efforts of Civilian Defense be coordinated so as to avoid a surprise attack on the home front comparable to the Pearl Harbor attack?

The Pilot continued its search for an answer to this question this week. Members of Civilian Defense committees were interviewed; local officials were talked with; individuals with or without official capacity of any kind were questioned.

Most people see the job of Civilian Defense as these: First, the preparation of our population for the eventuality of actual warfare being brought to us; secondly, the full participation of all people in efforts related to the nations' all-out war program; thirdly, the bettering of all services which can prepare for a long war and a longer peace.

Can any of these jobs be done suc-

### Entric Horse Show Indicates Next Friday

#### Steeplechase Date Sandhills Racing Event to Be Run March 21, but Still Leads Hunt Meetings

The Sandhills race meeting at Barber Estate Course will be run Saturday, March 21, a week later than originally scheduled, but the Steeplechase here will still lead off the season's events, it was announced this week.

Plans for the Carolina meeting are going ahead with the later dates expected to be helpful in that horses in training at southern centers will be nearer to top form. Richard Wallach, Jr., racing secretary, said that while not as many jumpers will be seen this season, indications point to fairly large fields of excellent horses, and a widespread interest in the affairs. Sandhills meeting will have a hurdle race, two over brush, a timber event and one on the flat, with the Yarkin Steeplechase Handicap at two miles over brush again the featured event. The Aiken, S. C., meeting has been advanced to April 4 and the Carolina Cup races at Camden remain at March 28.

Over 116 Entries in 15 Classes Already In; Pony Rides and Drawing Added

TO BENEFIT RED CROSS

Over 116 entries of around 70 horses in 15 classes had been made for the Third Annual Southern Pines Horse Show when the committee met Thursday afternoon in the town clerk's office to make final plans for the affair.

"Oats and Defense Bonds for Trophies" will be the informal theme of the horse show this year, profits from which will go to the American Red Cross. The events will start next Friday morning, February 27, at 10 o'clock at the Southern Pines Country Club and run through the day.

The Moore County Hounds this year is giving as its Championship award in the hunter class a Defense Bond instead of plate, and trophies in the other classes will be oats or something useful for the horse (No automobile tires). The knockdown and out jumper sweepstake will offer a \$100 sweepstake prize.

Entries from Camden, S. C., Elkin, and other places were coming in late, and officials said indications were that a larger field than ever before would compete in the 15 classes. These include two children's classes, hunters, green hunters, open jump, thoroughbred hunters, hunt teams and mg. ladies hunters, hunter hacks, a special bareback novelty jumping event.

During the day of the Horse Show, luncheon will be served to everyone desiring it at the Southern Pines Country Club, and Lee Kuhn and his Dunes Club orchestra will furnish the music. A pony ride for children and the award of "Miss Red Cross" pony in a drawing will also be featured.

Judges for the show will be Homer E. Gray, M. F. H., Roubout Hounds, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Richard Wallach, Jr., of Warrenton, Va.

Other officials are Mrs. Margaret Thorne Smith, general chairman; Howard F. Burns, secretary-treasurer; William J. Stratton, Mrs. E. C. Stevens, Mrs. Ralph K. Trix, J. Fred Stinson, Louis Scheipers, Mrs. Almet Jenks, Herbert Cameron, Dennis Crotty, Lloyd Tate, Miss Ellen Vale and Mrs. W. O. Moss.

### Town Board Adopts "Streamlined" Code

#### Indexed and Collected Set of Official Ordinances Prepared by WPA

The Town of Southern Pines has adopted a "streamlined" set of basic ordinances, including the town charter, which was prepared by the WPA Research and Records project, sponsored by the N. C. League of Municipalities.

Collected under one cover and indexed are all General Assembly laws pertaining to the town and all basic ordinances of the town. The ordinances are indexed under two general headings of legislative and administrative, including subheadings of elections, finance, courts, police, traffic regulations, disorderly conduct, fire protection and prevention, public nuisances, health protection and disease prevention, weights and measures, business and trades, building code, city planning, franchise and contracts, municipally owned utilities, public works and education.

The bound volume is available to the public at the town hall.

### Mrs. Thomas Heads Moore PTA Council

#### Officers Elected at Spring Meeting in Pinehurst; Representative Speaker

Mrs. H. Lee Thomas of Carthage was elected president of the Moore County Council of Parent-Teacher associations at its spring meeting Monday afternoon in the Pinehurst library. She succeeds Mrs. Victor Tyler of Aberdeen, resigned.

Other officers elected are Mrs. H. A. Campbell of Pinehurst, vice-president; Myron Stewart of Carthage, secretary; and Miss Bell MacLeod of Hemp, treasurer.

Mrs. E. M. Howell of Swananoa, field representative, spoke on the organization and purposes of the council, followed by a discussion. Present for the session were Mrs. E. S. Adams of Carthage, district director; County School Superintendent H. Lee Thomas, James W. Harbison, superintendent of Pinehurst schools, Mrs. B. H. McDonald, Mrs. S. R. Ransdell, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Karl Johnson, Mrs. W. R. Johnson and Mrs. Gordon M. Cameron.

The Scrap Drive

One example of lack of full coordination was cited: During January, under direction of the Federal and State farm extension services, the county farm committees, in voluntary cooperation with schools and home demonstration clubs, carried on a highly successful campaign to collect scrap metal, rags and other similar scrap. This was done by direct selling to junk dealers.

Successful as this drive was, it was pointed out that it might have been many times more so if other agencies of the county could have directly participated. If the Red Cross, the Boy Scouts, the civic clubs, the various welfare and women's committees, the churches and town governments had thrown together their resources, thousands of pounds more of scrap (Please turn to Page 4)