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## THEY KNOW WAR IS IN PROGRESS DOWN ON COAST

Pilot Editor Talks with Captain and Mate of Shelled Tanker; Nine Were Killed

NURSE SAYS HELP NEEDED

By CARL G. THOMPSON, JR.  
Maybe it is so—that many Americans aren't fully aware that WAR IS HERE.

But down on North Carolina's eastern shore there are men and women and children who know that the war is going on.

There are shelled ships, torpedoed ships, and halves of ships which show that war is going on.

I talked this past week-end with the captain of a tanker which had been shelled by a Nazi submarine with the loss of nine members of the tanker's crew. I talked also with a nurse who works in a hospital where survivors of attacked and sunk tankers are treated and who has seen some men die from their wounds and others slowly brought back to normal after undergoing submarine attack and then long cold hours adrift in lifeboats or rafts.

They know that war is going on.

Out to Sea Again

The captain was a stocky, non-nautical appearing fellow who, with his blond, lanky young first mate, was awaiting orders to ship out to sea again. And I watched them as they inspected the patches below the waterline of their tanker where shells had torn through the tough steel plates.

"That hole there," the captain said, pointing toward the stern, "is where a shell entered the engine room and killed two of our crew."

He pointed toward the center mast. It was almost split in half by a shell hole. "And that's what wrecked our communications and lights." He pointed again to the top deck. "Those are my quarters—or what is left of them."

There were shell and shrapnel holes still showing in the sides of the top decks, alongside fresh wood which patched the larger holes.

"We're pulling out again tomorrow morning, or maybe the next day, we're not sure yet," the captain said. He looked silently at his mate. "But, to be frank, we're not very happy about it."

Moonlight and Shells

This was an unarmed tanker. A submarine had sighted it one moonlit evening shortly after midnight. Apparently the sub's supply of torpedoes was exhausted; for the undersea craft had come to the surface and shelled the tanker unmercifully. Both the tanker's crew and the sub crew thought it was damaged to the sinking point.

The crew—those who were not dead—went to the lifeboats, lacking one which had been shot. They drifted the rest of the night and the rest of the next day before they were picked up and brought into the coastal town for treatment. Later, the Captain, who had not received serious injuries, went out and towed in his ship, which had not sunk.

The Nurse's Story

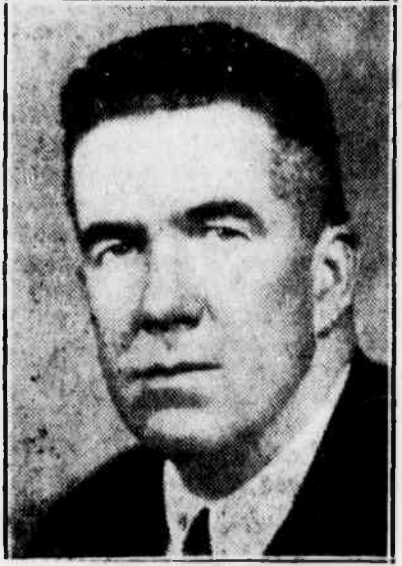
The Captain of the shelled ship was more stoical than a nurse who was caring for part of the crew. On duty, doubtless, she was an efficient, calm nurse. Off duty, she was fighting mad.

"You don't realize what it means until you've taken care of some of them," she exclaimed. "And they need much better attention than we're able to give them. We are worked to the point that we can't do any more and we can't get help. And those wounded men really need attention."

I asked her if they didn't have a Nurse's Aide Corps there, and she wasn't even sure what I was talking about. I explained something of the Red Cross class which had just been completed at Moore County Hospital by ten of the women in the county. "That's exactly what we need here," she said. "It would relieve us an awful lot."

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## Three Moore County Office Seekers



J. HAWLEY POOLE

J. Hawley Poole of West End is seeking the Democratic nomination for the seat in the State House of Representatives and Eugene C. Stevens was nominated by the county Republican Convention to run against the Democratic nominee. Poole's only opponent so far is Haywood H. Fry of Carthage. Another political development this week was the announcement of Herman H. Grimm (right) that he would seek the Democratic nomination for sheriff in opposition to incumbent Charles J. McDonald.



EUGENE C. STEVENS



HERMAN H. GRIMM

## REPUBLICANS PICK COUNTY NOMINEES

Stevens Heads Partial Slate of Candidates for Offices; Seawell Re-elected

Moore County Republicans in convention at the court house Tuesday evening decided to enter the local political scene this year and selected Eugene C. Stevens of Southern Pines to head a slate of candidates as Republican nominee for the House of Representatives in the State General Assembly.

While some of the Republicans expressed opposition to entering politics during the war, the majority favored entering the lists this time with at least a partial slate.

H. F. Seawell, Jr., who was re-elected chairman of the Republicans, opened the convention with an appeal to the Republicans to back the war effort, because "a Jap or a German can't tell a Democrat from a Republican. This war will be won by united effort and not by political favorites."

Other nominations made by the party were:

County Commissioners: from Carthage district, Colin G. Spencer; from Mineral Springs and Sandhills, A. G. Wallace of Pinebluff; from McNeills and Greenwood, A. B. Adkins of Cameron; from Sheffield and Bensalem, Roy Garner of Westmoore; from Ritters and Deep River, Baxter Paschal of Glendon.

For judge of recorder's court, W. C. Barrett of Cathage.

It was left to the executive committee to determine whether the Republicans would enter nominees in other races. Barrett was also re-elected secretary of the county Republicans.

Recalling the program of scarcity in the early New Deal days, Seawell declared in his opening remarks that the "silly, foolish philosophy of New Dealism will pass as a bad dream in the night . . . and the salvation of this country in her great hour of distress is a return to sensible and sane thinking concerning every phase of government. I appeal to every Republican as a patriotic citizen to help bring this attitude back to America."

## Men's Club Re-Elects Incumbents to Office

The Southern Pines Men's Club held its annual meeting Wednesday and re-elected the incumbents. The election meeting was a deferred meeting.

Dr. George G. Herr was re-elected president; Walter T. Ives, vice-president; and Eugene Woodward, secretary-treasurer. Trustees are Samuel B. Richardson, Walter Spier, and Dr. E. W. Bush. Dr. Bush is a newly-elected trustee.

## HERMAN H. GRIMM OUT FOR SHERIFF

Carthage Man First to Announce for Important Office; McDonald Sure to Run

With Saturday the final filing date for candidates entering the Democratic Primary election set for May 30, the field of candidates this week took on pretty definite shape, and only three major contests appear in the making.

The announcement this week by Herman H. Grimm of Carthage that he would seek to defeat Sheriff Charles J. McDonald for the nomination as sheriff of Moore County insured a contest for this office, although the incumbent has not yet publicly announced his candidacy, which is taken for granted, since he has sought re-election each term since he took office 14 years ago.

With Wilbur H. Currie relinquishing his seat as county commissioner to run, unopposed so far, for the State Senate nomination, the field for county commissioner from the Carthage district was open—and two candidates have offered themselves.

L. Reid Flinchum, Carthage merchant, this week announced his intention of running against Clyde B. Shaw, presently mayor of Carthage.

The third contest is for the State House of Representatives, with J. Hawley Poole of West End and Haywood H. Fry of Carthage the only candidates in the field so far. At this time, it appears that this two-sided contest will not develop into a three or four-way fight as first indicated.

John Wilcox, who is serving his 16th year as clerk of Superior court, is running again, and, as usual, will probably have no opposition. He hasn't had any since his first run, after succeeding J. Alton McIver, who retired after holding the office 20 years.

J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen and Southern Pines will again seek nomination for Judge of Recorder's Court, and W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst is seeking to succeed himself as county solicitor, and not even Dame Rumor has suggested opposition for these offices in the primary.

It's just as likely that Miss Bess McCaskill will have no opposition for the job as county Register of Deeds.

Commissioner's Contest  
For the other four county commissioner seats, the likelihood of a contest is not clear.

## DEFENSE COUNCIL TO HOLD MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY

Discussion of Plans for Special Civilian Course Primary Purpose of Meet

ALL INTERESTED INVITED

By ALMET JENKS

John M. Howarth, coordinator, civilian defense council, has asked me as a member of the council in charge of public relations and education to announce that there will be a meeting of the council and all persons connected with it next Wednesday night, April 22, at 8 p. m. at the Southern Pines High School.

Philip Weaver, superintendent of Southern Pines schools, who has just returned from Chapel Hill where he underwent a 30-hour intensive course in civilian protection, will discuss this subject and explain in detail the various courses to be given here.

The following table summarizes the requirements by subject and hours for Federal recognition and award of insignia for the various enrolled volunteer worker groups:

The courses are the same for the Command Section and Messengers, with a total of 20 hours required: first aid 10, fire defense (A) 3, gas defense (A) 2, general course 5.

Drivers: total 38 hours, first aid 10, gas defense (A and B) 5, general course 5, night driving and convoy driving 5, black-out driving 3, map reading 2, minor roadside repairs 5, test and optional 3.

Auxiliary firemen: total 27 hours, first aid 10, fire defense (A and B) 10, gas defense (A) 2, general course 5, night driving and convoy driving 5, black-out driving 3, map reading 2, minor roadside repairs 5, test and optional 3.

Auxiliary firemen: total 27 hours, first aid 10, fire defense (A and B) 10, gas defense (A) 2, general course 5.

Rescue Squads: total 40 hours, first aid 20, fire defense (A and B) 10, gas defense (A and B) 5 and general course 5.

In all training, drill is optional.

The Council is anxious that the members of the Southern Pines Motor Corps attend the meeting and, in fact, all who are interested in equipping themselves for a part in civilian defense, such as Nurse's Aides, first aid workers, and so forth.

The meeting is Wednesday, April 22, at 8 p. m., at the High School.

## Young Buttry on Ship Torpedoed Off Coast

John Buttry, who is well known in this section, having run the Village Inn for several months, was one of the survivors from a vessel torpedoed off the N. C. coast recently. He has been in the Navy for five years, with the exception of the time he spent here with his brother, George Buttry.

After the vessel was torpedoed, Mr. Buttry spent 18 hours in the water before he was rescued. He was taken to a Norfolk Virginia hospital but has now been released and spent last Sunday in Washington, N. C., with his mother.

## Beckwith's Azalea Gardens To Be Open Again Saturday

The lovely gardens at "Honeywood," estate of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Beckwith in Knollwood, which were viewed by many visitors last Saturday, will again be open to the public this Saturday afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock for the benefit of the Moore County Chapter of American Red Cross.

The colorful formal gardens, ablaze this season with azaleas against backgrounds of dogwood and evergreen, of photinias, whose delicate blossoms stand out against the dark green boxwood, are among the miracles of the Sandhills; for 10 years ago, the site was loose sand, scrub oak and tall pines.

The gardens were opened last Saturday for the first time this season to the public for the benefit of the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary, and Mrs. Alice Burt Hunt, president, said that about \$250 were cleared. Mrs. Hunt, who is also chairman of the Moore County Red Cross, said that the admission price for this Saturday would be a minimum of 50 cents, plus whatever additional donation an individual desires. All receipts will go to the Red Cross Chapter.

## Federal Union Speaker



STRINGFELLOW BARR

## BARR TO DISCUSS FEDERAL UNION

President of St. John's College to Appear for Public Next Friday, April 24

Stringfellow Barr, president of St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., and member of the national board of directors of Federal Union, will be presented jointly by the Moore County Chapter of Federal Union and by the Pinehurst Forum at the Pinehurst Country Club Friday, April 24, at 8:30 p. m.

This announcement was made this week by the Rev. F. Craighill Brown, chairman of the Moore County chapter of Federal Union.

Mr. Barr is widely recognized as an historian and political scientist. A former Rhodes Scholar, he served in the last World War and is well acquainted with European political problems, having studied at the University of Paris and the University of Ghent.

Federal Union is an international organization which advocates a union of world nations for a "federal world government." There will be no admission charge for the talk by Mr. Barr.

Although president of one of the oldest colleges in the United States, Dr. Barr has introduced at St. Johns what is considered a novel educational method. The "100 Best Books" plan inaugurated at the College attracted nation-wide comment among educators. This plan requires students to read original writings of men who are considered the world's greatest thinkers, rather than to get interpretations through textbooks. The seminar plan of discussing the material is used, for the most part.

His subject at the Forum and Federal Union meeting will be "The United Nations—How to Keep them United."

## Four Certificates Issued for Autos

The Moore County Rationing Board has issued four certificates allowing the purchase of new automobiles. These went to Paul M. Van Camp of Southern Pines, William P. Benner of Carthage, Floyd Vaughn of Southern Pines, and Helen Lee Miller of Pinehurst.

## FISHER RECOUNTS FEW EXPERIENCES OF PACIFIC WAR

First Army Officer Returned from Far East Visits in Southern Pines, Old Home

CONFERRED WITH F. D. R.

Major William P. Fisher of the U. S. Army Air Corps, who used to play "Tarzan of the Apes" years ago in the woods which are now the Bird Sanctuary of Southern Pines, came back to his old haunts and his old friends in Southern Pines Wednesday afternoon, with experiences behind him as harrowing as any ever conceived by Edgar Rice Burroughs.

The Southern Pines man is the first Army officer to return to the United States from active war duty in the South Pacific.

Since the outbreak of war in the East on December 7, Major Fisher has been in the thick of the Pacific fighting. He was in the Philippines when war broke out. He was in charge of the South Pacific interceptor command during the Battle of Java, stationed at Sorcerabaja. He took part in the still-raging battle for Australia.

Major Fisher was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his part in the trans-Pacific formation flight September 5 to 12, made in Flying Fortresses from Hawaii to the Philippines.

Conferred with Roosevelt

Upon his return to this country last month from the battlefronts of the Pacific, Major Fisher has conferred at length with President Roosevelt, commander-in-chief of the nation's armed forces, and War Department officials, bringing them the first eye-witness account by an Army officer of the battlefronts.

When Major Fisher landed in his B-18 bomber at Knollwood Airport (now under Army control) Wednesday afternoon for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson, there was a small group of his Southern Pines friends there to greet him.

He didn't want to talk about the War—for two reasons one military and the other, personal. He wanted to get down to Southern Pines, to drop into Broad Street Pharmacy and see Cliff Johnson and "Doc" Bretsch and to have a "dope." He wanted to chat with "Dot" and "Pat" Patterson about their babies and about his wife and children (a boy and a girl) who are waiting for him down in Florida at MacDill Field, near Tampa, where Major Fisher will be stationed for a time.

Story Book of Action

But there was no disguising the fact that "Bill" Fisher, which he immediately became to his friends here, had been through and seen a story-book full of action during the past six months.

About a month after he left Hawaii for the Philippines, his wife and family returned to the States. Major Fisher was stationed at Clark Field, near Manila, when December 7 came. Since that time until his return last month, he has been engaged in the battle.

At Clark Field he was attached to the 19th Bombardment Group, commanding the 28th Bombardment Squadron, composed of Flying Fortresses. When the Battle of Java developed, he was put in charge of the Interceptor Command for East Java, directing the operations of P-40's—pursuit planes. After the fall of Java, he was transferred to Australia with the Headquarters Squadron of the American Air Force.

The story of how he got out of the Australian area and returned to the States is one which cannot be told.

"The Japs are good fighters and good flyers and were badly underestimated before the War," Major Fisher said. "The American morale is excellent, even though we are outnumbered, but we are accounting for the enemy in a ratio of about three to one."

"What we need in the Pacific more than anything is more planes and more equipment. If we can get (Please turn to page eight)