

Wednesday Closings Still Not Settled; Vote is 297 to Two

**Clothing Stores Plan
to Close but Decisions
Not Sure for Groceries**

If the public has spoken, it is in favor of Wednesday afternoon closings during the summer.

Votes which came into the office of THE PILOT during the week showed a total of 297 votes for Wednesday closing, two against it, and four votes counted as void.

But late this week the matter of Wednesday closings beginning the first week in June had not definitely been settled. Retail clothing merchants were planning to close, regardless of what the grocery stores did, but the grocery stores were not willing to close unless every one of them did.

An A. & P. Tea Company district representative said late Wednesday afternoon that the matter of the local store's closing was up to the vice-president in charge of the North and South Carolina stores, and that it would probably be taken up again with him. He also said that the A. & P. stores were closing Wednesday afternoons in Carthage and Raeford, but that officials did not want to close the store here. He again pointed out that the clerks in the A. & P. store were working on a five-day week under the present policy, and that the full-day off meant more than the Wednesday half-day.

So—Nothing Definite

Meanwhile, however, the votes on ballots published in THE PILOT and written out in handwriting and signed by the voter, indicated that the voting public, at least, favored the Wednesday closings. Of the two opposing ballots cast and turned in at THE PILOT, one was unsigned. Nearly all of the ballots for closing were signed. Counting of the ballots will close Friday at noon, and votes turned in after that time will not be counted.

For the benefit of the buying public, THE PILOT attempted to learn, for an announcement this week, what decision was to be made concerning the summer Wednesday closings. About the only thing definite which can be stated at this time is that the stores have been open Wednesday afternoons, will probably be open next Wednesday afternoon; but may be closed starting the first Wednesday in June.

Board Sends 26 Men into Army Training

**Another Group of Men to
Begin Service with Armed
Forces under Draft Act**

Moore County this week sent a group of 26 young men into the Army training camps of the nation, called to the colors under the Selective Service Act.

The Moore County Draft Board announced that the following had left for induction into the Army:

Leaman Andrews, Roy Lyman Dutton, and James Kanneite of Southern Pines; Cadwallader Benedict and LeRoy Charles Van Boskerck of Pinebluff; James Brasswell Muse, Jr., William Curtis MacLeod, Robert June Wicker, Herbert Woodrow Frye, Francis Edwin Peebles, William Admiral Lawing, and Alonzo Murrill Sheffield, all of Carthage.

Also, Richard Thomas Cranford, Robert Curtis Clark, and Reece Bruton Graham, West End; Joseph Lucas and Archie Arthur McDonald, route 1 Aberdeen; James Brietz Lockey, of Aberdeen; John Lennig Frye, Archie Luther Campbell and Charlie Worthy Brown, of Hemp; Zeb Hardin Freeman of Candor; Angus Alexander McCaskill, Jr., William Armour McIntosh, route 3 Carthage; Hubert Miller McDonald, route 2 Carthage; and Henry Alexander Matthews, route 4 Carthage.

PEACH MAN FATALLY INJURED IN FLORIDA

Strachn E. Barret of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., who with Mrs. Barret has come to this section for the past fourteen years for the peach season, was fatally injured on May 10.

Mr. Barret was connected with the Fruit Growers Express and was knocked down in the freight yard by a switch engine. His left foot was cut off and the right leg was badly mangled. He died the next day and the body was taken to Henderson, Ky., for burial. Mr. and Mrs. Barret have many friends in the Sandhills who will be sorry to learn of his death.

DEFENSE CLASSES

Civilian defense classes at the Southern Pines High School, which for the past several weeks have drawn adults in the community back to school again, will be suspended during the week of May 24 to May 30, and will be resumed again the following week, with new courses being offered. John Howarth, defense coordinator, said that the new courses and schedule would be announced next week in THE PILOT.

The suspension this week was to allow all those eligible to take the Red Cross First Aid Instructors Course, to be offered at the Civic Club, beginning Monday evening at 7:30 p. m. Eugene E. Speer, Red Cross representative, will conduct the classes for those who have had a total of 30 hours previous instruction in first aid.

Other defense classes this week are the nutrition classes being conducted at the Civic Club at 10 a. m. Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Appointments Made by General Weaver

Major Duval is Public Relations Officer; Other Personnel Changes Announced

Major General Walter R. Weaver, has announced the appointment of Major Daniel J. Duval as Public Relations Officer for the Air Forces Technical Training Command.

Major Duval reported to Knollwood Field from Maxwell Field, Alabama, where for fourteen months he was Public Relations Officer for the Southwest Air Forces Training Center. He is a veteran newspaper man with more than twenty years experience on New York state newspapers and is a native of Schenectady, New York. Major and Mrs. Duval and daughter have taken a house in Southern Pines.

Several other appointments and some promotions were also made this week by General Weaver. Among these was the promotion of Lieutenant Colonel William P. Sloan and Lieutenant Colonel Charles T. Arnett to colonel, and First Lieutenant Chester H. Morgan and First Lieutenant William K. Love to captain. Colonel Sloan is Assistant Chief of Staff in Charge of G-4 and is a native of Bad Axe, Michigan, and Captain is the Inspector General, this Command, and is a native of Florence, Ala. Captain Morgan is Aide-de-Camp to General Weaver and a native of Bad Axe, Michigan, and Captain Love is Ordnance Officer, this Command and a native of Lakeland, Florida.

Colonel William J. Bacon, who recently reported to the Headquarters of the Command, has been assigned as Judge Advocate, effective May 14.

Lieutenant Colonel John P. McConnell, has been assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff of this Command, effective May 18.

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Sitterson Finishes Term at West Point

Southern Pines Youth Will Graduate from Military Academy; in Field Artillery

West Point, N. Y. — (Special)—Among cadets graduating from the U. S. Military Academy here on May 29 is John D. Sitterson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sitterson of Ashe street, Southern Pines.

Appointed by former Representative Walter Lambeth of the eighth congressional district, Cadet Sitterson expects to be commissioned in the Field Artillery.

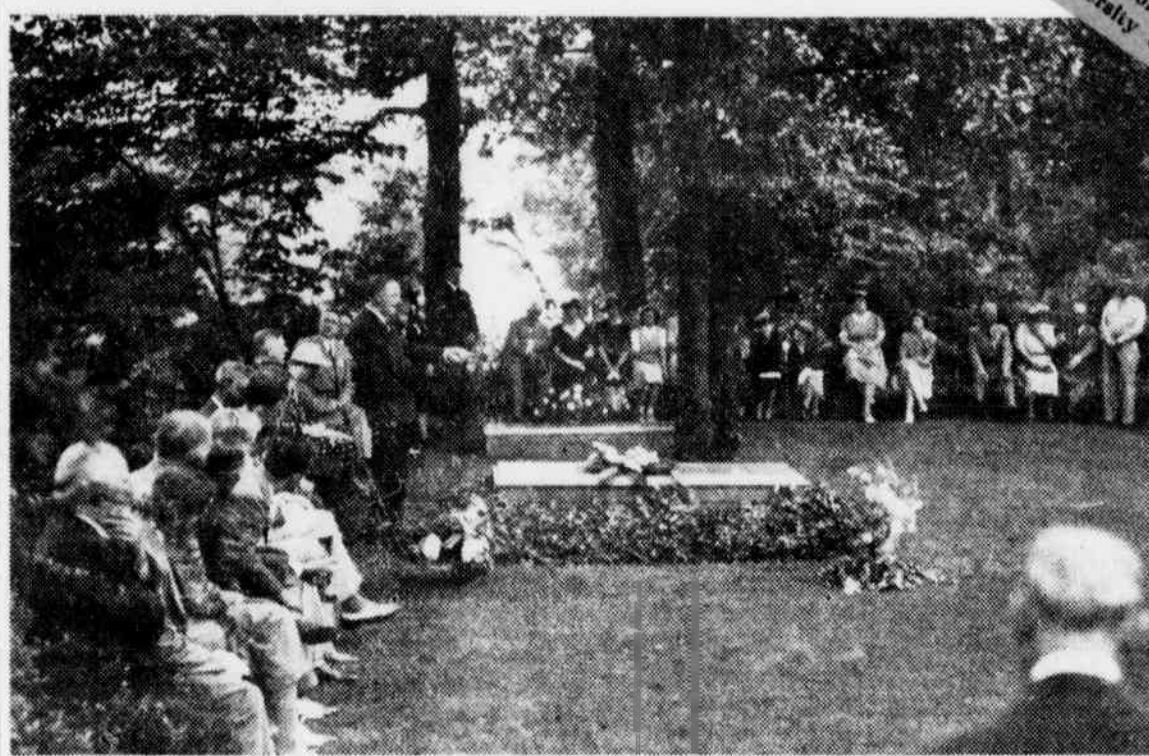
During his term at West Point, he was a sergeant in the Corps of cadets, a member of the Glee Club, and a participant in the 100th Night Shows. He graduated from Southern Pines High School in 1937 and attended North Carolina State College at Raleigh for a year before entering West Point Military Academy.

BISHOP PENICK WILL VISIT HERE SUNDAY

The Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D. D., Bishop of North Carolina, will make his annual visitation to Emmanuel Episcopal Church Sunday, May 24, to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation to a class to be presented by the rector, the Rev. F. Craighill Brown, at a special service at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Immediately following the service there will be an informal reception for the Bishop in the Parish House.

British Attorney Pays Respect of Crown to Walter



The late Walter Hines Page was paid the high respects of the crown of Great Britain last Saturday when Sir Norman Berkitt, judge of the High Court of Justice of the King's Bench, laid a wreath on his tomb in Old Bethesda Cemetery and delivered a presentation talk honoring the memory of the former Ambassador to the court of St. James. Governor J. Melville Broughton accepted the wreath on behalf of the State and United States. Governor Broughton and Sir Norman are shown at right, standing before the Page tomb near Aberdeen. Top picture shows Sir Norman making his address of presentation. Seated in the background can be seen former Ambassador to Mexico Josephus Daniels (directly in front of Sir Norman's pointing finger) and just behind Sir Norman is Governor Broughton. J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen, who helped to arrange the program as a part of the N. C. Bar Association meeting in Pinehurst, is seated, fourth from the right.

Soldier Hitch-Hiker Reads Old Clipping

Army Man on Maneuvers Was Impressed with Editorial

A soldier hitch-hiker was picked up the other day by B. R. Roberts, vice-president of the Durham Bank and Trust Company and past president of the N. C. Bankers Association. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were on their way to Durham from last week's bankers' convention in Pinehurst when they picked him up.

In the course of conversation, the soldier pulled out of his pocket a clipping which showed hard wear. It was an editorial welcoming the soldiers from all parts of the country to the southern maneuver area and discussing what it meant to both the Army and residents of the section to mingle. The soldier had been carrying the clipping ever since it appeared. He read the editorial, which concluded:

"We who have received the soldiers into our midst have enjoyed the thrill of giving. But what we have given is worth little to us unless we have taken into our hearts and our minds that which these soldiers brought with them to leave with us."

Mr. Roberts thought THE PILOT would be interested. The editorial was from the November 21 issue of THE PILOT.

County Scrap Drive Being Planned Soon

Garrison Asks Gathering of All Iron and Rubber; W.P.A. Trucks to Aid Collection

A county-wide drive for scrap iron, steel and rubber, under direction of E. H. Garrison, Jr., county agent, is slated to begin soon, with the assistance of W.P.A. drivers and trucks.

The plan now being worked out calls for each person to gather together all old casings, rubber tubes, discarded overshoes and anything else made of rubber, as well as steel and iron scraps, and have them ready when the W.P.A. trucks make a canvas of the county for collections.

Each community will be asked to assemble its own scrap in one spot so that the collections can be facilitated. To date, Moore County has turned in about 600,000 pounds of scrap iron and steel. Mr. Garrison said, but there is "plenty of scrap, large and small, and many old tires" still lying around.



Curiosity of Night Watchman Thwarts Attempted Robbery of Vass Post Office

Shot Fired by Strangers Seen as Warning to Safe Breakers; Not Discovered Until Later

A shot fired at Neil A. McMillan, night watchman for the town of Vass, shortly after 3 a. m. Wednesday is believed to have been the signal which caused would-be robbers to abandon their job before succeeding in opening the safe in the Vass postoffice. McMillan was not injured.

According to the story told by the watchman, he was on his way to Keith's Service Station to punch the clock at 3 a. m. when he met two white men walking southward on Highway 1. McMillan spoke to the men, who returned his greeting.

After his call at Keith's, Mr. McMillan decided to see whether the strangers would stop at McGill's service station a block away, and started down that way. One of the men warned him not to come any closer, and fired a pistol, speaking, McMillan said, in broken English.

The night watchman then went after policeman A. R. Laubscher and others, and the group searched for the men with no success.

When Hugh McLean, paper carrier, started on his round at 6:30, he discovered that the postoffice had been broken into. Entrance had been gained by boring holes near the locks on the outer and inner doors.

The handle of the safe had been broken off, and a hole bored nearly all the way through the door, which was closed when Mrs. Bertie Matthews, postmaster, arrived.

Sheriff C. J. McDonald and Officer C. R. Dunlop were summoned, but they did not open the door until after the arrival of a finger print expert from Raleigh, whom the Sheriff called in on the case. They found

everything intact.

All of the officers were convinced that the work was that of professionals, and they expressed the opinion that the shot fired was the cause of their leaving the scene just before completing the safe breaking.

Graduation Finals Begin Next Sunday

High School Alumni To Have Meeting During Commencement Week; 29 to Graduate

Commencement week for Southern Pines High School class of 1942, composed of 29 seniors, will begin next Sunday, May 31, with a sermon by Dr. O. T. Binkley, head of religious education at Wake Forest College, at the Church of Wide Fellowship at 8:15 p. m.

Class night exercises will be conducted Tuesday, June 2, at 8:15 p. m. in the High School Auditorium. George McCormick is president of the graduating class. Honors and awards day is to be observed Wednesday, June 3, at 11:15 a. m. in the school auditorium and the graduation exercises Thursday evening, June 4, at 8:15, will feature an address by Dr. D. B. Childs, head of the Duke University education department. Awarding of diplomas will follow his talk.

Another feature of commencement week will be the meeting of High School alumni at 7:30 p. m. in the school library, Thursday, June 4, to be followed by an alumni dance at 10:30 p. m., according to an announcement this week by Miss Sara McCain, president.

Moore County to be Scene of Army Maneuvers Beginning in July

**Serious War Games
Will Be Played Again
in Carolina Section**

Last fall hundreds of thousands of Uncle Sam's soldiers "played war" in this section. Before the "games" were completely over, Uncle Sam was involved in a real war, and the boys who had been maneuvering were sent off to put their practice into action. Moore and surrounding counties will be the scene of another set of maneuvers this summer, due to begin about July 6, according to unofficial advices, and Army representatives are now in this section seeking "maneuver rights" again on the land of the county.

The Army is requesting that 244,544 acres of Moore County land be made available for another set of "war games," these doubtless far more grim than those serious ones of last fall. An area 78.5 miles in width and 2 miles in length is being sought for the Army maneuvers. Besides the Moore County land, the following acreage is being sought in surrounding counties:

Lee, 8,160 acres, Hoke 7,949 acres, Richmond 305,280 acres, Montgomery 187,392 acres, Scotland 131,872 acres. A total of 1,828,973 acres are being requested in 11 North Carolina counties.

Governor J. M. Broughton this week issued a proclamation requesting that "every person cooperate fully in this plan and tender the temporary use of his lands for the purpose of this defense training."

Meanwhile Lieut. General Hugh A. Drum, who commanded the Army in the maneuvers last fall, proclaimed all of North Carolina in the Eastern Military Area, subject to controls of the Army. However, the only restrictions of any kind promulgated by the proclamation are in respect to lighting, and will effect chiefly the coastal areas.

Nutrition Classes Begin in Carthage

Junior Woman's Club Sponsoring Red Cross Course in Connection with War Effort

Following a panel discussion presented before the Carthage Junior Woman's Club Monday night the local club voted unanimously to sponsor a class in nutrition in connection with the war effort.

The panel was composed of Dr. B. M. Drake, Moore County Health officer, Mrs. Helen M. Pope, home economics teacher in the Carthage High School; E. H. Garrison, County Farm Agent; and Miss Flora McDonald, Home Demonstration Agent.

Dr. Drake spoke of the present crisis which presents on the one hand extreme danger to ourselves and our way of life, and on the other hand unlimited opportunity for increasing the standard of living in the average home. Mrs. Pope spoke on the value of whole wheat or enriched bread to the diet. Mr. Garrison pointed out the high food values of soy beans and said that the proper time for planting is now—from the first of May to the 15th of June. Miss McDonald introduced the program offered by the Red Cross to all those interested in improving their family diets.

Course Is Started
The first course offered by the Red Cross, the standard course in nutrition will be taught by Mrs. Pope, assisted by Mrs. Charles Sinclair, Jr., and Miss Eva Cotner. The first meeting of this class was held Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the courthouse. A second course will be offered later in quantity cooking for the Canteen Corps.

HUNTLEY WILL TAKE TAXES AT HIS HOME

Tax Collector to Assist in Saving Gasoline and Tires

In order to accommodate the citizens of the county while tire and gas rationing is in effect, W. T. Huntley, tax collector, says that he will be glad to accept payments for taxes at his home in Aberdeen from those who find it inconvenient to call at his office in the court house.

As his records are kept at the court house, Mr. Huntley asks that those going to his home to pay be sure to carry with them their tax notices, or in case these are not available, that they notify him in time that he can look up the amounts before he leaves his office.