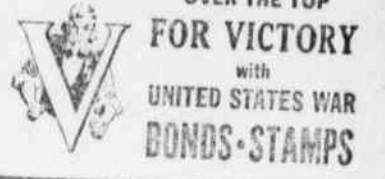




# THE PILOT



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## Jenks, Innes-Taylor Join Armed Forces; Both Get Captaincy

### Local Writer in Marines, Explorer is Assigned to Foreign Duty

Two prominent Southern Pines men this week prepared to enter the armed forces of the nation as commissioned officers in different branches of the service.

Almet Jenks, popular writer whose works have frequently appeared in such magazines as the Saturday Evening Post, was appointed captain in the U. S. Marine Corps and is reporting for refresher training course at Quantico Marine Base next week.

Alan Innes-Taylor, world explorer, who has recently completed a job for the War Shipping Administration, received his commission in the U. S. Air Forces and has already departed for foreign service.

Both men are veterans of the last war.

Captain Jenks served in the last war as a Lieutenant in the Cavalry and Captain Innes-Taylor was a pilot for the Royal Canadian Air Force.

During the past few months, Captain Jenks has been serving with the Southern Pines Civilian Defense Council as director of information and education. He and Mrs. Jenks this week were on a trip in the North before he is called to active duty.

Captain Innes-Taylor has had wide experience both in the Arctic and Antarctic regions. He was with one of the Byrd expeditions to the South Pole and has served with the Canadian Mounted Police. Although still technically a British citizen, Captain Innes-Taylor has taken out naturalization papers and was commissioned under a recent Congressional act which permits the service in the armed forces of "friendly aliens."

## Currie Is Installed Head of Legion Post

### Present Membership Said to be Highest in Many Years; Four in Service

Don Currie of Pinehurst was formally installed as commander of Sandhill Post No. 134 of the American Legion at the monthly meeting of the Post held in the Legion Hut at Southern Pines Monday night. Past District Commander J. F. Sinclair of West End conducted the short, but impressive, Legion installation service, with Captain F. M. Dwight of Manly acting as sergeant-at-arms.

Past Commander L. L. Williams, in a brief summary of his two years service, stated the post had a present membership of 87, the highest in many years, with a membership goal of 100 set for the coming year. Four members of the post are now serving in World War No. 2. Major L. E. Hussell is on duty in London, England; Captain Dwight at Fort Bragg; Captain George Burns with the Air Corps Technical Training Command at Goldsboro, and Lt. (jg) A. J. McKelway serving as a chaplain in the navy. The past commander also paid high tribute to Legionnaire Haynes Britt of Southern Pines for his efforts in the membership drive this year.

At the request of the national organization the local post will start a campaign this week to collect old and broken phonograph records. These records will be sold and new records bought for the men in service. The membership will also aid in the sale of bonds and war savings stamps.

### WANTED

THE PILOT will welcome clear, useable pictures of local boys who are in the service of the United Nation's Armed Forces. It is requested that anyone submitting pictures supply full available information concerning the person in service. Pictures of men in uniform are preferred. Information particularly wanted includes: branch of service, outfit attached, when he joined, and his present rank.

## COUNTY COLLECTS NEARLY 10 TONS OF SCRAP RUBBER DURING DRIVE

By turning in scrap rubber articles from baby bottle nipples to well-worn tires, Moore County citizens, contributed nearly 200,000 pounds of the precious scrap to the national campaign, about 6.6 pounds per capita, it was reported this week by Frank Shamburger of Aberdeen, county scrap rubber collection chairman.

Filling stations all over the county, which paid one cent per pound for the scrap, have turned in their collections to the various oil company dealers, and the total weight of scrap reported was 197,184 pounds. The average of 6.6 pounds per capita is about double the per capita collection for the State as a whole, it was pointed out.

Shipment of the reclaimable

rubber to areas where it will be processed for re-use is expected to be made by the oil dealers sometime in the near future. No more rubber is being accepted by service station dealers.

Mr. Shamburger said he thought Moore County citizens had made a "very good showing" in response to the plea for the scrap. "The people in the county really went to town," he said.

Bottle nipples, tennis balls, rubber mice and similar animal toys, golf balls (which are kept under lock and key away from covetous golfers, joked Mr. Shamburger), hot water bottles, old shoes of all descriptions, garden hose—these are some of the items that were tossed on the piles of junk rubber.

## Howarth Agrees With Writer Who Says, "Suckers' Are Important Guys" in War

### Civilian Defense Coordinator Cites Article Written by An Air Plane Spotter About Work

John M. Howarth, chief observer for the Aircraft Warning Service, and local coordinator of Civilian Defense, has been hard put of late to get assistants to man the airplane spotting post at the fire tower, just out of Southern Pines on the old Pinehurst road.

Sometimes, perhaps, when we read of the war going on in Egypt and the war going on in Russia and the war over in the Pacific, a lot of us are inclined to think—well, the war is going on in all those places, but it will never come here.

And, they think, it's a lot of foolishness, all this civilian defense, spending a lot of time learning about air raid protection, incendiary bomb defense, air plane spotting. The only planes that fly over are our own.

But John Howarth says, "we're not suckers," and THE PILOT reprints here a little article, "Suckers are Important Guys."

"SUCKERS ARE IMPORTANT GUYS," SAYS AN OBSERVER WHO KNOWS.

"So I'm a sucker, am I? Well, as long as I AM a sucker the country can be mighty thankful, for the moment I stop being a sucker and become an active part of the armed forces of America, war will have come to the United States on enemy wings.

"I am a volunteer civilian observer of the Aircraft Warning Service of the U. S. Army, a 'sucker' to some of the folks on the outside looking in. I spend hours developing 'spotter's neck' and 'tower climber's calves' for nothing—thank God. I froze during long night hours last winter; I stood in soaking rain peering into weather listed as zero-zero; I spent hours listening, for nothing, in weather when even the birds were on instruments!

"I have reported the same old transports, the same Army planes, the same Cubs and Wacos. I have worn enough clothes to start a rummage sale and often looked like one, those long winter watches last February.

"Some of the 'temporary patriots' dropped out after a few weeks. But me, I'll stay with the A.W.S., thank you, and here's why.

"I like to feel I'm an important cog in the vast machinery of America's defenses. Silly, isn't it, but it's true. The minute I take over the watch I become for a few short hours just that important. I'm no longer a clerk, an editor, a mechanic, a gardener or a minister. I'm an important guy! Thousands of men and millions of dollars worth of equipment are waiting for MY call to action.

"Hundreds of thousands of wardens, fire watchers, auxiliary police and firemen can sleep peacefully as long as I am AWAKE AND ON THE JOB, and my wife and little girl can go to market, and to school, in safety as long as you other spotters are one the job during the daylight hours.

"At the 'unknown address' in New York trained experts are alert for MY phone call. I'M the one the folks with the O.C.D. arm-bands depend upon. Their splendid training and hours of study will never be (Continued on Page 5)

## Red Cross Prepares for New Work Task

### County Expected to Make 100,000 Surgical Dressings Between August and December

Preliminary arrangements were being made this week to prepare Red Cross branches in this county for the task of making 100,000 surgical dressings for the armed forces of this country between August 1 and December 15.

Mrs. Lee Clarke, chairman of the surgical dressing projects, returned from a training course in Charlotte and appointed vice-chairmen in two branches to receive training for supervising the actual making of the surgical dressings when the work begins.

Southern Pines vice-chairmen were Mrs. Carruthers Love, training; Miss Eleanor Barron, packing; Miss Helen Butler, cutting; Mrs. Craighill Brown, wrapping; Mrs. J. T. Overton, recruiting; and Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, inspection.

In the Pinehurst branch, the following were named: Mrs. F. H. Krebs, training; Mrs. Max von Schlegell, packing; Mrs. Paul Miller, cutting; Mrs. Hugh Carter, records; Mrs. J. A. Ruggles, inspection; and Mrs. James Tufts, recruiting.

## Three School Heads Elected in County

### New Principals Appointed for Carthage, Cameron and Vass-Lakeview Districts

County Supt. H. Lee Thomas has announced changes in school superintendents for three districts in the county for the coming school year.

W. C. Poe, for the past several years superintendent of the Charles B. Aycock school five miles out of Henderson, has accepted the place in Carthage to which R. F. Lowry, former Cameron school head, had been elected. Mr. Lowry having given up the place to take work at Thomasville. Mr. Poe has his A. B. degree from Elon College and his M. A. from State College.

W. A. Beal, an A. B. graduate of the University of North Carolina, has accepted the superintendency of the Cameron district. Mr. Beal's home is in Goldston, but he has been teaching in Buncombe County.

R. C. Fields, a Moore County man who has been teaching at Parkton, has been elected superintendent of the Vass-Lakeview district. He holds an A. B. degree from Duke University.

All of these men come highly recommended, Mr. Thomas states.

### SOLDIERS HERE ON FURLOUGH

A number of Southern Pines men who are in the armed services have been spending furloughs here. Among those still here are Cadet Charles Patch, jr., from Sebring Field, Fla.; Sgt. Robert Dorn from Fort Moultrie, S. C.; Cpl. Hermann Grover from Herbert Smart Airfield, Ga.; and Charles P. Everest, Jr., from an outfit stationed in Washington, D. C.

## Rassie Wicker Says County Settlement Wasn't All Peaceful

### County Historian Tells Kiwanians of Early Days in County of Moore

All wasn't peace and quiet during the early days of Moore County, even if neighbors did live miles and miles apart, according to Rassie Wicker of Pinehurst, who has just been delegated by the Moore County Commissioners to dig up all facts and records he can find pertaining to the settling of this section from 1740 to 1840.

Mr. Wicker was the guest speaker at The Sandhills Kiwanis Club meeting in the Berkshire Hotel in Pinehurst Wednesday, and was introduced by Judge H. F. Seawell of Carthage as the "county historian."

Admitting that his interest in history started as a hobby, Mr. Wicker said that it had grown into one of the most interesting pieces of work he had ever undertaken, and compared the gradual assembling of bits of information into a logical whole with the assembling of a jig-saw puzzle to which there existed no pattern of how it should come out.

### First Settler in 1740

The first record of settlement in this county was in 1740 when Jones McLachlin—"evidently a Scotch-Irishman"—came into the county and settled on Deep River. By 1840, "all lands of importance had been settled," Mr. Wicker said, adding that the rest of the land really had never been of much importance.

These first settlers, some coming in from the North and some up the Cape Fear river section, were constantly quarreling.

"Those fellows fought like cats and dogs," he said, and "were rank individualists. It's a good thing cameras didn't exist in those days, because you can get a better picture of what they looked like from some of the scrapes they got into and out of—and a photograph would probably be disappointing."

### Defendant to Jurymen

So widespread were court cases, according to Wicker, that often a defendant in one case would replace a member of the jury while the latter faced the court on charges against himself.

He concluded by giving the source of the names of some of the creeks around the section and said that Aberdeen Creek used to be called "Devil's Gut—and I think it's a shame that name was ever given, up, because I don't know of any name that's more appropriate."

Other club guests were E. T. McKelway and Foy Barwick, Isham Sledge, past president, who is in charge in absence of Leon Seymour, who is ill at Moore County Hospital.

## FURNITURE COMPANY IS IN NEW BUILDING

The Carthage Furniture Company is now located in its large new building in Carthage. The old Southern mansion, the T. B. Tyson house, connected with it in which various room furnishings will be set up, is the finest furniture display building anywhere in this section of the country—and will really be a "showplace of the Carolinas."

Charles Sinclair, Jr., stated to The Pilot this week that he plans to have a formal opening within a few weeks.

## Blind Negro Woman Gave Son in First War Now Wants to Give \$5.00 for This One

This 73-year-old blind Negro woman gave her son in the last war; and so all she has for this war is the five dollars with which she wants to buy "them stamps to help them boys."

Annie Priest, in a colorful costume reminiscent of days long past appeared at the local post office window the other day with five well-worn dollar bills.

"I want this to go to the fightin' boys," she said, handing the money through the window. She stuck her black umbrella under her arm better to facilitate the transaction.

### RECENTLY PROMOTED



L. D. McDONALD, JR.

Recently promoted to seaman, first class, L. D. McDonald, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McDonald of Southern Pines is now stationed at the U. S. Navy Hospital at Portsmouth, Va., in the main operating room. After enlisting in the Navy last February, young McDonald underwent three months training at Norfolk Training Station, and is now in the U. S. Navy Hospital Corps, training to become a pharmacist's mate.

## New Golf Teams Tie After First Match

### Weatherspoon's Blues and Edson's Reds Claim Nine Points Each in Opening

A new line-up of local golfers began a second four-week tournament last Sunday, and another close contest was indicated as the day's play ended up with both sides claiming nine points.

With Bert Weatherspoon heading the Blues and Clarence Edson the Reds in the new tournament of four days of Nassau match play, the two teams ended up all even at the end of the first round.

Following are the points and pairing pairings for the coming week, with the Blues given first:

Bert Weatherspoon, and Dr. George May 1-2 vs. Clarence Edson and Arthur Atherton 2 1-2.

Gordon Keith and Joe deBerry 2 1-2 vs. Dick Sugg and Jimmy deBerry 1-2.

Bill Moore and P. V. Hatch 0 vs. Dr. L. M. Daniels and Charlie Morrison 3.

Harry Pethick and Elmer Davis 3 vs. Morris Johnson and Howard Burns 0.

Dan Farrell and Mackie Caldwell 3 vs. Ralph Mills and Pat Patterson 0.

L. T. Hall and Paul Woodard 0 vs. Will Wiggs and E. C. Evans 3.

## LOW RATE EXTENDED ON LAND BANK LOANS

President Roosevelt has signed a bill extending for two years the reduced interest rates on Federal Land Bank and Land Bank Commissioner loans, Martin Blue, president of the Eureka National Farm Loan Association, announced this week. Mr. Blue stated that this would mean a considerable saving in interest charges to borrowers in Moore County.

The Eureka Association is a member of a group of eight associations maintaining a joint office at Sanford, serving Moore and several nearby counties. J. E. Walker, secretary-treasurer, is in charge of the Sanford office.

## Summer Maneuvers Begin Near Border; County Lands Given

### Claims Board Requests Care of Farm Crops During 90-Day Training

Summer Army maneuvers, which got under way this week down near the South Carolina border, with much secrecy shrouding the plans of the armed forces in mock action, have not yet reached Moore County in any force.

Real guns—not wooden ones, real tanks—not sign tanks; and real fighting was progressing along the Pee Dee river sectors, near Wadesboro, as the first phase of the 90-day training period began.

Meanwhile, Lieut. A. K. Gosciowski Army land rents agent, anticipating apparently the carrying of the battle into Moore County, issued a statement concerning the use of farm lands by the army.

"In behalf of the patriotic landowners of parts of Hoke, Moore and Lee counties," he wrote, "the undersigned writes an open letter to the officers, the enlisted men and the auxiliary personnel of our Army forces.

"The landowners of the counties have voluntarily given the use of their lands and properties for our training purposes in order that we may be on a par with our foes who attack us.

### Lands Are Livelihood

"These lands and properties are their and our livelihood; therefore, I the representative of the Carolina Maneuver Area, appeal to all who are taking part in the maneuvers and those who are to appreciate Southern hospitality, be kind to these patriots and treat them with consideration and not with destruction; keep trucks rolling on roads, repair fences which may be broken, keep off pastures, the orchards, corn, cotton, tobacco fields, and do not cut growing trees for camouflage.

"When destruction becomes necessary and cannot be simulated or is accidental, it is requested that the officer or person in charge leave name, rank and organization with the owner of the property destroyed or his nearest neighbor so as to facilitate fair compensation by the claim board. (signed) Antoni K. Gosciowski, 1st Lieut., Inf., C. A. Rents and Claims Board."

Lieut. Gosciowski said he was proud to report that 99.99 per cent of the acreage and 99.5 percent of the landowners had signed land rights cards for the maneuvers. Of the 236,544 acres sought, a total of 236,234 has been signed up; and of the 2,315 landowners asked to give land rights, a total of 2,303 have actually signed, he said.

## LOCAL FIRE FIGHTERS MEET UP IN HAWAII

Two former members of the Southern Pines Volunteer Fire Department have met up with each other at Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands.

Tom Vann, formerly an active member of the fire department here, in now a construction worker at Pearl Harbor and the first person he met that he knew after leaving North Carolina was another former volunteer fireman, Sgt. Harry Adams, who is stationed in Honolulu.

Vann apparently hasn't forgotten his firefighting habit; for he recently wrote: "I have joined the Fire Department at the Harbor. All fire trucks are painted green. When going to a fire, you go very fast but very quiet. No bells. No sirens and no loud talking. I like the fire chief very much."

### CALL EXTENDED

The Rev. Roscoe Prince of Onancock, Va., has been extended a call to become pastor of the Community Church in Pinehurst, to succeed the Rev. A. J. McKelway, who recently resigned to become a chaplain in the U. S. Navy.

The call was unanimously voted at a meeting of the Community Church congregation last Sunday. The Rev. John R. Rossboro of Charlotte has been serving as supply pastor.