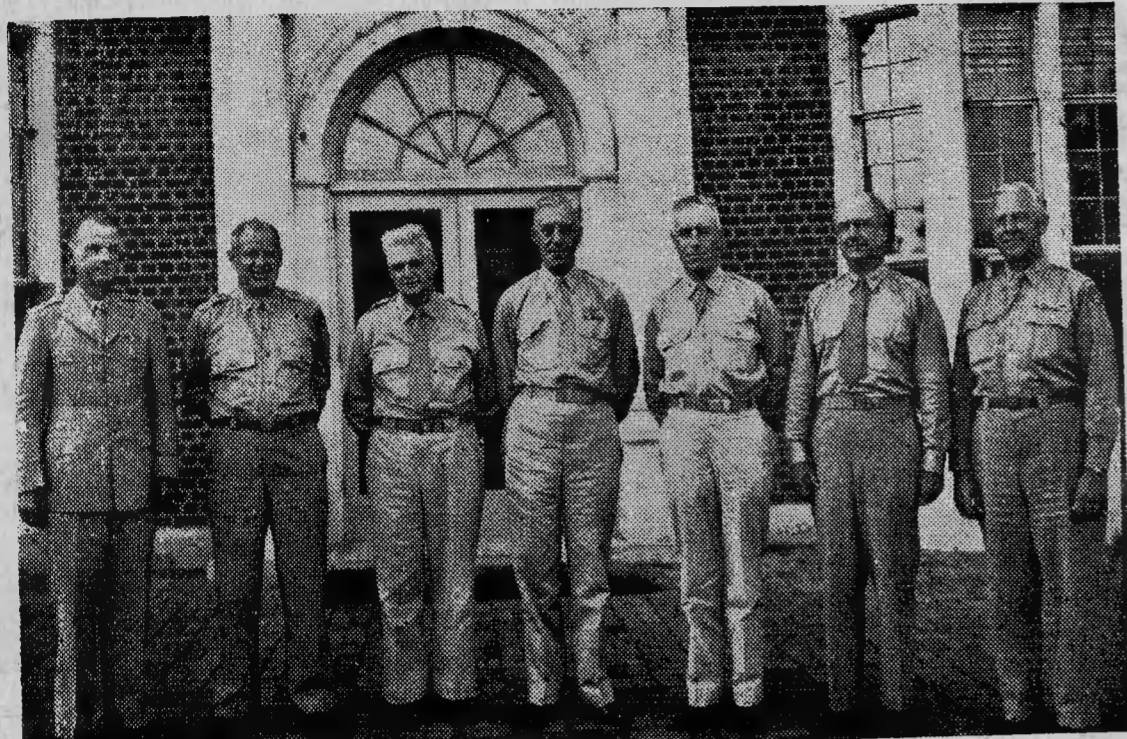


They "Shot" Six Generals in This Picture



Six generals and a colonel of the Air Force Technical Training Command were "shot" (by Eddy, photographer) at Knollwood Field last week, while in conference with their commanding officer, Maj. Gen. Walter R. Weaver. They are, left to right, Brig. Gen. Junius W. Jones, commanding general, first district, Greensboro; Col. C. W. Howard, chief of staff to Gen. Weaver; General Weaver; Maj. Gen. F. K. Martin, commanding general, second district, St. Louis; Maj. Gen. Jacob E. Fickel, commanding general, third district, Tulsa, Okla.; Maj. Gen. Jacob F. Curry, commanding general, fourth district, Denver; and Brig. Gen. A. F. Krogstad, commanding general, Chicago Technical Training Schools. Not present for the picture was Brig. Gen. Ralph H. Wooten, commanding Miami Beach schools. This was the first time all these generals met together at one time.

Highland Pines Inn Jumps Season Time By Opening to Rent Rooms to Soldiers

Resort Hotel Open Early to Accommodate Large Group of Officers Ending Maneuver

The Highland Pines Inn is pushing the season. Here in the middle of August, the Inn, which sits atop Southern Pines' Weymouth Heights, is open for the season. And a full or nearly full house is expected for the next few weeks, at least.

The answer is, of course, the Army, which, incidentally, isn't actually taking over the place, despite rumors that have been talked for some time.

Dorsey G. Stutz, president of the Highland Pines Inn, Inc., operating concern for the Inn, said that the hotel would open under the company's management to accommodate a large number of officers attached to a certain Army force which is completing maneuvers in the Carolina area.

Although no official statement was issued, it was understood that this outfit would be stationed for several weeks at Fort Bragg and that the hotel would rent its rooms on a regular basis to members of the outfit who desired housing in this section. How long this particular outfit will be here is not certain; but it was anticipated that other demand upon comparatively temporary living accommodations in this section would result in the Inn's remaining open.

Dining Room Closed

Mr. Stutz said no effort would be made to open the dining room of the hotel, and that the staff would be only sufficient to maintain the desk and the necessary services for the rooms. No manager has been named but Mr. Stutz and Garland A. Pierce, also an officer of the operating company, will be in charge of the establishment.

W. E. Flynn, for many years the manager of the Inn during the regular winter season, is expected to return here from Charlevoix, Mich., early in September to assume charge of the hotel.

According to Stutz, accommodations can be arranged for upwards to about 200 people if room assignments can be arranged satisfactorily for those desiring to stay for a week or more, although that number is above the usual accommodation for transient or resort guests.

Although it is unusual for the Highland Pines Inn to open during the summer months, in the past it has remained open for a couple of years during the entire summer. This practice was not kept up, however.

WINDHAM IN MARINES

Sidney R. Windham, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Windham of Raleigh, former residents of the Sandhills, has entered the Officers Training School at Quantico, Md., Marine Base. Young Windham is a recent graduate of Syracuse University in business administration.

County is Replacing 37 of 150 Teachers

Twenty-five Percent Turnover Caused by Numerous Resignations

Thirty-seven of Moore County's 150 white teachers have resigned since the schools closed last spring, County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas disclosed this week.

This is a teacher turnover of almost 25 per cent, whereas in normal times the turnover in Moore County has been less than 10 per cent.

There have been no Negro resignations, Mr. Thomas said.

Despite the unusually large number of resignations, all of the vacancies except about half a dozen have been filled and Mr. Thomas thinks that these can be filled without any trouble.

Aside from the few remaining vacancies, everything is in fine shape for the opening of the county schools.

Stamps for 75,000 gallons of gasoline for school busses, approximately the same amount as was used last year, have been procured, tires are on hand and the busses are said to be in better repair than they have been in a long time.

Small Papers Have Job, Speaker Says

Kiwanians Told That Weekly Press Is Important to Democracy and Freedom

The small town newspaper, with its close contact to community life, should become increasingly important to the maintenance of free press and other democratic institutions, declared Carl G. Thompson, Jr., PILOT editor, in a talk at the Sandhills Kiwanis Club Wednesday. Introduced by John Howarth as a "surprise" speaker, the club's secretary spoke of the differences between the larger metropolitan dailies and the smaller, less-than-daily papers. He said he believed the smaller paper, which should attempt to interpret community life and to be influenced by the community, was in many respects more important than chain dailies, often with a one-man control.

"Newspapering is interesting to almost everyone, because many famous people got their start in newspapers. Usually, they left newspapering to become famous and the others are still working on newspapers," he said.

The Club passed a resolution granting a Military membership to George London, who recently was called to service with the U. S. Navy. Guest at the club was Major C. R. Nicolazzo, assistant chief engineer at Knollwood Field.

Hemp's Horse Show Set for September

Group Plans Races, Band Music and Other Events; No Cash Prizes

The Annual Hemp Horse and livestock show is being planned again for this year, with the date for the event tentatively set for Saturday, September 5, it was decided last Friday night at a meeting in Hemp.

E. H. Garrison, Jr., county agent, said that it was thought at one time it would be better to call this annual event of upper Moore off for this year because of gasoline and tire shortage. At last Friday's meeting, however, it was decided to go ahead with plans, but instead of having a cash premium list as in the past, it was decided to offer only ribbons to the winners.

"Just as soon as the war is over and things get back to normal again, we shall go back to the original plan," Mr. Garrison said. We feel that people will understand and cooperate with us just as fully as ever. For the last few years, we have raised our premium list by public donations. It seems hardly fair to ask our friends to do this now when they are being called upon to buy War Bonds and Stamps and for other things every day.

"There is an abundance of good stock in the County now," he added. "Much of this can be brought in without the use of trucks. This has been the case in the past."

An added feature of the show this year will be horse and mule races. It is also hoped to have a band to furnish music and a good speaker, as in the past. The event will be held at the same spot in Hemp and plans are to begin at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Committees to be in charge of the various activities of the Show are to be announced later.

TUBERCULOSIS DEATH ON SLIGHT DECREASE

Frank Webster Reports National and State Figures

North Carolina's death rate from tuberculosis showed a slight decline during 1941 over the previous year, it was reported this week by Frank W. Webster, executive secretary, N. C. Tuberculosis Association who formerly was Southern Pines School Superintendent.

The headquarters of the Association are in Raleigh. The national death rate for the year declined to 44 persons for every 100,000 population, compared with 46 in 1940. In North Carolina, 1769 deaths and 2,300 new cases were reported. The death rate was 49 per 100,000, a decline of 0.9 per 100,000 for the year.

It was pointed out that in spite of the slight decrease in the death rate over 1940, there is a slowing up of the downward trend.

TELEPHONE COMPANY COMPLETING EXPANSION PROGRAM OF \$40,000

Activities Increase Over 60 Percent in Year's Time; Demands of Army Heavy

In the past few months, the small independent telephone company operating in the Sandhills has leaped forward from an exchange to handle "convenience" calls for a few hundred phones to an over-worked center for clearing an average of over 1,100 long distance calls daily and to a place of such importance that a call emanating from Southern Pines can, in extreme urgency, demand a "break-through" on toll circuits through New York or other major switching centers to put through an "Army Urgency" call.

This has been done through a rapid expansion program costing approximately \$40,000 and involving hours of over-time work on the part of the staff and costly, complicated installations. And it was all performed on short notice and in short order.

Communication Important

Although wartime brought an increase in the use of all telephone facilities, the local district of the Central Carolina Telephone Company didn't really feel the full effect of this demand until the headquarters of the Army Air Force Technical Training Command located at Knollwood. And of major importance to the headquarters was speedy, efficient communication throughout the nation.

Some idea of the rate of expansion is shown in the number of telephone sets in use. In July, last year, the Southern Pines exchange was serving 492 telephones. This year, a total of 767 telephones are in use—more than 55 percent increase. Throughout the Sandhills circuit, there has been an increase of nearly 40 percent. Carthage telephones have increased from 203 to 232; in Pinehurst, sets have jumped from 275 to 343; and the total for the three towns, from 970 to 1342.

This expansion demand came, also, at a time when the necessary equipment for providing service was most difficult to get and when there was demand for certain types of equipment that never was easily available.

Taxed the Whole Set-Up

Although the Southern Pines district is under the management of Vernon Allan, district commercial manager, and N. S. Kimball, district plant chief, the burden of this expansion program was such that it called upon the resources and manpower of the entire company, which operates 28 exchanges in North and South Carolina.

Norman M. Shenk, who in December had just returned to take over operation of the company's exchanges as vice-president and general manager, fortunately had had experience in this section before and was prepared to call upon the other parts of this company's network. Experienced employes from other districts were brought here to fill the new gaps which were opening. Where a year ago, around a dozen operators were manning an eight-position switchboard, this year there are 20 operators handling a 10-position switchboard, and placing around 550 outgoing toll calls per day. In June, 1941, the Southern Pines operators cleared 10,505 toll calls originating here. This June, they originated 17,334 long distance calls—an increase of 65 percent.

Increase in Circuits

The Southern Pines switchboard handles toll calls for the Sandhills area, including the exchange at Aberdeen, and has about 50 long distance circuits going from here to different parts of the State and to the nation. The direct circuits to New York have been increased from two to four and a fifth one is going in. The circuits to Fayetteville were increased from one to three—and then the Army leased one of the circuits, because it kept one busy most of the time anyway.

Even with these increased circuits, however, the AAFTC headquarters at Knollwood Field were not quite satisfied. Supposing, they told Mr. Shenk, something of great emergency arose and all circuits were busy, how could they get the call through?

Get That Line!

And that's when the Army Urgency plan was set up. It's already (Continued on page 8)

IN OUR SERVICE



LIEUT. JAMES S. MILLIKEN, JR.

Second Lieutenant James S. Milliken, Jr., who entered the Army Signal Corps shortly after graduation from State College in electrical engineering this past May, has recently left for foreign service, according to information received by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. James S. Milliken of Southern Pines. Lieut. Milliken was commissioned upon graduation at State College and was assigned to Camp Murphy, Hobe Sound, Fla., and later transferred to San Francisco. He is a graduate of Southern Pines High School.

E. O. Howard Dies from Heart Attack

Had Been Builder and Carpenter Many Years; Funeral Sunday at 4

Eira Otis Howard, native of Pennsylvania but for more than a quarter of a century a Sandhills contractor, carpenter and cabinet maker, died unexpectedly at his home on South Bennett street late Wednesday afternoon while at his supper. He was 69 years old May 11.

Cause was given as a heart attack, and death came almost immediately.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Baptist Church, with Dr. Warren F. Sheldon in charge. Interment will be at Mt. Hope cemetery.

Mr. Howard was born at Howard Mill, near Hallstead, Pa., in 1873, the son of the late Lewis and Jenny Coffin Howard. His parents came to Pinebluff a number of years ago and died there. He and his wife, the former Miss Carrie Wheeler of New York State, also lived in Pinebluff before coming to Southern Pines.

Mr. Howard was long in the construction business here, building several homes in Southern Pines. During more recent years, he has worked for several contracting firms, and has done much work of his own. He was for many years active in the Baptist Church and worked with young peoples groups.

Survivors include his widow and one sister, in Pennsylvania.

WOMEN FROM COUNTY AT P.T.A. INSTITUTE

Four Moore Representatives Received Certificates

Four Moore County women received certificates after attending the 15th annual Parent-Teacher Institute of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers held at Woman's College, U. N. C., in Greensboro last week with about 300 delegates and visitors in attendance.

Mrs. Eldon S. Adams, fifth district P.T.A. director, and Mrs. H. Lee Thomas of Carthage, Mrs. Thomas R. Cole and Mrs. H. A. Campbell of Pinehurst were among the 175 receiving certificates for completing at least 25 hours of the week-long institute program. The theme of the Institute this year was "The Community—Workshop of Democracy." One of the major points stressed at the Institute was the elimination of what was termed an "archaic, outmoded system of school administration" and the establishment of one central board of education for the State.

Ration Board Warns Against Wrong Use of Gasoline, Tires

Crackdown Threatened To Conserve Supplies; Quota Cut 48 Percent

A slash of 48 percent of Moore County's tire ration quota for September from the August allotment was anticipated this week by county Ration Board officials, as they warned that there would be a crackdown upon those who misused any articles being rationed.

J. L. McGraw of Carthage said that the rationing officials of the State had painted a black picture to him when he conferred with them in Raleigh Tuesday. Although the August tire quota for Moore County was small, a cut of nearly 50 percent was predicted for the coming month.

"People apparently do not realize the gravity of the situation," Mr. McGraw declared. "We still receive unreasonable requests for tires and gasoline from people we know are not essential users. Unless these people begin to realize that the War may be lost because of lack of essential materials, we are in grave danger."

Nearly 600 Requests

The ration board began the month of August with requests for nearly 600 tires and tubes, while the quota was as follows: passenger cars and motorcycles: 13 new tires, 57 recapped, and 42 new tubes; for truck, bus, farm tractor, etc.; 74 new tires, 102 recapped and 89 new tubes. With the anticipated reduction of 48 percent in these numbers, there will be no way of taking care of all requests, he said.

In order to enforce proper use of gasoline, rubber, sugar and other commodities rationed, Mr. McGraw said that the ration board would withhold all rationed articles from people proven to have violated the usage. State Highway Patrolmen and local police have been cautioned to look out for speed limit violators and other misuses. All rationing privileges will be withdrawn from violators, Mr. McGraw said, asking the public to report violations.

He pointed out that tires and gasoline rationed for specific business purposes are not allowed to be used for any other reason, especially pleasure trips. At least one Moore County person has already had rationing privileges withdrawn for misuse, Mr. McGraw said, and any others will be made public as they occur.

County Sending 38 To Report to Army

Draft Board Calls Negroes for Final Examination at Fort Bragg Center

The Moore County Draft Board announced this week that 38 Negro men would "leave for camp soon" to take final examination, prior to induction into the Army or final rejection by the Army examining board.

Following are those to be sent by the Board to Fort Bragg:

John Moutry Nowlin, Calvin Wortham, John McKayhan, Willie Brown, Silas Gibson, Edward Williams, James Edward Lewis, Jr., Southern Pines; Hubert Harrington, Walter Lee Calloway, Francis Lacy Rose, Wilbur Arthur Blue, Martine Sarhen Barratt, Henry Robert Goins, Lemuel Alexander Jones, Edwin Dewitt Taylor, Robert Harris, Walter Junior Wooten, Pinehurst; William Henry Rogers, William James Jackson, Aberdeen; James Franklin Murchison, Jr., route 2 Aberdeen; Elijah Gales, route 1 Aberdeen; Howard Turner Clegg, route 1 West End;

Also, Charlie Wilson, Pinebluff, Harry Benton Marsh, James Leonard Cagle, Hurley DeGraffenreid, route 1 Carthage; Ernest Johnson, Albert McLaughlin, James Smith, James Franklin McLeod, Carthage; John Howard Lane, Tommie Lewey Garner, route 1 Hemp; Archie Dowdy, Henry Colonas Brower, Junie Dowdy, Hemp; Kenneth Cornelius Rowland, Addor; Eugene Barrett, route 1 Cameron; and Eldridge Ward Browder, Eagle Springs.