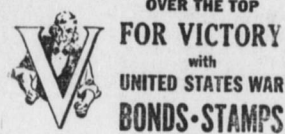
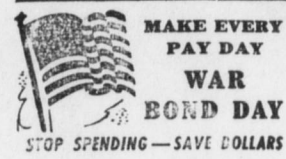


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## Butler's Suggestion Partly Responsible for Hoffman Camp

### Water Situation Solved By Advice of Local Engineer; Camp Activated

A suggestion by Howard N. Butler of Southern Pines probably led to the locating of the Army's newest camp in the Hoffman Forest Area, a few miles South of here.

Mr. Butler, son of the late Bion H. Butler, former editor of THE PILOT, knows the geology of the Sandhills and surrounding region about as well, if not better, as anyone.

According to a summary prepared in Raleigh by M. J. Mundorf, assistant geologist of the U. S. Geological Survey, the Army, in considering the Hoffman area for the camp, was faced with the tedious and expensive necessity of building a filter plant for surface water, if it wanted to use the camp. This area is underlaid with crystalline rocks which do not yield water in sufficient quantities for a large camp.

However, upon suggestion of Mr. Butler, it was decided to attempt to use the floodplain adjacent to a stream as a natural filter. Tests revealed the floodplain was composed of clean sand and gravel washed in by floods. Shallow wells were drilled through these layers of gravel to a depth of 25 and 40 feet.

Water from the stream seeps through the sand and gravel, fills the wells, and is then pumped into the camp's pipes. Tests show it is pure and that 3,000 gallons per minute can be relied upon.

And so the Army decided it could use this Hoffman area for its Airborne Command camp.

## HOFFMAN ARMY CAMP HAS BEEN ACTIVATED

### Col. Vernon G. Olsmith Is Commanding Officer at Base

The United States Army Camp at Hoffman, where construction has been underway for only about two months, was activated this month with Col. Harry E. Willet as executive officer. Although there is much construction work still to be done at the camp, Col. Olsmith and his staff have already moved in.

The following staff assignments have been made: Col. Harry C. Snyder, director of supply; Col. Harold E. Schlusser, post engineer; Col. William H. Smith, post surgeon; Major William B. Houseal, director of personnel and chief of civilian personnel branch; Major Joseph Weisenberg, director of administration and chief of adjutant branch.

## STOCKINGS WANTED

Old silk stockings are wanted! Silk, nylon, silk and nylon, rayon, and silk and rayon. There is a box for them near the corner door in the Patch Department Store. When 100 pounds (and this is a lot of stockings) have accumulated they will be sent to the General Salvage Section of Conservation Division of the WPB to aid in the making of powder bags (gun powder—for the Armed Forces). All stockings must be laundered to be usable.

## County's Motor Corps Ready to Serve Red Cross, Local Defense, or Disaster

Last year in Moore county there was established a Motor Corps under the American National Red Cross Volunteer Services. In Southern Pines 25 women took standard first aid, advanced first aid, and a 15-hour mechanics class with Frank Kaylor to receive Red Cross Motor Corps diplomas. In Pinehurst 15 women were enrolled. All of these women volunteered their time and cars for whatever services called upon by the Red Cross.

After many delays, they are again at work. The first responsibility of the Motor Corps is to the chapter services. It is organized to furnish efficient transportation whenever and wherever it is needed in Red Cross work. Their jobs will include moving shipments of gauze and

## Serving Overseas



PVT. FRANK WALKER BUCHAN

Word has just been received by Mr. and Mrs. P. Frank Buchan that their son, Pvt. Frank Buchan, has arrived safely overseas, where he is serving with the U. S. Air Forces. Young Buchan was inducted into the Army at Fort Bragg, October 30, 1942, and received his training at Langley Field, Va. A graduate of Southern Pines High School, young Buchan is married to the former Miss Myra Scott of Southern Pines. Previous to his entering the Army, he worked in the shipyards at Wilmington.

## Armstrong Presides Over January Term

### True Bills Returned in Three Murder Cases; Charge Against Lacy Scot Dropped

With Judge Frank Armstrong presiding and with Solicitor Edward H. Gibson, commissioned last month by Gov. Broughton, representing the State, the January term of criminal court got under way in Carthage Monday.

L. C. Allen pleaded guilty of careless, reckless and drunken driving. He was given 12 months in jail to work on the roads, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and the costs and good behavior for 12 months. He is not to drive a motor vehicle on the highways of the State for a year.

Vester Woods, charged with assault with intent to commit rape, pleaded guilty to simple assault on Mrs. P. L. Patterson and was given a 30-day sentence which was suspended upon payment of the costs.

James Wilson submitted to charges of stealing two automobiles. In one case he was given from 24 to 36 months on the roads and in the second, a 3 to 5-year prison sentence, the second sentence not to go into effect upon condition of good behavior for two years after service of the first.

Frank Wright submitted to a charge of breaking and entering a business house at West End.

True bills were returned by the grand jury in the three murder cases: Earl Phillips, charged with the murder of Joe Carlyle; Gladys Minter McKinnon and Henry Kendrick for the murder of Frank Merritt at Aberdeen; A. C. Vester Oats and Willie Ivey for the murder of Ernest King of Southern Pines.

An assault case against Lacy Scot was not pressed.

## Ration Board Cautions Fuel Oil Users to Conserve; Supply Situation Critical

### Clarification on Pleasure Driving Ban Made By Moore County Group; Cooperation of Local Police Sought in Enforcing Proper Use of Cars

Fuel oil consumers were cautioned this week by the Moore County Ration Board to use "every precaution to conserve fuel" as the "supply situation is steadily growing worse."

The Ration Board members this week studied the ban on pleasure driving and continued their preparation to institute the system of point rationing for foods, to be set up in February.

In regard to pleasure driving, the Board said "it now appears that driving home to lunch does not constitute a violation, per se. As the whole purpose of these regulations is to conserve gasoline, patriotic citizens will use their own judgment as to how necessary this driving is. The local police officials in every community have been asked to report any obvious misuse of the car."

Warning about the scarcity of fuel oil, the Board cautioned that "there is no guarantee that those holding usable coupons will be able to obtain their quota."

### Food Rationing

"During the month of February a system of point rationing is to be set up to cover all canned and processed fruits, vegetables, soups and juices, and all frozen foods," said a notice from the Board, signed by George H. Maurice, chairman. "Later, this system will be extended to cover meats. Every person purchasing these rationed books must have a War Ration Book II. In order to qualify for Book II, everyone must possess Book I, commonly known as the sugar and coffee ration book. The method of registering for Book II will be fully explained later."

## Frenchmen in North Africa Welcomed American Troops, Young Irwin Writes

### Mrs. Murd Buchan, Moore Native, Dies.

#### Interment for Kinston Resident Held at Lakeview; Had Been Ill Two Months

Mrs. Murd Blue Buchan, 65, native of Lakeview, died at Kinston Tuesday night, and services were to be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church in Kinston with burial at Lakeview cemetery at 3 p. m. The Rev. Thomas H. Hamilton, pastor will officiate.

Mrs. Buchan was a native of Lakeview but she and her husband had lived in Kinston for the past 25 years and had been ill two months. Mr. Buchan, brother of Southern Pines Postmaster Frank Buchan, is manager of the Copeland Livestock Company.

Surviving besides her husband are a brother, W. E. Blue of Raeford, four half-brothers, J. S. Blue of Rocky Mount, Carl Blue of Virginia; W. L. Blue of Fort Bragg, and D. C. Blue of Lakeview; three half-sisters, Mrs. George Sharp and Mrs. Will Richardson, both of Greensboro, and Mrs. A. C. Cox of Lakeview.

## THE MISSES GROVER ARE CHANGING JOBS

Miss Elizabeth Grover has resigned her position as office secretary of the Moore County A. B. C. Board to accept work with a Federal Agency in Washington, D. C., and plans to leave here January 29 to assume her new duties. Miss Sarah Sweet, Southern Pines girl who has been working in Raleigh, will go with Miss Grover to take a similar position.

Miss Lucile Grover, who has been office secretary for the Town of Southern Pines, will fill the vacancy at the A.B.C. Board office, and Miss Blanche Sherman, who has worked with Miss Grover for the town, will assume her duties in the Town Clerk's office.

## PREACHING MISSION TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 1

### Series of Services Slated At Episcopal Church

The Rev. J. Q. Beckwith, Jr., rector of St. Timothy's Church at Wilson, will begin a week's preaching mission at Emmanuel Episcopal Church Monday, February 1 as a part of a series being conducted in the Episcopal Church throughout the Diocese of North Carolina.

Each day during the week, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 9 a. m., a Bible class at 10, and a preaching service at 8 p. m. The Rev. Craighill Brown, rector of the local church, is chairman of the committee which has arranged for missions in practically every one of the 120 churches in the diocese.

## Armstrong Instructs Jury to Investigate Conditions of Samarcand Manor Girls

### HONOR ROLL

The Southern Pines Rotary Club plans to revise its Roll of Honor of men in the armed services of this country, which is located on the Library lawn near the post office. Anyone who wishes to add names to this roll may do so by getting in touch with Don Jensen or Paul Van Camp.

## War Bonds Subject of District Meeting

### Women to Help Moore County Meeting Quota of Over \$60,000 During January

A district meeting of members of the Women's Division of the War Savings Staff was held at the Civic Club in Southern Pines Saturday morning, January 16, with Mrs. P. P. McCain, District Chairman presiding. Mrs. Nancy Robinson of Jackson, Miss., director and advisor of 11 Southern states, and Mrs. Karl Bishop of Spray, N. C., State Director of the War Savings Staff, were the guest speakers and made many helpful suggestions on ways to promote the sale of War Bonds and Stamps.

Representatives from Hoke, Scotland and Moore counties learned that North Carolina exceeded its sales quota for Series E Bonds by 22 percent. Moore County has exceeded its December quota of \$49,950 by \$16,206.25, selling \$66,156.25 during this period.

The film "The American Way" was shown through the courtesy of the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Aberdeen.

Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, County Chairman, announced the resignation of Miss Mary Page as Aberdeen Chairman and the appointment of Mrs. O. Leon Seymour to fill this position. Moore County's quota for January is \$60,439.50.

## LONNIE M. SEWARD DIES AT LAKEVIEW

### Funeral Services Held Monday for Farmer of Section

Lonnie M. Seward, 60, died at his home in Lakeview last Saturday, January 16, following a short illness. He was a prominent farmer of the community.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. T. D. Mullis in the Lakeview Presbyterian Church and interment was in the Lakeview cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, four brothers, W. P. and E. W. Seward of Carthage, Oscar Seward of Lewiston, Me., and J. A. Seward of Lumberton, Miss.; and two sisters, Miss Bertha Seward and Mrs. W. J. McRae of Lakeview.

## JAX SPRINGS MAN DIES OF AUTO HURTS

### K. W. McCaskill Succumbs to Injuries Following Accident

K. W. McCaskill, 74, of Jackson Springs succumbed Monday at the Moore County Hospital to injuries received on Thursday of last week when the automobile driven by his adopted son, John Henry McCaskill, collided with a truck load of Negro men near his home.

The funeral service was held at Jackson Springs Tuesday afternoon. Surviving are the adopted son, who received bad cuts in the accident; three children, Miss Mary McCaskill and Dan McCaskill of the home and Leonard McCaskill of Florence, S. C.

### HEALTH OFFICE MOVES

The county health department moved last week from the second floor of the court house to its larger quarters on the third floor. The WPA offices, formerly on the third floor, are now at the old health department stand. The welfare office will remain as at present on the second floor.

## Presiding Judge Says Charges Have Been Made Throughout State

A sweeping investigation of conditions existing at the State Home and Industrial School for Women, generally known as Samarcand Manor, was authorized by Judge Frank M. Armstrong in his charge to the Grand Jury Monday at the opening of the January term for the trial of criminal cases in Moore County, the investigation being asked for on the strength of widespread criticism which Judge Armstrong said that he had heard.

"While presiding over the courts throughout the State," Judge Armstrong told the body, "I have received information and have personally observed circumstances which lead me to the conclusion that there should be an investigation made by the Grand Jury of the conditions existing at the State Home and Industrial School for Women, Samarcand Manor, near Eagle Springs or Samarcand, hereinafter referred to as Samarcand."

G. C. Seymour of Aberdeen is chairman of the Grand Jury for this session, and reported after receiving the judge's charge, that a committee composed of himself, as chairman, James W. Tufts of Pinehurst and L. E. Pender of Southern Pines, had been selected to investigate Samarcand, in accordance with the judge's instructions.

The Grand jury reported county institutions in good condition and in good operation, except for a number of building repairs recommended for the court house. Certain conditions were pointed out by the Grand Jury as fire hazards in the courthouse and immediate action was recommended.

### No Definite Knowledge

"It should be distinctly understood that by these instructions there is no intention to intimate that there have been any violations of the law at the State institution, nor is it intended to imply that those in charge are not competent to carry on the work they are engaged in, because the Court has no definite knowledge and this can only be determined by a careful investigation and examination of that institution."

"There may not be a word of truth in the matters and conditions which I have been told exist at the institution and it is difficult to determine what weight should be given to such information."

### Of Vital Importance

"The matter of the reclamation and regeneration of women and girls who have faltered or fallen is a matter of vital importance to the whole of the State's citizenship and to society as a whole."

"I have lived almost within the shadow of Samarcand ever since it was built and it has always been sort of a place of mystery to me. I know no more about the institution now than I did twenty years ago. I am inclined to believe that very little is known about the institution by the people and the courts of the State, and I feel that this condition should not exist, especially by those of us whose duty it is to sentence a woman or girl to that institution. It is not the policy of the State to sentence a woman or girl to an institution and not know or care what becomes of her. Once the gates are closed behind her she has very little opportunity to speak for herself and there are few to speak for her. Some institutions for the care of juvenile delinquents and faltering or fallen women and girls are doing a wonderful work and have a broad social outlook and are so conducted that the women and girls in their care are being trained toward the development of a proper outlook upon society and thus upon release take their proper and useful place in society. While we are engaged in a global terrible war—fighting for our survival and our very existence—the prosecution of which should be placed first in the efforts of every man, woman and child in the country, nevertheless, the rehabilitation and socialization of our faltering and falling women, next to the winning of the war and the peace, is unquestionably of vital importance."

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