

In Our Armed Service



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LT. PRESTON F. MATTHEWS

The right to wear a pair of coveted "Silver Wings" and fly one of Uncle Sam's swift fighter planes against our Axis enemies was won by Preston Matthews, son of Mayor and Mrs. W. D. Matthews, who was commissioned a second lieutenant last week at Craig Field, Ala. Lt. Matthews is now taking a special training course at Randolph Field, Texas, after which he will become a flying instructor.



PVT. J. LAWRENCE HENSON

Pvt. James Lawrence Henson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Henson of Carthage, was inducted at Fort Bragg early in April and was later transferred to Keesler Field, Miss., where he was classified as an aerial gunner. A graduate of Carthage High School in the class of '41, he attended Campbell College, Buie's Creek, for a year, after which he was associated with his father at Jones Department Store in Carthage until his induction. Pvt. Henson studied violin for several years while in Carthage and played frequently in the Baptist church there.

Army Baseball Game At Local Ball Park at 5 P. M. Saturday

Proceeds Will Benefit
Summer Youth Program
Sponsored by SPCSA

Southern Pines is to have its first big ball game of the season Saturday afternoon, June 5, at 5 o'clock when a team from the Camp Mackall 508th Parachute Infantry clashes with the 11th Airborne Division team at the local Ball Park in a game that promises to be a headliner.

It was through the cooperation of Col. Olsmith, Post Commander and Lt. Foster, Special Service officer, that the game was arranged by the Southern Pines Council of Social Agencies, an organization made up of representatives of every agency in town which does welfare work. The proceeds will be used toward financing a 10-week recreational, vocational and service program for the youth of Southern Pines this summer.

No detail has been omitted by the Council in making arrangements for the day, and splendid cooperation is being given. The town is repairing the ball field; Morris Johnson is arranging details of the game; Norris Hodgkins is in charge of advertising and will serve as cashier; Mrs. Howard Butler will be in charge of the sale of cold drinks; Boy Scouts will manage traffic.

There will be no admission charge, but contributions will be taken and refreshments will be sold by the children.

The teams are to be entertained at supper at the Country Club. Food is being donated by the residents and will be prepared under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Towne, chairman of the executive committee of the Council of Social Agencies.

W. G. Norris, for two years physical education director in the Hickory High School, a man experienced in the type of work planned by the Council, was this week engaged to direct the summer recreational program and he will begin his work the middle of this month.

A. W. McNeill, Vass Merchant, Passes

Had Been Ill for Several
Months; Funeral Friday
at S. P. Presbyterian Church

Arthur W. McNeill, 58, prominent merchant of Vass, died Thursday, June 3, at Moore County Hospital after a long illness. Funeral services will be held at the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines at 2:30 p. m., Friday, and interment will be in the Raeford Cemetery.

Mr. McNeill is survived by his wife, the former Miss Eoline McMillan of Manly; three brothers and three sisters.

PRANK? JOKE? LUCK?

At 10:30 o'clock last Saturday night three members of our armed forces, hilariously inclined, boarded the "booster" engine kept in readiness for odd jobs in the Aberdeen yard, and took off for parts unknown. A "trooper" and a regular S.A.L. Diesel train were nearly due.

Fortunately, the parts unknown turned out to be a nearby derailing switch and ingloriously the engine left the track, and stopped halfway across the highway. Pvs. Paul J. Raube, Geo. Wojtowicz and—dashed for shelter but the two first named were caught by Policeman Bill Cook and turned over to the M.P.'s.

ONE MORE DAY

The Southern Pines information post in the city clerk's office for aid in filling out applications for War Ration Book 3 will be closed from Thursday, June 3, through June 9th. It will be open only one more day, Thursday, June 10, from 9 to 12 o'clock noon, and from 2 to 5 p. m.

The 1943 Graduating Class, Southern Pines High School



Front row, left to right: Jane Gilchrest Moore, Mary Jordan James, Carolyn Joan Steuart, Nancy Turner Ragan, Allison E. Fields, Catherine Joyce Bailey, Anna Elizabeth Chisholm, Margaret Lucille Newton, Gladys Norma Hussey. Middle row: Carolyn Stevick, Harry Lee Brown, Jr., Lewis W. Pate, Stephen Monroe Osborne, Ralph Stevenson, Joe Harriss, John Raymond, William Herbert Wilson, D. Davis Erhardt, Stella Mae Morrison. Back row: Grady Lee Culler, Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., Daniel Shaw Ray, III, Philip M. Woolley, Lewis Rogerson Haynes, George Van Camp, Newton A. Baker, Delamar W. Mann, Paul M. Fowler.

John Frank Stevens, Engineer of Great Achievements, Passes at His Home Here

Had Been Awarded Many
Medals, and Degrees by
Various Universities

John Frank Stevens living a retired life in a home on Orchard Road, which he purchased in 1936, passed to a well-earned rest Wednesday morning at the age of 90 years of which the greater part was spent in the accomplishment of great engineering feats that surmounted dangerous and difficult obstacles.

Few who passed the modest cottage ever realized that it was the home, not only of a patient sufferer from the agonizing pains of arthritis, but of a citizen distinguished by great works and many honors. Mr. Stevens, last honor, one of many, was the award of the Hoover Medal in December 1938, coming to him in his 85th year. The award cited him as an engineer of great achievement, as illustrated in his work on the Panama Canal, who, in his dealings with the Inter-Allied forces in Siberia in the last war, demonstrated those broader capacities for humanitarian public service beyond his calling.

Mr. Stevens' career encompassed much of the world. He has made his mark upon such memorable works as the extension of railroads across the Rocky Mountains, the building of the Panama Canal and the rehabilitation of the Siberian and Chinese Eastern railways in World War times.

Major Achievements

An heroic bronze statue of Mr. Stevens in Marias Pass, where the Great Northern Railway crosses the Rockies in Montana, and the name of the Stevens Pass in the Cascades, commemorate his work in the northwest. The Panama Canal, of which he was chief engineer and later chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, testifies to the energy with which he backed General William C. Gorges in eradicating yellow fever from the isthmus, and the of-

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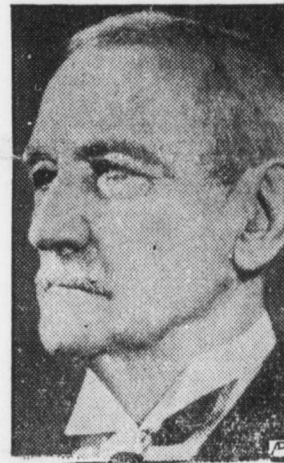
Honored by U.N.C.

Struthers Burt, well-known novelist and poet of Southern Pines, was one of three men upon whom the University of North Carolina conferred honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws at its 149th Commencement Tuesday. Mr. Burt is the author of a number of books, the latest of which is a collection of "War Songs" published last November, which has gone right to the hearts of its readers.

AUXILIARY MEETS JUNE 7

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet next Monday night, June 7, at 8 o'clock in the American Legion Hut, the president, Mrs. P. E. Kennedy, has announced. She calls attention to the change from the regular time.

DIES IN 90TH YEAR



JOHN FRANK STEVENS

Baptist Church Is Destroyed by Fire

Most of Furnishings of
West Southern Pines
Building Are Removed

South Gaines street, West Southern Pines, a locality calling for the services of Southern Pines firemen several times during the past few months, suffered its most serious fire Friday morning when the First Baptist Church was destroyed.

Following the sounding of the alarm at 10:30 o'clock the apparatus of the Southern Pines Fire Company responded with both trucks, stretching two lines of hose 1,500 feet from the nearest hydrant to reach the structure then well ablaze in the rear and under the roof. The fiercely burning pine and tar of the composition roofing sent out a dense cloud of thick smoke which attracted a throng of spectators. At 11:00 o'clock the roof fell in and 30 minutes later the blazing embers were extinguished, leaving the brick walls and tower standing.

The congregation, said to have been organized in 1895 and to have had a place of worship in 1899, had in the succeeding years extended and rebuilt, of brick and brick veneer, a substantial and comfortable house of worship. The many volunteers saved the piano, pews and much of the furnishings from the doomed edifice.

The loss to the congregation is said to be \$8,000, and the origin of the fire unknown. An unverified story placed the blame on a small boy hunting pigeons in the loft.

PINEHURST MAN ILL

J. I. O'Brien is a patient in the Moore County Hospital.

28 Seniors Receive Diplomas at Local High School Finals

Class Hears Address
by Dr. Crittenden;
Many Merit Awards

Twenty-eight members of the Class of 1943 of Southern Pines High School received their coveted diplomas Thursday night, June 3, following impressive exercises in the school auditorium, which were featured by an address by Dr. C. C. Crittenden, secretary of the State Historical Commission in Raleigh. Struthers Burt, local author, introduced Dr. Crittenden. The diplomas were presented by Dr. G. G. Herr, chairman of the Southern Pines School Board.

Seven 12th grade graduates received certificates.

They are Walter Emmette Blue, Jr., James Steed deBerry, Robert Dunn, George Aaron McCormac, Mary Irion McElderry, Irene McMillan Olive and Juliana Traill Webster.

The Rev. F. Craighill Brown spoke the invocation and the benediction, and special music was under the direction of Miss Ruby Trolinger.

The Seniors heard an inspirational address by Dr. I. G. Greer on Sunday evening at the Church of Wide Fellowship at the opening program of the commencement. Others taking part on the program were the Rev. Tucker G. Humphries, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson, Philip and Lloyd Woolley and the Glee Club.

Tuesday evening the class play, "Big Hearted Herbert," a 3-act comedy, was given before an enthusiastic audience. The characters were Philip Woolley, Mary James, Grady Lee Culler, Harry Lee Brown, Joan Steuart, Joyce Bailey, Norris Hodgkins, Nancy Ragan, Newton Baker, Lewis Haynes, Nancy Osborne and Delamar Mann. Mrs. A. L. Ellis was director and Philip Woolley, George Van Camp and Dan Ray, stage managers.

Honors and Awards Day program
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CHANGE IN PLACE

The canning demonstration to be given in Southern Pines at 10 a. m. Friday, June 4, will be held at the Civic Club instead of at Lewis' Store, as announced last week. Miss Flora McDonald, home economist in charge of the demonstration, reports. This meeting is a part of the county-wide food conservation program, and all women of Southern Pines and community are invited to attend. The local committee in charge is composed of Mrs. E. C. Stevens, Mrs. E. Lewis Prizer and Mrs. William Dale.

Local Draft Board Releases Names of Inductees for May

Thirty-eight White and
Nineteen Colored Men
Pass Final Examination

The Local Draft Board this week released names of two groups of Moore County men inducted into the service during May, a group of white registrants who passed their final examination at Fort Bragg May 17, and a group of colored men who were inducted May 10.

Those inducted May 17 were:

In the Army

Southern Pines: Leland Mackie Daniels, Jr., Daniel Alphonso Blue, Jr., Warren Duncan Matthews, Jr.,

Hemp: Leaton Colledge Garner, R. 2, Paul Shuffard Spinks, Victor Wade Freeman, Ralph Verian Stutts, Charles Norman McDuffie, William Calvin Vest, R. 2, James Roy Callcutt, Clinton Alfred, Dewitt Palmer Seawell, Eldon Ray Cassidy, R. 1.

Eagle Springs: Paul Albert Boone, R. 1, Elias Kenneth Freeman, Jr., R. 1, William Ralph Lewis, transferred from Wilmington, and James Edgar Best, transferred from Norfolk, Va.

Carthage: Cleet Clyde Cleetwood, Star Rt., Lester Carlton Baber, R. 1, William Edward Jernigan, R. 3.

Miscellaneous: Harold Aubrey McAllister, Pinehurst; Wesley Guy Dalrymple, Aberdeen; William Archibald Johnson, Jr., West End; Neill Thomas McDonald, Manly.

In the Navy

Carthage: Joseph Eugene Warren,
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UNPRECEDENTED!

In an unprecedented action the leading merchants of Southern Pines this week agreed to close their places of business every Wednesday during the months of June, July and August, thus giving their employees the benefit of a full day of freedom each week during the summer months.

Following the half-day closing which has been in effect for the past six weeks, the stores below will commence the full-day closing next Wednesday, June 9th. C. T. Patch Department Store, The Tog Shop, franjeans, Tot's Toggery, Mack's 5 and 10 Store, Mrs. Hayes' Shop, Brooks, Welch Gift Shop, Hardware and Electric Shop, Midland Dress Shop, Atkinson's Home Furnishing Store, Melvins, The Carolina Gardens, The Valet, Chandler Greenhouses and Montesanti.

Area Rent Examiner Urges Landlords to Register at Once

All Property Rented
For Residential Use
Subject to Control

Carl G. Thompson, Area Rent Examiner for the Southern Pines Defense Rental Area, issued a statement today calling attention to the fact that all landlords in Moore County must register any property which they rent for residential use. Business property is not covered but all residential property is subject to rent control.

Maximum Rents

Effective May 1st, the maximum rent on all residential dwelling units automatically went back to the rent being charged for such units on March 1, 1942.

In many cases changes have been made which entitle landlords to an increase in their maximum rent, but in a large percentage of such cases it is necessary for the landlord to file a petition with the rent control office and obtain an order permitting the increase. Landlords and tenants are no longer free to bargain independently for raises in the maximum rent to cover increases for furniture and services since the date or order determining the maximum rent. Failure to do this may involve a violation of the Price Control Act, which provides for both civil and criminal penalties.

Evictions

Mr. Thompson also called attention to the fact that the rent control regulations provide restrictions on the eviction of tenants. So long as the
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HODGKINS AND BURNS ARE GOLF WINNERS

Although Roy Grinnell flashed around the 6600 yard No. 1 course at Southern Pines Country Club Sunday in 75, 4 strokes over par, he lost his match 2 and 1 to Norris L. Hodgkins. Grinnell had to give his opponent a twenty stroke handicap.

Howard Burns won over Jack Carter 1 up in a grueling battle. The match was all even at the finish of the fifteenth. Burns won the sixteenth with a par 4 when his opponent hooked a long wood shot into the rough on the left side of the course to card a 6. The seventeenth and eighteenth were halved with par 4's.

Pairings for semi-finals—Hodgkins vs. Jimmy deBerry, Burns vs. Bert Weatherspoon.