

## War Department to Vacate Many Hotels Now in Use by AAF

### No Official Notice That Knollwood Field Will Be Given Up

A War Department announcement under date of June 19th gave to the public the news of the return of 206 out of the 434 hotels now being used by the Army Air Forces.

The Army, it was said, will start vacating the hotels around the middle of July and complete the moving later in the summer. It is estimated that the return of the hotels to civilian control will result in a reduction of the Army's annual rental bill by \$4,600,000.

To be returned to civilian use will be 109 hotels out of 325 at Miami, 35 out of 47 at Atlantic City, and others at Chicago, Ill., Grand Rapids, Mich., St. Petersburg and Boca Raton, Fla. The famous Stevens Hotel in Chicago, a recent purchase, will be vacated August 15th, the War Department said.

The War Department explained that large numbers of air units are now being moved overseas from the stations where they received air training. It was said: "The installations at which these troops have been quartered can now be gradually occupied by the units that have been taken care of in the hotels. In the course of the next two weeks it will be possible, without the construction of any new facilities for the purpose, to house large additional members of air forces personnel in conventional barracks."

It was explained: "In order to reduce as far as possible disruption of the training schedules, the movement of administrative and instruction staffs, and of the men in training will be carried out by groups as each class completes its work at a particular station."

The following paragraph, which appeared in a metropolitan paper, was read with keen interest locally:

"Headquarters of the Technical Training Command, which runs the training program for the Army air forces, will soon be moved from Southern Pines, N. C., to one of the regular air forces stations."

THE PILOT contacted Lt. Colonel Richard E. Daley of the Public Relations Department and was told that no official notice had been received that Knollwood Field would be discontinued.

## June 30 Final Date For Cashing Stamps

### Merchants Are Warned That 1941 Cotton Stamps Become Invalid Then

Merchants of Moore County who still have stamps redeemed for cotton fabrics under the 1941 supplementary cotton program must cash them on or before June 30, according to Joe A. Caddell, chairman of the County AAA Committee.

These stamps, the chairman said, were issued to farmers in 1941 in return for reducing their cotton acreage allotments and were used to purchase cotton materials from local merchants.

"Reports received by AAA officials at Raleigh indicate that some of these stamps issued in this State never have been cashed by the merchants who accepted them," Mr. Caddell said. "The federal appropriation under which these stamps were issued will expire on June 30, and all stamps not cashed by that date will become invalid as no funds will be available for this purpose."

The cotton stamp plan, he said, was discontinued after 1941, but many farmers held their stamps for several months before using them. Any cotton stamps still in the hands of farmers can be used until June 30.

Merchants desiring to cash stamps still on hand must mail them on or before June 30 to W. Ellis Jones, Chief of Fiscal Section, Food Distribution Administration, Western Union Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

## A Proclamation

By The Governor

NORTH CAROLINA DAY OF DEDICATION, JULY 5, 1943

Work is no longer merely a privilege or opportunity; it is a high patriotic duty. No man or woman, white or colored, in North Carolina or indeed in America today has any moral right to loaf or be idle even for a part of the time. We are confronted with the most urgent need for productive manpower in the history of our nation. Farm labor and industrial labor are absolutely indispensable for the protection of the national welfare and for the success of our men in arms. Under these circumstances all citizens of all classes, groups and races have a public duty to engage in productive work, even though the individual financial necessity for such work may not exist.

Trustworthy reports have come to me from virtually every section of North Carolina indicating that hundreds, indeed thousands, of men, white and colored, are either not working at all or working only part of the time. Likewise, many women, boys, and girls above the age of sixteen who could be productively employed are doing virtually nothing in the way of productive work. The time has come when every able-bodied person should either be fighting or working.

I herewith call upon the citizens of our state to respond to this most urgent need. I have every confidence that our people will rise to this need and I hope in a manner worthy of our state and its traditions. I urge the ministers of North Carolina and our teachers and school people generally, our civic clubs, representatives of the press and radio, and other public spirited leaders of the state to join in the high endeavor to get every citizen of our state productively employed on a fulltime basis. I further urge the judges, mayors, and law enforcement officers to do everything within their power and within the law to end any idleness or vagrancy that may exist anywhere in North Carolina. Furthermore, I call upon the local selective service boards to study carefully the cases of those who have been deferred on physical grounds but who are able to work and are not working. I am also calling upon police officers and sheriffs to visit places in their cities and counties where loafers and idlers customarily congregate and inquire into the reasons why they are not at work. If these efforts fail to get the necessary response, I should feel it my duty to use the emergency powers granted me by the recent legislature for dealing with these problems so vital to our national welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON, GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA, to the end that we may act in a stateswide manner on this important subject, do hereby set apart MONDAY, JULY 5, 1943, the day on which Independence Day will be most generally observed throughout the state, as NORTH CAROLINA DAY OF DEDICATION, and I urge that in the county seat of every county in North Carolina there will be held a meeting to be attended by mayors, county commissioners, sheriffs, police officers, ministers, farm leaders, health and welfare workers and other public spirited citizens, for the purpose of studying conditions in each of such counties and taking such organized steps as will effectually end any idleness or loafing that may exist in such counties.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, J. Melville Broughton, Governor of North Carolina, have signed and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed hereto, in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, this the 23rd day of June, 1943, in the one hundred and sixty-seventh year of our American Independence.

*J. Melville Broughton*  
J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON,  
Governor

By the Governor: *Allston Stubbs*  
Allston Stubbs,  
Secretary to the Governor

## Governor Calls Upon All Idle Men and Women to Go to Work as Patriotic Duty

### No One in America Has Any Moral Right to Loaf Even Part Time, He Says

Designating Monday, July 5, as "North Carolina Day of Dedication," Governor J. M. Broughton on Wednesday issued a proclamation, calling upon the citizens of the State to observe Independence Day by seeing that every able-bodied person is employed productively upon a full-time basis. The Governor expressed confidence that the people will respond to the need for a full utilization of manpower and womanpower but declared: "If other efforts fail, I shall feel it my duty to use the emergency powers granted to me by the recent Legislature for dealing with these problems so vital to our national welfare."

Commenting on the Governor's proclamation, Mayor W. D. Matthews, said he did not believe conditions are as bad in Southern Pines as in some other section but pledged full cooperation of all local agencies with the Governor and the Manpower Commission to round up idlers and put them to work.

"Work is no longer a privilege or an opportunity; it is a high patriotic duty," said the Governor. "The time has come when every able-bodied person, of whatever financial, social or racial status, should be either fighting or working." He said he had received reports of thousands of men, both white and colored, either not working at all or working only part of the time. He called upon ministers, teachers and

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## REUNION

Former Pinehurst High School boys, representing three branches of the service, held a hometown reunion somewhere in the Aleutian Islands one Sunday not long ago. The two soldiers and sailor present were Lt. W. P. Morton, Jr., a bomber pilot in the Army Air Force; Pvt. Archie A. McDonald, Jr., U. S. Army, and Petty Officer Fred Fields, USN.

## W. Southern Pines to Have USO Center

### Director is Here to Arrange for Facilities for Negro Soldiers

Arrangements have been made for a part of the Catholic school building in West Southern Pines to be used as a USO center for Negro soldiers with a Negro director in charge. Jefferson Eason, who arrived in town Monday to take active charge, has been calling on officers at Camp Mackall and contacting leaders preparatory to opening the Center as soon as possible. The USO will put in new equipment.

The office, library, a class room and one hall which are to be used will provide space for a snack bar, a dance hall and places for reading and writing. Shower baths are to be installed on the outside.

The building is well located and is said to be in nice clean condition.

## JUMPING EDITOR

Most all editors know what it is to be on the jump, but not to the extent as does First Lt. George B. Eldridge, editor of "GERONIMO," weekly paper published by the 501st Parachute Infantry at Camp Mackall.

Jumping Editor Eldridge dashed into the PILOT office to give his o.k. to the "GERONIMO" run on the press, rushed back to Camp Mackall and made his 40th jump Wednesday, and was back just as Herman L. Epps pulled the switch on The Pilot's high speed Meihle Verticle press.

## Local Negro Man Meets Tragic Death

### Train Crew Reports Striking Something; Mangled Body of G. E. Brown is Found

The train crew of the Seaboard's Silver Meteor, passing Southern Pines at 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning, informed the depot operators that the train had struck something just north of Manly.

Investigation disclosed the mangled remains of George Edward Brown, colored, in the ditch alongside the tracks.

The victim was a resident of West Southern Pines, aged 59 years, and an employee at Camp Mackall. He leaves a family of ten.

## REALLY OPENING

Postponed for a week, owing to unforeseen delays, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spurgin now announce the opening of the Carolina Cafe for Saturday, June 26th. The new restaurant is located in the former bowling alley on East Broad street, Southern Pines.

## USO Takes Over SP Civic Club Building and Opens it as Center for Service Men

### NEW SCHOOL HEAD



B. G. SHORT

B. G. Short, who for the past seven years has been principal of the Rich Square Schools, has accepted the principalship of the Cameron Schools for the coming year. Mr. Short is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College and Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone. He has had twelve years experience as a teacher, being connected with the Biscoe and Star schools before going to Rich Square. He plans to move to Cameron the first of August. Mr. Short is married and has a five-year-old daughter, Betty Joan. He succeeds W. A. Beal as principal.

## Important Meeting of Taxi Owners and Drivers June 29th

### Meeting Will Be Held at 10:30 Tuesday at S. P. Country Club

There will be a meeting of all Southern Pines taxicab operators and their drivers on Tuesday, June 29, at 11:30 a. m., at the Southern Pines Country Club, it was announced today by L. F. Manneschildt, district manager of the Charlotte office of the Office of Defense Transportation.

The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint all taxicab operators and their drivers with the rules and regulations governing the operation of taxicabs and the curtailment of all unnecessary and waste mileage. Special attention will be given to the discussion of problems connected with the operation of taxis in this section.

It is urgently requested by the Office of Defense Transportation that all taxi owners and drivers attend the meeting. W. Duncan Matthews, Mayor of Southern Pines, and other city officials will be present.

## "Make and Mend for Victory" is Slogan

### 4-H Club Girls Patch and Remodel So That New Cloth May Be Saved for Soldiers

"Fix it up . . . Wear it out . . . Make it over . . . Do without."

That's what hundreds of thousands of 4-H Clothing Club girls throughout the nation are doing to help win the war. In short, the girls are remodeling or patching up not only their own clothes, but those of their fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers, so that new cloth will be saved. (Continued on Page 8)

## GOING TO FLY

Patch's, acting as a collecting agency for the War Products Board, has shipped to Green Island, N. Y., 165 pounds of silk stockings.

These 3,000 pairs of hose will go into the manufacture of parachutes for the Army, having been contributed for that purpose by patriotic women of the Sandhills.

## Mrs. Flehme is Here to Arrange Program and Organize Hostesses

Mrs. Ernest Flehme, personnel director of the Women's Division of National Catholic Community Service, has arrived in Southern Pines to supervise the USO activities in the Civic Club building, recently acquired from the Board of Trustees of the Club for USO purposes.

Mrs. Flehme will have charge of the arrangement of the program for the entertainment of soldiers. She will organize groups of volunteer senior and junior hostesses to assist in carrying out the program.

The Civic Club opened its doors to service men during the Carolina Maneuvers of 1941, with weekly dances and cafeteria dinners, everything donated by club members and other local citizens.

In October, 1942, the building was taken over by the American Red Cross Canteen Corps, making it available at all times to service men.

Since February the same work has been carried on by club members, the building known as the "Soldiers Lounge" and supported by voluntary contributions of services and funds.

The Southern Pines Town Council, church and civic organizations have for months realized that with the constantly growing influx of soldiers there was a great need for a regular center, and for months a committee has been urging the USO to establish more adequate soldier facilities here. A month ago the Civic Club building was leased at \$1.00 per year for this purpose.

Mrs. Flehme explained that in order for a young woman to qualify as a junior hostess she must be at least 18 years of age and out of high school. A course of five lectures on the work will be given, and hostesses will receive credit for the number of hours worked in the Center. Senior hostesses will serve at the information desk, snack bar, and as a hospitality committee, with Juniors assisting under their supervision.

The USO will make the necessary improvements in the arrangements of the building without closing the doors to the soldiers.

## FOR SERVICE MEN

The following is a list of places where accommodations for service men are available:

**BROWNSON MEMORIAL CHURCH, Presbyterian**  
40 cots, showers. No bedding; some furniture.

Kitchen facilities; including stove, refrigerator. Do not furnish food at present.  
Open Saturday nights. Someone in charge.

**CHURCH OF WIDE FELLOW-SHIP, Congregational**  
A few cots, one day-bed in living room. Showers.  
Game room, ping-pong table. Reading room, magazines, piano, 2 writing desks.  
Open every day. No one in charge.

**CIVIC CLUB**  
No cots, no showers.  
Lounge, piano, magazines, writing tables.  
Doughnuts and coffee served Open every day. Someone in charge in the evenings.  
(Being taken over this week by USO.)

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
50 cots, bedding, showers.  
Large, comfortable reading room. Writing facilities.  
Kitchen facilities. Simple refreshments supplied.  
Open all the time. Someone in charge Saturday nights.  
(On Saturdays better reserve bed early.)

**AMERICAN LEGION HUT**  
Sleeping accommodations for 30 men. Mattresses and bed-clothes. No cots.  
Writing desks, magazines.  
Coffee and doughnuts supplied.  
Open Saturday nights only. Someone in charge.