

Local USO Club Needs Hostesses to Make "Home Away From Home" for Service Men

Mrs. Flehme, USO Supervisor, Explains Duties of Hostesses, Sr. and Jr.

Hostesses—both senior and junior—are needed by the local U.S.O. Club in its endeavor to make a "home away from home" for service men.

Mrs. Ernst Flehme, now supervising U.S.O. activities at the Civic Club Building, is calling for volunteers.

Two Senior Hostesses must be on duty during club hours, these hours divided into two- and three-hour periods according to the volume of work to be handled. In order that no Senior Hostess need be on duty more than a single period per day nor an excessive number of days per week, volunteers are urged to come in and register their capabilities.

Senior Hostesses supervise club hospitality, the information desk, arrange club entertainment, and cooperate with people offering the hospitality of private homes to the service men.

Mrs. Flehme states that hostesses—Senior and Junior—are not expected to cook food nor to wash dishes, this work being handled by paid employees of the Snack Bar. Duty periods are from 2 to 5 p.m.; 5 to 7 p.m.; 7 to 9 p.m.; 9 to 11 p.m. except on Saturdays when this final period lasts until 12, midnight.

Junior Hostesses must be eighteen or over, and high school graduates. They work under the chaperonage and supervision of Senior Hostesses, their function being the entertainment of service men as dancing partners, joining in games, music, and so forth. They are expected to assist Senior Hostesses at the information desk, in arranging programs, and in keeping the clubroom neat and tidy.

All hostesses receive credit for hours spent on duty, their reward for conscientious effort being an U.S.O. pin.

Mrs. Flehme invites Army Women, including those who expect to be in this vicinity for only short periods, to offer their aid as hostesses or clerical workers.

Enjoyable and worthwhile entertainment can be provided by the U.S.O. for visiting service men and those stationed nearby only in direct ratio to the response to this call for volunteers by high-calibered girls and women. All those willing to contribute a few hours each week for the sake of service men are asked to register at the Civic Club Building.

At present the full burden of providing recreation is being carried by the women who maintained the Soldier's Lounge.

Men, also, are desired by the U.S.O. to act as hosts.

WOMEN OF THE SEA

Jim Boyd, Jr., who is in the Coast Guard, says that he visited a Russian merchant ship in an unnamed port not so long ago accompanied by a Russian-speaking friend. He found that the second officer, the second engineer, the quartermaster, the cook and several deck hands were women, eight in all. He says several of them were handsome and all were sturdy and strong. They were friendly, he reports, but all business, as was natural since they were on the dreaded Murmansk run.

Must have made some of our girls look a little soft and frivolous for these days we're in.

RECORD IS SMOKED

Given another day and the Southern Pines Fire Department could have had a clean slate without an alarm for the month of June. But a smoky oil stove in the basement of the old Central Hotel, a landmark of Pennsylvania avenue, willed otherwise. Shortly before five o'clock Tuesday afternoon the month's record was broken as the siren sounded, calling out both pieces of apparatus. There was no damage, except from smoke.

Commissioned



LT. JAMES B. SWETT, JR.

James B. Swett, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Swett of Southern Pines, has been awarded his wings and commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces following graduation from the advanced flying school at Marfa, Texas. Lt. Swett is a graduate of Southern Pines High School and State College.

Number of Taxicabs Operating Here to Be Drastically Cut

Ten-Mile Driving Limit Will Be Rigidly Enforced, Operators Are Told

All taxicabs licensed by the Town of Southern Pines since September 1, 1942, will have to be withdrawn from service, a group of thirty-odd taxi drivers and town officials were told by L. F. Manneschildt, district manager of the Charlotte office of ODT, at a meeting held Tuesday morning at the Southern Pines Country Club. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint taxicab operators with rules governing the operation of taxicabs and the curtailment of unnecessary mileage.

He said that the Charlotte Office of Defense Transportation was going to rigidly enforce the regulation governing the ten-mile driving limit, and that operation between Southern Pines and Camp Mackall was definitely out. He disclosed that they had arranged with the Commanding Officer at Camp Mackall for from eight to ten additional buses to be put on to care for the transportation of soldiers between the camp and Southern Pines, leaving no necessity for the use of taxicabs. Out of the thirty-odd cabs in use, at the present, there will be a curtailment of approximately eleven cabs.

Reading ODT order No. 20, Mr. Manneschildt stated that all taxicabs would have to have the name of the owner or company and telephone number painted on the side of the car in order that it may be identified at any time. He said that windshield cards were out.

He informed the cab drivers that it was not the intention of the ODT to place additional hardship upon taxi operators, but the gas situation is so critical, that all unnecessary driving to places of amusement, night clubs, and cruising for business would have to be stopped at once, otherwise the operators will be denied their gas allotment.

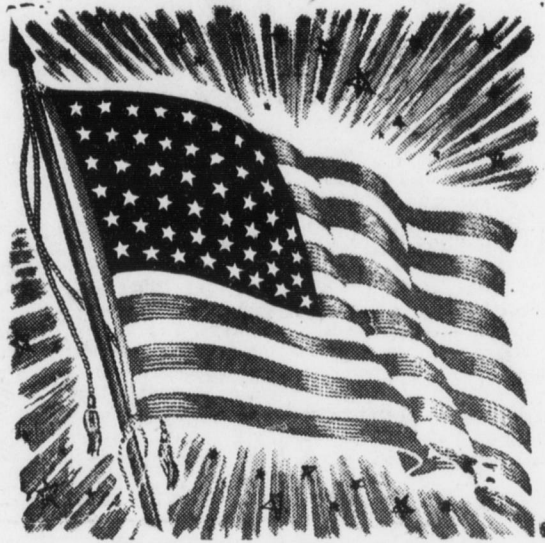
In conclusion, Mr. Manneschildt asked the whole-hearted cooperation of each of the taxi men and the city officials in carrying out the request of the government.

Following the meeting here, he met in the afternoon with Mayor Forrest Lockey and officials of Aberdeen.

SPECIAL MEETING

E. H. Garrison, county agent, has announced a meeting in the Courthouse at 2:30 p.m., July 5, in connection with the Governor's Day of Dedication. Anyone who wishes may attend.

Worth Fighting For



Emblem of Freedom

City-Wide Closing Monday Honoring the 167th Anniversary of Our Nation's Birth

In a wide-spread movement to honor the one hundred and sixty-seventh anniversary of our Nation's birth, nearly every business establishment in Southern Pines will close on Monday, July 5th.

Brooks, franjeans and Tots' Toggery will also observe the regular Wednesday closing, but all other firms listed below as closing on Monday will be open for business on Wednesday, July 7th. The stores which regularly close on Wednesdays will begin again on Wednesday, July 14th.

A & P, Atkinson's, ABC Store, Brooks, P.T. Barnum, Inc., Bill's Shoe Shop, Baker's Food Store, Cit-

izens Bank & Trust Co., A. H. Bogart, Brown & Clark, Carolina Power & Light Co., Chandler Greenhouses, Carolina Gardens, Central Carolina Telephone Co., Chiswell's Coffee Shop, Carter's Laundry, Dorn's, franjeans, Hardware & Electric Co., Mrs. Hayes Shop, Modern Market, Mack's 5 & 10, Masonic Temple Barber Shop, McNeill & Co., McNeill's Service Station, Melvin's Midland Dress Shop, Allie McIntosh, A. S. Newcomb, L. V. O'Callaghan, Pender's Patch's Dept. Store, Page Garage, The Pilot, Sinclair Service Station, Shaw Paint Co., Southern Pines Warehouses, E. C. Stevens, Toggery, Texaco Service Station, Valet, Welch Gift Shop.

Loafing Situation To Be Discussed

Poole Calls Meeting at Courthouse at 3 O'Clock Monday, 5th

In connection with a program of meetings throughout the State on Monday, July 5 in observance of the Governor's Day of Dedication, J. Hawley Poole of West End, designated by the Governor to sponsor the program in Moore County, is calling a meeting for 3:00 p.m. Monday, July 5, at the Courthouse in Carthage, to plan a program for the county.

Business and farm leaders, ministers, police officers, sheriffs and their forces, members of Selective Service, OCD and OPA boards and all public spirited citizens are urged to attend.

It is hoped that plans may be made for utilizing the entire available labor supply.

LIGHTNING'S TRICKS

A recent bolt of lightning ran along the wires of Ernest Ives' dewberry patch and destroyed an acre of vines. Mr. Ives figures he lost about a hundred crates at from four to seven dollars a crate.

Lightning also killed a white-face bull calf which was under a tree in W. O. Moss' pasture lot.

On Arch Blue's farm near Vass the lightning struck a pine tree and a cow in a nearby lot was badly stunned, but she recovered.

MUTUAL ADMIRATION

Demure, yet trim and military in their uniforms, the recruiting contingent of the Women's Auxiliary Corps departed from Southern Pines Saturday afternoon.

Headed by Lt. Mary H. Wilson of Selma, Ala., Auxiliary Bess Mabius of Gary, Ind., Esther Wood of Altoona, Pa., and Margaret Crall of Akron, O., but now of Fort Bragg had spent Friday and part of Saturday in Southern Pines for the purpose of interviewing applicants for enlistment in their Corps.

All voiced their interest in the town and its surroundings and freely praised the beautiful trees and shrubbery.

Using Gasoline for Pleasure Is a Mild Form of Sabotage, Kiwanians Are Told

In Arctic Region



SGT. RALPH E. THOMAS

Sgt. Ralph E. Thomas, brother of Joe Thomas of Southern Pines and son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Thomas of Jackson Springs has recently spent a furlough in Moore County following overseas duty. The photograph was made in the Arctic area. Thomas is a graduate of Candor High School.

Rent Control Office Appeals to Tenants for Cooperation

Asks Aid in Checking On Registration of Dwelling Units

The local Area Rent Control office issued an appeal today to all tenants to cooperate with that office in checking up on the registration of all dwelling units in the Southern Pines defense area. Franklin S. Clark, attorney and director, stated that the registration for all regular housing accommodations had been completed, and that all copies of registration blanks had been returned to landlords and tenants.

Mr. Clark explained the procedure as follows: One copy of each registration blank is returned to the landlord, and one copy is returned to the tenant. Every person who rents any living accommodations should have received a tenant's copy by this time, or should have been shown and requested to sign his landlord's copy.

New tenants who have moved in since the tenant's copies were mailed out will not receive them. For this reason the regulations provide that the landlord must retain his landlord's copy, show it to the new tenant, have the new tenant sign on the back of it in the space provided therefor, and also have the new tenant sign a change of tenancy form. The change of tenancy form is a separate piece of paper. The landlord should bring or mail this change of tenancy notice to the Rent Control office at Southern Pines in the Hart Building. Forms are furnished by the Rent Control office. The landlord should not return his original landlord's copy of his registration.

Where the housing accommodations have been rented for the first time since May 1, 1943, the landlord is given 30 days after renting in which to register. Landlords are urged to register as soon within this 30-day period as possible.

Any tenants who have not received tenant's copies of registration forms should immediately contact the Rent Control office, telephone 5272.

BANKS CLOSED 5TH

The Citizens Bank & Trust Company in Southern Pines and the Bank of Pinehurst with its Aberdeen and Carthage branches will observe Monday, July 5, as a holiday. The Southern Pines postoffice will not observe the holiday.

District Manager ODT Predicts Acute Shortage Within Six Months

By Howard F. Burns

L. F. Manneschildt, district manager of the Charlotte Office of Defense Transportation, Wednesday told the Kiwanis Club at its luncheon at the Holly Inn, Pinehurst, that the gas situation on the Eastern Seaboard is expected to get much worse.

He told the club that General Doolittle's squadron of bombers uses more gasoline on one flight, than the entire city of Baltimore uses in twenty-four hours, and that our gas supply from the Eastern pipe lines is being shipped by tankers to our armed forces in England and Africa.

He stated that the quota for the Eastern Seaboard has been set at 326,000 barrels daily for civilian consumption. We have been using at the rates of 350,000 barrels, but the supply is simply not available and will have to be cut. Mr. Manneschildt predicted an acute shortage within the coming six months.

The speaker told his listeners that the continuous usage of gasoline for unnecessary pleasure driving was a mild form of sabotage.

He also told the club that there is a severe shortage of the best grade of rubber for trucks, pointing out that his office is in charge of truck, bus and taxicab operations. At the present time, there are only 600 new heavy duty trucks available to the trucking interests, while on the other hand, there are applicants for 15,000 heavy duty trucks. He stated the War Production Board had released enough steel to manufacture an additional 7,500 trucks, but it would be next Spring before these trucks would be available to the trucking interests. There are on hand 10,000 light duty trucks, and 15,000 middle weight trucks.

Mr. Manneschildt said that Joseph B. Eastman, director of Defense Transportation, has insisted that all truck owners keep an accurate record of all mileage of operation as well as load capacity, and he informed the club that many truck owners were astonished, since the check-up of the mileage saved meant money in their pockets.

In conclusion, he stated that reclaimed rubber is now available for civilian use, but that synthetic production is being consumed by the armed forces and it would be next Spring before this type rubber is available to the public.

The speaker was introduced by Ralph Chandler, chairman of the program committee. Carl Thompson, manager of the Rent Control Board of Moore County, was inducted as a new member by Judge J. Vance Rowe and Dr. Thaddeus A. Cheatham.

Rotary Club Meets

The regular weekly meeting of the Southern Pines Rotary Club are now held at Magnolia Lodge at 12:30 p.m. each Friday.

The regular weekly meetings of were Lt. Mary H. Wilson and her assistant, Aux. Esther Wood, of the WAACs, and Joseph T. Stritter and Mrs. Ernst Flehme of the USO.

Mr. Stritter and Mrs. Flehme explained their aims and plans and said that their quarters in the Civic Club were already being visited by many, especially on week-ends, when the number has reached 175. A still greater number is expected over the Fourth. Mrs. Flehme pointed out that the soldiers were always glad to see civilians there and that all are cordially invited.

Will YOU Help

The Red Cross Sewing Rooms will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 10 to 12 o'clock. Mrs. Edith Mudgett has announced, and all women who are willing to help in sewing and mending are urged to be there. The greater part of the work is for Camp Mackall Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Thornton
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