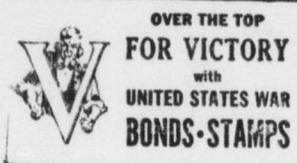
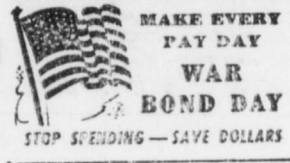


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TEN CENTS

O. H. Stutts, 51, of Pinehurst Dies of Injuries Sustained in Car Accident on Airport-Carthage Highway Monday Night

Business Man and Organizer, He Was a Leading Citizen of Sandhills

News of the death of O. Harrison Stutts of Pinehurst, which occurred at the Moore County Hospital at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday from injuries sustained in an automobile accident early Monday night, cast a pall of sorrow over the entire Sandhills.

Details of the accident, which occurred on the Knollwood Airport-Carthage road are meagre. It is said that an approaching car blinded Mr. Stutts, causing him to run partly off the pavement on the right side, then in attempting to right the car he swung too far and ran off the other side of the road into a sandbed. Mr. Stutts sustained a brain concussion and chest injuries and did not regain consciousness. With him was Tom Nail of Southern Pines, who received less severe injuries.

The body lay in state at the Sandhills Funeral Home, Southern Pines, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, where many sorrowing friends called to pay final respect.

The funeral service was held from Holland Funeral Home, Franklin, Va., at 1:30 Thursday afternoon.

Orlando Harrison Stutts was born in Rockingham 51 years ago, his parents being the late Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Stutts. He started in business at Lakeview about 30 years ago, then bought a store at Vass. He later acquired the Thomas Hardware Store in Southern Pines and after operating this for some time went to Pinehurst to run a hardware business for Leonard Tufts in the Norfolk-Southern Railway freight building, later organizing the Pinehurst Warehouse Company and moving to the present large building.

After several years he purchased the hardware business of the Pinehurst Warehouses, which he operated as the Stutts Supply Company.

Mr. Stutts organized the Patuxent Development Company of Pinehurst and with George T. Dunlap of Pinehurst and the late S. Y. Ramage of Oil City, Philadelphia, bought the Pine Needles property, of which he was chief executive until it was leased to the government. Since that time he had been employed by the army maintenance department.

Possessing a brilliant mind, acute business judgment and a personality that made friends easily, he was one of the outstanding men of the Sandhills and will long be remembered as one of the most useful citizens who has ever resided in Pinehurst.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Hilda Lawrence of Franklin, Va.; a son, Joseph Harrison Stutts; two brothers, R. A. Stutts of Lakeview and Vass and Blaine Stutts of South Carolina, and one sister, Mrs. Enzie Seawell of Lemon Springs.

IN DAD'S FOOTSTEPS

Robert Rosser, elder son of Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Rosser of Vass, was one of the recent successful candidates for license to practice medicine, according to a list in Sunday's News and Observer of those passing the State examination. He is serving his internship at Watt's Hospital in Durham.

Dr. Rosser made a splendid record while in the Vass-Lakeview high school, and continued the good work at Davidson College, the University of North Carolina and the Medical College of the University of South Carolina. Like his dad, he is a "fiddling doctor," being very talented in music and having studied under Prof. F. H. Ponish, formerly of Maxton, now of Winston-Salem, for a number of years.

SUGG PURCHASES PROPERTY
Richard L. Sugg has purchased for his own occupancy the former Benson Bungalow on Massachusetts avenue from the present owner Howard Burns.

Local Draft Board Announces Names of 25 Recent Inductees

Three Southern Pines Men in Group Passing Examinations July 21

Three young Southern Pines men, Louis Edward Scheipers, Jr., Stephen Monroe Osborne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Osborne, and Daniel Lamont Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd, were in the number of white men who passed their final physical examinations at Fort Bragg on July 21 and were inducted into the service, according to the latest release from Local Board No. 1 of Moore County. The complete list follows:

In the Army—
Aberdeen: Albert Caddell.
Cameron: Robert Esker Lineberry, Jr., Karl Edwin Loving.
Carthage: Patrick Hill McDonald, Jr., Gilbert McLeod Bailey, Thomas Grady Presley.

Eagle Springs: Roy Harris Brown, James Claude Underwood.
Hemp: Burke Garvin Williams, Raymond Green Williams, Route 1.
Pinehurst: James Walter Black, Edwin Homer Gilliland, Charles Jackson Taylor.

Southern Pines: Daniel Lamont Boyd, Stephen Monroe Osborne, Louis Edward Scheipers, Jr.
Star: Enoch Jason Freeman, Jr., Route 1.
Vass: A. V. Autrey, Jr., West End; George Crawford Robbins.

In the Navy—
Aberdeen: Richard Turner Harris.
Carthage: Leroy Bean, Route 2.
Eagle Springs: Zeb Benjamin Morgan, Route 1.
Hemp: William Garland Williams.
West End: Maurice Alexander McKenzie, Route 1.

In the Coast Guard—
Cameron: Eugene Bruce Cameron, Route 1.

Baby's Tragic Death Causes Sorrow Here

Son of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Johnson Drowns at Shadow Lake in New Hampshire

The distressing news of the death of Volter B., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Volter B. Johnson, at Shadow Lake, N. H., last Saturday afternoon comes as a shock to the many Southern Pines friends of the young couple.

V. B. (Jack) Johnson, formerly associated with the management of the Paddock, and his wife, the former Miss Louise Scheipers of Southern Pines, were vacationing in New Hampshire. It is understood that their little son, who would have been two years old in September, unobserved for a few minutes got down to the water and drowned.

WELFARE COMMITTEE ELECTS OFFICERS

Officers elected for the coming year at the annual meeting of the Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee held in Carthage at the home of Mrs. F. H. Underwood are: Mrs. Malcolm Kemp of Pinebluff, chairman; Mrs. Walter MacNeille of Pinebluff, 1st vice-chairman; Mrs. James Boyd of Southern Pines, 2nd vice-chairman; Mrs. Wilbur Currie of Carthage, executive secretary; Mrs. F. H. Underwood of Carthage, treasurer; Mrs. Guy Whittall of Southern Pines, secretary.

SCHOOLS OPEN AUGUST 31

Schools of the Moore County system are scheduled to open for the fall term on Tuesday, August 31, according to an announcement by County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas.

IN THE ARMY



PVT. LELAND McKEITHEN

The young man above needs no introduction to the people of this section, as everyone knows "Leland." But for the benefit of newcomers, he is Pvt. W. A. Leland McKeithen of the Field Artillery at Fort Bragg. He was inducted into the Army the first of February, at which time he laid aside his work as county solicitor to help win the war. Pvt. McKeithen is a graduate of Davidson College and Duke University Law School. Before induction he resided at Pinehurst. His wife is now living with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McKeithen, at Aberdeen.

BAND CONCERT

A musical treat is in store for local people Sunday afternoon when the 501st Parachute Infantry Band gives a concert in the City Park from 4:00 to 5:00 o'clock. Those who heard a recent concert by this organization were loud in their praise. Turn to page 5 and meet the band boys.

New Teacherage for Aberdeen Approved

Board Also Votes to Allot Money for Repair of Vass-Lakeview Roof

The sale of the old teacherage on Sycamore street in Aberdeen and the purchase of another lot and building on Poplar street for use as a teacherage were approved by the Moore County School Board at the monthly meeting held last week in the office of the county superintendent at Carthage.

The new building is located on the lot adjoining the property already owned by the school for use as a home for its principal. Use of funds of the Aberdeen Special tax district for repairs to the teacherage was approved, and the superintendent was asked to have the fire insurance transferred at once.

Mr. Thomas was asked to get in touch with Sherwood Brockwell and get specific instructions as to what should be done to the Berkeley school to meet insurance requirements, and, upon receipt of the information, to go ahead with the repairs and alterations, not exceeding the amount of funds allowed in the 1943-44 budget.

The transfer of \$500 from the amount included in the budget for bus drivers' salaries to school building repairs was approved for use in repairing and altering the Vass-Lakeview auditorium roof.

The county superintendent was authorized to purchase agriculture and home economics equipment for the Pinckney High School, colored, at Carthage at once. This school plant was destroyed by fire last spring.

Present at the meeting were D. D. McCrimmon, L. B. McKeithen, F. D. Farrell and County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas.

SLIGHT DAMAGE FROM FIRE AT PINECREST MANOR

The Southern Pines firemen were called to Pinecrest Manor, south of the city, at 10:45 o'clock Tuesday night, where a smoldering mattress on a bed in a second-story room of the executive building was extinguished without property damage.

U.S.O. Is Providing Fine Entertainment for Negro Soldiers

Plan for Using Catholic School Abandoned; Still Hope for Club Building

Although the previously announced plan of using a part of the Catholic school building in West Southern Pines as a U.S.O. Club for Negro soldiers has been given up, a program of entertainment is fast being whipped into shape by Director Jefferson Eason, with two programs already successfully given, according to Lawrence B. Avison, area director of Y.M.C.A. operated U.S.O. Clubs surrounding Camp Mackall and Laurinburg-Maxton Air Base. Eason, a southern Negro who is a college graduate and well-trained director, plans to provide entertainment at least three nights each week. He has established an office in West Southern Pines across the street from James Bethea's place of business, and is already going forward with his schedule.

Last Sunday evening a musical program followed by refreshments was held under his direction at a Negro church in Pinehurst, and similar events will be given in the local Negro churches. A watermelon cutting on the grounds of the director's office was enjoyed Tuesday evening. Variety shows consisting of music, pictures and novelty numbers will be held each week at the West Southern Pines school, and these are expected to bring out some interesting talent. A big dance at Camp Mackall under U.S.O. auspices is booked for next week.

Area Director Avison gave interesting information as to the building and operation of U.S.O. Clubs and explained the change of plans in West Southern Pines.

Contrary to popular belief, the U.S.O. does not construct club buildings, Mr. Avison explained. The government through the Federal Works Administration erects the buildings and turns them over to the U.S.O. for operation.

Six different agencies cooperate in carrying on the work, yet they act as distinct agencies. They are the National Catholic Community Service, Jewish Welfare Board, Travelers' Aid, Salvation Army, Young Women's Christian Association and Young Men's Christian Association.

Any U.S.O. Club may have representatives from three or four of these agencies, but in every case one particular agency is responsible to the U.S.O. and the other representatives are classed as assistants. The U.S.O. Club for white soldiers (Please turn to Page 5)

EYE CLINIC AUG. 7

An eye clinic will be held Saturday morning, August 7, in the county welfare department in the Court House, beginning at 9:30 o'clock, Miss Pauline Covington, welfare superintendent, announces.

The clinic is mainly for old age assistance recipients, but others over 40 years of age who are unable to pay may attend. Those to whom special notices have been sent are asked to be sure to go.

AT OLD BETHESDA

Due to repair work now under way at the Aberdeen Presbyterian Church, Sunday School will be held at Old Bethesda one mile from Aberdeen August 8, with preaching service following at 11:00 a.m. This is a fine opportunity for friends of this historic church to again enjoy a service there.

RATION OFFICE HOURS

The Moore County Ration Board office in Carthage is open to the public on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and on Tuesday and Saturday from 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00 o'clock.

ON VACATION

Miss Bess Stuart, secretary to County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas, is on vacation for two weeks.

GENEROUS

Sandhill Post No. 134 of the American Legion announced receipt of two generous checks, one from Struthers Burt of Southern Pines, and another from the Anchor Packing Company of Philadelphia, Pa., for use in providing comforts for service men. Around 30 soldiers are spending week-ends in the Legion Hut. With the approach of cold weather many blankets will be needed, and these donations are most welcome.

I. W. Williamson, 72, Carthage Merchant for 40 Years, Dies

Celebrated Birthday Sunday; Funeral Was Held Tuesday at 4:00

The consideration for others which characterized the life of I. Walter Williamson, 72-year-old wholesale grocery dealer of Carthage, followed through to the tragic end which occurred around 6:15 Monday morning when this well-known and respected citizen, who was suffering from cancer of the tongue in its final stage, culminated his suffering after a final happy celebration of his birthday with a family reunion on the day before.

At his request near relatives including an only son who resides in New York were together at the Williamson home Sunday. Early the next morning the household was stunned at what they saw after hearing a pistol shot ring out. Thoughtful in the matter of causing as little inconvenience as possible in what he was about to do, the suffering man had placed magazines beneath his body and lain in the bath tub to fire a bullet through his heart. He is reported to have left a farewell letter for each member of the family.

Funeral service was held at the home at 4:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon conducted by the Rev. W. G. Farrar, Methodist minister, and interment was in Cross Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Williamson had engaged in the mercantile business in Carthage for over 40 years, first as a retail and later as a wholesale dealer, and had been quite successful. He had recently become physically unable to go to his store, which was located across the street from the court house. He had the reputation of being exceptionally good to his employees.

A well-read man, Mr. Williamson was an interesting conversationalist and had many friends. Business houses of Carthage closed during the funeral hour as a token of respect.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ada Humber Williamson; one daughter, Miss Rozelle Williamson, of the home; one son, W. Harold Williamson of New York City, assistant cashier of Chase National Bank; one brother, J. B. Williamson, and two sisters, Misses Mamie and Blennie Williamson, all of Carthage, and a grandson, Lee B. Williamson, of Carthage.

AMERICAN LEGION

Sandhills Post No. 134 of the American Legion will hold an important meeting from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday, August 9, which all members are urged to attend. One purpose of the meeting is to discuss the raising of funds for fixing up the Hut to make it more comfortable for the soldiers who are spending week-ends there, and for taking care of them during the winter months.

The membership drive will be formally opened, also. This will be the first meeting under the leadership of the new commander, John H. Stevenson.

VISITS PARENTS

Charles S. Patch, Jr., arrived Wednesday night from Maxwell Field, Ala., on a 5-day furlough to visit his parents.

NO WATER YET

The Aberdeen Lake, which was drained several days ago, has not yet been filled.

County Board Sets Tentative Tax Rate at 75 Cents on \$100

17-Cent Increase Based on Expected 50 Per Cent Drop in ABC Revenue

A tentative budget for the County of Moore which places the tax rate at 75 cents on the \$100 valuation was adopted by the county commissioners at their regular meeting Monday and will be presented in full to the public through the press next week. The present rate is 58 cents.

This 17-cent net increase is due to the curtailment of revenue from the ABC Stores which is estimated to be approximately \$60,000. While such curtailment of revenue would involve an additional tax rate of approximately 30 cents, the county at this time is able to draw on reserve funds to offset the loss of such revenue to a certain extent, it is explained, thereby increasing the rate only 17 cents. Increased cost of supplies and services places an additional burden on the budget.

The curtailment of ABC revenue is due to the inability of the ABC Board to buy merchandise as it has heretofore, the distillers having converted their facilities to the war effort last November.

Moore being without a county doctor at present, Dr. C. T. Grier of Carthage was appointed acting county physician for the jail and county home.

A delegation representing Jackson Springs, Addor and Cameron appeared before the commissioners to advocate the closing of beer joints in the county on Sundays. The Rev. W. H. Brown was spokesman for Jackson Springs and Addor and the Rev. W. G. Farrar, for Cameron.

Representatives from the districts concerned were present to request the improvement by State machinery of a branch road from the Glendon Road to the Prosperity community in upper Moore County. There was also an effort to have the State take over and maintain three miles of road from Will Seward's farm to Lakeview by way of R. A. Smith's place.

E. L. Williams was appointed constable for Mineral Springs township. Resolutions of respect to Charlie Dunlap, chief deputy sheriff who died recently, were ordered, to be written by M. G. Boyette.

Report on Surgical Dressings Is Given

Work in County is Boosted by Splendid Cooperation of Wives of Service Men

In July the Moore County Surgical Dressing Rooms in Carthage, Aberdeen, Pinebluff, Pinehurst and Southern Pines made 10,000 2x2 dressings, 3,600 4x8's and more than 9,000 4x4's, for the Surgeon General of the United States Army, according to figures released this week by Mrs. E. V. Hughes, county chairman of surgical dressing work for the Red Cross.

In addition, for the hospital at Camp Mackall, Pinehurst made 4,867 dressings, Southern Pines, 1,101 and Aberdeen 1,075. This was a special project resulting from Camp Mackall needs.

The Pinebluff and Carthage work rooms closed with the completion of these quotas as their local women who were not on vacation were busy with gardens and canning.

Work rooms at Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Southern Pines are a hum with activity as army wives with few home responsibilities have turned out in large numbers, averting what could have developed into a midsummer crisis. A local chairman and supervisors are grateful to them for their loyal service. Mrs. Hughes said.

This week the Moore County chapter shipped six cartons of dressings made during the last three months to one of the army supply depots. These cartons contained 60,000 2x2 dressings, 27,000 4x4 dressings, and 3,600 4x8's.