

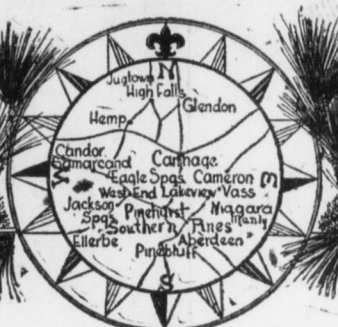
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MAKE EVERY PAY DAY WAR BOND DAY STOP SPENDING—SAVE DOLLARS



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Mrs. Wilbur Currie Passes in Carthage After Long Illness

County Loses One of Its Best Loved and Most Valuable Women

Mrs. Elizabeth Woltz Currie, wife of Wilbur H. Currie, State Senator from Moore County and chairman of the County Board of Commissioners for many years, passed away at her home in Carthage early Wednesday morning after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Currie taught in the English department of Belmont High School, prior to her marriage on June 15, 1912 to Wilbur Hoke Currie of Carthage.

Because of her pioneer activities in Maternal Welfare Work, Mrs. Currie has received State and National recognition. She organized and directed for many years the Moore County Maternity Clinic, the outstanding services of which not only served as a pattern in the State, but attracted the attention of humanitarian editors of some of the nation's leading periodicals.

Mrs. Currie's activities covered a wide field of interests. She organized the Girl Scout troops in Carthage, and was active as Scout leader for many years and as Council member even after her illness began.

Mrs. Currie, since her marriage, was an active member of the Presbyterian Church. She served at different times as Presbyterial Secretary of Young Peoples' Work, teacher of a Bible Class in Sunday School, and in other phases of church work.

Mrs. Currie's foremost characteristic was her devotion to her family. As the mother of five active children, her endeavors in directing her children's interests and activities were ceaseless. Just as tireless were her services to others. Even after she became ill in recent months, she continued her unselfish interests in others.

The depth of Mrs. Currie's religious convictions was reflected in the beauty of her life. Besides her husband and children, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. A. E. Woltz of Raleigh; two brothers, Dr. John H. E. Woltz of Philadel-

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NEW PARTNER



CLEMENT BYRD Clement Byrd of Raleigh, who recently joined the staff of Broad Street Pharmacy in Southern Pines as a prescription druggist, has now purchased a half interest in the Southern Pines Pharmacy from H. S. Fox.

Mr. Byrd, an alumnus of the University of North Carolina, was formerly a drug inspector and for some time was connected with the Scott Drug Company, Charlotte, as chemist. He will now manage and dictate the policy of the Pharmacy. Mr. Byrd is a registered druggist, specializing in prescriptions.

Fred S. Underwood of Carthage Passes

Funeral for Prominent Highway Man Is Held at Presbyterian Church

Fred S. Underwood, 42, highway maintenance supervisor for Moore County, died at his home in Carthage early Saturday morning after a heart attack. He had been afflicted with a heart ailment for several months.

Mr. Underwood had attended to his duties Saturday and had entertained callers in his home in the evening, prior to the fatal attack.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the Carthage Presbyterian Church with a crowd much larger than the building could accommodate attending. Burial was in Cross Hill Cemetery.

A native of Moore County, Mr. Underwood had been connected with the State Highway Commission for the past 22 years. For several years he was district engineer with offices in Sanford. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was held in high esteem throughout the county.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Margaret Brown Underwood; two children, Charles and Peggy Jean; a brother, C. C. Underwood; and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Hill and Miss Catherine Underwood of Eagle Springs.

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 8

Notre Dame Academy, boarding and day school, conducted by the Sisters of Notre Dame, will begin its new term September 8, at its location on Young's Road. The Academy includes eight grammar grades for boys and girls only. Bus service is provided for students of Southern Pines and Pinehurst who attend the day school.

The school, situated on Young's Road, offers advantages of outdoor life, with tennis courts, swimming pool, and a lake for boating facilities.

MCDONALD ON FURLOUGH Lyle D. McDonald, Jr., recently promoted to pharmacists' mate first class, is here on furlough from Charleston, S. C. He has recently returned from a trip to Casa Blanca, Cuba, Trinidad and Bermuda. He will be here until Saturday.

HELD OVER

Due to lack of space, the tabulation of PILOT questionnaires is being held over until next week, at which time Mrs. Ogilvie's report will be given. The response was splendid and the cooperation of the army wives is appreciated.

Letter Containing Details of Death of Son Is Received by the Jackson Boyds

Capt. Jackson H. Boyd, of Camp Lejeune, New River, and Mrs. Boyd have just received details of the death of their son, Seaman John Boyd, who died last November 15 on Tulagi, one of the Solomon Islands, following his fifth major naval engagement. The account is contained in a letter from Lt. H. M. White, which we reprint in full:

"Dear Captain and Mrs. Boyd: "I realize full well how tardy this letter is. I wanted, when I wrote it, to be able to tell a few details of what happened, and unfortunately had to wait for permission for some time. Then it was my hope that since I was on the East Coast, and would probably be soon near your locale it would be much better to try to visit you personally, and answer all your questions much better than by letter. However, the main reason for wanting to see you in person, was to deliver by hand all of John's personal effects that were saved, namely a bill-fold containing \$117.00, plus some clippings and personal papers. Unhappily, during our short stay in Charleston I got no opportunity to leave the city. I beg your indulgence for the lateness of sending the bill-fold and this letter.

The Navy needs more men like John. You have every reason to be proud of him. John was not only my shipmate but my very good friend. We spent many long hours on watch together, and were shoulder to shoulder in all the Barton's battles. "On the night of November 12-13, a small force of American cruisers and destroyers surprised, engaged, and almost annihilated a much larger group of Japanese ships. Several of the enemy were in a sinking condition before they could fire a shot. The Barton's first target was the leading Jap ship—a battleship. We hit her with three torpedoes and about eighty shells. The destroyers ahead also connected with two torpedoes and the battleship never got a chance to use her main battery, as she listed so far she could not elevate her 14 inch guns enough. While we were still pulverizing the battle-ship's superstructure with five inch shells, an enemy heavy cruiser came between us to draw our fire, and enable the battleship to fight fire and escape.

Cruiser salvos began to pass low overhead as she opened fire on the vessel ahead, and the Barton. We immediately shifted targets and continued rapid fire. This cruiser, for some reason, known only to her captain, turned toward our column, and attempted to ram the friendly destroyer in front of us. Just before she got dangerously close, the Barton evidently connected with her main magazines, because the enemy cruiser blew up, and where she had been a few seconds ago was now just frothing water and very little floating wreckage.

By now a second Nipponese battleship appeared on the scene, and took us under fire. They illuminated with searchlights, and big shells started coming uncomfortably close. Of course we were shooting back as fast as possible. Suddenly I noticed that we were stopped, and to this day have been unable to figure out the reason, unless it was necessary to avoid ramming wreckage or another ship. There was a terrific explosion forward of the bridge, where I believe a large caliber shell struck, and almost immediately a torpedo struck amidstships, followed closely by another. The Barton sank immediately, in a matter of less than ten seconds. We had no time to abandon ship. Those who got off, floated off.

Only those few cleared the ship who were topside aft. John was back there, and after we were in the water, he was the first man I came across. The battling ships were moving rapidly away, and I was trying to get the survivors rounded up. We all had life-jackets, so staying afloat was no problem. John recognized my voice and shouted to the men and answered my call. My first idea was to organize help for the wounded men, and on inquiring of John if he was hurt, he replied, "No, just tired." He in turn took up the call, and helped in finding the wounded men. As I paddled around through the

thick surface of oil, I could hear him suggesting that we all stick together, and wait for day-light. Some of the men were insistent on swimming for the beach, which was seemingly only a few hundred yards distant, but which was actually nearer three miles. Also there was a rather strong off shore current. Few if any could possibly swim to the beach, and furthermore that part of the island nearest us was Jap held territory. Fortunately, I came across John again, with some of his buddies. In a few seconds they were paddling off, helping to spread the word to stick together, help the hurt men, and wait for daylight when I was sure we would be picked up.

"Things were very quiet now, as the firing seemed to be over. There were several burning ships in the distance which one by one exploded, and the fires died out as they sank.

"Suddenly there was a terrific shouting from our survivors as one of our own destroyers passed directly through the men at high speed. With only a faint light of distant burning ships it was impossible for the destroyer captain to see us in the water. For the next few seconds I was spinning over and over in her stern wake, during which time I felt several explosions close by in the water. They may have been torpedoes or depth charges. At any rate, those of us in the destroyers stern wake weren't hurt by the explosions. John was evidently on the outside of it.

"Nothing more happened until well after sun-rise when an American cruiser picked us up and administered medical aid to those needing it. John was, to all appearances, all right at that time. About 30 hours later we were put ashore at the Marine Hospital on Tulaji. John walked ashore from the cruiser.

"During our stay there I saw him up and walking around several times. The doctors were horribly over-worked, but watched us all very closely. John's only complaint was constant fatigue.

"On the third morning I made the rounds of all the wards, and in the first one, where John had been staying, our shipmates told me that he had died during the night. It was a complete shock as he had seemed so healthy. His doctor had no explanation but internal injuries received from underwater shock. He suffered no pain at any time and that is a definite sign of internal injuries due to shock. Therein lies the treachery of such wounds. They are undetectable until the sufferer keels over, as the patient himself is unaware of his injuries. Such was evidently John's case.

"Chaplain Fitzgerald administered final rites and John was buried in the American Military Cemetery on Tulaji, in a well marked grave. The Barton participated in five destructive engagements with the enemy. Our major battles were the Battle of Santa Cruz, an aircraft battle off Guadalcanal on Nov. 12th and the Battle of Guadalcanal, during which the ship was sunk. We bombarded enemy held islands. A couple of times we were with the Hornet on several raids. She had a short but very brilliant career.

"John's gun accounted for four enemy planes shot down, and at least that many which probably didn't reach home. "The whole crew was cited by Admiral Halsey for our part in the Battle of Santa Cruz, and for the rescue under very trying circumstances, of 37 aviators two days later. Our skipper was awarded the Navy Cross for our last action, and since he is missing, it was presented to his wife.

"So you see, Captain and Mrs. Boyd, you have more than average reason to be proud of your son. He was a fighting man!

"I hope that this letter has helped in a small way to fill a vacant spot in your hearts, and to answer a few of your questions.

"Please forgive the tardiness of this letter and the forwarding of the wallet. "May God Bless you both and help us to obtain a speedy victory. Very sincerely yours, Harlowe M. White."

BACK TO SCHOOL

Next Monday, August 30, will be "back to school" day in most Moore County Schools, but for the first seven weeks or until October 15 they will be on a short schedule in order that the farm children may help with the harvesting of crops. This decision was reached by principals from throughout the county who met last Friday at the call of Supt. H. Lee Thomas.

Schools will open at 8:30 and close at 12:30 or 1:15, depending upon whether the individual school adopts a five- or six-period schedule.

More Nurses' Aides Are Greatly Needed

Aides Have Done Fine Work in Moore County; New Class Is Planned

Plans are under way for starting a new class of Red Cross Volunteer Nurse's Aides.

As the country swings into full mobilization, the need for Nurse's Aides increases. More registered nurses are continually being drawn into the service as our armed forces grow. Many girls who ordinarily would enter nursing are being deflected into defense industries.

Here in Moore County the nursing situation is particularly critical. The Moore County Hospital has lost technical and nursing personnel. It is about to lose its normal quota of student nurses. At the same time its load of patients has nearly doubled.

In this crisis the Nurse's Aides have saved the day. They have given 6,000 hours of service and proved their capacity and fidelity in all departments of general nursing. Their sense of responsibility is outstanding; of fifty-three aides trained in Moore County only one failed to complete the course, and she was unavoidably prevented from doing so.

As the hospital's work continues to grow, there is an increased demand for more aides. A new class is scheduled to start in the near future. Candidates must have good health, be eighteen or over, and must satisfy the Nurse's Aide Committee as to their adaptability for the training and their seriousness of purpose.

Mrs. James Boyd, chairman of the committee, said that when last reported the Moore County Nurse's Aide Corps had the highest efficiency rating of any chapter in the country that had been heard from in a survey then being made by the National Red Cross. The local committee hopes that this high standard can be maintained.

"In this field," said Mrs. Boyd, "a woman performs one of the most vital and interesting of the defense services and at the same time receives training and experience that will be invaluable in her own life."

Those interested should apply to the Red Cross Office, Mrs. Lee Clark, executive secretary; telephone: Southern Pines 8571.

PULPWOOD COMMITTEE

THE PILOT is fortunate in securing the following committee to head the local pulpwood promotion campaign: W. E. Blue, Buster Doyle, C. B. Gale, J. W. Atkinson and Carl G. Thompson.

Pulpwood is a vital war material and these men, in promoting the cutting campaign, will be rendering a real patriotic service.

Pulpwood specifications are as follows: To be cut five feet in length, to measure four inches at the small end and to 18 inches at the large end, no wood to be quartered or split. All pines and all hardwoods except oak are in demand.

OPENINGS-CLOSINGS

Some of the local business houses that have been observing Wednesday afternoon closings during the summer have decided to continue this through the winter; others will not. Their plans are contained in an ad on page two, which explains in full the schedules for the two groups.

Town Board Adopts Budget and Listens to Citizens' Pleas

Property Owners Ask Removal of Bus Station to New Location

The Town Commissioners, sitting in special session Wednesday night at the Municipal Building, adopted the Southern Pines 1943-1944 tax budget reducing the tax rate 20 cents on the \$100.00 valuation; listened to protests from property owners on West Broad Street and Vermont Avenue asking the removal of the present bus terminal to other quarters; turned thumbs down on maintenance of streets of property owners outside the city limits in the vicinity of the Southern Pines Country Club, and ordered the building of a band stand and dance floor in the Municipal Park facing Ashe Street.

Speaking in behalf of the property owners near the present bus station, Miss Genevieve Marks read a petition pointing out the deplorable condition that now exists in the crowded quarters of the bus station. She presented the petition containing thirty-odd signatures pleading with the Town Fathers to see that the bus station is moved to other quarters. She pointed out two or three different pieces of property that might be bought and would be more adequate than the present terminal. She pictured to the board the unsanitary conditions that now exist due to the influx of soldiers from Camp Mackall. She stated that there was a slackness in the policing, and that the property owners in the vicinity felt that some immediate action should be taken by the town and the coach company. She was corroborated by several other residents.

After a lengthy discussion, the Mayor advised the property owners that a meeting with the bus people would be arranged at the very earliest date possible in an effort to improve the bus facilities.

The Commissioners discussed at length the request of property owners and tenants occupying rented homes on Hill Road and Fairview Drive on the Country Club property outside the city limits regarding the maintenance of these roads which are badly washed due to the recent summer rains.

It was pointed out by the members of the Board that the town had endeavored to extend the city limits two years ago in order to rebuild, maintain, light, police, and give adequate fire protection to this section but the property owners protested the extension. The Commissioners felt that the city could not afford this maintenance at the expense of the tax payers of the Town of Southern Pines.

The budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1943 and ending June 30, 1944 calling for a total expenditure of \$75,311.93 with a reduction in the tax rate of 20c per \$100.00 was presented to the Board. The expenditures are as follows:

Debt Service, \$31,182.00; General Fund Department Expenditures: Administrative, 5,915.00; Fire Department, 7,177.00; Police Department, 7,004.00; Streets, Lights and Sewers, 18,679.70; Miscellaneous, 6,269.65; TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES, \$45,045.35; Less: Surplus and Receipts A. B. C. Store, 6,937.42, 35,107.93; Parks and Buildings, 2,022.00; Appropriation Deficit Southern Pines Country Club, 4,000.00; TOTAL \$75,311.93.

Howard F. Burns, clerk, informed the Board that the reduction in the tax rate was brought about because of the saving in the operation of the town during the past year, the reduction of interest of bonded indebtedness, and receipts from Moore County A. B. C. Store for law enforcement. He further informed the Board that the town debt as of June 30, stands at \$375,000.00 from the high peak of \$690,000.00 in 1925, showing a total retirement in debt of \$315,000.00 in the past eighteen years.

Bonds to be retired during this fiscal year amount to \$33,000.00 with interest payments of \$20,538.75, of (Continued on Page 8)