

## Eighty-one Per Cent of Army Wives Are Interested in Club House, Survey Shows

Many Find Southern Pines a Pleasant Place to Live; Leisure Time Is a Problem

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We are sure that both army wives and townspeople will be interested in the results of the questionnaire for army wives sponsored by THE PILOT. The survey was undertaken in the hope of discovering some of the problems that army wives are facing in this community as a result of the war crisis.

Seventy-five questionnaires were filled out, about half by wives of enlisted men, and half by wives of officers.

Mrs. Army Wife, you have come here from all over the country, 75 from 25 states scattered from Vermont to Louisiana and from New York to California. New York state leads, with 15 out of 75. Sixty-five per cent have been in one or more army towns before, so this is not your first experience at some of the problems you are facing.

Seventy-six per cent have no children and are not working. About 20 per cent would like to work if you could get jobs and most of you would like office work, though a few mentioned teaching, home nursing and defense work. Twenty-three have attended college one or more years and those looking for jobs have an average of 5 years experience.

Forty-two per cent find life in Southern Pines satisfactory under the circumstances and the rest are about equally divided as to those who find it pleasant and those who find it unpleasant. All have many reservations. You like it mainly because you find the general surroundings pleasant and attractive and the townspeople fairly friendly.

Most of you (61%) find living accommodations cramped and uncomfortable and food and living prices much higher than you can afford, or that you think justified for what you get.

Seventy-seven per cent had a very difficult time in finding a place to live, and found no town facilities set up to help. Through your own efforts and those of your friends, mostly army wives, you found a room although the U.S.O. has helped 10 and the Catholic Church, 3 of you. You are paying an average of \$15.67 a week for a double room without meals and 45 per cent of you share your bath with an average of 7 people. (The highest room rent paid is \$35 a week for room including meals, and the lowest is \$10 without meals.) All except one have hot and cold running water in the bathrooms but most of you have no cooking or household facilities so that you go out for all your meals and do your washing as best you can in your room.

A little more than half of you find that shopkeepers in Southern Pines, as a whole, are friendly and helpful and are making the most of a difficult situation, although many of you feel that prices charged in some stores are higher than the ceiling price and that stores differ as to prices for the same commodity. Many of you find that the local townspeople, on the whole, are less friendly than the shopkeepers. You are sensitive to what you feel is a prevalent attitude of Southern Pines citizens, that of generally resenting having you around.

Thirty-nine of you were working before you came here to be near your husband for a few weeks or months before he goes overseas. You are trying to make both ends meet as best you can and financially you find it almost impossible to do. Besides that you haven't been married long and have problems and adjustments to face which older, more experienced people might be able to cope with more easily. Many army wives feel generally lost and kicked around in this community and lean on other army wives for company. Sixty-six per cent of you have no trouble in getting to know each other and find each other friendly, comforting and helpful.

Most of you would very much like to be busier than you are, and have an average of 6 hours of leisure time a day. You spent most of your time reading and going to the movies, and 22 of you enjoy sun-

bathing also, but you are generally bored and would welcome other activities.

Fifty-two find that there is not enough for Army wives to do here and 37 of you have already worked or would like to work at the Red Cross; 19 are interested in U.S.O. work and 14 in church activities. Since besides the Red Cross it is hard to find things to do and since there is no organization which you can participate in or turn to for help (the U.S.O. is now helping along this line, but this is recent) you are somewhat at a loss as to what to do about your leisure time. Most of you are here for only a few months, and feel un-entitled about starting anything. Forty-five of you heartily welcome the suggestions of a community kitchen and eating place at moderate cost and 35 have volunteered to help organize it, 29 to help run it, and 44 would work in it from time to time and help out if it were necessary. The existing quality of food in most of the restaurants is reported by many to be poor, as well as scarce, many places closing down at the busiest times for lack of food.

Eighteen people express interest in forming a social club of some sort, and 18 express interest in doing welfare and war work of different types. To the question "Would you be interested in a sort of club house for army wives where there would be such general facilities as irons, wash tubs, sewing machines and where they could also read, write, meet and entertain friends during the day?" 61 expressed enthusiastic interest in this idea, showing the desire and need for some such organization, which could probably be started by a group of army wives if they would get together. On the whole the army wives seem to have plenty to say and plenty to offer, but there seems to be a general lack of organization through which to express it.

One suggestion is that "more ladies of Southern Pines take interest in and call on the army wives and try to get to know them better." Another is the establishment of a Nursery School under competent educational supervision. "We are willing to pay for it" says an army wife, who suggests that some army wives with teaching experience help with this project. There have also been numerous suggestions about organizing study groups and social groups this winter.

The "typical" army wife is not the conspicuous exhibitionist parading the streets in tight shorts and bras and giving noisy parties and disturbing the neighbors. She is not the hysterical lady who condemns every inconvenience and difficulty as being personally aimed at her. The "average" army wife is very much the average person such as you and I and reacts to situations very much the same as we all do.

A few quotations from letters received express the general outlook of most of us.

"Please ask the residents of Southern Pines who are prone to criticize and to resent the presence of families of army personnel to remember that the army of today is a pretty

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### IT'S STILL HEMP

Judge William H. Bobbitt of Charlotte, in a special hearing in Monroe August 28, dissolved the temporary injunction restraining the changing of the name of the town of Hemp to Robbins, and it appeared as if the new name would be assumed on September 1 as per schedule. But the opponents have succeeded in getting the matter referred to the Supreme Court.

In a letter dated July 8 the First Assistant Postmaster General advised Postmaster George E. Walker at Hemp that an order had been signed directing that the name of the post office be changed to Robbins September 1, but recent orders are said to have held this up until the result of the Supreme Court hearing is made known.

### IN THE ARMY



CORP. WARREN C. COX

Corp. Warren C. Cox of Vass volunteered for service and was inducted into the Army at Fort Bragg in March, 1942. He was assigned to a maintenance battalion and sent to Camp Chaffee, Ark., for basic training. After taking part in maneuvers in Louisiana he was sent to California where he spent several months on Desert Maneuvers, later being transferred to Camp Cooke, Calif. He is now at Fort Crook, Neb., where he is taking a mechanical course at the General Auto and Truck School.

Before his induction, Corp. Cox was in the employ of Childress Transfer Co., in Sanford. He is the son of Mrs. W. T. Cox of Vass and the late Mr. Cox.

### CHANGED THEIR MINDS

Just another case of "off again, gone again Finnegan" is that of the stores that advertised last week their resumption of a full day opening Wednesday, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON FOUND MOST OF THEM CLOSED!!!

## Government's Lease of Two Local Hotels Terminated Sept. 1

### Announcement as to Future Plans for Pine Needles Expected Soon

The Army terminated its lease of the Pine Needles property as of midnight, August 31, at which time the property went back into the hands of the Patuxent Development company, according to information given THE PILOT by J. Talbot Johnson, The Park View, used by the government for housing civil service workers at Knollwood and Camp Mackall, was given up at the same time, Charles Sadler disclosed.

Plans as to future operations of the Pine Needles are as yet indefinite, Mr. Johnson said. However, complete renovation and restoration of both the hotel and club house are being made and it is thought that both will soon be open to the public under expert management, he disclosed.

The golf courses are in the best condition ever, having been maintained to perfection for the use of the officers, who were unable to find time to use them as much as they would have liked.

Mr. Johnson said that an announcement of interest to the community would be made soon.

The opening of the Pine Needles, one of the finest hotels in this resort section, would do much to relieve the present congestion.

Mr. Sadler plans to operate the Park View as in former seasons.

### MARKETS WILL BE CLOSED LABOR DAY

Again taking the lead in affording a holiday to their employees, the six markets of Southern Pines, A & P. Store, Baker's Food Store, Knowles Specialty Shop, Dorn's, Modern Market and Pender's, have decided to close all day Monday, September 6th, Labor Day, and are advertising to that effect on page four of THE PILOT.

### IN THE ARMY



PVT. WILLIAM E. COX, JR.

Pvt. William E. Cox, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Cox, was inducted into the Army January 20, 1943. From February until August 15 he was with the Station Complement at Fort Bragg, assigned to the Radio Production Section of the Special Service Branch, at Post Headquarters. There he was assistant script writer for daily and weekly news broadcasts presented by Fort Bragg over station WFNC in Fayetteville. During part of this period he was radio announcer for the daily broadcasts, at 12:45 and 5:15 p. m., and weekly orientation lectures at 6:15 p. m. Tuesdays. He was also in charge of the distribution of athletic supplies.

In addition to his regular duties, Pvt. Cox has given numerous entertainments in the art of magic at Service Clubs on the Post, as well as at private affairs held by different military units.

Private Cox has recently been reclassified and is now stationed with the 16th Medical Supply Depot at Fort Bragg.

## Victim of Bus-Auto Wreck Asks Damages in Amount \$100,000

### C. B. Stevenson of Camp Mackall Starts Suit Against Coach Company

Charles B. Stevenson, 22-year-old soldier of Headquarters Company of the 11th Airborne Division at Camp Mackall, who was critically injured in a bus-automobile accident which occurred just south of Cameron on July 17, has started suit in Moore County Superior Court against the Queen City Coach Company for damages in the amount of \$100,000.

Cpl. William Homer Willett, 18, of Sanford was instantly killed and another soldier was fatally injured in the accident.

According to Stevenson's allegations, the bus was being operated carelessly by F. A. Broome when it ran head-on into the automobile of D. J. Hobbs with whom the soldiers were riding, and knocked and carried the car 81 feet after striking it.

Stevenson alleges that he had his left leg broken in two places, his right leg in one place, his jawbone broken in two places, several teeth knocked out, his left cheekbone broken, his right eye and the bones around it crushed, his nose broken, and that he received many cuts and bruises.

### TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

As The Pilot goes to press it appears probable that following the lead of the local markets nearly all the business establishments of Southern Pines will close on Labor Day, Monday, September 6th. Announcements to that effect have been made by Tots' Toggery, franjeans, Brooks, the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. and Melvins.

### CHIEF NEWTON IN HOSPITAL

Police Chief Ed Newton entered Moore County Hospital Monday night for a minor operation and is getting along well.

## Moore County Went Over Top in 2nd Loan Drive—Watch Her in the Third

### PILOT RECEIVES CONGRATULATIONS

Upon receiving word of The PILOT'S enlistment in the Victory Pulpwood Campaign, Walter M. Dear, chairman of the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee, sent the following message: "Heartly congratulations on your prompt response to our appeal and that of your government to aid in rectifying the serious pulpwood shortage situation. We appreciate your cooperation and that of your newspaper. The best of luck in your campaign."

## Dr. Willcox of West End Assumes Duties As Health Officer

### Moore Native Highly Recommended by State Health Department

Dr. J. W. Willcox, a native of Moore County who has been a practicing physician at West End for some time, has this week assumed his duties as Moore County Health Officer, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. B. M. Drake which became effective July 15.

The Moore County Health Board was notified Monday night that Dr. Willcox had been passed upon by the State Health Department and approved by the State merit system. Elected under the War emergency classification, he accepted the post Tuesday, to begin work on Wednesday. Dr. Willcox was highly recommended by the State health authorities.

Born at Carthage, Dr. Willcox was educated at the University of North Carolina. He spent some time in the Army and for a period was engaged in public health work in New Hanover County as assistant health officer and as head of a sanatorium. He will continue to reside at West End.

## Labor Committee Is Appointed in Moore

### Chairman S. R. Hoyle Asks Citizens to Report Able-Bodied Persons Now Idle

The following is the Labor Mobilization Committee appointed by Governor J. Melville Broughton, for Moore County: S. R. Hoyle, Carthage, chairman; James W. Tufts, Pinehurst; E. H. Garrison, Jr., Carthage; Miss Pauline Covington, Carthage; W. Duncan Matthews, Southern Pines, Mayor; W. Martin McLeod, Carthage Route 3; Henry E. Sutton, Carthage, (colored); John A. Phillips, Cameron; R. P. Beasley, Vass; Howard Harrison, Eagle Springs; D. D. McCrimmon, Hemp; J. Vance Rowe, Aberdeen; J. Hawley Poole, West End; G. Frank Howard, Carthage Route 1; Colin G. Spencer, Carthage.

The people of each community are requested to contact the nearest member of the committee, and furnish them the names of any persons who are able-bodied and able to work, and who are not employed says Chairman Hoyle. To be gainfully employed has been defined in the proclamation of Governor Broughton on the "Work or Fight" situation as being employed at least thirty-five (35) hours per week. "Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated," assures Mr. Hoyle.

### NEW OFFICE HOURS

Office hours at the Rent Control Office, located in the rear of City Hall, are now 8:15 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. daily, Carl G. Thompson, examiner-inspector, has announced.

## County's Quota in New War Loan Which Starts Sept. 9 is \$611,000

On Thursday, September 9th, Moore County will go into action to raise \$611,000, its quota of the 145 million dollars which North Carolina has been asked to raise in the Third War Loan Drive, the greatest war financing drive in history.

In the Second War Loan Drive Moore County bond sales totaled \$458,660.75, or \$171,560.75 more than the quota. The bonds sold mounted to 150 per cent of the quota, the largest percentage of quota of any county in Region 7 of North Carolina. In dollar volume, regardless of quotas, Moore County was exceeded by only twenty-eight of the 100 counties in the State, the report showed.

The new "bond invasion" is expected to reach into plant, office, street and home, and there is a confident feeling that Moore County will again be heard from in a splendid way.

Recognizing the fact that the good war news now being heard might possibly generate a feeling of over-confidence and optimism that the war is nearer victory than it really is, Associate Field Director E. R. Mowbray, U. S. Treasury War Finance Division, in speaking in Greensboro said:

"We have destroyed the Axis in Africa and have swept it out of Sicily. After many months of preparing and fighting, things are going our way in the Mediterranean and in the Pacific.

"The tide of battle has turned in our favor because we have succeeded in mobilizing for war. In total war our fighting men do not win on the battlefronts unless back home their fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters for months have worked as a team building up the supplies and the weapons with which battles are won.

"Now is the time to slug on the home sector, as well as on the battle fields. If we relax our attack, if we relax in production and permit a single soldier to be short of food or ammunition, we open the way for the Germans and the Japs to start a swing from the floor."

## Local Schools Will Open September 8th

### One Change in Faculty Is Announced Since the Previous Report

The Southern Pines elementary and high school will open for the fall term next Wednesday, September 8, at 9:00 o'clock with a full corps of teachers.

Superintendent Philip J. Weaver reports one change in faculty from the list published two weeks ago. Miss Ruth Newcomb of Norwich, Kan., will be the new librarian instead of Miss Aileen Ellis of Elizabethtown, Tenn.

## STUTTS PREPARES TO OPEN NEW BUSINESS

R. A. Stutts, Vass lumberman who recently with his partner, R. G. Hancock, sold the holdings of the Stutts-Hancock Lumber Company in Vass to Futrell Brothers Lumber Company of Denton, will very soon be ready to open a new business in Vass.

Mr. Stutts has purchased ten and one-half acres of land along Highway 1 just south of Keith's Service Station on the opposite side of the highway, and is erecting a three-room office building preparatory to operating a lumber business.

He plans to manufacture lumber and hardwood dimension stock and to handle building supplies.

Mr. Stutts, who has been in the office of Futrell Brothers since the business changed hands, will continue with this company.