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TEN CENTS

## Fire Prevention Week in Southern Pines Interests School Children and Adults

### Barnum, Inc., Gives Prizes for Best Es- says by Local Pupils

An effective Fire Prevention Week program in Southern Pines was successfully carried out by Paul T. Barnum, Inc., under the leadership of John S. Ruggles, manager.

The work done through the schools was outstanding. "Fire Prevention" questionnaires for self-inspection of homes were distributed to the children, who filled them out and returned them to their teachers to be given to the fire department chief.

War Savings Stamps were offered as prizes to the pupil in each grade of the Southern Pines and West Southern Pines Schools writing the best essay on "Fire Prevention." There was much interest on the part of the pupils and they handed in some excellent papers on the subject, so very good that the judges, Dr. G. G. Herr, chairman of the school board, W. Duncan Matthews, mayor, and L. V. O'Callaghan, chief of the Fire Department, found the judging a difficult task.

The following were declared winners: Southern Pines (by grades)—Henry C. Cameron, 3rd; Betty Jane Worsham, 4th; Alice Brooks, 5th; Milton Kaylor, 6th; Tommy Avery, 7th; Carolyn Chester, 8th; Audrey West Brown, 9th; Jane Todd McCain, 10th; Betty Johnston, 11th; Harry Lee Brown, Jr., 12th.

West Southern Pines—Delois Blue, 5th; Mary J. Martin, 6th; Rose Lee Addison, 7th; Floyd Goode, 8th; Jessie Pratt, 9th; Annie Mae McMillen, 10th; Orilla Gay, 11th; Mary Newkirk, 12th.

Posters, stickers, booklets and puzzles were distributed and a demonstration of Fire Department apparatus at the schools was an interesting feature of the week's observance.

"Fire Prevention" shorts were provided by Mr. Ruggles and shown at the Carolina and Sunrise Theatres and posters were displayed in all

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## Officer Husband of Local Girl Is Hero

### His Patrol Runs Germans From Church Steeple and Turns Own Guns On Them

In describing the fierce fighting and tough Nazi defense, which is now crumbling at Naples, a war correspondent's release from the Allied Force Headquarters in North Africa tells how a patrol of American soldiers, led by Lt. Fordyce Gorham of Muncy, Pa., went into the town of Altavilla to oust a German machine gun group from the steeple of a church. Lt. Gorham's wife is the former Miss Priscilla Coleman of Southern Pines.

The report, written by Ivan Peterman, war correspondent for the Philadelphia Inquirer, states in part: "At Altavilla, a company of troops, surrounded, fought until many were slain. Lt. Fordyce Gorham, of Muncy, Pa., led a patrol into the town to oust a German machine gun group from the steeple of a church.

"His men turned the Germans' own machine guns on the fleeing Huns.

"The Germans have fought well and desperately this campaign, but as events are proving, the Allies fought even better."

Mrs. Gorham is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Coleman of Skyline. She and Lt. Gorham were married in April of this year.

## Early Marketing of Tobacco Is Advised

A member of THE PILOT staff dropped in at the warehouse of Smothers Brothers and Hobgood in Carthage Tuesday afternoon and discussed the tobacco situation a bit with Mr. Hobgood, a tobacco man of wide experience. Sales had been good, with one offering bringing the high price of 71 cents a pound and with the day's average running high. Mr. Hobgood expressed the opinion that tobacco farmers should get their weed on the market as soon as possible while it is selling so well.

## IN THE ARMY



T-SGT. W. D. MCGILL

Tech. Sgt. William D. McGill was inducted into the Army in February, 1941. After receiving his basic training at Fort Bragg, he was transferred to Fort Dix, N. J., in September, 1942, and in less than a month was sent to North Africa. Since the latter part of June or the first of July he has been in Sicily. Sgt. McGill, the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McGill of Vass, is popular in Southern Pines, where he was owner-operator of Bill's Shoe Shop until he left for the service. His wife, the former Miss Violet Holler of Claremont, is floor supervisor at the Moore County Hospital.

## WAC IN AFRICA

Pvt. Ann Fenner, of Southern Pines and New York, is now serving with the Women's Army Corps in Africa. Pvt. Fenner, daughter of Mrs. Almet Jenks, is believed to be the first WAC from Moore County to serve in a foreign country.

## A Proclamation

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN PINES:

It is with great pleasure that I, W. Duncan Matthews, Mayor of the Town of Southern Pines, heartily endorse this Town's participation in the nation wide all-states campaign for the Women's Army Corps' recruiting drive.

You doubtless know there is a tremendous need for WAC's. General Marshall stated recently: "Commanders to whom WAC's have been assigned have spoken in the highest terms of their efficiency and value—in 155 kinds of Army jobs." This statement is indicative of the excellent job the Women's Army Corps is doing.

However the present objective is to release more thousands of soldiers for combat training. In order to accomplish this, each state will participate in the campaign. Likewise each municipality and county. Our office of Civilian Defense has been designated by Governor Broughton as the recruiting agency in North Carolina.

The participation of our Town in this nation wide drive is needed to assure the success of this program. Our county has been selected to enlist three recruits by October 15. I feel sure that the people of Southern Pines will want Moore County and North Carolina to lead all others in the nation wide enlistment drive.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Town of Southern Pines, this 6th day of October, 1943.

—W. DUNCAN MATTHEWS,

(Seal) Mayor of the Town of Southern Pines.

## LOCAL MAN FEATURED IN BOSTON TRAVELER

Featured in the September 1st issue of the Boston Traveler is a speaking likeness of the Rev. Myron M. Adams stated at a linotype. Under the caption "Veteran type of the '90's" follows the high light in the career of this printer-minister.

Mr. Adams, now in his 76th year, a retired minister of the Advent Christian Church, is widely known in Southern Pines where he has resided for the past twenty years. In these years has been a supply pastor for Baptist congregations, notably so at Roseland, and for a time conducted bi-monthly services in the county jail.

On the secular side he has often resumed his calling, for quite a period at the linotype of J. F. Morris' Citizen.

Mrs. Adams died in 1941. His daughters, Mrs. L. D. Williams and Mrs. J. Fred Stinson, reside in Southern Pines.

## CAMP MACKALL OFFERS TIMBER

The Pilot has been requested by W. F. Fowler, assistant area engineer at Camp Mackall, to make the following announcement:

"The Area Engineer, Camp Mackall, is engaged in timber clearing operations in certain areas north and south of Drowning Creek, between Hoffman and West End. It is desired to offer to individuals for their personal use only, free of charge without limitation, all timber less than twelve inches in diameter. This timber is being piled for disposal in the various areas of operations. Persons securing the timber must do so at no cost to the United States Government and without interference with construction operations in the areas being cleared.

"For further information relative to securing the timber, the Assistant Area Engineer, Camp Mackall, or his field assistants on the job may be contacted."

## Sale of Real Estate for County Taxes to Be Held December 6

### Commissioners Authorize Tax Collector to Advertise in Nov.

W. T. Huntley, county tax collector, was ordered by the Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting Monday to advertise the 1942 delinquent tax list for four weeks during the month of November and sell the real estate on the first Monday in December.

The names of delinquents from Carthage, Sheffield and Ritter townships will be run in the Moore County News; Mineral Springs, Deep River and Bensalem in the Pinehurst Outlook; Sandhill and Greenwood in the Sandhill Citizen, and McNeill in The Pilot.

The Board accepted \$5,000 from the ABC Board, and passed it to the County Auditor's office for proper distribution.

A petition asking that an appropriation be made for the support of the office of School Attendance Officer and that Mrs. Lessie G. Brown be appointed to this position was presented to the Board. The petition was signed by many school principals, school board members and other prominent persons throughout the county. No action was taken on this by the commissioners and doubt has been expressed as to whether anything can be done about it now as the budget for the year has already been adopted.

The resignation of C. O. Combs of Pinebluff as township constable was accepted.

## Moore Exceeds Quota in Third War Loan by Many Thousands

### CHAIRMAN



EUGENE C. STEVENS

Meet the gentleman who, without benefit of pre-drive organization of forces, stepped in after several days of the Third War Loan Drive had elapsed and led Moore County to a victorious finish.

"I didn't do anything," he modestly declares; "the folks jumped in and worked like Sam Hill and all I did was to prod them along a little."

Those closely associated with Mr. Stevens know that this is an understatement. "The folks" did work like Sam Hill, but they worked with greater confidence after he accepted the position of chairman, and to him go thanks for a job well done.

## 19 Moore Selectees in Induction Lists

The following white selectees passed their final physical examinations at the induction station on September 15, 1943, and were inducted into the following branches of service:

### Army

Neill McKeithen Clegg, Raymond Lee Vaughn, Carthage; Coy Alexander Gladden, Route 2, Carthage; Walter Colon Coffin, Pinehurst; Ralph John Scotten, Glendon; Royal Armstead Stutts, Jr., Route 2, Vass.

### Navy

Hugh Edgar Bowman, II, Aberdeen; William Charles Willard, Route 2, Aberdeen; James William Hall, Route 2, Carthage; Odie Woodrow Hare, Spies; John Robert McNeill, Eagle Springs; Carl Raymond Whitaker, Pinehurst; Albert Edward Hare, Spies; Fred Woodrow Mauney, Jackson Springs; Benjamin Cleveland Morgan, Jr., Niagara.

### Marine Corps

Jesse Clyde Wood, Cameron; Benton Addison Scotten, Glendon; Nero Wilson Hardy, Jr., Route 1, Cameron.

One colored selectee, Aaron Junior Smith, of Route 1, Hemp, was inducted into the Navy on September 13.

## SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF BUS REPAIR PARTS

In a letter to principals of Moore County schools County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas is this week calling attention to the seriousness of the shortage of bus repair parts and recommending that drivers be instructed daily as to the best methods of taking care of trucks.

"Buses that break down from now on probably will be forced to remain out of service until the end of the war because of the impossibility of getting replacement parts," Mr. Thomas warns.

## WELL DONE

Our pedestrian editor noted Gene Stevens, wearing a brilliant smile, as he surveyed his office window early Saturday morning and gazed at a sign which proudly blazoned forth:

"Sold—\$105,675.00 Bonds."  
He was softly humming something that sounded like "Oh say! can you see, by the dawn's early light . . ."

## Chairman Stevens Re- ports Splendid Co- operation From All

An accounting by Eugene C. Stevens, Moore County chairman of the Third War Loan, indicated Tuesday night that the quota of \$611,000 had been reached and the chairman announced Thursday morning that the total amount was from \$675,000 to \$680,000.

Mr. Stevens is enthusiastic over the splendid cooperative effort of white and colored, rich and poor, from all parts of the county. Every Building and Loan Association in the county cooperated 100 per cent, the chairman said, and both men and women worked wholeheartedly for the success of the Drive.

Although a complete report will not be available for several days, tentative figures credit the various towns with the following amounts: Southern Pines, \$185,000; Pinehurst, \$118,000; Carthage, \$108,000; Aberdeen, \$100,000; Hemp, \$90,000; Cameron, over \$5,000; Pinebluff, \$3,300; Vass, \$2,500. Some of the larger buyers in Vass purchased their bonds in Southern Pines, the chairman said, and these do not appear to the credit of Vass. Reports have not been received from West End and Eagle Springs post offices.

## Get Burning Permits This Month or Next

### County Forest Warden Issues Statement, Giving Permit Information

The Burning Permit Law came into effect October 1 and will remain effective through November 30, according to an announcement by County Forest Warden R. S. White. All persons wishing to burn brush, grass or other material should obtain a burning permit, for which there is no charge.

Mr. White issued the following statement: "Forest products are essential to National Defense. Help protect the forests from fires by doing as little burning as possible. Burn in the late evening or at night and not when the wind is blowing and the woods are dry. The North Carolina Forest Service has made it as convenient as possible for burning permits to be secured without impairing the effectiveness of the permit. Your cooperation in helping to prevent forest fires will be greatly appreciated. The burning permit law and other forest fire laws will be enforced."

Burning permits may be obtained at the following places in Moore County:

Court House, Carthage; Jackson Service Station, Carthage; L. B. Ritter, Route 4, Carthage; Tracy Parks, Hallison; Ritter Hardware Store, Hemp; Fire Tower, Southern Pines; H. P. Goldsmith, Southern Pines; R. S. White, Lakeview; Keith Hardware Store Vass; L. B. McKeithen, Cameron; M. B. Pleasants, Aberdeen; Pinehurst Fire Department, Pinehurst; R. B. Donaldson, West End; Van Boskerck, Pinebluff; Fire Department, Pinebluff; Fulton Monroe, Eagle Springs; Lane Kirk, Roseland.

## GASOLINE COUPONS

Motorists are advised that all A-6 coupons expire at midnight, November 8th, and the A-8 coupons in the new A Book then become valid for a three month period at three gallons each.

"All B Book and C Book coupons are now valued at two gallons each," says Chairman Maurice of the Moore County War Price and Rationing Board. "Motorists registered with the Moore County Board will receive applications for the new A Book by mail. Please fill them out promptly and return to the Board, through the mail," continued Mr. Maurice. Extra applications will be available at filling stations next week for any others desiring them.