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Kiwanis Ladies' Night Banquet Will Be Held December 3 With Hoey as Speaker

Address by Former Governor and Awarding of Builder's Cup Will Be High Lights

By HOWARD F. BURNS

The Sandhills Kiwanis Club, at its weekly luncheon at the Holly Inn in Pinehurst on Wednesday, heard an impressive address by Lawrence A. Watts, religious director of the North Carolina Prison System of Raleigh, who stated the number of inmates now stands at 6,500 in comparison with a record high of 10,500, a few years ago. Dr. E. M. Medlin, chairman of the Ladies' Night Committee, announced that Clyde R. Hoey would be the guest speaker at the annual Ladies' Night Banquet at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst on Friday, December 3rd, at which time the Kiwanis Builder's cup will be awarded to the man or woman doing an outstanding work for the County. Announcement was also made that the annual election of club officers will be held Wednesday, the 17th, at the Pinehurst Country Club. Candidates for president are A. L. Burney of Aberdeen and Charles J. McDonald of Carthage; vice-president, George Moore of Southern Pines, and John F. Taylor of Pinehurst; treasurer, Larry Miner.

Continuing his speech, Mr. Watts told the club that the inmates of the State Prison are divided into four classes. First are those groups in which environment is responsible for their crimes; picturing the environment in some cases as being so bad that little else could be expected other than ending in a life of crime. Second, he pointed out, is the careless group, a group in which the prisoner feels that no one is concerned regarding his welfare, a castout from society. Third, he declared, is the accidental group. These are men for which crime is the only way out. The fourth group he referred to as being men sentenced to prison in which cases they claim they are not guilty of the crime. As an example, he referred to a man who served from two to three years of his time and was freed.

The speaker stated that North Carolina was among the few states able to operate its prison system at the rate of \$300.00 per capita or a gross cost of \$2,000,000.00 annually, while some states run as high as \$750.00 per capita.

In conclusion, he declared the State Prison authorities were receiving many letters wanting to know the names of prisoners released each month in order that they might be given employment and a chance to make a come back in the walk of life.

The speaker was introduced by A. L. Burney, chairman of the Program Committee.

Tickets for Ladies' Night Banquet will go on sale at \$2.00 each this week, and can be obtained from I. C. Sledge of Pinehurst, Bynum Patterson of Southern Pines, W. B. Sabiston of Carthage, and A. L. Burney of Aberdeen. The dinner will be followed with a dance at the Carolina Hotel, and plans are being made for a large turn-out.

J. M. Currie Succeeds Shaw on County Board

Clyde B. Shaw, on account of his appointment as acting postmaster at Carthage, resigned as a member of the Board of County Commissioners and John Willcox, Clerk of the Court, appointed John M. Currie of Carthage to fill out the unexpired term. The Commissioners, at their meeting last week, accepted the resignation and new appointment and Mr. Currie entered upon his duties.

Pat McDonald gave up the post office in order to take over the rural route vacancy created by the death of Lonnie Blue.

ANNUAL ELECTION

The Southern Pines branch of the American Red Cross will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers at 3:00 p. m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, in the library of the High School. Annual reports will be made at this meeting.

ANNUAL EDITION

Next week's issue will be THE PILOT'S annual number, this year featuring Army life as it affects Southern Pines and its military visitors and residents. Its many features will include articles from all the churches and civic organizations which have endeavored to render patriotic service by making life more pleasant and meaningful for the servicemen and women, and interesting business messages in the advertising columns.

Garrison Is Elected County Chairman of American Red Cross

Annual Meeting Held Friday at Southern Pines High School

The election of officers for the coming year and splendid reports, showing a tremendous amount of work accomplished, featured the annual meeting of the Moore County Chapter, American Red Cross, which was held Friday afternoon at the Southern Pines High School with Miss Laura Kelsey, 1st vice-chairman, presiding.

The following were elected: Chairman, E. H. Garrison, Jr., of Carthage, Moore County farm agent; 1st vice-chairman, L. T. Avery of Southern Pines; 2nd vice-chairman, J. B. Edwards of Aberdeen; 3rd vice-chairman, Mrs. Herbt F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage; 4th vice-chairman, Miss Laura Kelsey of Southern Pines; treasurer, David S. Packard of Southern Pines; secretary, Miss Geneva Hall of Southern Pines; home service chairman, Mrs. L. D. Williams. Mrs. Lee Clarke, who has been the efficient executive secretary for some time continues in that capacity.

Mr. Packard succeeds Carl G. Thompson, who had served capably as treasurer for several years, but who, on account of his new business connection at Burlington, is unable to serve longer. Mrs. Williams succeeds her husband as chairman of home service, a work which he administered in such an outstanding way as to win for himself recognition and a position as Red Cross assistant director of supplies in the Southeastern Area, with headquarters in Atlanta. He expects to leave shortly to begin his new work, which will be concerned with supplies for war and disaster of any kind.

Reports of activities were given by the branch chairmen.

ASSISTS FBI

Mrs. Jean Edson, proprietor of "franjean's," apparently did police authorities a favor last Saturday while attempting to protect her own property.

Seeing a woman stealthily bundling a dress from a rack, Mrs. Edson pluckily chased the culprit through the shop and out at the rear door into the alley, then called for police aid. Officer Irvin Morrison responded and took the woman to the police station, where she gave her name and address as Edna Shumaker of Pennsylvania, now residing part of the time in a trailer at Aberdeen and at times in South Carolina.

After being taken to Carthage the woman was arrested by the FBI and charged with violation of the May Act. She is now in custody of the FBI.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

C. R. Mills of Pinedene, who was injured in an automobile accident near Carthage on Wednesday of last week, has returned to his home from the Moore County Hospital, but is still suffering from bruises and shock.

SGT. MILLS HERE

Staff Sgt. Russell Mills, here on furlough from Camp Polk, La., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Mills. Russell is one of Uncle Sam's supply sergeants in Field Artillery with the 9th Armored Division at Camp Polk.

MARINE CORPS



CPL. CLYDE PAGE RICH

Corporal Clyde Page Rich of the U. S. Marine Corps has been leading a busy life since his enlistment in June, 1940. After completing boot training at Parris Island, S. C., he was transferred to Trinidad, B. W. I. where he was stationed for about 18 months. Last Thanksgiving Day he was sent to Puerto Rico, where during his eight-month stay he picked up quite a bit of Spanish. A 4000-mile trip this fall landed him at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rich, in Vass, and after a visit of several days, he reported to the navy yard at Washington, D. C. Cpl. Rich was reared at Troy, but his parents have resided in Vass for some time.

Extensive New Air Service Planned

Frequency of service to a maximum number of terminal and intermediate points is emphasized in a proposed great air transport development by State Airlines, Inc., with headquarters in Charlotte, for which operating authority is being sought from the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington.

The two applications State Airlines filed with the CAB seek certificates which not only will permit regularly scheduled flights to serve cities not now served by contact flights, but also will create vital links of fast, frequent and dependable air service connecting the middle West, the Carolinas and the South.

State Airlines has operated nearly three years a contract service which has carried it into almost all of the cities listed on the proposed ten routes on which regular schedules would be flown.

SUES FOR \$10,000

Thomas Nail, who was injured in the automobile accident on the night of August 2 which claimed the life of O. H. Stutts, prominent Pinehurst resident, has started suit in Moore County Court against Ellen L. Beard, administratrix of the estate of Mr. Stutts, in an effort to collect \$10,000 for alleged injuries sustained.

In the complaint the plaintiff makes the following allegations: that at the request of Mr. Stutts he agreed to travel with him in an automobile from Knollwood on a business trip to the Beasley residence near Carthage; that Mr. Stutts operated his high powered car at a speed in excess of 60 miles per hour over the repeated protest of the plaintiff and in response to plaintiff's appeals operated the car faster and faster until he lost control, the car turning over several times. As a result of the accident the plaintiff alleges that he was permanently injured.

FIRST CLASS

The War Department advises that Christmas greeting cards for soldiers overseas must be sent in sealed envelopes and prepaid at the First Class rate. The War Department further urges that such cards be mailed at once, stating that cards mailed now will, according to Army Postal Service, reach even the most remote A.P.O.'s by December 25.

ARMY AIR CORPS



SGT. JACK THOMAS

Staff Sergeant Jack Thomas has just been promoted to that rank at Lincoln Air Base, Lincoln, Neb., where he is with the 445th Bomb Group. He is crew chief of a plane. Sgt. Thomas was inducted into the Army the last week of October, 1942, and has received training at a number of places, including Fort Bragg, Greensboro, Keesler Field, Miss.; Detroit, Mich.; Salt Lake City, Utah, and his present station. Mrs. Thomas the former Miss Dorothy Dorn of Southern Pines, has been with her husband for the last three months.

Payroll Savings Campaign Underway

The Moore County Women's Division of the War Finance Committee met Wednesday afternoon in the Court House at Carthage with Mrs. P. P. McCain, regional chairman, and Mrs. J. S. Mitchener of Raleigh, State vice-chairman, as speakers.

The purpose of the meeting was to present the Payroll Savings Plan, and to organize the work of contacting those firms in the county employing less than 100 people in an effort to get them enlisted in the plan, this group of firms having been assigned to the Women's Division.

Workers will interview heads of firms this week and the first of next to explain the plan and urge its installation.

Mrs. Norris L. Hodgkins, county chairman is sending out the following letter as a forerunner to the canvass which it is hoped can be completed on the 15th of November:

"It is important that income derived by the government be regular and consistent. This can be achieved by a Payroll Savings Plan, whereby a definite percentage of a worker's salary is deducted at its source and diverted into War savings.

The Women's Division of the War Finance Committee of Moore County is undertaking to canvass the firms that employ less than 100 persons. Sometime this week some representative will call on you to explain the plan and to help you to install this system. The goal is 10 per cent of the income of the workers. Of course some cannot afford this amount, but if others can save a larger percentage, the average of 10 per cent may be reached and the firm can have the Treasury 10 per cent flag and a Certificate of Merit awarded."

Miss Flora McDonald is vice chairman of the county organization. Mrs. S. R. Smith publicity chairman, and the local chairmen are as follows: Aberdeen, Mrs. O. Leon Seymour; Southern Pines, Mrs. J. J. Spring; West End, Mrs. M. C. McDonald; Hemp, Mrs. W. P. Saunders; Cameron, Mrs. Pete Phillips; Carthage, Mrs. Myrton Stewart; Pinebluff, Mrs. Roy Griffin.

EAGLE SCOUT

Douglas Rowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen, was advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout at an impressive Boy Scout Court of Honor held at the Aberdeen High School Building Tuesday night with Paul Butler of Southern Pines, county Court of Honor chairman, presiding. Mrs. Rowe pinned the badge on her son. Several Scouts received merit badges and awards for civic duty.

Interesting features of the meeting included special music by members of the high school faculty, and a group of poems given by Riley Scott.

Pvt. Willie McNeill, Mackall Soldier, Confesses Stabbing Oscar D. Michael and Is Being Held in State's Prison

SCRAP PAPER DRIVE

Saturday, Nov. 13, will be Scrap Paper Day in Southern Pines. Paul Butler of the Salvage Committee announces that a truck has been procured for collecting paper and the Boy Scouts will accompany the truck on its collection rounds Saturday morning. Please have your paper and cardboard in neat bundles for the boys when they call.

Mr. Butler brought the good news that work on the scrap bin across from the Seaboard station was being started Wednesday.

Summary of United War Fund Drive Is Indicative of Unity

Donations in Moore County Far Exceed the Quota Assigned

By E. A. WEST

In a statement at his Robbins Cloth Mills offices in Hemp, W. P. Saunders, chairman of Moore County's War Fund drive, confirmed previous estimates by advising that the campaign, which closed a day or two ago, had been an unqualified success, with a total of \$13,366.49 received from all sources. As Moore County's quota was only \$9,997.00 this, of course, means that we bettered expectations by \$3,369.49. Also, it is quite possible that there may be a few additional late subscriptions.

Mr. Saunders had nothing but praise for the cooperation and diligence of his chairmen throughout the county. Almost without exception these people went to work at their tasks with an enthusiasm that swept everything before it and that they succeeded beyond expectations is amply shown by the results obtained.

Chairman Saunders reports that the drive was a spirited one everywhere in the county. Everyone helped; churches, schools, lodges, clubs, societies and other organizations. Ministers pleaded for the cause from their pulpits, then went to work on the outside. Principals and school teachers gave unstintingly of their time and effort to make the campaign successful. The local chairmen gathered committees about them and went to work. The cooperation and the spirit of unity which the drive developed are worthy of mention. In nearly every local report was contained the fervent hope that the entire county would go over the top.

And go over the top Moore County did! There are reasons why. Nowhere are people to be found who are more compassionately interested in the good causes growing from the war needs of our weary world. Our people had knowledge that donations to the fund meant help of many kinds for our fighting men and women around the world. They realized (Continued on Page 5)

MOTHER OF LOCAL WOMAN SUCCUMBS

Mrs. A. F. Kelly, mother of Mrs. Thelma Kelly Holt, manager of Mack's Store in Southern Pines, died Tuesday night at her home at Jonesboro at the age of 82 years. Funeral service was held at Shallow Well Church Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Kelly had resided in the Jonesboro section all her life. Before marriage she was Miss Delilah Ann McNeill.

In addition to Mrs. Holt, the following other children survive: Mrs. O. T. Brown, New Bern; Mrs. L. D. Sloan, Jonesboro; Paul and Joe Kelly, Sanford; Marvin Kelly, Jonesboro and Burl Kelly, Cheraw, S. C.

HOME BURGLARIZED

While L. V. O'Callaghan was in Durham recently visiting his wife at Duke Hospital, his home at the corner of Ridge Street and Rhode Island Avenue was burglarized, entrance being gained by breaking a rear window. The entire house was ransacked and some jewelry and personal effects are missing.

Murder Knife Found Buried in Garden of Man's Home in Sanford

Pvt. Willie McNeill, 23, Camp Mackall soldier whose home is in Sanford, has confessed the brutal murder of Oscar D. Michael, popular Southern Pines taxi operator, and is now in State's Prison, Raleigh, awaiting trial in Moore County Superior Court, according to information given out by local officers, who worked tirelessly on the case until it was broken.

Michael was horribly stabbed early Tuesday morning of last week and thrown from his car in a dying condition in West Southern Pines. He died en route to the Moore County Hospital.

Officers immediately called into use every facility for speedily tracking down the guilty party. The trail was localized when Michael's car was found some six hours after its abandonment at the rear of the Lee County Training School in Sanford by State Highway Patrolman James Coleman, who had a complete description wired by Chief Newton. Numerous fingerprints were found on the car by Agent Zimmerman of the State Bureau of Investigation, who had been summoned from Raleigh.

Chief Paul Watson of Sanford, Sheriff C. J. McDonald and Deputy C. D. Jones of Carthage and Chief Newton and Policeman Morrison of Southern Pines began a thorough investigation in Sanford. They learned that McNeill was about the only Negro soldier seen there on Tuesday and that he had had clothing washed before returning to Camp Mackall Tuesday night. Prints from the car were taken to officers at camp and were identified as McNeill's. He was arrested Saturday morning.

McNeill denied having any knowledge of the crime when first questioned, but later told that he and a Negro soldier, reported to be from South Carolina, had stabbed Michael, officers disclosed. Sunday he confessed that he was alone when the crime was committed; that he drove to Sanford, abandoned the car, went to his home, hid the knife in the mattress of a bed, and then slept until dark, at which time he boarded a bus for Aberdeen, reporting at Camp for reveille Wednesday morning.

The murder weapon, a paratrooper's knife, was found in the garden of McNeill's home in Sanford, where it is said to have been buried by his wife.

After his arrest McNeill was confined under guard in the prison stockade at Camp Mackall, but Tuesday was surrendered to the State by military authorities.

McNeill, detailed as a mess attendant for Negro troops, is a native of Harnett County and was formerly employed at bus stations in Sanford and Durham before his enlistment.

The splendid work of the officers in solving the case and apprehending the criminal in such a short time is noteworthy.

SCHOOL FIGURES

Figures compiled in the office of the county superintendent H. Lee Thomas, show a total school enrollment of 5,37 for the first month of the fall term. The white enrollment was 3,803. Last year's first month enrollment was 5,727, of which 3,968 were white children.

The percentage of attendance for the first month of this year was 93.6 as against 93.1 the first month of last year. The percentage of first month attendance for the white schools for the two years was 95 this year and 94.4 last year; for the colored, 90.9 this year and 90.2 last year.

UNUSUAL COMBINATION

In the PILOT office this week we have been enjoying an unusual combination of beautiful flowers, lilacs and chrysanthemums. The lilacs, usually a herald of spring instead of winter, were given us by Mrs. E. W. Barton from the garden of her neighbor, Mrs. Marshall Palmer. Their fragrance is delightful.