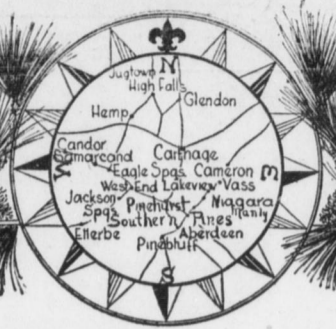


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Kiwanis Club Will Sponsor Drive for Discarded Clothing

Depositories Are Specified; Annual Banquet Program Is Announced

By Howard F. Burns

The Sandhills Kiwanis Club held its annual Thanksgiving luncheon at the Community House in Aberdeen Wednesday with Dr. C. H. Storey, pastor of Bethesda Church, Aberdeen, making the principal address. Dr. Storey also brought a message of thanks from the Presbyterian Orphanage at Barium Springs for a contribution made by the club members. He was introduced by J. Talbot Johnson.

The national drive for discarded clothing and rags sponsored by the Salvage Division of the War Production Board, was discussed, and the Club voted to become Moore County sponsor. O. I. Seymour of Aberdeen was appointed general chairman of the drive. Other members of the committee are A. L. Burney of Aberdeen, Dr. Thaddeus A. Cheatham of Pinehurst, Paul Butler of Southern Pines and Charles J. McDonald of Carthage.

Plans are underway for staging an intensive drive the first of next week. The clothing will be cleaned and shipped to the national headquarters in Washington. Ten per cent of the collection can be retained for needy families in Moore County.

The committee, which asks the cooperation of all other civic organizations in the county, has specified the following places where packages may be left: Osborne's Garage, formerly the Southern Pines Garage, next to the Carolina Power and Light Company's office on East Broad Street in Southern Pines; the Mid-South Motors in Aberdeen, and the Sheriff's office on the first floor of the Court House in Carthage.

Dr. E. M. Medlin, chairman of the Ladies' Night Committee, and Charles W. Pickett announced an interesting program for the Ladies' Night Banquet to be held at the Carolina Hotel Friday evening, Dec. 3. Former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus of Raleigh will speak, the Builder's Cup will be awarded the man or woman doing the most outstanding work in the county, and a dance in the ballroom of the Carolina will bring the evening's festivities to an end. From the advance sale of tickets the committee is expecting a large turnout.

Paul Butler, chairman of the Under-privileged Child Committee, announced splendid support for the annual Baby Page to be published in next week's Pilot. The contributions listed on this page will defray the expense of a bed for underprivileged children in the Moore County Hospital.

Dr. Cheatham made a plea for the cooperation of the Club in the annual Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale, stating that the drive is receiving much response from both white and colored.

West Southern Pines To Have New Library

Improved reading facilities for West Southern Pines will become a reality with the opening of the West Southern Pines Library, which is scheduled to take place in the near future. It will be located in the school library already there, and will be sponsored by the trustees of the Southern Pines Library.

The new or enlarged library will be run on the basis of annual memberships at \$1.00 each and student memberships at 50 cents. Applications may be made to P. R. Brown, principal or Miss Wilma Hasty, school librarian. Library hours will be from 1:00 to 3:00 p. m., Monday through Friday.

A list of books is already being selected, and those who wish to donate books may send them to the town library or to the white or colored school building.

RETURNS TO OFFICE

Miss Maida Jenkins returned to her office in the Court House Monday after an absence of about two months, due to illness. She is now feeling fine.

Firemen Wage Winning Battle to Save Southland



With fiery tongues of flame bursting from rear windows and smoke pouring from every opening on the top story of the Southland Hotel last Friday morning, it looked as if the building were doomed, but heroic efforts of the Southern Pines Fire Department, aided by companies from the neighboring towns of Aberdeen and Pinehurst, succeeded in bringing the fire under control.

Photo by E. H. Pierson

Local Friends Hear With Pride of the Successful Exploits of Bill Fisher

In Army circles, he's Col. William P. Fisher, commander of the "Liberators of China," a B-24 heavy bomber group that is making itself felt among the Japanese.

To Southern Pines friends, of which there are many, he is Bill Fisher, a young hero, whose feats are listened to and read with avid interest and genuine pleasure and pride.

One evening last week Lowell Thomas reported the raid over Hong Kong by airplanes headed by "Col. Bill Fisher of Southern Pines," and said in substance, that it was a feather in Bill's cap.

The Charlotte News of Nov. 18 carried the following AP release from "Headquarters 14th American Air Force":

The "Liberators of China," a B-24 heavy bomber group, are smashing at the Japs under a new commander, a husky six-footer from North Carolina who's working off a grudge.

He is Col. William P. Fisher of Southern Pines, who was a Flying Fortress squadron commander when the Japanese hit Clark Field in the Philippines, destroying all but one of his planes while they were being refueled after completing a bombing mission.

Fisher later fought in Java and returned to the United States from Australia.

He recently took over command of the "Liberators of China" from Col. Eugene Beebe of Moscow, Idaho, who has gone to Lord Louis Mountbatten's staff.

"This is the first time I've had a chance to get back at the Japs after the way they plastered us in the Philippines and Java," said Fisher with an air of satisfaction, after leading two missions to Hong Kong and another over Halphong.

In a night raid on Nov. 15, Liberators smashed up the important Kowloon dockyards opposite Hong Kong. "We caught them by surprise, bombing by moonlight," Fisher said. "When we came over, Hong Kong's lights were ablaze. They didn't have time to black out. Our bombs pretty well covered the Kowloon dock area. Japanese night fighters were sent up but they never contacted us. The flak was very light."

Fisher followed this up the next day with a daylight raid on Hong Kong Island, the Liberators coordinating their attack with low-flying Mitchell bombers which sank one 11,000-ton freighter and two 1,000-ton ships.

"We dumped our bombs on targets near the water reservoir," said Fisher. "The cable building was destroyed by direct hits."

Col Fisher is the son of Mrs. Nellie Fisher of Southern Pines.

Annual Christmas Seal Sale Begins Mrs. Cheatham Names Local Chairmen

The 37th annual Christmas Seal Sale of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association opened Monday and will continue until Christmas.

Governor Broughton, in calling attention to the sale, said: "Tuberculosis has increased during all past wars and is now the first cause of death among persons between 15 and 45 years of age," adding that this year's goal of \$150,000 is the sole support of the North Carolina Association and its affiliated associations over the State. He issued a call to the people to contribute liberally by the purchase of seals. Dr. Julian S. Miller, editor of the Charlotte Observer, is serving as State chairman of the sale.

The Southern Pines Committee, composed of A. B. Patterson, Miss Birdilia Bair, W. T. Ives and P. T. Kelsey, is for the first time using the mail method of selling, due to a shortage of solicitors. Letters telling of the various phases of work financed by the sale of seals are being mailed with seals enclosed, together

with self addressed, stamped envelopes for the convenience of the recipient in returning pay for the seals. Seventy-five cents of each dollar received is spent for tuberculosis work in this county. Southern Pines' quota is \$865 for the white and \$200 for the colored.

Mrs. Anna F. Cheatham (Mrs. T. A. C.) of Pinehurst is county chairman and Prof. P. R. Brown of West Southern Pines is the colored county chairman. Mrs. Cheatham has released the names of chairmen for the various towns, as follows:

Aberdeen, Mrs. J. B. Edwards; Addor, Ada B. Jackson; Cameron, Mrs. H. C. McPherson; Carthage, Rev. W. L. Warford; Eagle Springs, Mrs. Cleo Hayward; Eureka, Miss Mary Black; Glendon, Mrs. R. H. Dowd; Hemp, Mrs. E. A. West; High Falls, Miss Lucy Reynolds; Jackson Springs, Miss Lola Carter; Mt. Holly Club, Mrs. G. P. Jones; Pinebluff, Mrs. Cadwalader Benedict; Pinehurst, Mr. and Mrs. Max Von (Continued on Page 8)

Local Firemen, Aided by Pinehurst and Aberdeen Groups, Save Southland Hotel from Total Loss by Fire Friday Morning

EARLY SHOPPER

A forehanded patron—or patrons—of "Red" Overton's having noted the widely heralded advice to "Do your Christmas shopping early" walked out of the back door of the pharmacy with a case of 40 boxes of choice candy one evening last week. The following morning the case was found in the Church Garden by Edgar Andrews, where it had been hidden by him, her or them after a box had been taken as a sample. So far, he, she or they have not returned for the other 39 boxes.

Origin of Fire Unknown; Guests Escape Injury; \$15,000 Damage

By Charles Macauley

The short handed Fire Department of Southern Pines well maintained its prestige on Friday morning in the battle to save the Southland hotel. If ever help was needed it was when fiery tongues of flame burst out of the three rear windows of the northwest angle of the mansard roof of the older part of the building, and then swept under the metal roof to set more rooms, both front and back ablaze, facing the quickly responding firemen with what might well have been a conflagration.

F. B. Pottle, Pioneer Hotel Man, Passes

Had Been in Business in the Sandhills for Nearly Half a Century

Southern Pines has experienced a genuine loss in the death of Frank B. Pottle, who succumbed in New England Baptist Hospital, Boston, on Thursday, Nov. 18.

An ailing man when he closed the Hollywood in April and departed to undergo a major operation, Mr. Pottle recuperated somewhat during the summer and returned to the hospital in September for a check-up in preparation for coming back to Southern Pines, but was never able to leave.

With his death passed not only one of the very few remaining pioneer hotel men in the Sandhills, but a man widely known for his successful hotel management. He was greatly esteemed by business associates and a multitude of guests of his hotels.

The son of John L. Pottle and Charlotte Crawshaw Pottle, Mr. Pottle was born in West Jefferson, N. H., June 4, 1877. He was married to Harriet Beattie on June 7, 1906.

Funeral services were held in a Methodist Church, Jefferson, at 1:30 p. m. Sunday, Nov. 21, and he was given a Masonic burial with North Star Commandery officiating. Honorary bearers were directors of the Lancaster National Bank of which Mr. Pottle was vice-president.

Mr. Pottle came with his father, the late J. L. Pottle, to Pinehurst in 1895 opening Pinegrove Cottage, the first boarding house in the new village. The following year they went to the Magnolia where they remained until 1907, then came to Southern Pines, where they leased the Southern Pines Hotel. In 1913 they built the Hollywood Hotel which, when the new wing was added in 1926, became one of the leading hotels of the Sandhills. In the following year entire management of the hotel was turned over to F. B. Pottle.

Mr. Pottle is survived by his widow; three sons, Robert, of Wellesley, Mass.; John, of the U. S. Navy; George, of the U. S. Air Force; one daughter, Mrs. Robert Lockwood of South Acton, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. Arthur C. Davis, and three grandchildren.

Pine Needles Will Open December 1

December 1 is the date set for the opening of The Pine Needles, one of the famous hotels of the Sandhills resort area, and judging from activity there for the past several weeks everything will be in ship shape when the doors open for guests. Painters and decorators are completing the revamping of the interior, and the grounds are a velvety green, inviting one outside to enjoy the Carolina sunshine.

The golf courses, which were given painstaking care to keep them in fine shape for the use of Army officers while the AAFTC was located there, have never been in better condition. Johnny Capello, who for the summer has been in Massachusetts, will return as golf professional.

The Pine Needles is under the management of Albert H. Malone, formerly of Asheville.

NAVAL AIR CORPS



A. C. ADJ. MUNROE COLLESTER

Aviation Cadet Adjutant Munroe Colleston of Newton Highlands, Mass., a graduate of Deerfield Academy who entered the service last November, recently completed the third phase of his training at Athens, Ga., and last week transferred to the Naval Air Station in Memphis, Tenn., to continue his work.

In Athens he won the inter-battalion wrestling bout in his weight class, which made him champion of his regiment. However, he did not think much of that as every two weeks another group of men came along, so he has moved on to more strenuous athletics.

A. C. Adj. Colleston is a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Walter Munroe of Southern Pines. His parents are C. H. Colleston and Eleanor Munroe Colleston, of Newton Highlands, Mass.

GLIDER CRASHES KILL 4 AND INJURE 14

Two flight officers attached to the troop carrier groups at Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base and two enlisted men attached to an airborne signal company at Camp Mackall were fatally injured last week in glider crashes while on training flights in the Maxton vicinity.

Fourteen officers and enlisted men were injured in the crashes. Eleven of the injured were taken to base hospital at Maxton and the other three are at Camp Mackall.

Among the injured were Capt. Joseph E. Helier of Southern Pines and Capt. Richard S. Hoyt of Pinebluff.

BURNEY & COLLEGE TRUSTEE

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Louisburg College held in connection with the Methodist Conference, A. L. Burney of Aberdeen was elected a member of the Board.

WAR PRISONERS TO WORK IN ORCHARDS

It is currently reported that through the efforts of Sandhills peach growers, 500 prisoners of war are to be brought to this section at an early date, 250 to be stationed near Aberdeen and the other half at Candor. They are to be used as peach orchard laborers. Nationality of the prisoners is not known.

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