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Local Schools Will Hold "Bundle Day" for Needy Children December 6th-10th

Clothing Will Be Sent to Children in Mountain Areas as Well as Overseas

A clothing collection, popularly known as Bundle Day, will be held in the public schools of Southern Pines from December 6th to 10th, according to an announcement by P. J. Weaver, Superintendent of Schools.

The campaign, which is a part of the National Children's Clothing Crusade being conducted throughout the country by the Save the Children Federation, is being held to aid needy children both in the United States and overseas. In this country, warm clothing is being sent to underprivileged, isolated children in the mountain and rural areas in order to keep them in school during the cold winter months.

Outside continental United States, regular monthly shipments are going to Great Britain and Puerto Rico, and the Federation is preparing to serve other overseas children as opportunities arise.

The local Bundle Day, according to the leaflets that are being distributed to the pupils, will be held under the sponsorship of the Student Council.

The Students will not make a house to house canvass, but they will appreciate any donations and, if notified, will call for them at the homes.

STAY HOME MONDAY AND TUESDAY NIGHTS

By MARY BAXTER

Unless you possess an efficient blackout room in your home, plan on retiring early Monday and Tuesday evenings, December 6 and 7, and get your beauty sleep. Between the hours of 9 and 2 those nights there will be total blackouts. Stay off the streets out of the way of fast moving, blacked-out Army vehicles and soldiers executing movements on foot. While private property is off-limits, don't scream if a soldier wanders across your yard.

To girls and women alone in dark homes—if you are positive that there's a burglar under the bed, in that closet, or breathing down your neck, DON'T flood the house with lights. Open a window and yell. There will be police or air raid wardens on patrol nearby.

Of course you may wonder how to recognize police or wardens in the darkness. Ask him—through a locked door or open upstairs window to identify himself. He can be shining a flashlight on his armband. Take a good look at it, be sure it is an armband with a triangle or OCD lettering.

Just in case—don't unlock your door to anyone who can't properly identify himself. Unless you are sinning by having lights or an open fire visible outside, or have yelled for help, no policeman or warden will have any reason to hammer on your door.

These blackouts are being held to help the Army properly round out training of men under conditions as nearly as possible resembling those they will encounter in combat areas. So it's all in a good cause. Social telephone visits, and remember—the cherry glow of an open fire is definitely taboo. So—early to bed.

For the comfort of police and wardens who will be keeping a lookout for possible prowlers—keep your dog inside. Armbands don't mean a thing to the canines.

Frank Hatfield Passes

News has reached THE PILOT of the death of Frank Hatfield in his home at Bradford, Pa., Sunday night. Funeral services were held Wednesday. Mr. Hatfield leaves a wife and one daughter, Miss Mildred Hatfield. The Hatfields have been seasonal residents of Southern Pines for the last ten years.

PRISONER OF WAR

First Lt. Theodore B. Scarlett, son of Mrs. Edith B. Scarlett of 39 North May Street, Southern Pines, has been listed by the War Department as being a prisoner of war in Germany.

IN THE ARMY



CPL. THOMAS H. WILSON

Corporal Thomas H. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson of Manly, is with the armed forces in Africa. He received his training at Fort Benning, Ga., and then completed a course in radio at Fort Knox, Ky. He has been overseas since last November.

COLLECTOR WILL AID MOORE TAXPAYERS

A deputy collector will be at the following places on dates shown to assist farmers and others required to file income tax estimate declarations with the Collector of Internal Revenue by December 15, 1943: Pinehurst Post Office, Dec. 2, Hemp, City Hall, Dec. 3, Aberdeen, City Hall, Dec. 4, Raeford, Court House, Dec. 6, 7, 8 and 13, Southern Pines, Post Office, Dec. 9, Carthage, Court House, Dec. 10, 11, and 14, Southern Pines, Post Office, Dec. 15.

Southern Pines Council of Social Agencies Will Again Spread Cheer at Christmas

"The Southern Pines Council of Social Agencies will try again to see that baskets of Christmas cheer are distributed to the needy," advises a representative of the organization, who made the following statement:

"Adequate employment for all able-bodied persons has greatly reduced the number to be remembered, but there are still many who have grown old and helpless in service and who look to us for their Christmas. Widows with small children, farm laborers and others, are feeling want more than ever because the little money they have will not go as far as in previous years. It is to these we wish to bring the certainty that someone cares."

"As usual, it is hoped that organizations and individuals will wish to contribute. Gifts of money may be sent to Mrs. Howard Butler, treasurer. Gifts of food, clothing or toys may be left at the home of the Executive Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Towne, or any of the following committee members: Miss Laura Kelsey, Mrs. James Sweet, Morris Johnson, Walter Ives or P. R. Brown."

Secret Weapon

Adolph Hitler's greatest secret weapon is his ability to piece together little bits of vital information, dropped here and there, by innocent civilians, according to Col. Vernon G. Olsmith, Post Commander at Camp Mackall.

Col. Olsmith pointed out that America's outstanding victories were accomplished by secrecy and surprise concerning troop movements, plans, and operations. With the increase in scope and fury of the grim struggle ahead—and with members of the American Armed Forces fighting and dying all over the world, it is more important than ever that the Army's secrets be kept safe. One can never be sure where the spoken or written word will go in its long travels. Little bits of information which you could give away with no intention whatever of imparting vital information—could be picked up by enemy agents.

Kiwanis Club Holds 21st Annual Dinner Friday at Carolina

Former Gov. Ehringhaus to Speak; Builder's Cup Will Be Awarded

Former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus of Raleigh will be the guest speaker at the twenty-first annual Kiwanis Ladies' Night Banquet to be held Friday night, Dec. 3, at the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst. The Charter members of the club will be honored guests. During the period of twenty-one years, the Kiwanis Club has done outstanding work for Moore County and the Sandhills communities.

W. B. Sabiston, Jr., of Carthage, prominent Moore County attorney, will award the builder's cup to the man or woman doing the most outstanding work in the County.

Charles W. Picquet of Pinehurst and Dr. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen will be in charge of the program. Howard F. Burns of Southern Pines, president of the club, will preside.

The dinner will be at 8 o'clock and the program will open with the singing of "America" followed by the invocation by Dr. Thaddeus A. Cheatham. The address of welcome will be delivered by Judge J. Vance Rowe, and the response will be made by Mrs. Charles W. Picquet. The recognition of charter members will be conducted by Dr. E. M. Medlin, and this will be followed by the presentation of the builder's cup. The speaker will be introduced by J. Talbot Johnson, Aberdeen attorney.

A very fine musical program has been arranged by Mr. Picquet. The banquet will be followed by the Kiwanis ball in the Pine Room of the Carolina Hotel. Upward of two hundred will attend.

The Governor will be accompanied by Mrs. Ehringhaus who will be an honor guest of the Kiwanians.

Sandhills Section to Blackout for Army Maneuvers on Mon. and Tues. Nights; Greatest Congestion to Be in This Area

Mrs. Robinson Cook New Auxiliary Head

Officers for the coming year were elected by the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary at a meeting held Wednesday, December 1st, in the Nurses Home. They are: President, Mrs. Robinson Cook; 1st vice president, Mrs. James Walker; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Harry Norris; secretary, Mrs. Craighill Brown; treasurer, Mrs. M. G. Nichols.

A rising vote of thanks was given the retiring president, Mrs. Henry Page, Jr., for her splendid leadership during the past year.

E. T. McKeithen, business manager, gave the Auxiliary an interesting resume of the year's work in the Hospital, stressing the valuable service given by the Nurses' Aides and personnel in general in the face of the increase in the average number of patients from 58 last year to 71 this year.

SANDPIPERS TEE OFF

On Sunday, Dec. 5, thirty members of the Sandpipers Club, men's golfing organization of Southern Pines, will start their season with an eighteen hole medal tournament with handicap. This will be played over the sixty-seven hundred yard championship course at the Country Club.

At the annual meeting of the Sandpipers, held last week at the Country Club, Arthur Atherton of Aberdeen was re-elected to fill the office of president for 1943-44. J. C. Barron was elected vice-president and E. E. Davis, secretary and treasurer. Dick Sugg will head the tournament committee; N. L. Hodgkins, the membership; and Morris Johnson, the entertainment.

Mr. Sugg and his committee have planned a full program of tournaments, eight in all, starting with the December 5th eighteen hole medal event. Tournaments will take place at the Southern Pines Country Club on the first and third Sunday of each month, favorable weather permitting. An annual championship tournament with matched play, in May, will be the wind-up. At that time prize for ringer tournament will go to golfer with highest number of birdies at end of season.

Gymkhana Planned for Christmas Holidays

With the season in Southern Pines getting into full swing, the Equestrian Committee, including Mrs. W. O. Moss, Mrs. William J. Kennedy, Miss Paula deJanza, Louis Scheipers, Howard Burns, secretary and Lloyd Tate and Corbett Alexander of Pinehurst, met Monday afternoon and outlined a full schedule of horse events for the winter and spring months. Mr. Scheipers, re-elected chairman of the committee, announces that the season will open with a gymkhana Friday afternoon, Dec. 26, in the Southern Pines Country Club show ring and will be given as an entertainment feature for the members of the armed forces. Both civilians and the military will participate in this event.

Monday, Jan. 3, is the date for the second listed event, a Junior Horse Show, sponsored by the committee. This will be staged in the horse show ring at the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Those who have clothing or rags to donate to the national drive being sponsored locally by the Kiwanis Club are asked to have them ready Saturday, at which time a truck, manned by Boy Scouts, will make a canvass.

Children Get a Break

Beginning next Monday, the Southern Pines Schools will open at 9:00 a. m. instead of at 8:15. Supt. Philip J. Weaver announced this week, which means that the youngsters will have time for another nap.

Citizens Defense Corps Warns Residents to Have Cars Off Streets

Acting at the request of the Army, the State Office of Civilian Defense this week announced that practice blackouts will be held in a number of counties in and adjacent to the Sandhills section on Monday and Tuesday nights of next week.

These blackouts will last from 9 p. m. December 6 to 2 a. m. December 7, and from 9 p. m. December 7 to 2 a. m. December 8.

The purpose of the blackouts is to permit the Army to train tactical troops, now stationed within the area, in night maneuvers under conditions which approximate closely the conditions they will encounter in combat.

The blackouts, OCD said, will cover the Lumberton, Maxton, Laurinburg, Hamlet, Southern Pines and Fayetteville sub-district aircraft warning centers, and part of the Charlotte district within an area south of a line running from Candor to Carthage and east of a line from Candor to Ellerbe.

Points of impact and greatest congestion of troops will be in the general vicinity of Southern Pines and Aberdeen.

Upon receipt of this information, the local Citizens' Defense Corps went into action to get the members of the organization lined up for the blackouts. Chief Warden A. B. Patterson and Police Chief Edwin Newton called a meeting of air raid wardens and auxiliary policemen at the school building Wednesday night, and they were addressed by John M. Howarth, commander of the Corps, who outlined the duties of the various Defense Corps groups.

The auxiliary policemen will assist wardens with the lights and both groups will keep close watch for perpetrators of any misdemeanors. The Army will handle traffic.

The usual signal on the siren will be given at the beginning of the blackouts. The all clear will be signified by the turning on of street lights. However, residents should extinguish all lights at 9 o'clock on the two nights regardless of whether they hear the siren, Mr. Howarth stated.

All automobiles should be parked in yards or on driveways and not left on the streets, the Chief Warden warns, and pedestrians are urged to stay off the streets.

Permission has been granted by the State Highway Commission to close the following roads to traffic from 7 p. m. to 2 a. m. on the blackout nights:

U. S. No. 1 between Cameron and Rockingham; State No. 77 North of Hamlet; U. S. No. 15 from Eastwood to Laurinburg; and U. S. No. 211 between West End and Raeford.

Highway patrolmen will establish and maintain the road blocks, and all traffic within the blocked-off area will be controlled rigidly by military police.

OCD said the Army has requested that all non-essential travel within the blocked-off area be avoided during the blackout periods, as the highways and country roads will be heavily congested and the countryside used in troop movements.

The entire area will be open to daylight travel at all times.

OCD said it is vital that the areas be completely blacked out during the maneuvers. Army officials advised OCD that they realized their request would inconvenience persons living within the blackout area, adding that their only recompense would be "Their knowledge that they are actually aiding the Army in training our tactical troops for combat, and that their efforts and inconvenience are a very real contribution to the war effort."

HEMP IS ROBBINS

Hemp is now Robbins. The State Supreme Court settled the controversy Wednesday, thus ending a fight which had extended over several months.