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M. F. Grantham Gets Promotion and Will Move to Rockingham

Local Town Commissioner to Be District Accountant for C P & L Co.

M. F. Grantham, prominent local citizen, has been elevated to a position of higher responsibility with the Carolina Power & Light Company and will move to Rockingham to assume his new duties on December 15, according to an announcement made public today.

Grantham, who has been connected with the Carolina Power & Light Company for fifteen years, came to Southern Pines ten years ago as cashier of the local branch of the Company. During his stay here he has established himself as a valuable adjunct to the civic life of Southern Pines. He has served as treasurer of the Rotary Club, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and at the present time is a member of the Town Board of Commissioners, a member of the Southern Pines Library Board of Trustees, a member of the Executive Board of the Southern Pines Council of Social Agencies, and has been treasurer of the Moore County District of the Boy Scouts since its origin, in Moore County.

Two years ago when the Southern Pines and Sanford Districts were combined into a single operation by the Company, Grantham was given the supervision of accounting and bookkeeping activities in both towns and since that time has divided his time between the two cities.

In commenting upon Grantham's promotion, R. L. Chandler, manager of the Central Division of the company, said, "Although we shall miss Grantham in this District, he has earned a promotion, and it is only fair that he be given this opportunity to assume a more important position. On December 15 he will supervise the clerical affairs of the company in Rockingham, Hamlet, Maxton, and Wadesboro Offices as well as other towns and communities in that area of Richmond, Anson, Scotland and Robeson counties served by the Company. I have no doubt but that he will discharge his responsibilities in a manner which will reflect credit to himself and to the Company."

ART EXHIBIT

In line with its established policy of promoting interest in the fine arts as well as in literature the Library is now showing a group of oil paintings by Marian Alba de Costa.

The exhibit, which includes portraits, landscapes and still lifes, admirably displays Mrs. de Costa's command of her medium and a creative talent of a high order. The paintings now hung will remain for about a week and will then be replaced wholly or in part by others by the same artist.

WEST S. P. LIBRARY

The West Southern Pines branch Library is expected to be in operation early in January. It is hoped that sufficient interest will be shown to make the extension of our library service a highly valuable one.

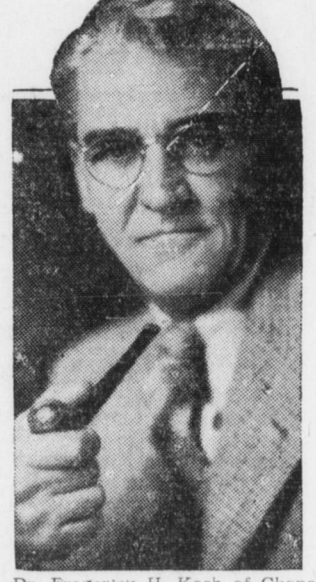
Southland Repairs Progress Rapidly

Repairs to the Southland, which was badly damaged by fire three weeks ago, are being made rapidly and are expected to be completed by Christmas, according to a statement by a member of the John W. Coffey and Son firm, which was awarded contracts for extensive repairs by insurance adjusters.

E. V. Perkinson and crew replaced shattered windows; W. S. Bushby did the wiring; Southern Pines Warehouses supplied the lumber; Burney Hardware Company, the asphalt shingles; John Askew of Raleigh is wall papering and painting, and Jasper Swearingen is doing the sheet metal work.

A few of the room in the west wing were occupied a few days after the fire.

NOTED DRAMATIST



Dr. Frederick H. Koch of Chapel Hill, who has been termed a "one man theatre", will give his famous reading of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" in the Vass-Lakeview School Auditorium at 8 p. m. Monday, Dec. 20, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association. Dr. Koch has given this reading nearly 250 times in many different states and it continues to grow in popularity. There will be special musical numbers, also.

Dr. Koch is scheduled to appear at Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs, Monday evening Dec. 13.

Kiwanis Club Hears Address on Salvage

Vogler of State Committee Stresses Value of All Scrap Materials

BY: HOWARD F. BURNS
James B. Vogler, executive secretary of the State Salvage Committee, Raleigh, told the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at its meeting Wednesday at the Pinehurst Country Club that it would be impossible to win this war without the aid of scrap metal, fats and other salvage materials.

Among the honored guests present were William Sledge son of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Sledge of Pinehurst, and Donald Scheipers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scheipers of Southern Pines, representatives from the Pinehurst Public Schools and the Southern Pines Public Schools in the recent scrap drive put on by the schools of Moore County.

Continuing with his address, Mr. Vogler explained to his listeners that the government had divided the scrap drive into four divisions. The first is the general salvage program which united the 100 counties of North Carolina into a unit for the collection of scrap materials. The second is known as the "grave yard" division. This division salvages automobiles, saving all the vital metals and getting it into shape for use. The third is the industrial division which takes care of waste metals of industry, and the fourth is the special project section which salvages heavy machinery and metals such as bridge materials and mining equipment.

Mr. Vogler pointed out that next in importance is the collection of fats. He informed the club that the United States lost annually one million pounds of fat when the Japs captured the Dutch East Indies and other islands in the Pacific. He stressed the importance of housewives saving at least one spoonful of fat per day as this is vitally needed in furthering the war effort.

Mr. Vogler stated that his committee is making an extensive drive in the collection of tin cans. He asked that they be washed and crimped. He said that a can contains 1 per cent tin and 99 per cent steel.

N. E. Edgerton, past president of the Raleigh Kiwanis Club, now chairman of the State Salvage Committee, corroborated Mr. Vogler's statements.

The speaker was introduced by A. L. Burney of Aberdeen.

BEAUTIFUL BIRD

Leon Fields was proudly displaying an 18-pound turkey which he bagged Thursday morning near the Swan Pond.

Surgical Dressing Workers Are Needed

New Quota Has Arrived and Previous Quota is Overdue; Need is Urgent

In issuing a call for additional workers for the Red Cross surgical dressings room, Mrs. E. V. Hughes publicity chairman, sends out the following challenging message:

"The surgical dressing program in Southern Pines needs every army wife and local woman not usefully employed now. The present quota of dressings is overdue and the new quota has arrived. These dressings are needed by the injured in our armed forces now.

"A few busy service-conscious women, local and army, have carried this heavy program too long without adequate help from those who have little work to do. They are weary with service, but will not give up until the war is over any more than would a good soldier. Red Cross needs more such women; not more work for the same volunteers.

"It takes imagination and vision to make surgical dressings day after day. It takes imagination to see the far off emergency and general hospitals where wounded Americans live or die, because simple pieces of sterile gauze are present in large enough quantities for doctors and nurses to use adequately.

"It takes vision to see the thousands of useful young men of our country who will come home to lend a robust, intelligent service in the building of a future America because we did not fail them in the little tasks which are so vital now.

"We read in the papers that these boys beg for service at the front, feeling many times that they are not doing enough. Mrs. J. T. Overton, chairman of surgical dressings in Southern Pines, would appreciate such an attitude on the part of women here. The surgical dressing room is located in the Straka Building, Northwest Broad Street.

LOCAL NEGRO KILLED; WIFE IS BEING HELD

Eddie Pratt, also known as "Pete", driver of a town truck was shot in the abdomen at 7:30 Saturday night with a .22 rifle, allegedly in the hands of his wife, Sarah Pratt, in West Southern Pines. He was immediately taken to the Moore County Hospital, where he was pronounced dead upon arrival.

The woman, arrested by Chief Ed Newton and given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Bailey, Sunday, is being held without bail at Carthage to await Grand Jury action in January. Sarah, who works at Camp Mackall, is said to have been drunk and to have threatened her husband with a knife before following him to the hog pen, where the shooting occurred.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Southern Pines Schools close Friday afternoon, Dec. 17, for Christmas and reopen Jan. 3.

Moore County Schools close Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 21, and reopen Dec. 29.

November, a Bit Colder Than Average, Brought Fog, Thunder, Sleet, Juncos

November, in common with the preceding months of September and October, registered a loss of temperature. Only an average drop of 1.1 degrees, but the prevailing winds and below freezing temperatures of the early mornings from the 10th to the 17th brought the scarcity of coal as a most unpleasant factor to many householders. As a matter of record the ten days of high temperatures ranging from 70 to 77 degrees were more than offset by nine days of low temperatures ranging from 23 to 32 degrees. The high temperature of 77 degrees was recorded on the 21st and the low of 23 degrees on the 17th.

A few juncos were observed on the 14th, disappearing to return in greater numbers on the 28th. A heavy fog prevailed on the morning of the 6th; thunder on the evening of the 8th, and a little sleet on the last evening of the month.

Twenty one days were all clear, 7 days partly cloudy, two days cloudy, three days with rain, and one day with just a trace. Rainfall for the month was 1.20 inches; the heaviest shower .60 inches on the 8th; deficiency for the month, 1.54 inches, for the year 4.79 inches. Charlotte reports three inches, Raleigh 4.14 inches. An excessively dry spell was recorded for the 19 days from the 9th to the 28th.

Thanksgiving Day was pleasant; highest temperature, 68 degrees, lowest, 36 degrees, average 52 degrees.

Honored for Public Service



Miss Birdilia Bair of Southern Pines, receiving the Kiwanis Builder's Cup for outstanding service in her work with the soldiers at Camp Mackall, the American Red Cross and other charitable and religious affairs of the County. The Cup is being presented by William D. Sabiston, prominent Moore County attorney of Carthage, at the Twenty-first Annual Ladies' Night banquet at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst (Friday night, December 3rd). In the background are Dr. J. I. Neal of Southern Pines and John F. Taylor of Pinehurst.

Welfare Department Calls for Clothing

"Warm clothing such as coats, sweaters, shoes, dresses and other garments are needed by many of our families in Moore County who do not have an employable person in the family, or who have a large family with only one person working," says Miss Pauline Covington, head of the Moore County Welfare Department with the following message:

"If you desire to help the relief in Europe, that is commendable, but do not, at the same time, forget those unfortunate at home. The local Welfare Department will receive 10 per cent of the clothing left with Sheriff C. J. McDonald for European families.

"If you would like to give directly to the Moore County Welfare Department you may leave the clothing at the Department on 2nd floor of the Court House or call 44 and someone will pick up the clothing.

"If persons in Southern Pines and vicinity will leave their donations at the Police Station, we will collect them.

"In Aberdeen leave your contributions at 'The Spinning Wheel' with Mrs. J. R. Page.

"In Robbins carry your old clothing to the Community House and someone there will collect them.

"Pinebluff and Addor residents may leave their donations with Mrs. Walter McNeille at Pinebluff.

"Any donations made in Pinehurst, leave at The Garage and we will secure them.

"Anyone not living near the above towns who would like to give something to help cheer a family for Christmas, call Carthage 44 and we will be glad to collect your gifts.

"We plan to give these clothes, toys or any other donations as part of our 'White Christmas', therefore give as generously as you can."

Sandhills Folk See Impressive Sights

By CHARLES MACAULEY

While smiling skies and an almost summer temperature prevailing over the Sandhills Wednesday afternoon a gleaming sun looked down upon one of the most impressive sights staged by man in this area.

Other than the active participants only a few civilians, their scanty number including a delegation of THE PILOT staff, were fortunate enough to witness the most thrilling part of the maneuvers of the First Troop Carrier Command of the Army Air Forces directed by its Commander, Brig. Gen. Fredrick W. Evans as flights of transport planes and planes towing gliders roared in towards Knollwood Airport disgorging thousands of men in the fields and forests surrounding the Post.

In this second day of the maneuvers continuing the greatest mass movement of soldiers by air in all the world's history, the remaining fifty per cent of the 10,000 Army personnel not involved in action Tuesday were landed from several hundred transports and gliders.

As an overture low flying planes threw a dense smoke screen over and in the woods east of the Post, and on its northerly border, and were immediately followed by sweeping planes, transports and gliders from which hundreds and hundreds of little doll like figures, each topped with a little white umbrella, drifted earthward rapidly disclosing to the awe stricken spectators burgeoning parachutes from which swung fully armed troopers. Interspersed with the uncountable white chutes were many red ones bearing supplies instead of men.

For miles around the airport, hidden by the dense brush, brown oaks and green pines, were scattered infantrymen, airborne troopers, and paratroopers with "walkie-talkie" men and their apparatus, while the roads were full of "jeeps" laden with all sorts of equipment, ambulances, dispatch riders, and officer observers from Lieut. Gen. Lesley J. McNair down through all the grades.

Local Poet Wins Envious Distinction

Included on the Thanksgiving program for the week of Nov. 20th through Nov. 28th at the Grand Central Terminal, New York City, was Emily Allen Elfreth's beautiful poem, "To the Air Corps Lads," for which music was written by Mary Lee Read, organist, director, who introduced music in the Grand Central in 1928. This poem which was printed in THE PILOT several months ago, will be recalled by many of the readers.

This Southern Pines poet has to her credit a number of poems which have won high recognition.

Night Invasion of Sandhills by Air Is Highly Successful

About 6,000 Men Are Moved in Short Time With Few Accidents

The biggest night airborne invasion maneuver yet staged by the Army was considered highly successful by Army officers as reports showed only two killed and 49 hospitalized in the hazardous task of moving about 6,000 men and their equipment by air in a space of little more than two hours Tuesday night. Movement of the remainder of the division of some 10,000 men was delayed temporarily by low visibility over this 2,500-square-mile maneuver area in the Sandhills.

More than 85 per cent of the gliders left their bases in the territory of the invading Blue army and carrying full loads of troops and supplies landed successfully in the assigned fields in the defending Red territory after crossing a simulated 200-mile stretch of ocean.

Some of the remainder landed in nearby fields from which their men were able to plunge without delay into the mimic warfare for strategic points near Pinehurst and Southern Pines, especially the Knollwood Airport. More than 1,900 paratroopers were dropped and they overpowered the 700 defenders of Knollwood shortly after they hit the ground.

Taking off from Lumberton, Maxton, Florence, S. C., and other points, the gliders came in on their appointed routes and in most instances with stop-watch timing.

For the remainder of the week maneuvers will continue with additional troops being flown into the combat area. Gen. Frederick W. Evans is maneuver director.

WINKLEMAN BUYS WOOLNOUGH HOUSE

A sale of great significance to the town has just been consummated by P. T. Barnum, Inc., the firm having sold the Woolnough property to Dwight W. Winkleman of Syracuse, N. Y., in one of the most important real estate transactions of recent years.

Located on the northeast corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Weymouth Road, with an extensive frontage on both avenues, the site commands a wide vista of the surrounding country. First developed in 1910, by the late C. P. Heyward, one of the first of our residents to see the possibilities of this section of Southern Pines, his dwelling was removed in 1934 to clear the site for the pretentious home planned for Marland Woolnough who never completed or occupied it.

The new owner is considered one of the largest general contractors of the Seaboard states, and with his family has been a seasonal resident for a number of years, having been lessee of the Paddock and of Mr. Barnum's house on Country Club Drive.

C. T. PATCH KNOCKED DOWN BY ARMY TRUCK

About eight o'clock last Thursday evening as C. T. Patch, returning to the store, stepped away from the New Hampshire Avenue curb at West Broad Street, an army truck driven by a member of the Military Police ran over his right foot and the fender gashed his right leg, knocking him down. At the Moore County Hospital his injuries, while painful, were pronounced not serious and he was taken to his home.

Witnesses and Mr. Patch himself state that the accident was unavoidable as he did not see the truck, which fortunately was proceeding slowly, and the driver watching a car ahead did not see Mr. Patch in time to avoid the accident.

POST OFFICE WILL BE OPEN SATURDAY P. M.

The Southern Pines post office will remain open until 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon in order to accommodate those wishing to buy stamps or mail packages.

Long time average	Max.	Min.	Aver.
1942	64.5	41.3	52.8
1943	67.1	38.2	50.7
1943	65.3	38.1	51.7