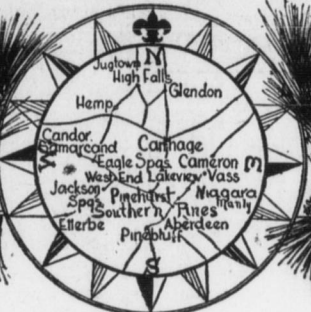


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TEN CENTS

## Gymkhana and Golf Will Feature Sports Events in Southern Pines at Christmas

### Horse Show at the Country Club Will Benefit the American Red Cross

An interesting schedule of events for the opening gymkhana of the season to be held at the Southern Pines Country Club horse show grounds Sunday, December 26, has been announced by Louis Scheipers, chairman of the Equestrian Committee, and the show is expected to draw a large entry of hunters and to attract many local residents, member of the Armed Forces and holiday visitors. The field has been put in fine shape for the event, with brush jumps set and fences repaired.

The afternoon program, which will include six classes, will open with a class for middle and lightweight hunters to be run over a hunting course of panel fences and rail jumps. Other features listed are: class for open jumpers in the middle inside ring; class for open jumpers for men in uniform; a novelty event, broomstick polo; potato race, and a class for junior horsemen.

First Class Petty Officer Delmar Twyman of the North Carolina Coast Guard, Charleston, S. C., will be the judge and Mrs. Robert Frase of Newark, N. J., wife of Lt. Frase of Camp Mackall, will present the ribbons.

The gymkhana, a feature entertainment for the Armed Forces, will benefit the American Red Cross.

Golf will also be a leading holiday sport here. The Sandpipers Club is opening its season Sunday with a match play against par tournament at the Southern Pines Country Club, and a blind bogey tournament is scheduled for the Pine Needles on Christmas Day.

## Negro USO Quarters Are Gunned by Fire

### Flames Spread So Rapidly That Nothing Was Saved From West S. P. Building

The U. S. O. quarters for colored soldiers in West Southern Pines was gutted by a fiercely burning fire Saturday noon.

The building, in use for this purpose for the past four months, was a neat one story frame structure, located at the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and Gaines Street, for many years the home of the late William Streeter.

Following the alarm at 12:50 o'clock the fire company made an extremely quick run to the scene where they found the fire had made great headway. One hydrant was located at the corner, but the men had to stretch their hose for 1,000 feet to reach another at the corner of Gaines Street and New York Avenue. The fire is said to have originated from a stove and spread so quickly that nothing was saved from the building. The pumper and its crew did not return from the fire until 2:30 o'clock.

## STANLEY AND WELCH LEASE POPE'S PLACE

Pope's well known restaurant has been leased to the firm of Stanley and Welch who will serve the public as the S & W Restaurant offering regular meals from 7 a. m. to 2 p. m. and 5 p. m. to 9 o'clock. They also promise to be open Christmas Day when they will serve a special dinner.

J. D. Welch is well and favorably known in the Sandhills, having been a resident for 24 years and for a number of years proprietor of the sandwich stand near the Pinehurst garage. Tom Stanley of Winston-Salem has been associated with the Bell Baking Company.

## LOCAL WOMAN'S FATHER DIES

Mrs. Howard McNeill's father, Elmer Lee Barrows, died recently at his home in Stowe, Vt., after an illness of four months. A cattle dealer and farmer, he had resided in Vermont all his life. Mrs. McNeill visited him in October and he had visited in Southern Pines.

## TO BE INSTALLED



REV. THOMPSON E. DAVIS

## Commission Named to Install Pastor

### Rev. T. E. Davis Will Be Installed at Brownson Memorial Church Dec. 26

The Rev. Thompson E. Davis will be installed as pastor of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Southern Pines, on Sunday, December 26, at 8 p. m.

The following Commission has been appointed by Fayetteville Presbytery to conduct the installation service:

The Rev. R. R. Ramsey, Jackson Springs, chairman, to propound the constitutional questions; the Rev. John M. Alexander, Fayetteville, to preach the sermon; the Rev. W. S. Golden, Carthage, to charge the pastor; Ruling Elder John R. McQueen, Fairmont, to charge the congregation; Ruling Elder J. Talbot Johnson, of Aberdeen.

The Rev. R. L. Prince of Pinehurst is to serve as alternate to any minister and Ruling Elder W. H. Currie of Carthage as alternate to any elder.

This Commission was announced by the Rev. C. M. Gibbs, Stated Clerk, of Fayetteville Presbytery.

## POST OFFICE TO BE OPEN FRIDAY NIGHT

The Southern Pines Post Office windows will be kept open Friday night, Christmas Eve, for general delivery and delivery of Christmas parcels, Postmaster P. F. Buchan announces. Mail arriving by 9:30 p. m. Friday will be delivered on that date.

On Christmas day special delivery mail and perishables will be delivered.

Outgoing mail will be dispatched as usual.

## BANK HOLIDAY

Governor Broughton and the Council of State have set aside Monday, December 27, as a banking holiday in North Carolina.

The action was taken at the request of organized merchants and banking groups so that bank employees may have an extra day of holiday for Christmas. As a result, banks will be closed for three successive days—December 25, 26, 27.

## BLACKOUTS

Blackouts will be held in the Sandhills again on January 5th and 6th, according to information sent to James W. Tufts of Pinehurst, Moore County chairman of Civilian Defense, by the Fourth Service Command at Fort Bragg.

Mr. Tufts has not received detailed information regarding the blackouts, but he is of the opinion that they will be for training purposes, similar to those held recently, and that they will last from 9:00 p. m. to 2 a. m.

Full details are expected to be available for next week's paper.

## Liberty Is Short-Lived for Escapees from Moore Prison

### Six of Seven Men Are Recaptured Same Day; Stolen Car Recovered

If seven short-term white prisoners who escaped from the Moore County prison camp near Carthage at 1:30 Tuesday morning had hopes of spending Christmas at home, that hope was short-lived, for six of them were recaptured during the same day near St. Pauls, it was announced by prison camp officials.

The men managed to get out of the cellblock by removing a bolt from a steel bar in the overhead ceiling while the guard was getting his midnight lunch. They then hid, and upon his return overpowered him, taking his pistol and flashlight.

Going toward Pinehurst they stopped near the Moore County Hospital and held up a Mr. McNeal, who had spent the night there with his sick baby and had walked out to his car about 6:30 a. m. They pushed his car down the highway for about 100 yards, it was reported, but failed to get it started.

Going on to Pinehurst they took Colin McKenzie's parked car and six of them drove it to the St. Pauls section. When a highway patrolman caught up with the car at a filling station, where it had run out of gas, four of the men jumped out and ran; one had gone into the filling station and another had already left the car before that. These six men were recaptured. The men offered no resistance when officers approached them. The car had been damaged to some extent.

Ralph Johnson, 22, the only one still at large, was sentenced in Harnett County to three years and three months for housebreaking, larceny, and attempt to escape.

Those recaptured were Buddy Blackman, 18, sentenced in Robeson to three years for breaking and entering and larceny; Hallie Lee Kelly, 28, sentenced in Davidson to three years for driving an automobile while drunk and resisting arrest; Bill Hagewood, 27, sentenced in Davidson to 12 months for escaping from county jail and for drunkenness; Charlie Pulley, 36, sentenced in Robeson to six years for assault with a deadly weapon; Tobus (Bob) Greer, 21, sentenced in Davidson to 12 months for driving an automobile while drunk and for escaping; Ed Seamon, 22, sentenced in Robeson to three and a half years for larceny and for breaking and entering.

## Farm Record Books Are Valuable Aids

By W. G. Caldwell  
Assistant County Agent

During the past two weeks hundreds of farmers, when making their declaration of income, have said, "I am going to keep records next year". Few farmers realize the value of keeping records until they are needed and not available. For a number of years the County Agents, working through the N. C. Extension Service, have been furnishing a record book and assisting the farmers in filling out the book.

A record book kept like the one we recommend will prove to be of great value, not only in making up income reports, but in many other ways.

I will be glad to supply anyone with one of these books provided they will agree to use it.

Farming is like any other business in that it requires careful planning in order to make a success. After the year's operations are over a summary of the year's work should be made to see which crop or livestock was profitable and if not profitable, try to locate the cause.

The farm record books are prepared so as to furnish this information and each record book turned in will be analyzed and a report made to the farmer showing him a true picture of his past operations and suggested changes with reasons for the changes. There is no charge for the book nor any of the other services.

Anyone wishing further information please call at the County Agent's Office.



## Christmas Boxes Go to Men in Hospital

### Moore County Red Cross Sends Gifts to 250 Army Patients at Camp Mackall

The Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross, through its Camp and Hospital Service Committee, is contributing 250 Christmas gift packages to the men in the hospital at Camp Mackall. Each package contains cookies, candy, handkerchiefs, a little photo frame, automatic pencil, etc.

The packages were assembled and made up by the women of Moore County, under the direction of Miss Flora McDonald, county home demonstration agent. The cookies and candy were secured by the Neighborhood and Block Leaders who have worked with the members of the Home Demonstration Clubs; and almost all were from the rural districts of the County, although Southern Pines, under the leadership of Mrs. Heizmann Mudgett, took a generous part in the undertaking.

The Carolina Handkerchief Company at West End very generously donated 42 dozen handkerchiefs and many other friends had a part in preparing the gift packages.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christmas services at Emmanuel Episcopal Church will be at eleven-thirty on Christmas Eve and nine on Christmas morning. Both services will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion.

Music at the Midnight Service will include the following: Processional hymn—"O Come All Ye Faithful."

Carols for congregational singing—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" and "Good Christian men, Rejoice".

Carols by the choir—"The Coventry Carol" (Old English), "Song of the Russian Children" (Russian), "Sing We Noel" (French), and Mary's Cradle Song—Schuman.

The offertory anthem will be Adam's "O Holy Night", in which the solo part will be sung by Mrs. Harlow Pearson. Among other hymns familiar to all will be sung the hymn "Break Forth O Beauteous, Heavenly Light" by Bach.

Everyone is most cordially invited to join with the congregation of Emmanuel Church in these Christmas services.

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Solemn Sung midnight Mass will be celebrated Christmas Eve on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the founding of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Southern Pines. The Very Rev. Paul A. Wachtrie, Post Graduate School of Canon Law of the Catholic University, Washington, D. C., will deliver the Jubilee message and Christmas sermon. Masses follow Christmas Day at 8, 9:30 and 10:30.

The choir, ushers and servers will consist of members of the Armed Forces.

## SANTA GOES MODERN

At Camp Mackall Santa Claus this year will substitute a plane for his sleigh, a roaring motor for Donner and Blitzen and a parachute for a chimney when he visits the party being held Friday afternoon for the children of the 17th Airborne Division.

Going modern, he will fly to Mackall in a fast moving plane, float to earth beneath a parachute, and be taken to the party at Service Club No. 2 in a G. I. truck. There the youngsters will be entertained with Christmas movies, music by the 17th Division Band, seven of the entertainers of the division, and receive gifts from Santa's Airborne pack. The party was arranged by Major Sapora, special service officer of the 17th Division, for all children of officers and enlisted men of the division.

## H. Clifton Blue Is Head of Polio Drive

### Miss Sallie E. Allison Chairman Woman's Division; Drive Begins Jan. 14

H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen has been appointed chairman of the Moore County drive to raise funds to carry on the fight against infantile paralysis by Ralph W. McDonald, State chairman. Miss Sallie Green Allison of Robbins (Hemp) has been named county chairman of the Women's Division.

The campaign to raise funds will start in Moore County as well as throughout the nation on Friday, January 14 and will continue through January 31st.

A meeting will be held early in January at which time interested citizens from all parts of the county will meet to map out with Mr. Blue and Miss Allison details of the forthcoming drive.

Last year under the leadership of O. Leon Seymour of Aberdeen \$1280.83 was raised in the county above all expenses for the drive.

After deducting any campaign expenses, the money raised in the drive will be divided between the Moore County Chapter and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

## MR. AND MRS. SANTA TO BE AT MACKALL

The Christmas atmosphere and Christmas cheer will be brought to all patients in the Camp Mackall Station Hospital, where Miss Lavina Stokes, assistant Field Director, has arranged for a series of Christmas events under the direction of Miss Frances Felton, Red Cross hospital recreational director.

Included will be a Christmas tree in the recreation hall and theatre for all ambulatory patients, with both Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus in attendance. The program will include a gift distribution, and a short dramatic presentation on an Iceland decorated stage.

In the gift distribution will be 100 stockings donated by ladies of Pinehurst. For other patients who cannot leave their beds, Santa Claus will visit each ward and distribute gifts. Christmas carols will be sung in the hospital by the Rockingham Music Club and the Hamlet Christmas Carol Choir, on Christmas Day, and prior to Christmas Eve. Military authorities are cooperating by attempting to secure a Christmas tree for each ward.

Religious observance of Christmas is being stressed throughout the Camp by Chaplain Wallace G. Sorenson, post chaplain and his 27 assistant chaplains. Dicken's Christmas Carol will be read in Post Chapel at 10:45 December 24, and the service will also include the singing of Christmas hymns and a special interpretation of "O Holy Night."

## CLOSED TWO DAYS

The Citizens Bank & Trust Company will be closed Saturday and Monday, December 25 and 27, Norris L. Hodgkins, president, has announced.