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# THE PILOT

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TEN CENTS

## High School Choirs Will Give Concert

Public Is Invited to Attend Sacred Program at Church Wide Fellowship

The Music Department of the Southern Pines High School will give a concert at the Church of Wide Fellowship Sunday, March 19, at eight o'clock under the direction of Miss Annie Laurie Overton. The public is invited.

The following program will be given:

Gloria, Russian Folk Song: O God of Love, O King of Peace, Baker, (soloists—John McCain, Anne Seawell); The Forty-Second Psalm, French Chant; God Ever Glorious (Russian Hymn), Alexis Lwoff—Mixed Choir.

Come Unto Him, from "The Messiah", Handel—Jean Olive, Suzanne Kelley.

Creation's Hymn, Beethoven; I Heard a Forest Praying, Peter de Rose—Girls' Choir.

Bless Thou The Lord, Ippolitof-Ivanof—Jean Olive, Jane Todd McCain, John Hughes, Harry Lee Brown, Caroline Chester, Phyllis Leary, T. T. Overton, Drennan Mann.

Yea, Though I Walk, Sullivan; The Pilgrims' Chorus from "Tannhauser"—Wagner—Mixed Choir.

Choral Benediction, Lutkin—Mixed Choir.

## FOREST FIRE BURNS OVER 1,000 ACRES

Starting about mid-noon on Wednesday, a forest fire that burned over about 1,000 acres of scrub oak and small pines in an area located southwest of the Pee Dee and Midland Roads called for the services of members of the Southern Pines Fire Department, the North Carolina Forestry Service and the Southern Pines Street Department before it was finally subdued about 3:00 o'clock.

The combined efforts of the men, backfiring and using portable extinguishers, checked the fire on the Pee Dee Road opposite the Judge Way Tea House and Major Nettleton's home, and on the Midland Road stopped the blaze on the south side all the way from the Pee Dee Road to the little sand road just east of Morrell's Holly Tree Nursery.

## ONLY ONE MORE DAY

Attention of citizens of Southern Pines is called to the fact that the registration books for the bond election to be held March 28th will be open Saturday, March 18, for the last day. A new registration was ordered for this election, and those whose names do not appear on the book will be ineligible to vote.

Two bond issues will be voted upon March 28th: One in the amount of \$33,000 for acquisition and reconstruction of the Southern Pines Country Club for a Community Building, the other in the amount of \$12,000 for the acquisition and improvement of the golf course.

## ASSISTANT FIELD DIRECTOR

L. D. Williams of Southern Pines has assumed his new duties as an assistant field director of the Red Cross in Camp Mackall. Mr. Williams is a native of Minneapolis, Minn., but has lived in Pinehurst and Southern Pines for 20 years, first as an employee of the Pinehurst Outlook for 14 years, then as an employee of the Jellison Press at Southern Pines for two years. For the last three years he has been engaged in Red Cross Home Service work with the Moore County Chapter. A veteran of World War 1, in which he served in the Navy, Mr. Williams has been commander of the Sandhills Post of the American Legion, and has held other offices in that organization.

## WELCH IS S. & W. OWNER

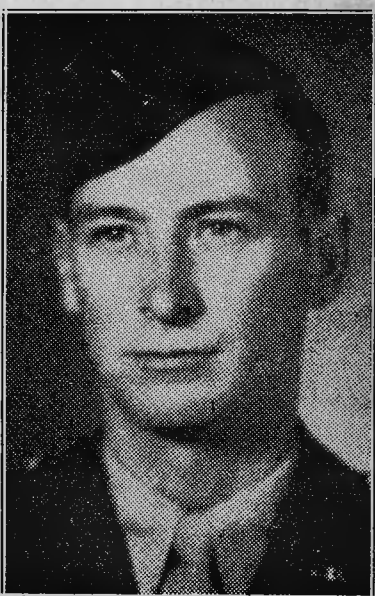
J. D. Welch, who has managed the S. & W. restaurant since its sale by G. C. Pope last December, announces the purchase of J. B. Stanley's interest in the business, which he will continue to operate under the same name.

## IN THE NAVY



**T. M. 3/C CEPHUS TAYLOR PATCH**  
T. M. 3/c Cephus Taylor Patch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Patch and grandson of C. T. Patch of Southern Pines, has volunteered for submarine duty and has been sent to a submarine training school. He joined the Navy in Raleigh last June, the second member of his family to enter the service. His brother, AC Charles S. Patch, is at Maxwell Field.

## IN THE ARMY



**2/LT. HAROLD B. FOWLER**  
2/Lt. Harold B. Fowler, 193rd F. A., Fort Sill, Okla., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Fowler of Southern Pines. A graduate of the local high school, he entered the service at Fort Bragg in August, 1941. Since returning to Fort Sill after a furlough two weeks ago he has been promoted to commander of a Headquarters Division.

## WHAT THE BOYS SAY

If there are those who think the work of the Red Cross is being overrated by those soliciting funds, they are asked to listen to the opinions of some of the boys who know what is being done overseas.

On page seven under the heading "Unsolicited Testimonial" is a paragraph from a letter received this week by Mayor W. Duncan Matthews from Joseph, the eldest of his three sons, all of whom are in foreign service. S/Sgt. Matthews is now in Italy after seeing service in North Africa and Sicily and has had ample opportunity to evaluate the Red Cross.

Corp. Charles C. Libby was permitted just 25 words on his first postcard to his parents at Easton, Pa., written from a German prison camp following his capture in the Mediterranean area.

Five of them were:  
"The Red Cross is wonderful."

## Col. V. G. Olmsmith Transfers to Texas

First Commander of Camp Mackall Is Succeeded By Lt. Col. Harry E. Willet

Colonel Vernon G. Olmsmith, post commander of Camp Mackall since its establishment January 5, 1943, was last week transferred to the Headquarters of the Southern Defense Command at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, effective Friday, March 10. Lt. Col. Harry E. Willett, formerly executive officer of Camp Mackall, who has also been here since the camp was established, assumes the position of post commander.

Tuesday evening, a farewell party was tendered Colonel and Mrs. Olmsmith at the officers club, attended by all officers of the station complement and their wives or friends.

Col. Olmsmith, a native of Ohio, has had a long and distinguished military career. He entered the Army as an enlisted man in Oklahoma in 1906, in the 26th Infantry, and in 1909 earned his first commission. Since then he has steadily risen to his present rank. He served with the Army in the Punitive Expedition into Mexico prior to the World War, served in France during the World War with the 32nd Division and was in the Argonne and Oisne-Aisne offensives, then served in Germany with the Army of Occupation. He served in Hawaii for eight years. Col. Olmsmith is a graduate of the Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga., the Com-

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## PIN-UP BOYS

Under a novel plan inaugurated this week at the 15th Division Dance, North Carolina belles who go to Camp Mackall to attend the Division dances are being asked to select a Pin-up Boy, with girls from each town making a selection during the preliminaries, and a grand finale for the selection of one boy from among the winners of the preliminary contest.

In the first round this week, girl delegates from Raeford, Cheraw and Wadesboro chose their candidates. The Raeford selection was "Tuck" Pappas; Norman Baker was the Cheraw selection because of his curly hair, while Wadesboro's halo went to Larry Mack, characterized by one of the girls as "a likeable big lug with a grin that even the guys like". Each winner was presented to the audience by one of the girls who was asked to make some remarks about the protegee of her town.

Next week, girls from Hamlet, Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Pinehurst will make their selections.

In the final contest, the winner will be photographed and his picture used later as the cover for a special Division dance program.

## S-Sgt. Hal Eugene Poe, Formerly of Southern Pines, Is Missing in Action

Staff Sgt. Hal Eugene Poe, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Poe of Siler City Route 2, formerly of Southern Pines, has been missing in action over Germany since February 22, according to a telegram received from the War Department Sunday by his parents.

A gunner on a Flying Fortress, the young man had last written his parents a letter dated February 18.

He joined the Army Air Forces in October, 1942, and had been overseas since early November of last year.

According to relatives, Sgt. Poe would send his mother British newspaper clippings describing air raids over enemy targets in which he apparently had participated. His mother had received eight of these clippings prior to the announcement that he was missing and it is felt that he failed to return from his ninth mission.

Staff Sgt. Poe is a nephew of M. Y. Poe of Southern Pines.

## IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Mrs. E. W. Barton has just received a letter from her nephew, Major Edmund F. Johnstone, who is in the Air Force and has recently arrived in the South Pacific. Previous to going into service Major Johnstone was president of Redfield-Johnstone Advertising Agency of New York City.

## RETURNS TO CAMP

Sgt. Robert K. McDonald, a mess

sergeant at Camp Phillips, Kansas, left last week to return to camp after spending a furlough with his sister, Mrs. John Blue, in Southern Pines.

## VISITING RELATIVES

McC. Ross M. Grey, ASTP Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala., has been visiting his parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Grey and Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Grey.

## IN NAVY

Paul M. Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fowler, who enlisted in the Navy on February 28th, has been sent to Bainbridge, Md., for training.

## ON FURLOUGH

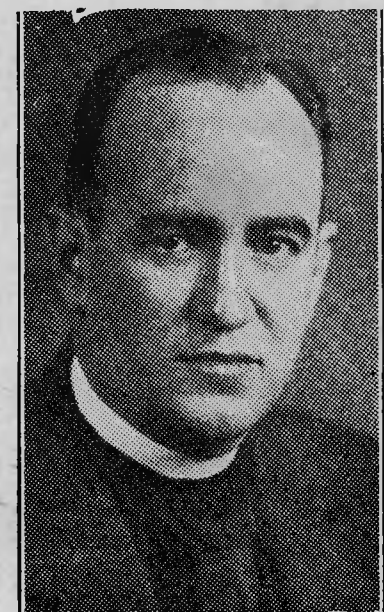
Pvt. Frank (Pete) Kaylor, Jr., of Camp Crowder, Mo., is spending a 10-day furlough here with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kaylor.

## LEAVES FOR FLORIDA

Lt. George M. McDermott, Jr., after a short visit with his parents in Vass, left last week for Jacksonville, Fla. Lt. McDermott was commissioned and awarded his wings as a pilot on February 29 at the Naval Air Training Station at Corpus Christi, Texas. His brother, John McDermott, is training as an Army pilot at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas.

## Moore County Passes Half-Way Mark in American Red Cross War Fund Campaign

### ROTARY PRESIDENT



REV. TUCKER G. HUMPHRIES

## Tucker G. Humphries Is Rotary President

Election Is Held Friday at Highland Pines Inn; Other New Officers Named

At Friday's Rotary luncheon at the Highland Pines Inn, Tucker G. Humphries was elected president of the club for the coming year.

Mr. Humphries, pastor of the Church of Wide Fellowship, came to Southern Pines from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he held the pastorate at the Puritan Congregational Church of that city.

The new club president is a native of Lexington, Va., although he calls Washington, D. C., his home. His father for a number of years was city editor of the Washington Post.

Mr. Humphries finished a course in law at the Washington and Lee Law School, and then, instead of hanging out a law shingle, entered the FBI service. It was while he was engaged in running down criminals that, from first hand knowledge and experience in visiting their haunts and habitats, he felt he could be of greater service to society trying to restore these men to a proper place in society.

He began his new job as director of young people's work at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Washington, D. C., under Dr. H. A. Woolfall, pastor of the church. From Washington Mr. Humphries, accompanied by Mrs. Humphries, went to St. Peter's Church in St. Louis, Mo., to direct young people's work, and the pastor of this church, Dr. J. T. Stockings, national moderator of the Congregational Church, interested Mr. Humphries in the ministry.

After graduation from Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio, Mr. Humphries held pastorates at Kipton and Dover, Ohio and then went to Wilkes-Barre, Pa. While in Wilkes-Barre he was pastor councillor of the young people's association, of Wyoming Valley, president of the Wilkes-Barre Ministerial Association and member of the Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis Club.

Leland Daniels was elected vice president, and Ernest Lorenson, secretary. Will Wiggs, Father Harkins and Lloyd Clark are newly elected members of the Board of Directors. Sam Cooke, Huntington, Long Island, Earl Sprague, Bridgeport, Conn., Bob Gray, Sanford, and E. J. Leavitt, Buffalo, N. Y., were visiting Rotarians.

## A NEW RECORD

Many strange happenings come to pass in times of war. No old time resident nor any fireman of Southern Pines would have believed that the time would come when the fire siren would sound in mid-afternoon and the truck speed on its way to a plainly visible pillar of smoke in West Southern Pines without a line of cars following like the tail of a comet. But last Friday's alarm set a new record for Southern Pines. Not a single car followed.

## Splendid Examples of Generous Giving Are Reported by Chairman

Chairman O. Leon Seymour, contacted at noon Thursday, estimated that Moore County had reached approximately 60 per cent of its quota in the Red Cross War Fund drive with the month slightly past the half-way mark.

Figures for the entire county are not available, but the reports received are encouraging. Southern Pines, Norman Shenk, chairman, has collected \$6,020.32 of its \$12,000; Aberdeen, A. L. Burney, chairman, has approximately \$2,500 of its \$3,000, and Carthage, M. G. Boyette, chairman, has two-thirds of its \$3,000. Pinehurst, whose goal is \$14,000, has raised around \$8,000. S. B. Chapin is chairman. Robbins, at the last report, had about half its \$3,000. W. P. Saunders is Robbins chairman.

Mr. Seymour mentioned several other towns that were well along with their quotas. He hopes to have a detailed report for next week.

Everyone is urged to make his or her donation just as soon as possible in order that the chairmen and committees may know how they stand and just how much extra effort will have to be put forth.

Splendid examples of unselfish and sacrificial giving are being noted. Several persons who have moderate incomes with which to support their families have given \$25, each, and one soldier gave \$50, a month's salary. One young woman earning a monthly salary of \$90 contributed \$75. When asked by her employer if she had been unduly urged, she replied that she had not; that she realized that she had given sacrificially, but that she had a brother who had been saved by blood plasma and she wanted to give.

Only two more weeks remain and the last half of the way will be the harder, so every citizen is asked to give and give to the limit to help Moore County reach its goal.

## Brown Is Appointed Head of Institution

P. R. Brown, for the past ten years principal of the West Southern Pines School, has been appointed superintendent of Morrison Training School, a correctional institution for delinquent negro boys opened in 1925 near Hoffman in Richmond County. He handed in his resignation March 16th effective April 1. The new position pays \$2200 a year with maintenance.

Prof. Brown is well qualified for the position. He has a B. S. degree from A. & T. College in Greensboro and an M. A. from the University of Michigan. During his ten years as principal here the school has grown from an enrollment of 560 to a high of 620, which has been cut by the war, and many improvements have been made. A building for home economics and manual training has been erected and a branch of the Southern Pines Library opened. Prior to coming here he was with a training school in Bladen County for six years.

In addition to his school work, Prof. Brown is a member of the Southern Pines Council of Social Agencies and has served as county chairman of the Negro Division of the Tuberculosis Seal Sale and the March of Dimes. In discussing his new position he expressed appreciation of the cooperation given him by the Superintendent of the Southern Pines Schools and the citizens.

## TO CONSIDER RELOCATION OF SOUTHERN PINES BUS STATION

Members of the State Utilities Commission will come to Southern Pines today, Friday, for a meeting with bus company officials and Army camp authorities to consider the "relocation" of the bus station, it was announced yesterday by Chief Clerk R. O. Self of the commission.

The meeting was arranged following a request for a new bus station, Self said.