



Rotarians Hear Vivid First-Hand Story of Horrors of Bombings and Internment

Miss Mary McMillan, Back from Japanese Internment Camps, Is Luncheon Speaker

By JUNE PHILLIPS

Miss Mary McMillan of the Rockefeller Foundation, who returned to the United States in December on the liner Gripsholm from Japanese internment camps in Manila and Shanghai, was guest speaker at Friday's Rotary luncheon at the Highland Pines Inn.

Miss McMillan gave, as she termed it, "only a few high spots" of her experiences, much of which, in retrospect, had its lighter vein. But it was plainly evident as she described the bombing of Camp John Hay that there was much which she would like to forget, and shut out from her mind completely. For it was then, as she told of the bombing and the procession of wounded and dying, that the pleasantness went out of her expression.

Her story began about the middle of November 1941. The director of Peking Union Medical College, China, where she was in charge of the department of Physical Therapy, in view of the tenseness of Japanese American relations, urged Miss McMillan and two other women to leave Peking at once.

They arrived in Manila December 2nd aboard the President Madison, a ship bringing a detachment of U. S. Marines from Shanghai. While awaiting passage to the United States, they went to Baguio, about one hundred thirty miles from Manila in the mountains, to escape the heat. While they were in Baguio, which is nearby to Camp John Hay, the radio flash came of the attack on Pearl Harbor. A few hours later, war came to the Philippines as Jap bombers roared over Baguio to send their bombs crashing down on Camp John Hay.

"War came right to our door, then," Miss McMillan said, "and then it is you can visualize the destructiveness and horrors of bombing. First you hear the roar of the bombers coming over, then the roll of heavy gun fire, followed by ground shaking explosions of heavy bombs—then comes a startling stillness. But as they start bringing the wounded and dying into the hospital at Baguio, the reality of it catches up with you."

To return to Manila from Baguio, due to difficulties of travel, they had to pay \$100.00 for automobile transportation. Back in Manila, Miss McMillan and her friends volunteered for service at the U. S. Army Sternberg hospital. As they were registering, the wounded were pouring in from the heavily bombed Cavite navy.

ARTHUR W. ATHERTON WINS GOLF TOURNEY

Arthur W. Atherton, club president, came through with some nice golf Sunday to cop first place in the Sandpiper's weekend tournament at the Southern Pines Country Club. He finished all even with par in the match-play-against-par event. W. L. Wiggs placed second by being only one down to "the opponent who never misses". The bright sunshine brought the entire membership out to take part in the competition.

"THE POWER OF GOD"

A 5-reel talking movie, "The Power of God," will be shown at the Church of Wide Fellowship at 8:15 p. m. Sunday, April 2, it has been announced.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Pinehurst, scene of many thrilling golf battles between the top-notchers of the sport, will see enlisted men from Camp Mackall competing for the championship of the camp, under arrangements now being made by Lt. Alice Miller, chief of the Athletic and Recreational branch at Camp Mackall. Tentative plans are being made for a Camp Mackall enlisted men's golf tournament, to be held at the Pinehurst Country Club possibly in middle May.

MISSING IN ACTION

Mrs. Harry Howie, Jr., of Pinebluff has been notified by the War Department that her husband, Lt. Howie, of the Army Air Corps, has been missing in action over Germany since March 6th. Mrs. Howie was formerly Miss Alice Adams. They have one small son, Harry.

Program of Special Music Pleases Club

Kiwanians Are Entertained by Aberdeen Glee Club and Mrs. A. Robert Harrison

The Sandhills Kiwanis Club was honored with a special musical program at its luncheon Wednesday at the Community House in Aberdeen, given by the Aberdeen High School Glee Club under the direction of Miss Rosalie Daniel.

Mrs. A. Robert Harrison, wife of Rev. Mr. Harrison, director of the U. S. O. Club of Aberdeen, received gracious applause for the singing of four special solos, "Spring's Awakening," by Sanderson; "Swiss Echo Song," by Eckert; "The Little Irish Girl," by Lohr, and fourth, (by special request) "The Old Rugged Cross."

Numbers rendered by the Glee Club, with Miss Caroline Pennington at the piano, were: "I Passed by your Window," "Night and Day," and "World of Hope and Glory," by Elgar.

In the absence of the president, Charles J. McDonald, vice-president, John Taylor of Pinehurst, presided.

The April 5th meeting will be held at the Community House, Aberdeen, with Lloyd Griffin, executive vice president of the North Carolina Citizens Association, publishers of the magazine, "We the People," as speaker. Mr. Griffin's subject will probably be "The State Surplus and the Federal Deficit."

SOLDIER WANTED ON MURDER CHARGE HELD

Pvt. John J. O'Connor, 20, Ft. Benning, Ga., soldier, wanted on a charge of killing a guard and theft of a jeep at the time of his escape from custody as a garrison prisoner, at Ft. Benning Saturday, is in the custody of Camp Mackall's military police. He was arrested on an AWOL charge at Hartsville, S. C., Sunday evening, by Cpl. Howard T. Parks of Ellijay, Georgia, and Pvt. Wm. M. Rhine of Washington, D. C., military police on duty at Hartsville, and brought to Mackall, where further examination identified him as the man for whom Ft. Benning authorities had sent out a broadcast Sunday. The stolen jeep was recovered and brought to Camp Mackall.

O'Connor, when arrested, was traveling under the identity of the guard he is charged with killing, Pvt. Richard N. Campbell, 18, of Almont, Michigan. He will be returned under guard to Ft. Benning.

"WHERE?"

It takes a lot to surprise a policeman but when Norman Chavis reported to Chief Ed Newton last Saturday night, "My house has been stolen," the policeman's eyes blinked and his mouth flew open.

Investigation proved that Chavis, an employee of Dr. L. M. Daniels, had bought from his employer the kitchen—a good structure, 12 by 24 feet—of the old Tilghman house on Tilghman's Hill a few weeks ago. Going up the hill Saturday afternoon he was astounded to find no traces of his building.

Enterprising miscreants evidently dismantled Chavis' purchase, loaded it on a truck and departed, leaving no clues.

"Where?" is the moot question now.

NOW A SERGEANT

Warren D. Matthews, Jr., now serving in England, has recently been promoted to Sergeant. Sgt. Matthews is the youngest son of Mayor and Mrs. W. Duncan Matthews.

Annual Horse Show at Southern Pines Draws Large Crowd

Repown, Mrs. Moss Up, Wins Feature Event of Thrill-Packed Program

By HOWARD F. BURNS

Mrs. W. O. Moss of Southern Pines, riding Repown, a five-year-old chestnut gelding, Sunday afternoon led a string of seven hunters to capture first place in the class for middle and heavyweight hunters in the annual spring horse show and equestrian gymkhana at the horse show grounds at the Southern Pines Country Club given in benefit of the American Red Cross. Rock Clell, an aged chestnut gelding owned by A. Corbett Alexander of Pinehurst, with Major Ace Parker up, was second, with Golden Hild, a four-year-old owned and brilliantly ridden by Carlyle Cameron of Southern Pines coming in for third place.

Gold Star, a trim seven-year-old chestnut gelding owned and ridden by Lt. M. J. Loomam of Camp Mackall, ran the picturesque hunting course to win the blue ribbon in the class for lightweight hunters before the fifteen hundred odd spectators. Henry's Dream, a five-year-old bay gelding owned by Mile-Away Farms, Southern Pines, with Miss Peggy Ewing up, was second. It's Up, an eight-year-old bay mare, owned by Pinehurst Livery Stables, with Donald Scheipers of Lawrence, Mass., in the saddle, was third.

Gold Star, with Lt. Loomam up, and Gun Cotton, an aged gray gelding owned by the Mile-Away Stables, with Seaman H. Tayloe Compton, USN, of Savannah, Ga., up, led the field in the class for pair jumpers. Ace Chance, a six-year-old chestnut gelding owned by Lloyd Tate of Pinehurst, with Donald Scheipers up, and Sail On, a five-year-old chestnut gelding owned by Anne Cannon Reynolds of Palm Beach, Fla., with Howard Hobson in the saddle, were second. It's Up, with Miss Mary Ann Tate of Pinehurst up, and Golden Hild, with Carlyle Cameron in the saddle, were third.

It's Up, with Seaman Lloyd Tate, Jr., USN, up, cleared the bars at five feet in the jump off to win first place in the class for open jumpers. Gold Star, with Lt. M. J. Loomam in the saddle, was second in the field of seven jumpers, and Gun Cotton, with Seaman Compton up, was third.

Mrs. Ace Parker of Greenwich, Conn., won first place in the Ladies' Horsemanship Class. Miss Mary Ann Tate was second and Miss Peggy Ewing was third.

Buddy Jellison and Joan Batten of Pinehurst won first place in the three legged race. Lt. Loomam and Seaman Compton were second and Miss Mary Ann Tate and Howard Hobson were third.

The Relay Race, one of the most thrilling events on the card, was won by the team captained by Seaman H. Tayloe Compton, over the team captained by Lt. M. J. Loomam of the Army.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION APRIL 4

A Republican County Convention for the purpose of nominating a ticket for the November elections will be held in the Courthouse in Carthage Tuesday night, April 4th, at 8:30 p. m., according to an announcement by the chairman, H. F. Seawell, Jr.

"The election this year will determine whether or not we will continue our American way of life or be controlled by National Socialism," says Mr. Seawell in urging every Republican, every patriotic American, to attend the meeting.

PROMOTED

Walter E. Blue, Jr., of Camp Cooke, Calif., has been promoted to corporal. Cpl. Blue is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blue of Southern Pines.

IN THE ARMY



A/C ARTHUR L. PATE.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Pate of Southern Pines, is finishing a course of primary flight training at Harris Field, Cape Germham, Mo., where he now has about 35 hours flying time to his credit.

"Art" says he likes the flying fine, but finds it tiresome.

CLEAN-UP WEEK

In cooperation with the Southern Pines Civic Club, Mayor W. Duncan Matthews requests the support of the citizens of the Town in making the week of April 3rd CLEAN-UP WEEK.

We are now at the height of the season in which the hotels are crowded with visitors from all parts of the country, and the cooperation of the public in making a special effort to clean their yards and parkways and remove all rubbish therefrom will leave a lasting impression with our visitors. The ladies of the Civic Club are doing a splendid job, but need the support of every citizen in this worthwhile project, says Mayor Matthews.

John J. Fitzgerald Takes New Position

Friends of John J. Fitzgerald, former manager of Mid Pines Club, Southern Pines, will be pleased to hear of his recent appointment as general manager of Oyster Harbors Club at Osterville-on-Cape Cod, Mass.

John, who built up a very fine clientele at Mid Pines Club, prior to its being taken over by the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, has for the past year been manager of the Algonquin Club, Boston's oldest club, on Commonwealth Avenue in the city of Boston. He was for many summers manager of the exclusive Essex County Club at Manchester on Massachusetts' north shore. He was also the first manager of Oyster Harbors Club where he started building a fine clientele.

Details of the summer plans will be announced later.

RUNAWAY OIL TRUCK

With Cpl. Henry Pypec of Knollwood partly on the running board yelling to clear traffic, an Army gasoline truck with trailer tank attached en route from Fort Bragg to Norwood sped down Connecticut Avenue and across the Seaboard railroad, Broad and Bennett Streets at about 50 miles an hour shortly after six o'clock Saturday evening, apparently due to faulty air brakes.

With Cpl. Pypec was Pvt. LaMonta, who jumped when opposite the old Baptist Church. The truck then swerved, knocking down the electric light pole on the southeast corner of Page and Connecticut Avenue, then turned into the parkway of the residence of Mrs. Christine Kohring, knocking down trees and a fence before swerving into the driveway at the rear of the house, where Cpl. Pypec shut off the ignition and jumped. The truck did not turn over. The courage of the soldiers in sticking to their posts probably averted a serious accident and they have been warmly praised.

Moore County Reaches Its Quota in the American Red Cross War Fund Drive

HORSE SHOW

An informal Horse Show with nine classes is scheduled for 2:30 p. m. Saturday, April 8, at the Carolina ring, Pinehurst. A detailed announcement will be given next week.

Bond Election for Club, Golf Course Approved by Voters

Southern Pines Citizens Authorize Bond Issues By a Large Majority

Voters of Southern Pines in a special election Tuesday stamped their approval on two bond issues totaling \$45,000 for the purchase of the Southern Pines Country Club and golf course and for improvements to same.

The first ordinance authorized the issuance of \$33,000 in bonds for buying the site and the reconstruction of the club house for a community building, and the second, a bond issue of \$12,000 for the purchase of the remainder of the three hundred odd acres of land including golf courses and the installation of modern sprinkler system for the golf course as a post war project.

Repairs to the club house are expected to start within the next thirty days.

Out of a registration of 189, there were 158 who voted. On proposition one, 149 voted for and seven against. On the second, 147 voted for and seven against.

EASTER SEAL SALE

The Moore County Welfare Department wishes to thank the schools, clubs, and interested persons for their generous donations to a most worthy cause—helping a cripple to walk, says Miss Pauline Covington, superintendent.

Anyone who has not yet had a share in helping provide a crippled child with a brace, pair of shoes, crutches, or artificial limb may make his contribution to the Welfare Agency, Carthage, N. C., by Easter, April 9, 1944.

Any donations will be appreciated by the Department as well as the Crippled Children.

FARM LOAN GROUP TO HOLD MEETING

Members of the Sanford National Farm Loan Association will hold their annual meeting in the association office in the Carolina Hotel Building in Sanford at 10 a. m., Friday, April 7, J. E. Walker, secretary-treasurer, announced yesterday.

At this meeting a statement of the financial condition of the association for 1943 will be made, together with a report on the operations of the association, Mr. Walker said.

J. M. Willcox of Route 3, Sanford, is president of the association, and will preside at the meeting. H. McD. Ray, Route 3, Lillington, is vice-president, and C. M. Covington, Route 1, Ellerbe, R. E. Blankenship, Troy, and J. B. Fearrington, Star Route, Chapel Hill, are directors.

WAC RECRUITER HERE

T/4 Gladys Relyea, WAC, of Charlotte will be at the Southern Pines Post Office Friday from noon until five o'clock recruiting for the Women's Army Corps. All who are interested in joining are requested to see her.

PLANT CONTINUES OPERATION

The Moore County Ration Board last week issued additional gasoline tickets to Van B. Sharpe, who lives in Pinebluff and operates the Carthage Weaving Plant at Carthage, and Mr. Sharpe was enabled to continue filling his war contract without interruption.

Larger Towns Over Top Except Southern Pines And It Is Well On Way

Moore County, with a quota of \$39,000 in the American Red Cross War Fund Drive, was on Thursday afternoon reported "over the top" by the county chairman, O. Leon Seymour, of Aberdeen. Receipts of \$39,760 had been recorded up to that time, with several communities still having gifts to report.

Samarcand established a record by raising its entire quota on the day before the drive was officially launched. Aberdeen, Knollwood, West End and Eureka, reported last week to be over the top, have been joined by Pinehurst and Carthage. It is anticipated that every town and community will raise its full quota.

Southern Pines, with the heavy quota of \$12,000, is short of the goal, but within the last few hours has made rapid progress and local citizens are expected to rally to the cause and come out with flying colors as they have in every previous drive.

It is gratifying to note the change that has taken place since the publicity chairman released the following statement on Monday of this week:

On Saturday, March 25, at noon, the Moore County Red Cross War Fund publicity chairman, Mrs. William J. Kennedy, reported the county \$5000 short of its goal of \$39,000. The drive ends Friday, March 31.

"Just a few more days are left in which to prove county loyalty to Red Cross, which lifts the pressure of war wherever it goes and it goes all over the world," said Mrs. Kennedy.

The publicity chairman continued with the following statement:

"Communities not reaching their goals are: Southern Pines, with a quota of \$12,000, which reported only \$8,423.61; Robbins with a quota of \$3,000, which reported only \$1,600; and Cameron which lagged even farther behind. It is a shocking situation. Hundreds of Moore County boys and girls are hourly recipients of Red Cross generosity. Thousands of boys, who have trained nearby, made friends in this vicinity and went directly from here to give their lives, if necessary, for America. They may be saved and comforted if Moore County stands with the rest of the State and Nation to supply the required funds, 90 per cent of which goes directly to the use of men and women in the Army and Navy. Moore County has had a remarkable Red Cross record. It can not afford to fail now. Most of Moore County has not failed!

"Aberdeen, with a quota of \$3,000, has gone over with more than \$4,200; Eureka, with a quota of \$250.00 has gone over; and Pinebluff, with the largest quota increase in the county, has topped the goal. The campaign chairmen are confident that the county goal will be met, but that intensive work and cooperation on the part of everyone will be needed. It is to be hoped that purse strings may be loosened and that the lagging communities will join those on the side of victory. The job can be done if everyone helps with his time, labor and pocketbook.

"Red Cross Theatre Week, March 23rd through March 28th, brought in additional contributions from those who had already contributed. But many more persons could and should make greater sacrifices than they have to see that the drive is a success. Moore County MUST go over the top!"

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER

The Rev. James M. Gillis of the Congregation of St. Paul, distinguished scholar, editor of the Catholic World, and coast to coast radio speaker of the Catholic Hour, spoke on Passion Sunday to an overflowing congregation at St. Anthony's Church.

Father Gillis spent several weeks here in the Sandhills convalescing from a major surgical operation. He is well known in the pulpits of many of the European Capitals, particularly London, where he has a host of friends, as well as in Toronto, Canada.