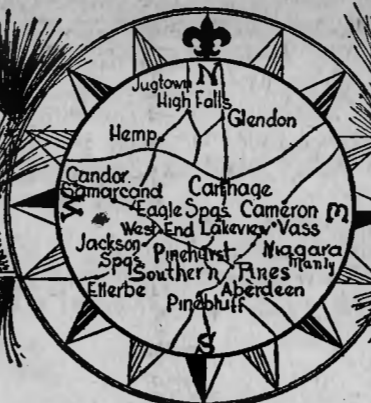


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## Moore Tops Quota in Red Cross Drive By Almost \$7,000.00

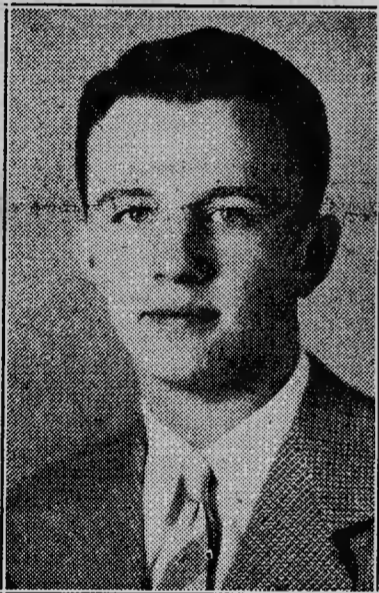
**Chairman Seymour and Leaders Throughout the County Do Good Work**

Assigned a quota of \$39,000 in the American Red Cross War Fund Drive, by far the largest quota the county ever attempted to raise, Moore County has topped its askings by nearly \$7,000. As we go to press Mrs. William J. Kennedy, publicity chairman, reports a total of \$45,874.41, and small amounts are expected to be added.

The amounts credited to the various towns and communities are as follows: Pinehurst, \$15,283.98; Southern Pines, \$10,851.70; Aberdeen, \$4,400; Robbins, \$3,387.05; Carthage, \$3,300; Vass-Lakeview, \$2,359.88; Knollwood, \$1,837.63; West End, \$1,027.26; Pinebluff, \$950; Cameron, \$666.84; Eagle Springs, \$482.85; Highfalls, \$327.62; Eureka, \$300; Samarcand, \$300; Jackson Springs, \$287; Glendon, \$112.60.

Headed by O. Leon Seymour as county chairman, leaders in every community put their best efforts into this great work and the successful culmination of the drive represents loyalty on the part of the workers and generosity on the part of the rank and file.

## JUNIOR ROTARIAN



**JOHN MCCAIN**

To John McCain, son of Dr. and Mrs. P. P. McCain of Sanatorium, goes the honor of being the second student of Southern Pines High School to be selected as Junior Rotarian for a month.

John, who will attend all Rotary meetings during April, is a member of the senior class, president of the student council, member of the glee club, has a better than average scholastic record and is popular with both faculty and students.

## Six Nurse's Aides Earn Certificates

**Soldier's Wife Teaches Class; All Members Except One Are Army Wives**

Taught by Mrs. Mildred Spadoni, graduate nurse whose husband is a Camp Mackall enlisted soldier, six Nurse's Aides were graduated at Moore County Hospital Monday evening. All but one are wives of soldiers. They are: Mrs. Betty Boyer Yapple, wife of Lt. Richard Q. Yapple; Mrs. Gladys Lust Krause, wife of Lt. Shirley J. Krause; Mrs. Kathryn Foulks Moliter, wife of Brig. Gen. Eric S. Moliter; Mrs. Bettina Loomam, wife of Lt. Matthew W. Loomam and daughter of Baroness de Rothchild; Mrs. Pattie Phelps Woodbury, daughter of Gen. Phelps, and wife of an officer, and Robena M. Hartsell.

Presentation of caps and certificates was made by Miss Birdilia Bair, vice chairman of Nurse's Aide Corps, Moore County Red Cross. Talks on the value of Nurse's Aide work were made by Miss Ellen Bruton, Moore County Hospital superintendent of nurses, and Dr. Clement Monroe, chief surgeon.

Another Nurse's Aide class to be held in the evenings was started Monday night.

## SUNRISE SERVICE

It was at break of dawn in a garden fair on that first Easter Morn that the women went seeking to anoint the body of Jesus. Behold! To their utter amazement they found an empty tomb. And the Angel said, "He is not here. He is not here. He is risen as he said!" So we in this community shall worship in the early hours of the morning. There will be an Easter Sunrise Service at the Church of Wide Fellowship at 7:00 a. m. with glorious Easter music and the Easter message brought by the Reverend Robert A. Harrison. This is an invitation to this community to worship with us at this time.

## Army Officer Talks on War in Pacific

BY JUNE PHILLIPS

Lt. Colonel Percy Stoddard, West Point '40, talked informally to the Rotary Club on the war in the Pacific, at Friday's luncheon at the Highland Pines Inn.

A member of the 7th Bombardment Group at the outbreak of the war, Colonel Stoddard, who wears a Purple Heart for "meritorious service," flew into Pearl Harbor the morning of Dec. 7th with 18 Flying Fortresses, three of which were lost in the Pearl Harbor action. The air officer's only comment on this was, "We were a bit surprised at what we saw coming in."

The 7th Group stayed at Pearl Harbor about five weeks, the speaker said, and from there went to Java and were based south of Batavia. In describing some of the bombing missions the 7th carried out, he said they were handicapped and operated at a great disadvantage for lack of fighter plane protection. More often

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## EASTER BROADCAST

Special Easter Services from Camp Mackall, to be held in the amphitheatre in the 13th Airborne Division area, will be broadcast over Station WBT at Charlotte from 10:30 to 11 a. m. Sunday. The services, with military bands and several chaplains participating, will be the most elaborate outdoor service ever held at Camp Mackall.

## JOINT BOARD MEETING

At a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, Board of Health and Board of Welfare held Monday, Mrs. J. R. Page was reappointed a member of the Welfare Board, and L. L. Marion was elected a member of the ABC Board for three years beginning April 8 to succeed E. R. Brown. The group expressed appreciation of the work of the ABC Board.

## ARMY TRUCK HITS CAR

An Army truck, one of a convoy en route from Ft. Dix, N. J., to Camp Stewart, Ga., struck and practically demolished the automobile of D. B. McClung as he was attempting to cross (having the green light) May Street at Massachusetts Avenue at 11:30 o'clock Thursday morning of last week, but he escaped with painful but, it is thought, not serious bruises.

Mr. McClung, a civilian photographer at Camp Mackall, was able to leave Wednesday for his home at Lexington, Va.

## BURNS IS GOLF WINNER

The rolling fairways of the Southern Pines Country Club were invaded by the customary army of Sandpipers, men golfers of the club, on Sunday April 2, for their regular week-end contest. It was a medal event and the contestants came in showing evidence of having been in hand-to-hand combat with the enemy. After a little quick work with a pencil, it was found that Howard F. Burns was the most successful combatant of the day. W. L. Wiggs, the habitual second place winner, was in his customary position once more. This was the seventh Sandpiper tournament of the season. The eighth, and last, will be played this coming week-end.

## Crippled Plane Is Landed Successfully



(TOP) This is what happened when 1st Lt. Donald A. Currie of Pinehurst had to land his plane without any landing gear. Currie set 'er down on her belly at his home base in England. No one was hurt, although sparks flew like a road show rendition of the "Anvil Chorus" when the giant steel structure hit the concrete runway at 105 miles an hour. Flak over the Ruhr had damaged his landing gear, making it impossible for Currie to get the wheels down.

(MIDDLE) Jumping from hatches and running to safety are crew members of the Flying Fortress. The pilot and copilot are shown still at the controls.

(BOTTOM) 1st Lt. Currie emerges from his plane, smiling and unhurt, after making what his buddies termed a "dream landing."

## Superb Skill of Lt. Donald A. Currie, Flying Fortress Pilot, Saves Crew

A Flying Fortress, "Bonnie Donnie" piloted by 1st Lt. Donald A. Currie, of Pinehurst landed on its belly in a crash landing at a Fortress base here recently and, thanks to Currie's superb piloting, none of the crew was hurt, says a news release from an Eighth Air Force Bomber Station.

The crash landing was made on the concrete runway of the field, and was occasioned when flak over the Ruhr damaged Currie's landing gear so severely he was unable to get his wheels down.

Spectators who lined the fields and roads surrounding the station as the Fortress circled and recircled overhead, saw the big plane come in at a speed of over 100 miles an hour, level out at about 5 feet above the concrete, and then hit, tail first.

The second the tail hit the runway, Currie brought the nose of the plane down and cut his switches.

The sparks that flew from the crashing plane, as steel met concrete, practically enveloped the Fortress and onlookers thought it had burst into flame.

The illusion of an explosion coupled with the ear-rending noise made by the giant fuselage grinding into the runway, led spectators to abandon any hope of a rescue.

Fears for the crew and plane lasted only a second. The Fortress came to rest on its belly and, as crash trucks and ambulances sped to the scene, Lt. Currie and his crew emerged from the hatches, shaken but unhurt.

Currie had landed the plane flawlessly. Fellow pilots were referring to it today as a "dream landing."



**1ST LT. DONALD A. CURRIE**

Damage to the aircraft was moderate.

Ordinarily, he would have set the plane down on the soft turf that fringes the runway, but recent rains and snows had so mired the ground that a glide landing would have been impossible.

As a safety measure, Currie had jettisoned his ball turret prior to landing. This piece of caution undoubtedly saved the day. The turret, which protrudes from underneath the fuselage, would probably have broken the plane in half at the point of impact.

Col. Harold W. Bowman, C. O. of Currie's Fortress Group, congratulated him on his achievement.

## S. Donald Sherrerd Is Elected Head of Hospital Board at Meeting Held Tuesday

### HIGH AVERAGE

John Ruggles, of the P. T. Barnum Company, is receiving the felicitations of friends following the receipt of a diploma marking the successful conclusion of an eight months course of Educational Insurance, he having passed the final examination with the exceptionally high average of 94 per cent.

## Griffin Is Speaker at Kiwanis Meeting

By HOWARD F. BURNS

Lloyd Griffin, executive vice president of the North Carolina Citizens Association, Raleigh, and publisher of the magazine, "We The People," gave the Sandhills Kiwanians some interesting facts to think about in regard to the financial condition of the Federal Government in an address to the club Wednesday at the Community House in Aberdeen.

Reminiscing a bit, the speaker declared the federal debt in 1865 was \$17,000,000 and was almost nothing at the end of the Civil War. In the first World War, we had a debt of \$26,000,000,000 and in 1936 the federal debt had been reduced to \$16,000,000,000. At the time of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the debt stood at \$41,000,000,000 and has now reached the enormous figure of \$200,000,000,000 and is expected to be increased another \$10,000,000,000 if the war lasts another year and a half.

Mr. Griffin, a pleasing speaker, stated that the debt figured out about \$2,000 per citizen while the national income is rated at \$142,000,000,000 annually. He estimated that it would require \$25,000,000,000 annually to meet the requirements of the Federal Government after the war. To this figure must be added at least \$16,000,000,000 for State and local Governments.

Continuing, the speaker asked, "What shall we do? Shall we repudiate the debt or shall we pay it?" To follow the latter course," he declared, "we must have a high income of at least \$120,000,000,000 annually. This means, of course, higher wages and higher prices in order to pay off this debt." Mr. Griffin urged the Kiwanians to take a greater interest in national affairs, to insist on the stoppage of unnecessary expenditures on the part of the State and Federal Governments and to convey their thoughts and wishes to their Senators and Congressmen.

He explained a lot of this debt is made up in the form of short term obligations held largely by the commercial banks of this country. He pointed out it will cost a great deal to win this war, but the price is not too much.

As a further example of legislation now before Congress which will tend to increase the national debt is the Murray-Wagner Social Security bill which will approximately double the social security tax raised by the Federal Government.

Referring to the State of North Carolina, Mr. Griffin informed the Kiwanians that the State has a surplus now of \$39,390,000 and is expected to reach \$55,000,000 as of June 30th of this year after overcoming a deficit of \$14,000,000 ten years ago.

In conclusion, he declared one of the problems to face the legislature will be whether to use this surplus for post war projects or to cancel as much of the State debt as possible.

The speaker was introduced by Is-ham Sledge, chairman of the program committee.

## EASTER HOLIDAY

The Citizens Bank, Carolina Power and Light Company office, all the markets and nearly all of the mercantile establishments of Southern Pines will be closed on Easter Monday, April 10th. With the exception of the Citizens Bank they will be open for business all day Wednesday, April 12th.

## Splendid Reports Feature Annual Meeting; Babies Break All Records

In-patients numbering 3,051 were cared for at the Moore County Hospital during 1943, Business Manager E. T. McKeithen reported to the directors at the annual meeting of the Board on Tuesday evening. This was a gain of 18 per cent over the figure for 1942, and was made possible by additional space secured through a re-arrangement of facilities.

Babies broke all records in 1943. There was one for every day in the year—almost. New arrivals totalled 364, an increase of more than a hundred over 1942.

The directors, in a resolution drawn by Struthers Burt, expressed the great loss suffered by the Hospital through the death of James Boyd. Mr. Boyd was one of the founders; he had served ably as president; and his judgement, tact, and generosity were invaluable in the growth of the institution.

George H. Maurice, of Eagle Springs, who has headed the Board with wisdom and patience through several terms as president, felt that he should not again assume the burden. The directors, by a rising vote, expressed their sincere appreciation of Mr. Maurice's labors.

Officers for 1944 are as follows: President, S. Donald Sherrerd; honorary president, S. B. Chapin; 1st vice-president, G. C. Seymour; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. James H. Andrews; secretary-treasurer, Paul D.

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## Easter Services at Brownson Memorial

**Presbyterian Church Will Have Special Music; Building Program Is Resumed**

The Easter season will be observed at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church with a program of special Easter music and a sermon on Victorious Life. Features of the musical program will include Bach's "In Deepest Grief", from the "Passion According to St. Matthew"; the offertory, "He Shall Feed His Flock," by Handel and the anthem, "They That Sow in Tears Shall Reap in Joy", by Harker-Deis.

At a recent meeting of the Building Committee, \$5,500.00 cash on hand was set aside to cover past obligations, including a set of pews and chancel furniture. It was voted to use the remainder of the funds to start an expanded building program, and to pay for this as the work is done. Work is now going on in the auditorium. It is hoped that the monthly Building Program offerings will enable this work to be continued until it is completed. The entire offering taken from Church and Sunday School on Easter Sunday will go to this purpose. The whole congregation is rallied to the aid of this much needed work.

The public is most cordially invited to worship at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church on Easter and at all other times.

## GOLF TOURNEY BENEFITS AMERICAN RED CROSS

Col. Ducat McEntee, popular Southern Pines resident, turned in the low net score in a Blind Bogey tournament at the Southern Pines Country Club on Sunday April 2. This tournament was conducted by Roy Grinnell, club professional, for the benefit of the local chapter of The American Red Cross. Mr. Grinnell donated three prizes which were won by Col. McEntee, John Martin of New York and John Schwartz also of New York. The entry fees collected amounted to a tidy sum to swell the Red Cross coffers.

## HORSE SHOW

The annual Pinehurst Spring Horse Show will be held on Saturday April 8th, according to an announcement made by James W. Tufis. There will be nine classes, four hunters, one open jumping, two for children riders and a hack and pair classes.