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## 27 Seniors Receive Diplomas at Local High School Finals

W. McLeod Frampton  
Delivers Address;  
Many Honor Awards

Commencement season at Southern Pines High School closed with the graduation exercises Wednesday evening, at which diplomas were presented to the 27 graduates following an address by W. McLeod Frampton, Jr., of Chaw, S. C., Gordon M. Cameron introduced the speaker and Dr. G. G. Herr awarded the diplomas.

Honors Day Program Wednesday morning featured the presentation of athletic and club awards and other honors. Individual awards were as follows: To John McCain, American Citizenship Medal, presented by L. L. Woolley; to John Prizer, Junior Chamber of Commerce Award for improvement in scholarship and citizenship, presented by Paul Butler; to Mona Beall Shepard, Lewis Hodgkins and Grace Klabbatz Hawk. (4 years) and Harry Lee Brown, Jr., (5 years), \$25 War Bonds given anonymously for scholastic averages of 90 and above, presented by Miss Pauline Miller; to Mona Beall Shepard, valedictorian, the Readers' Digest Award, presented by Miss Thelma Daniels; to John McCain the Danforth Foundation Award for leadership, presented by Mrs. Ruth Swisher.

### Club Awards

Miss Aline Todd presented awards as follows:

Girls' Basketball—Jackie Worsham, captain, Jean Council, Pauline Nichols, Blanche Dupree, Sarah Cox, Nellie Ward, Peggy Jean Cameron. Most valuable, Jackie Worsham; most improved, Pauline Nichols.

Girls' Tennis—Audrey West Brown, Pauline Nichols, Mary Jane French, Suzanne Kelley, Peggy Jean Cameron.

A. D. Dawson presented awards for Boys' athletics as follows:

Basketball—Letters to Davis Worsham, Chan Page, John Neal, Bill Raymond, Harry Lee Brown, Jr., captain, Curtis Williams, Fogle Clark, Jimmie Harrington, manager. Most valuable player, Davis Worsham; most improved player, John Neal.

Baseball—Letters to Harry Lee Brown, Jr., Chan Page, Fred Hall, Tommy Grey, Davis Worsham, Clyde Smith, Drennen Mann, T. K. Campbell, John Neal, Lewis Hodgkins, manager; stars to Curtis Williams.

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## Book of War Poems By Local Woman Out

"War Echoes" is the title of a book of war poems by Emily Allen Elfreth which is just off the press and attractively displayed in the windows of Hayes Sandhill Book Shop.

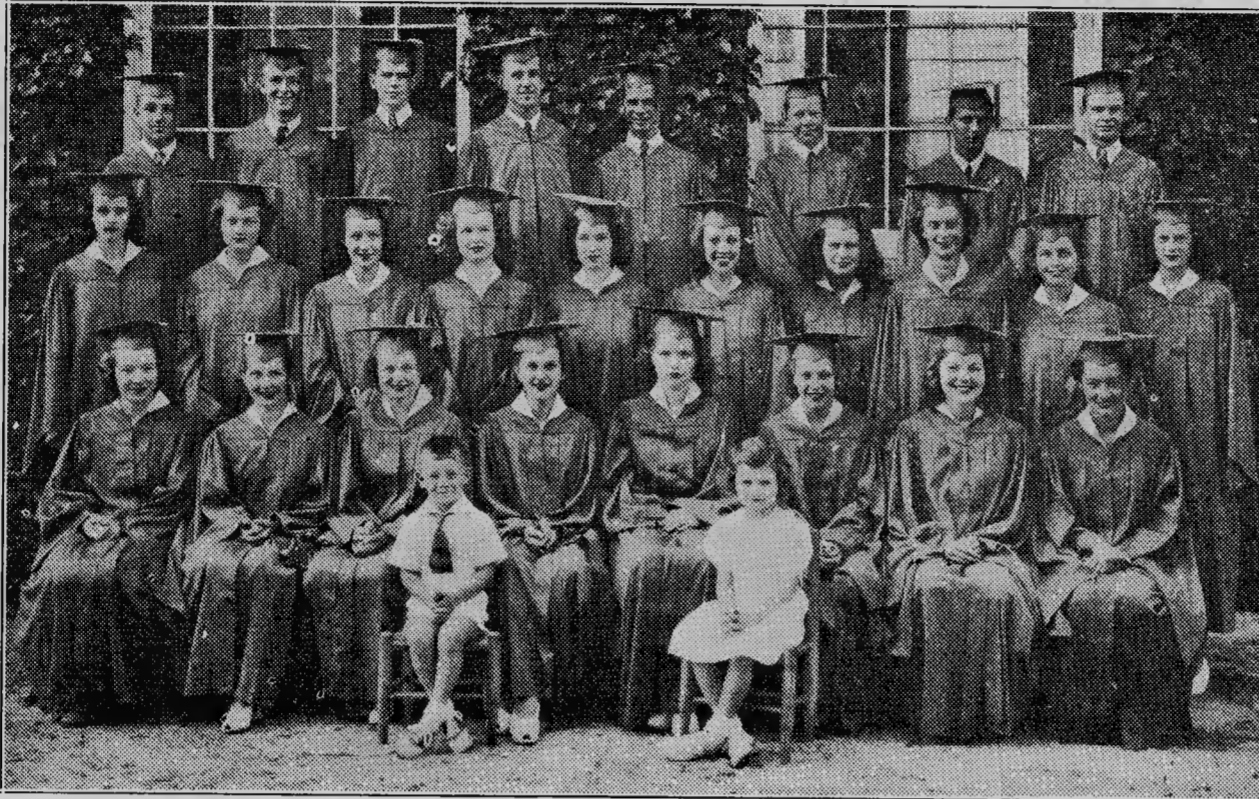
Each poem in the collection was inspired by the war or incidents connected with it. One of these, "To the Air Corps Lads," has been set to music by Mrs. Mary Lee Read, organist at the Grand Central Terminal Station in New York, where it was sung during the entire Christmas week and on other special occasions by thousands of service men. It has been printed in sheet form.

Mrs. Elfreth, a native of Philadelphia, spent eight years in Bermuda and with her family is living in Southern Pines during the war.

## INVASION DAY

Invasion Day was a day of quiet in Moore County, the only demonstrations being those of prayer for the boys in the conflict, among whom Southern Pines and Moore County are well represented. Special church services were held and many churches were kept open the entire day for any who wished to drop in for prayer and meditation. Fewer people were seen on streets as all who could stayed close by their radios, listening to every bit of information that came in and being deeply impressed as the Liberty Bell proclaimed its message of Liberty.

## The 1944 Graduating Class, Southern Pines High School



Front row, left to right: Louise Brooks, Frances Calloway, Ethel Blue Britt, Jane Bradin, Mona Beall Shepard, Grace Hawk, Betty Johnston, Dorothy Kaylor. Middle row: Nancy Ruth Osborne, Jean Council, Helen Short, Mabel Norton, Burlein Garner, Betty Lou Palmer, Frances Campbell, Jacqueline Worsham, Blanche Dupree, Irene Alexander. Back row: Joe Thomas, Burton Brown, Lewis Hodgkins, John McCain, Curtis Williams, James Harrington, Bill Hall, William McDonald. Class mascots are Elizabeth Harriss and Curt Sutcliffe.

## Lt. Francis McGill Is Killed in Action

Pilot of Vass Community  
Loses Life After Only  
Two Months in England

Overseas only around two months, 2nd Lt. Francis McGill, 27, of the U. S. Army Air Forces, formerly of Vass, Route 2, was killed in action on May 20th, it was learned last Friday.

Lt. McGill, youngest of the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arch McGill, volunteered for service in March, 1943. After training at several different camps he was commissioned and awarded his wings at George Field, Ill., last December. Prior to leaving the States for England April 4th, he was at Drew Field, Fla.

The telegram concerning the young man's death was sent to his brother, Alex McGill, with whom the parents have been residing near Maxton for the past several months since the father suffered a stroke which made him unable to look after his farm out from Vass. The letter which the message said would follow has not been received, so no details are known.

Lt. McGill was held in high esteem in his community. He was a graduate of Vass-Lakeview High School, a member of Cypress Presbyterian Church and at the time of his induction was superintendent of the Sunday School there.

His parents came back to the home community Saturday to spend a few days with Mrs. McGill's brother, J. W. Smith, and family and were joined there Sunday by the third son, Sgt. Archibald McGill, of Drew Field, Fla.

## ANOTHER "FIRST"

"Mrs. Myrton Stewart of Carthage was in Washington this week visiting her 13-year-old son, Tommy, who is one of the pages at the House of Representatives," wrote Betty Bell in the News and Observer's "Under the Dome" column Sunday.

"Tommy, one of the most popular pages in Congress, bears the distinction of being the only page who ever kicked a Congressman in the seat of the pants."

"It happened when Rep. Will Rogers, Jr., who looked a great deal like one of the doorkeepers and who had on a suit very similar, was bending over looking at a map in the Speaker's lobby. Tommy unfortunately mistook the Congressman for the doorkeeper and kicked him soundly. "When Tommy discovered his mistake, he turned and ran as fast as he could. But Rogers just grinned."

With Mrs. Stewart in Washington was her younger son, Bobby.

## Largest Class of Nurse's Aides Ever Trained in County Graduates June 5th

### "WE NEED YOU"

"A new shipment of 15,000 surgical bandages is at the work-room in the Straka Building," says Mrs. James M. Murphy, "and we need YOU to help. Please give a few hours of your time NOW". Last week there were 37 workers and they made 1445 bandages in 120 hours. "We must do more," says Mrs. Murphy, "come and help".

## Capt. Johnson Is Guest of Kiwanians

Back from the Pacific,  
Visiting Officer Tells  
of Advance of Our Forces

Captain Felix Leslie Johnson, guest speaker at the Sandhills Kiwanis Club luncheon Wednesday, made an interesting address and pointed out from a map the advances of the Armed Forces in the South and Southwest Pacific, where he has been stationed for many months.

He informed the Club that he had been acting as a liaison officer under Admiral Halsey, and had been in close contact with the recent advancement in the Pacific. Capt. Johnson stated it had taken some time, but that General MacArthur had built up a very fine fighting organization, and the two branches of the services had been completely amalgamated by Admiral Halsey.

He referred briefly to several engagements we had with the Jap Fleet in the early part of the war, at Guadalcanal, in which our fleet was badly out-numbered and we suffered the loss of several cruisers and destroyers. Continuing, he pointed out we have advanced very rapidly, and in many cases Admiral Halsey and General MacArthur have bypassed islands after obtaining the air fields. The Japs were left there to starve.

The speaker was introduced by his brother, J. Talbot Johnson.

Among the guests attending the meeting were Major General Jerry Chapman, commanding officer, 13th Airborne Division, Camp Mackall; Colonel Stoddard, Captain Ray, and Lt. Governor Creech.

## COUNTY BOARD COMMENDS TUBERCULOSIS WORKERS

At their regular monthly meeting Monday, members of the Moore County Board of Commissioners accepted the Tuberculosis Association report of Mrs. T. A. Cheatham and commended Mrs. Cheatham and the various groups over the county for their splendid work.

The growth of the program is indicated by the amount of the seal sales for the past two years: \$1,204.15 in 1942 and \$4,432.97 in 1943.

## NOT SURPRISED

Novel calls for assistance no longer surprise members of the Southern Pines Fire Department so when a message from Cameron, asking for firemen and apparatus to meet the south bound express, was relayed from the Seaboard depot late Sunday night, it was noted as a matter of routine. Frank Kaylor quietly mustered several members of the company and was ready for any emergency as the train pulled in.

Flames discovered in one of the coaches had led to the shifting of the occupants and use of fire equipment by the train crew and the fire was virtually extinguished by the time the train was boarded by the local firemen. Following a thorough inspection of the damaged car by Chief L. V. O'Callaghan, the train proceeded.

## Library Service Is Planned for County

State and County Will  
Finance Project; Plan  
To Get Underway Soon

At a meeting of the County Commissioners held last week in Carthage, it was voted to start a free library service in Moore County, thus following the plan already in effect in most of the counties of the state. The Board of Commissioners appropriated \$2,000.00 as of July 1st, to be supplemented by the State allowance of \$1,125.00.

There will be a central depository for books in Carthage. From there books will be taken once or twice a month to fifteen different centers in the county. Until the county book stock is built up, existing libraries in the towns of Pinehurst, Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Pinebluff have agreed to loan books in order that the arrangement may get under way immediately. Purchase of a bookmobile must be postponed until after the war; in the meantime transportation of books will be by truck or private automobile. It is hoped that Moore County can work out a plan for sharing the services of a librarian from one of the neighboring counties until this service is fully expanded, when a full-time librarian will probably be employed.

Operation of the free library service will be under the supervision of a committee which has been appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Chairman of the committee is Mrs. J. M. Guthrie of Cameron. Details of operation were worked out at a meeting with the Commissioners on Monday, June 5th.

Other members of the Board, in addition to Mrs. Guthrie, who was appointed for a 4-year term, are A. B. Yeomans of Southern Pines and Mrs. J. L. McGraw of Carthage, 2-year terms; Roy Phillips of Robbins Route 2, 4-year term; Archie Kelly of Eagle Springs and Mrs. R. A. Dowd of Glendon, 6-year terms.

## Notre Dame School Has Graduation Day

Graduation took place at Notre Dame Academy, Southern Pines on Friday, June 2nd. His Excellency, Most Reverend Eugene J. McGuinness, D. D., Bishop of Raleigh, presided at the Commencement Exercises which were held in the Convent Chapel.

The program opened with the singing of the Veni Creator by the choral group of the Academy. The graduates were presented to the Bishop by the Reverend Ambrose F. McAdams, C. S. S. R., of Southern Pines. Those receiving diplomas were Geraldine Maloney, Richmond, Va.; Patricia Powers, Charlotte; Barbara Poole, Carthage, and Constance Soule, Charlotte.

His Excellency addressed the graduates, their parents, and friends, and the ceremony was brought to a close by Pontifical Benediction, at which the Reverend Ambrose McAdams assisted the Bishop as deacon, the Reverend Francis J. Tait, Southern Pines, as sub-deacon, and the Reverend John A. Brown, Pinehurst, as master of ceremonies.

## NEW BUILDING

John Ormsby has started the erection of a one-story brick building 16 by 50 feet located between the Billiard Room and Pope's Restaurant on East Broad Street.

## Quotas and Leaders in Fifth War Loan Drive Announced

County's Quota Is  
Set at \$675,000;  
E Bonds, \$338,000

Plans for launching the Fifth War Loan drive to raise \$675,000 in Moore County are being completed and those at the head of the campaign—the largest that has ever been undertaken—are confidently expecting the people to unite in a greater effort than ever before to make the drive a success. The "E" quota is \$338,000.

Quotas for the various towns have been set as follows, Chairman Eugene C. Stevens has announced: Southern Pines, \$199,500; Pinehurst, \$126,300; Carthage, \$113,050; Aberdeen, \$99,750; Robbins, \$99,750; West End, \$13,300; Cameron, \$6,650; Pinebluff, \$3,325; Vass, \$3,325.

Paul Jernigan will again serve as chairman for Southern Pines, G. C. Seymour for Aberdeen, Col. George P. Hawes for Pinehurst, and H. Lee Thomas will handle the Carthage forces.

In other towns throughout the county the Woman's Division, of which Mrs. Norris L. Hodgkins is chairman, will head the drive. Mrs. Hodgkins expressed pleasure that Miss Flora McDonald, home demonstration agent, of Carthage, will again serve as county vice-chairman. In her contacts with the women throughout the county Miss McDonald did a splendid work in the Fourth War Loan drive.

Other chairmen announced by Mrs. Hodgkins are: Mrs. George Moore, Southern Pines; Mrs. W. H. Saunders, Robbins; Mrs. Myrton Stewart, Carthage; Mrs. M. C. McDonald, West End; Mrs. O. Leon Seymour, Aberdeen; Mrs. W. K. Carpenter, Pinebluff; Mrs. Leroy Gates, Pinehurst; Mrs. H. A. Borst, Vass; Mrs. Pete Phillips, Cameron.

Headed by Mrs. Moore, the Southern Pines women organized immediately and are ready and waiting to throw their best efforts into the drive, efforts which it is predicted will make it necessary for the men to step lively if they expect to keep pace. Beginning Monday, June 12, workers will be at the Bank from 9:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. each weekday through July 8, working on this schedule:

Mondays: Mrs. Moore, Mrs. M. G. Nichols, Mrs. E. V. Perkinson.

Tuesdays: Mrs. Norris Hodgkins, Mrs. James Wray, Mrs. Philip Weaver.

Wednesdays: Mrs. Eugene Stevens, Mrs. Heizmann Mudgett, Mrs. Harlow Pierson, Mrs. G. H. Whittall.

Thursdays: Mrs. James S. Milliken, Mrs. Alba DeCosta, Mrs. D. Rosister, Mrs. Carl Thompson.

Fridays: Mrs. Stuart Wood, Mrs. J. Spring, Mrs. M. S. Gaffney.

Saturdays: Mrs. Fraser Knight.

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## ARK SCHOOL NEWS

The Ark School closed May 19th after an unusually busy season, during which, in addition to the regular program, many pupils were entered for shorter periods to continue their studies from other schools, including The Shipley School, Bryn Mawr, Pa. The Chapin School, New York, and Greenwich Academy, Conn. Very gratifying reports have been received of these pupils, having obtained excellent marks upon returning to their respective schools for their final examinations.

Mrs. Hayes was also delighted to hear that Julian Plowden, a pupil at the Ark last season, and recently returned to England, in the words of his Guardian "Romped through the winter with honors" in his class at Milton Academy, Massachusetts.

The members of the Junior Red Cross Group completed another consignment of work consisting of toy animals, sweaters, socks, and babies' bibs, to be sent abroad by the English Speaking Union, New York. During the winter months, a small group of adults also met at the Ark two evenings a week to fold surgical dressings under the supervision of Mrs. Ralph Bower, for the hospital at Camp Mackall.

The school will re-open Tuesday October third.