

## Army Reports Three Planes With 15 Airmen Missing off N. Carolina Coast

Three Men from Southern Pines in Crews: Hope of Finding Them Abandoned

Three C-47 transport planes and 15 men comprising their crews Monday were officially reported missing off the North Carolina coast by the commanding officer of Pope Field, Fort Bragg Army Air Base.

Three of the missing men were from Southern Pines: Capt. Robert J. Miskell; wife, Mrs. Jayne E. Miskell; Lt. William E. Beckhelm, wife, Mrs. Iola M. Beckhelm; Second Lt. Oakes M. Colwell, wife, Mrs. Phyllis A. Colwell.

The planes were on an over-water training flight Friday night when heard from last. Continual and extensive search for the men and planes was conducted by Army, Navy and Coast Guard installations, but was terminated Monday night, the announcement said, with exhaustion of all hope of finding them.

## Tax Allotments Are Decided By Board

Counties Will Share in Taxes on Intangibles; Moore's Part, \$18,258.56

The State Board of Assessments has announced that \$1,460,724.28 in 1943-44 intangible tax collections will be distributed to the 100 counties of North Carolina under provisions of a statute which provides for the allotment to counties of 75 per cent of the total net intangible tax collections.

Total gross collections during 1943-44 were \$2,028,783.72, from which four per cent—\$81,151.35—was retained by the State for administrative costs. Of the \$1,947,632.37 net collections, \$486,908.09 also went to the State's General Fund.

The intangible tax is levied on money on deposit, money on hand, accounts receivable, evidences of debt, shares of stock, beneficial interests, and deposits with insurance companies.

The Board of Assessments announced the distribution to counties, and the amounts to be received by Moore and neighboring counties are as follows: Moore, \$18,258.56; Cumberland, \$16,331.63; Harnett, \$9,495.65; Hoke, \$2,762.91; Lee, \$6,245.85; Montgomery, \$3,766.70; Richmond, \$9,570.62.

## THE VILLAGE INN WILL REOPEN FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

The Village Inn, destroyed by fire on January 29, 1943, has been rebuilt and refurbished and the proprietor, George H. Buttry, announces that it will open on Friday, August 4th. The new building, which is located on the original site on U. S. Highway 1 just south of Southern Pines, has a seating capacity of 100 in washed-air conditioned rooms where patrons may dine or dance in comfort.

## "MARVIN WAS THERE"

"Marvin Was There on D Day" a thrilling story by Cecil Carnes which appeared in last week's Saturday Evening Post, presents a graphic account of the invasion as seen through the eyes of Marvin Kornegay, 17, youngest sailor aboard the battleship Texas. Of especial local interest is the fact that the hero of the story, a Mount Olive boy, is the cousin of Miss Dorothy Kornegay and Mrs. Alton Scott of Southern Pines.

## REPORTED MISSING

The family of Lt. Lewis Anderson Page, Jr., has just been notified by the War Department that he is missing in action in the European theater since July 19.

Lt. Page is the eldest son of Col. Lewis A. Page, now in India, and Mrs. Page, who is at present in Arizona. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Page, Sr., of Eagle Springs, and a nephew of C. N. Page of Southern Pines and J. W. Page of Charlotte.

## MISSING IN ACTION

Lt. Paul P. McCain, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul P. McCain of Sanatorium, has been reported missing in action since July 12.

Lt. McCain, navigator on an Eighth AAF Flying Fortress, has been in active service in the European theater since early April. He was recently awarded a second Oak Leaf Cluster in addition to the Air Medal.

## Druggists Do Well in War Bond Drive

Mrs. J. T. Overton Leads Group in Sale of Bonds Chairman Byrd Discloses

The Sandhill Drug Company of Southern Pines, with bond sales of \$12,950.00, led all drug stores in Moore County in the Fifth War Loan drive, according to the final report of Dr. Clement Byrd, county chairman of the druggists' organization. Credit for selling this entire amount goes to Mrs. J. T. Overton of the Woman's Auxiliary of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, who assisted her husband in this way.

Other sales reported by the county chairman were as follows: Allen Drug Sundry Company, Carthage, \$3,400; Southern Pines Pharmacy, \$2,200; Carolina Pharmacy, Pinehurst, \$1,500; Broad Street Pharmacy, Southern Pines, \$825; O'Brien Pharmacy, Pinehurst, \$500; Smith's Drug Store, West End, \$350; Total, \$21,725.00.

The North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association gave all-out support to the drive, the main objective of the druggists being the purchase of giant ambulance planes to aid the American forces.

This is the first time that Moore County pharmacists have carried on a special campaign of this kind, and Dr. Byrd, who gave enthusiastic leadership, and the proprietors of every store named above, have rendered a splendid service.

## Chap. P. B. Edelen Killed in Invasion

He was formerly Assistant Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church Here

Chaplain Philip B. Edelen, formerly assistant pastor to the Rev. Thomas Williams and the Rev. Herbert A. Harkins of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Southern Pines, was killed in action in France on June 10, according to information received from the War Department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Edelen of 119 Ashe Avenue, Raleigh, on July 23.

Chaplain Edelen was ordained to the priesthood of the Catholic Church in May, 1940, by the Rt. Rev. Eugene McGuinness. After leaving Southern Pines he was appointed administrator in the church of Blessed Sacrament in Burlington, and entered the Army in 1943.

The Edelen family of the Sacred Heart Catholic parish of Raleigh was chosen as the Honor Family because all of the five sons volunteered for military service. Three joined the Army and two, the Navy.

A solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for Father Edelen was celebrated in the Sacred Heart Cathedral by the Rt. Rev. McGuinness Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock, and all pastors in his Diocese were requested to have public prayers.

## NAMES COMMITTEES

Appointment of eight committees to work with the North Carolina Planning Board in drafting post war activities in major fields has been announced recently by Gov. J. Melville Broughton.

Three Moore County men were placed on committees: John M. Howarth of Southern Pines, Industrial Planning; Richard S. Tufts of Pinehurst, Tourist and Travel Planning; Struthers Burt of Southern Pines, Art, Music and Literature.

## One Case of Polio Develops in County

Annie Lee Moore, 4, of Robbins Has Been Moved to Hospital at Hickory

One case of polio developed in Moore County last week, the first in the present epidemic to occur in this county. The victim is Annie Lee Moore, four-and-one-half-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dolphus Moore of Robbins.

The child became ill on Tuesday, complaining of severe headache, and later in the week the case was diagnosed as polio. Annie Lee was taken to the Moore County Hospital Friday and, at the suggestion of Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer, was removed to an emergency hospital at Hickory which has been specially equipped to care for more than a hundred children, and made a center of research, in the hope of gaining information to aid in preventing future infantile paralysis epidemics.

Dr. Willcox said that paralysis could be detected in one side of the child's mouth and in one eye. Mrs. Moore and the other children have been isolated for a 21-day period.

Since June 1 nearly 400 cases of polio have been reported to the State Board of Health from 47 of the State's 100 counties. Catawba County with 64 cases leads, with Burke, Wilkes and Ashe following with 30 or more cases, each.

The Moore County Board of Health, at the suggestion of the County Infantile Paralysis Chapter, banned children under sixteen years of age from attending public gatherings three weeks ago as a preventive measure.

## Called for Service

The latest list of white inductees sent from Moore County to Fort Bragg includes the following: John Harrington Rosser (Navy), Wesley Russell Viall, Jr. (Navy), Charles Arthur Scarboro, Robert Junius Snipes, Elmer Farly Vest, Arl Tex Dandy, John Melvin Bean, Willis Gerald Calcutt and Carlton Lee Cole, Jr.; also the following, who transferred from other counties: Westcott Clinton, Charles Patterson Holt, and Warren G. McCaskill.

The following colored men were sent to Fort Jackson, S. C., for pre-induction physical examination: Doctor Clayton Shamberger, F. Clarence Stanback, Benjamin Franklin McDowell, Charles Franklin McQueen, Ray Brower, Jack Junior Brower, Fowle Smith and John Louis Harrington.

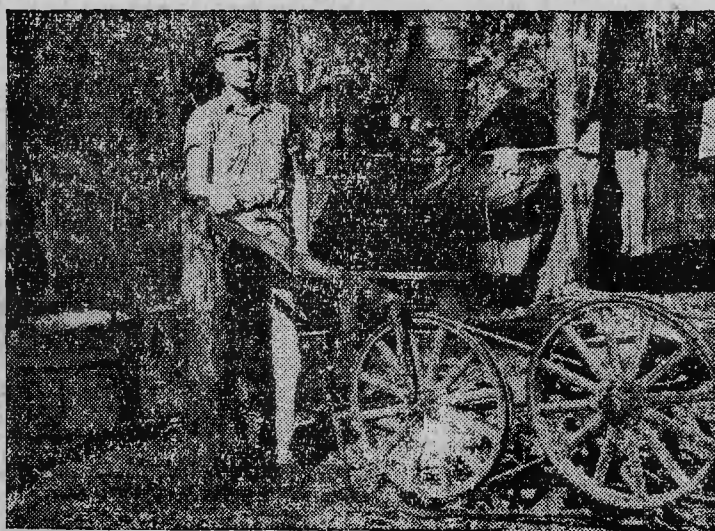
## Mackall Lakes and Forests Expected to Be Sportsman's Paradise after the War

Two hundred and thirty extra special largemouth black bass from the Lake McKinney Fish Hatchery on the Camp Mackall reservation were placed in Mossiel Lake near Airborne Center Headquarters Friday by R. B. Richard, superintendent of the Fish Hatchery, an installation of the Interior Department. Fishing on the lake, which is a small one, is prohibited, and the fish will be allowed to multiply and grow. The 230 weighed 23 1-2 pounds, some measuring as much as eight inches in length.

In recent months, upwards of 5,000 fish from the hatchery have been placed in Scotland, Mossiel and Kenny-Cameron Lakes on the reservation. Broadacres Lake is already overstocked with fish, according to a census taken by game officials, and needs no new stock at present. Kenny-Cameron Lake, which was heavily stocked, was emptied of its fish population last winter when it became necessary to dynamite the dam for military reasons, but the fish in its waters escaped uninjured into nearby streams, where they are available for civilian fishermen. The lake dam has been rebuilt by Army Engineers, and just as soon as it fills with water, it will again be heavily stocked, Mr. Richard said this week.

Muddy Creek Lake, now used for training purposes, is not being stock-

## Leatherneck Washing Machine



Laundry problems on Pacific outposts are not as difficult as one might expect. An example of Leatherneck ingenuity is demonstrated above by Corp. Billy G. Alexander of Amarillo, Tex. The clothes are placed in the half-barrel, with soap and water, and the mangle does the work. When an especially good job is desired, a fire built under the barrel. The power? Oh, yes, propulsion is supplied by a hand-made windmill.

## Hodges of Raleigh Is Kiwanis Speaker

Member of State Insurance Commission Discusses Work of Department

William P. Hodges of the State Insurance Commission, Raleigh, addressed the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at its luncheon Wednesday at the Holly Inn, Pinehurst, giving some interesting facts regarding the regulation of insurance companies operating in North Carolina. Mr. Hodges, an attorney before going into his present work, disclosed that state regulation of insurance companies was put into effect in Massachusetts in 1850.

In North Carolina this commission has supervision over 550 insurance companies operating in the State, in addition to 148 Building and Loan Associations, he stated. He mentioned the fact that the largest Negro insurance company in the South is located at Burlington, all of its officers being Negroes; also that one casualty company has its home office in this State when there are only about ten such companies in the South.

Mr. Hodges mentioned the several divisions of the Insurance Department and discussed their functions: The Actuary Department, which examines all companies and studies details of their financial statements; the Statistics Department, the License Department; the Administrative and Collecting Department of Fireman Relief Funds; a department to investigate fictitious fires, regardless of whether the building is

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## Open Dates for Tobacco Marts Set

Middle Belt Opens Sept. 11; Border Belt, Aug. 1; Selling Rules Adopted

Governor Broughton Wednesday issued an executive order postponing for one week the opening dates for all tobacco markets in North Carolina, on account of the price ceiling situation. Georgia-Florida markets were due to have opened last Monday, but a holiday of at least five days was ordered pending an appeal for price adjustment.

Ceilings announced last week were 39 cents for loose, ungraded tobacco and 43 1-2 cents for graded and tied leaf. The tobacco men maintain that nothing less than the ceilings of 41 and 54 1-2 cents previously recommended by them is acceptable.

At the annual meeting of the Tobacco Association of the United States held recently in Raleigh, opening dates for 1944 tobacco markets in Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina and Virginia were set and certain regulations governing sales adopted.

Opening dates set by the association were as follows: Georgia-Florida Belt, July 24; Border Belt-South Carolina Belt, August 1; Eastern Belt, August 21; Middle Belt, September 11; Old Belt, September 18; Dark Virginia Belt, December 11.

Adopted unanimously were the following provisions contained in

## BETTER SHARE YOUR CAR

Local ration boards have been notified that supplementary B and C rations for home-to-work driving are not renewable on more than a 30-day "probationary" basis after August 1 unless the car owner shows membership in a car-pool club, Theodore S. Johnson, district OPA director said.

The 30-day "probationary" ration, it was pointed out, is provided to enable motorists to form a car-sharing pool in their neighborhood if none exists.

Greater car-pool participation, Johnson said, is necessary to conserve the dwindling supply of usable automobiles. Cars are being scrapped at the rate of 4,000 a day and the result is further demands on the already overburdened public transportation systems. Greater sharing of cars is the only answer, he asserted.

## SMALLPOX IN COUNTY

Needle scratches are appearing on an increasing number of upper arms in Moore County as a result of the development of four cases of smallpox among Negro residents of the Carthage section. The Health Department is going forward with its program of vaccination.

## SLEDGE, SIMMONS WIN

I. C. Sledge and Charlie Simmons were winners in the Yackin golf tournament last week. This week the tournament will be mixed foursomes, medal play.

## County Chairman of 5th War Bond Drive Expresses Thanks

Eugene Stevens Praises Work Accomplished By Various Local Workers

Eugene C. Stevens, who has so successfully engineered War Loan Drives four and five in Moore County, this week graciously sent out letters of thanks which we are reprinting. THE PILOT reprints its letter because of its appreciation of Mr. Stevens' thoughtfulness; the others, because Mr. Jernigan, local chairman, and Mrs. Moore, local chairman of the Women's Division, wish to share them with all who helped to make the drive a success and to add their own personal thanks to that of Mr. Stevens for the wonderful cooperation given on every hand. Similar letters were sent to chairmen throughout the county.

But before we get to the letters THE PILOT would like to suggest that the county as a whole join in a rising vote of thanks to Mr. Stevens for his very fine leadership. Undertakings as large as the Fifth War Loan do not just put themselves across. It takes organization and the unselfish giving of a lot of time to accomplish what has been accomplished in Moore County and Mr. Stevens and his co-workers deserve much credit.

The Chairman's letters, all of which were dated July 25, follow: Mrs. George Moore, Chairman

The Pilot, Southern Pines, N. C. Dear Editor:

Please accept my sincere thanks for all the nice publicity and cooperation you have given us in connection with the 5th War Loan Drive. You have certainly been of great assistance in putting this matter before our people and in aiding the people who have actually sold the bonds. It is nice to know that any county chairman

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## Lt. James Wicker Reported Missing

First Lieutenant James R. Wicker of Pinehurst is missing in action over Holland, his wife, Mrs. Nancy Richardson Wicker, has been notified by the Adjutant General. He was on his 27th raid.

Lt. Wicker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rassie Wicker of Pinehurst. He flew overseas on March 2nd, this year, and piloted a bomber in raids over Germany and took part in a triple shuttle bombing raid in which he landed in Russia. He was over targets in Berlin five times.

The young officer is 23 years old and a graduate of Pinehurst high school in 1938. He attended State College at Raleigh, and after working for a year as a draftsman for the Navy department in Washington, joined up in October, 1942, at Camp Lee, Virginia.

He transferred from the infantry to the air corps at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, and had his first training in the air force at Miami, Florida. He was classified as a pilot and completed his training at Maxwell Field, Alabama. Souther Field, Americus, Georgia, Chochran Field, Macon, Georgia, and at Blytheville, Arkansas. He was commissioned on November 3rd, 1943.

Home on leave, Lt. Wicker and Nancy Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Richardson of Pinehurst, were married on November 10th. After a brief honeymoon, Lt. Wicker departed for Salt Lake City and was assigned to heavy bombardment, and at Dalhart, Texas, became co-pilot of a B-17 bomber.

## NOT TO BE OUTDONE

Throughout July frequent showers and near cloudbursts have so soaked the woodlands and back yards that brush and trash fires have been markedly absent. Not to be outdone, however, was the observer who noted the smoke rising from the city dump last Thursday evening and called out the firemen forthwith.