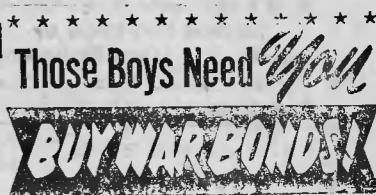




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TEN CENTS

Liquor Charges Are Brought Against 26 in Weekend Roundup

Many Sections of County Represented; Hearing Set for August 23

Moore County and State A. B. C. officers and agents of the Tax Unit of the United States Treasury Department swept through the county over the weekend and arrested 21 men and two women on charges of selling or possessing non tax-paid liquor. They were required to appear before U. S. Commissioner J. A. Lang at Carthage and were held under bonds of \$500 for appearance before him on August 23. Those bound over at that time will be scheduled to face trial in Federal Court at Rockingham on September 11.

All of the liquor was of illegal manufacture, said to have been brought into Moore from adjoining counties.

C. A. McCallum, chief A. B. C. officer of Moore County, and State Investigator Robert Brown were included in the group making the round-up, and the warrants were served by U. S. Deputy Marshall John N. Stephenson. Eight from adjoining Montgomery County were arrested. About half of those arrested were white.

Names of those charged with the violations were given as Olin Alexander, Frank Criscoe, Albert Bean, Elcany Hussey, Claud E. Hussey, Ernie Moore, Stedman Brower, Earl Williamson, Alfred Hussey and Fletcher Hussey, all of Robbins; Curtis McKenzie of Pinehurst; Lonnie Taylor, Sylvester Taylor, John Marsh, Hubert Hussey, Raymond Wicker, and Julius Caddell, of Carthage; Mamie S. Woodard, Carter Singletary and Floyd Haley, of Cameron; Neal Tucker of Vass; Mamie Briggs of Aberdeen; Lillie Dunlap of Southern Pines.

Arrested by local A. B. C. Officers on similar charges and out on bail are Les Swearingen, Bill Jackson and Ped Hines, of Southern Pines.

Let's Close the Ranks And Work On and On

"We have faith that Surgical Dressings will always get made, and on time. The past has proved that. But sometimes the Chairman feels a little downhearted—as she did last Thursday morning, when only one worker showed up," a local Red Cross official confided.

The personnel of all the Volunteer Special Services is reduced in summer, when vacations account for part of the absenteeism; heat and inertia for the rest. Southern Pines is even more deserted in summer than other places, when winter residents go north, for anywhere from several weeks to several months. The work however cannot stop.

When a unit of our fighting boys goes into action and their number is depleted, those remaining close the ranks and fight on—and hope for reinforcements. Here in Southern Pines, many regular volunteer workers are away. Motor Corps (Continued on Page 4)

New Faculty Member

Miss Hattie Mae Barber of Hanes has been employed as music teacher in the Southern Pines School to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Annie Laurie Overton, who is training for Red Cross work. Miss Barber graduated from Greensboro College, Greensboro last spring with a B. S. degree in public school music.

LUCKY

When THE Montesanti received a letter from Bill Flynn addressed to "Mr. A. Montesanti, General Manager Central Hotel", it was fortunate that Bill was far, far away enjoying the breezes of Charlevoix—otherwise,

DIDN'T KNOW

One prowler operating in Southern Pines was evidently a stranger not posted on who's who, else he would have chosen different territory.

At 3:00 o'clock Saturday morning the wife of Chief of Police Ed Newton and daughter Mrs. R. V. Jager, were up attending to the latter's baby when they heard a noise and looked out. A man's face was pressed against a window pane.

The daughter screamed, Mrs. Newton grabbed for a gun and the Chief jumped out of his bed on the porch. A man in uniform ran to a car and got away. Officer Irwin Morrison instituted a search, but failed to locate the culprit.

WOUNDED IN ACTION



SGT. MARTIN C. FERGUSON

A message from the Adjutant General stating that Staff Sergeant Martin C. Ferguson was slightly wounded in action in France on July 25 was received by the young man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ferguson, of Southern Pines last week. No further information has come. S/Sgt. Ferguson landed in England in June.

Bus Operator Fails to Appear to Face Manslaughter Count

Efforts to Find Broome of Charlotte Fail; Several Cases Are Tried

F. A. Broome of Charlotte, operator of a Queen City bus which collided with the automobile of David Hobbs of Aberdeen near Cameron in July, 1943, fatally injuring two soldiers, failed to appear in Moore County Superior Court Tuesday to answer to a charge of manslaughter. State's witnesses were on hand, and a capias was issued for Broome, but up to Thursday morning all efforts to locate him had been unavailing.

Bryant Morgan's three cases in which he was charged with larceny, abandonment, and escape from custody of officers, were consolidated for judgment. He was given 18 months in jail to work on the roads. Marvin Hussey, charged with attempted rape, pleaded guilty of assault on a female, which plea was accepted by the State. He was sentenced to 18 months in jail to work on the roads.

Three divorce cases were tried on the opening day, all based on two years' separation. Judgments favorable to the plaintiffs were rendered to be effective upon the payment of court costs. Cases tried were: Bennett Hayden versus Bessie Gillis Hayden; Robert Luther Rogers versus Blanche S. Rogers (paid casts); Ida C. Carlyle versus Joseph Early Carlyle.

DRY CLEANERS' VACATIONS

Beginning next Monday, August 21, The Valet dry cleaning plant will be closed for a week, reopening the 28th.

Montesanti's establishment will close on the 26th, the day The Valet reopens, and remain closed until September 5th.

The cooperation of these two places of business in giving the town uninterrupted service shows a fine spirit.

REPORTED KILLED



LT. VIRGIL C. JOHNSTON, JR.

Second Lieutenant Virgil C. Johnston, Jr., of Southern Pines, formerly reported missing in action, was killed in action, according to a telegram from the adjutant general received Saturday by his parents.

The message stated that a report had been received from the German government through the International Red Cross, stating that he was killed June 10th over France.

Shortly after Lt. Johnston was reported missing last month his mother, Mrs. Virgil C. Johnston, received a letter from headquarters of the Army Air Forces in Washington, which gave the following details:

"Further information dated June 11th has just been received which indicates that Lieutenant Johnston was the pilot of a P-47 (Thunderbolt) fighter plane which departed from England on a dive bombing mission to Guer and Vannes, France on June 10th. Full details are not available, but the report indicates that during this mission, while over the target, our planes encountered enemy anti-aircraft fire and your son's plane was seen to sustain damage. The report further states that this occurred at about 3:20 p. m. Inasmuch as the prevailing battle conditions prevented further observations of this aircraft by the crews of accompanying planes, these facts constitute all the information presently available. There were no other persons in the plane with your son."

Lt. Johnston was inducted at Richmond, Va., seventeen months ago and was commissioned at Marianna, Fla., last December. He had been overseas since the last of April. He graduated from Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1939 and prior to entering the service was manager of The Sanitarium, Richmond, Va.

Surviving are his parents; two brothers, Sgt. Robert G. Johnston of Florence Army Air Base, S. C., and A/C William T. Johnston of Turner Field, Albany, Ga.; one sister, Miss Bettie Johnston of Southern Pines.

Historical Sketches of Moore County

By RASSIE E. WICKER

FOREWORD

"There is one difficult duty of the historian, which is too often passed over by the party-writer; it is to pause whenever he feels himself warming with the passions of the multitude, or becoming the blind apologist of arbitrary power." —I. D'Israeli

I suppose every neighborhood, wherever located, has its own local stock of tales of other days.

Until within the past thirty years, Moore, Lee and Cumberland Counties were peopled largely by pure descendants of the original settlers of the region. Among these families folk-lore and tradition were held in high esteem. Written records being few and meager, the frequent repetition by some member of each family, self-elected to the post of neighborhood genealogist and historian, has been the means of preserving even to this day, fragmentary accounts and incidents of that era.

While such tales invariably have in them a germ of truth, they have been so embellished and distorted through frequent retelling, that each one deserves to be accepted only when supported by contemporary records.

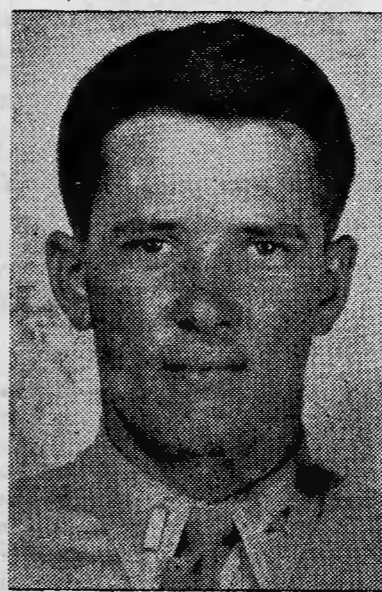
The search for this evidence has been my self-assumed task during

Old Sycamore Removed

Old age and palsied limbs doomed one of the towering sycamores on the Library block of West Broad Street, resulting in a blocking of traffic on this busy thoroughfare Monday afternoon while Supt. Norton's street force neatly felled the giant, which measured nearly three feet in diameter at the butt.

The tree was planted some time between 1897 and 1900, either by members of the Village Improvement Society, who were active at that time in street and parkway plantings, or by the late I. L. Hamlin, who lived on the site of the present Welch Gift Shop in the house now owned by Miss McDermott. Photographs taken in 1906 show the sycamores along this block as slim and not overly tall trees.

COMMISSIONED



LT. ARTHUR L. PATE

Second Lieutenant Arthur L. Pate, who on August 4 was commissioned and awarded the silver wings of a military pilot in graduation exercises at the Advanced Twin Engine Flying Training School at Blytheville, Arkansas, is spending a furlough in Southern Pines with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Pate. The winning of his commission marks the successful completion of three phases of flying training—primary, basic and advanced.

Second Lieutenant Pate is 23 years old. He attended Southern Pines High School.

HONOR ROLL

On page three is a list of the men and women from the Southern Pines School District who have entered the service. Doubtless any one of the group would be delighted to have a copy of this page mailed to them, if they are not already getting the paper.

We are grateful to Don Jensen for his help in revising the list. If any names have been omitted, we shall be glad to publish them next week.

Southern Pines Schools Will Postpone Opening Unless Polio Situation Clears

NEW FEATURE

THE PILOT is pleased to present this week the first of a series of articles by Rassie Wicker of Pinehurst on the history of Moore County. Mr. Wicker is an authority on the subject. A county official, in speaking of him from this angle, said this week: "I don't know anyone who can touch him." The articles will appear at intervals for some time.

SP Baptists Vote to Call Minister and Buy Parsonage

The Rev. Charles Bell of Anniston, Ala., Is the Unanimous Choice

Members of the Southern Pines Baptist Church, at their monthly business conference and covered dish supper on Thursday night of last week, unanimously voted to extend a call to the Rev. Charles Bell of Anniston, Ala., and to purchase a parsonage.

A committee had previously been appointed to look into the matter of a parsonage, and H. A. Lewis reported for the committee that it would be possible to obtain the house at the corner of New York Avenue and May Street, owned by Glenn Gibson. The building is conveniently located near the church. group decided to go ahead with plans for buying the property and \$800 was pledged or paid in during the meeting.

Since the resignation of the Rev. J. Fred Stimson effective the middle of June, four ministers had preached trial sermons at the local church. W. E. Kivette is chairman of the pulpit committee.

13th Airborne Unit Puts On Big Show

3,000 Guests Thrill at Spectacular Demonstration Marking 1st Anniversary

Officers and men of the Thirteenth Airborne Division at Camp Mackall celebrated their first anniversary Saturday before a crowd of more than 3,000 visitors.

Now under the command of Maj.-Gen. E. C. Chapman, the Thirteenth Airborne Division was activated one year ago, on Friday the 13th at Fort Bragg, under the command of Brig.-Gen. George W. Griner (later Major-General). Saturday's celebration was in the form of an open house for families and guests of the officers and men of the division and highlighted the more spectacular training features of one year's training. (Continued on Page 5)

RECEIVES CITATIONS

The Sandhills Post of the American Legion Auxiliary has received a national citation for meritorious service and has been placed on the honor roll for exceeding membership quota. The local post has also received a department citation for having met all requirements for this year. Mrs. L. D. Williams as president, and Mrs. N. S. Kimball as secretary and treasurer, were the leaders of the group during the period when the citations were earned.

ROSE SMITH'S HOME BURNS WHILE SHE IS AWAY

While Rose Smith was away at her place of employment, her home, a five-room dwelling located on New Hampshire Avenue near Gaines Street, West Southern Pines, was burned to the ground at 10:45 o'clock Thursday night of last week.

Firemen of the Southern Pines Company responding to the alarm reported that the house was practically destroyed before the alarm was sounded.

September 19 Is Set As Tentative Date Instead of September 7

The Southern Pines Schools will cooperate one hundred per cent with the State Board of Health in regard to postponement of the opening on account of the prevalence of Poliomyelitis in the State, Supt. Philip Weaver said this week in announcing that Tuesday, September 19, had been set as the tentative opening date for both white and colored schools, instead of Sept. 7, as first planned. Of course, if the situation improves to such an extent that the State Board thinks it wise to begin the fall term earlier, the date will be changed.

No announcement of definite plans for the Moore County school system, which includes all schools except Southern Pines and Pinehurst, has been made by County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas, although he did intimate that the county stands ready to cooperate for the common good. August 31 had been scheduled as the opening date for the county schools and Mr. Thomas thought it wise to wait until nearer that date to see what conditions would be before announcing a change.

Dr. J. W. Wilcox heartily agrees with Dr. Carl Reynolds, State health officer, and Governor Broughton in their recommendation that openings be deferred until September 18, and he went so far as to state to a representative of this paper that he agreed with Dr. Reynolds that parents would be justified in ignoring the compulsory attendance law unless a suitable date for opening of schools were set. Dr. Wilcox expressed his appreciation of the attitude of Supt. Weaver in regard to the local schools.

A special meeting of the State Board of Education was scheduled to be held in Raleigh Thursday of this week to consider the adoption of a uniform opening date for the State's public school units in line with the recommendation by the State health authorities.

Through Tuesday a total of 531 cases of infantile paralysis had been reported in North Carolina since June 1, with 114 during August. Sixty-one of the State's 100 counties have reported one or more cases and the death toll has reached within the twenties.

Dr. Reynolds said that the opening of schools "would cause immediate danger to nearly 1,000,000 school teachers and children, even in counties where there have been no reported cases of polio."

Moore County has had only one case and the victim was removed promptly to the special emergency hospital at Hickory, where she was still receiving treatment at the last report.

HOME FROM CALIFORNIA

S/Sgt. Hermin Grover arrived from Stockton Field, Calif. Tuesday morning for a 10-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Grover. At the expiration of his furlough he will go to an armament school at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado. Sgt. Grover says that he enjoys THE PILOT, reading it from "cover to cover".

BUTLER SPEAKS TO CLUB

Paul Butler of Southern Pines was guest speaker at the Tuesday night meeting of the Vass Lions Club, which was held at The Acorn, with the president, W. E. Gladstone, presiding. Mr. Butler spoke on Boy Scout work.

Members of the club drew names of local service men, to whom they are to write.

FINAL REPORT

The final report of the Fifth War Loan drive in Moore County shows that total over-all sales were \$914,801.75, of which \$275,296.75 was in E Bonds. The over-all quota was \$675,000, and the E quota, \$338,000. Eugene C. Stevens of Southern Pines was county chairman.