



# THE PILOT



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TEN CENTS

## Many Improvements Are Now Under Way at Local Laundry

J. A. Carter, owner of an important local institution, the Laundry, has received and is installing new machinery of the most modern type after having awaited its delivery since February. Mr. Carter expects to complete his improvement plans and within the next few weeks to realize his long-time ambition of making the local laundry one of the finest units in the State.

The building has been reroofed and refloored and is to be repainted. For the comfort of the 35 employees—all local help—three exhaust fans have been installed, and a start has been made for a fluorescent lighting system.

Among the many new machines are two electrically driven dryers with a capacity of 25 pounds every 15 minutes. Rough drying is actually somewhat of a misnomer as bath towels come out fluffed as they should be—and so seldom are. Also included are three air-driven semi-automatic family ironers, one shirt unit for completely finishing shirts, and three puff irons which actually keep the original shape of garment shoulders, bring up puffs and braids. Mr. Carter is a member of the National Institute of Laundering, which keeps a rigid watch on washing formulas used by its members.

## Red Cross Workroom Begins Third Year

Women Who Have Worked Fifty Hours or More in Past Two Years Are Listed

The first of this month marked the beginning of the third year's activity in the Southern Pines Red Cross Workroom. Many women have spent many hours folding bandages for our wounded soldiers, but as the need for dressings increases more and more workers are needed. Will you not add your name to the list this year?

The following persons have spent 50 or more hours folding bandages in the last two years: Miss Eleanor Moffett, 524 hours; Mrs. A. Nesbett, 424; Mrs. G. H. Whittall, 402; Mrs. J. T. Overton, 334; Mrs. T. J. Garrett, 317; Mrs. Ada Weaver, 317; Mrs. J. L. Miller, 308; Mrs. E. V. Hughes, 301.

Mrs. R. E. Lewis, 275; Mrs. Lloyd Woolley, 261; Mrs. E. C. Stevens, 247; Mrs. A. N. Hedge, 263; Miss Helen Butler, 205; Mrs. Harry Vale, 232; Mrs. Harry Walker, 240.

Mrs. H. J. Betterley, 184; Mrs. Walter Blue, 183; Mrs. Ralph Chandler, 172; Mrs. A. N. Joisted, 156; Mrs. June Phillips, 156; Mrs. O. A. Dickinson, 155; Mrs. J. M. Murphy, 199; Mrs. Craighill Brown, 132; Mrs. Fraser Knight, 141; Mrs. W. E. Cox, 128; Mrs. Dan McNeill, 136; Mrs. Julia Smith, 110; Mrs. W. E. McCord, 109; Mrs. Ted Kennedy, 105; (Continued on Page 8)

## IMPORTANT MEETING

A meeting of the local American Legion Auxiliary has been called for Friday, September 8, at 7:45 p. m. at the home of Mrs. L. V. O'Callaghan for the purpose of carrying forward or discontinuing this organization which at present has no acting president. The girls who attended Girl's State will give their report at this meeting.

The Auxiliary has an enrollment of 64 members, the largest enrollment on record. \$300 was realized during the current year for the aid and comfort of veterans of World War I.

All members are urged to attend the meeting and to express their wishes in regard to the organization.

## WITH DR. NEAL

Dr. C. C. McLean of Eagle Springs, a graduate of the Auburn Polytechnic Institute in Alabama, is now associated with Dr. J. I. Neal, veterinarian, at his hospital on Midland Road.

## Pfc. L. S. Blount Killed in France

Inducted in January 1943 He Landed in England On May 30; No Details Given

Pfc. Lonnie S. Blount, 32, of an Infantry unit, was killed in action in France on August 16, according to a message received Monday from the War Department by his wife, the former Miss Naomi Melvin of Aberdeen. Details have not been learned.

Pfc. Blount was inducted at Fort Bragg in January 1943, and had received training at San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Camp Rucker, Ala. He took part in maneuvers in Florida and Tennessee, and was at Camp Butner prior to leaving for a port of embarkation. He landed in England May 30, and saw action in Normandy and Brittany.

Pfc. Blount was well known throughout this section, having worked at McCrummen's Drug Store in Aberdeen, Carolina Pharmacy in Pinehurst, and at the Southern Pines Pharmacy and Melvin's in Southern Pines, being at the last named place when inducted.

Surviving are his wife; his mother, Mrs. W. E. Blount, of Parkton; one sister, Mrs. C. C. Powers, of Parkton; three brothers, Joe Blount, of Aberdeen, Bill Blount, of Parkton, and Floyd Blount, of St. Paul.

Alex Cameron and Martin Ferguson of Southern Pines and Duncan E. McCallum of Route 2, Carthage, three other young men who entered the service with Pfc. Blount, have been reported wounded within the last few weeks.

## T Sgt. W. D. McGill To Get Decoration

T/Sgt. William D. McGill, former owner of Bill's Shoe Service in Southern Pines has been cited for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Sicily, according to word received at Fort Jackson, S. C., and will receive the Bronze Star Medal from Brig.-Gen. D. G. Richart, post commander of Fort Jackson. Sergeant McGill, veteran of overseas service, is now on duty at the prisoner of war camp at Charleston.

The following citation, signed by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, accompanied announcement of the Bronze Star award to Sergeant McGill:

"For heroic achievement in action on July 11, 1943, at Gela, Sicily. An enemy bomb explosion resulted in the loss of three officers and 15 enlisted men of Technical Sergeant McGill's company. Being the highest ranking non-commissioned officer remaining, he took charge of the company, and while still under heavy fire from the enemy, supervised the evacuation of the dead and wounded. His quick and resourceful actions saved the lives of at least four wounded men buried in sand, and his initiative and courage were an inspiration to the men under his command."

Announcement of ceremonies to be held in connection with award. (Continued on Page 8)

## READY RESPONSE

A pleasant letter from Walter Bassett of Mt. Carmel, Conn., announcing the mailing of a copy of LIFE in response to a little advertisement in the August 25 issue of THE PILOT is a tribute to the ready response to our advertisers as well as to our wide-spread circulation.

Mr. Bassett, for many years a subscriber to THE PILOT, was a resident of Southern Pines through the years 1897-1900, once a partner in the old time firm of Sugg and Bassett and a long-time friend of the late J. N. Powell and the writer.

In addition to copies of LIFE acknowledged last week, one has come in from Ahsokie.

## IT'S SCHOOL TIME

Supt. Philip Weaver announces that unless something new develops in the polio situation the local schools will open Monday, September 18. Teachers meetings will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 14 and 15.

## ONCE MORE

On the eve of his departure for a vacation at the shore, little "Here, There and Everywhere" Richard Patch, for the third time in recent months, found an abandoned car Saturday afternoon. The car, a 1941 Buick convertible coupe, was located in the partially cut-through portion of Maine Avenue, west of Bennett Street, and is said to be the property of Lt. Reilly of Fort Bragg, now absent on furlough.

## Employment Officer Announces Schedule

John E. Sawyer, who is in charge of the newly opened United States Employment Service office in the basement of the Moore County courthouse in Carthage, has arranged his schedule to serve the various sections of the county.

From 8:30 to 10:30 each morning from Monday through Saturday his office will be open to render U. S. Employment Service, and on Wednesday mornings at these hours Unemployment Compensation Service will be given in addition to U. S. Employment Service.

Mr. Sawyer will render U. S. Employment service as follows: Each Monday at 1:30 p. m., at the Municipal Building in Robbins; each Tuesday at 1:00 p. m. and Friday at 11:30 a. m. at Burney Hardware Store, Aberdeen; each Tuesday at 3:30 p. m., at the Southern Pines Fire Station; each Friday at 2:30 p. m. at the Sandhills Furniture Plant in West End.

He will render both U. S. Employment and Unemployment Compensation Service as follows; on the first and third Wednesdays from 1:00 to 1:30 p. m. at the Municipal Building in Robbins; each Thursday from 11:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. at the Municipal Building in Pinehurst; each Thursday from 1:15 to 2:15 p. m. at the Southern Pines Fire Station. (Continued on Page 8)

## COUNTY TIRE QUOTA WILL NOT GO AROUND

"There are in our files, still unfilled from our August quota, applications for 162 tires," says Chairman George H. Maurice of the Moore County War Price and Rationing Board, "and our quota of tires for September is less than that of August. This means that tire certificates for grade one tires can be issued only to motorists on the top of the eligible list. Doctors, nurses, police and other essential drivers will necessarily be given preference. Other B and C ration holders who drive for less essential purposes must wait until the general tire situation is markedly improved."

"This condition is not confined to Moore County," continued Chairman Maurice, "Eight states in the Southeast have now 150,000 unfilled applications in the local Boards, and more coming in every day. All we can do is to continue to value each application in terms of necessity to the War Effort, and fill them as best we can from our small quota."

## August Weather Is Cool With Pleasant Breezes and Welcome, Cooling Showers

### MONTHLY SUMMARY NO 229

By Charles Macauley  
Fair August is far from being a consistent dame, but this year, tho somewhat tearful and cool of mien, we "sand in our shoes" folks enjoyed her at her best. In some years, she has passed out a deluge of rain or unbearable temperatures, or it may have been a lack of rain, or a pleasurable drop in temperature as welcome as unexpected. With an average temperature of 74 degrees,—a drop of 4.5 degrees from the long time normal average—the highest recording of the month registering only 92 degrees, with widely scattered showers, and an almost miraculous absence of the usual annoying flies, mosquitoes and gnats, we were vastly more comfortable than many in our northern states.

Eighteen days were all clear, 13 days partly clear and 13 days with more or less rain, the heaviest fall, 1.90 inches, coming in the night of the 7th. Total precipitation for the month was 4.69 inches, 1.94 inches less than normal though the excess for the year is now 20.57 inches. Raleigh reports an excess of a little less than two inches.

## Dr. Harry C. Smith of Fayetteville Is Kiwanis Speaker

Methodist Minister Talks on "The Place of the American Home"

By Howard F. Burns  
Dr. Harry C. Smith, superintendent of the Fayetteville Methodist District, spoke to the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at its luncheon Wednesday at the Community House in Pinehurst on the subject "The Place of the American Home."

Dr. Smith, a pleasing speaker of many years experience, stated that manufacturing in this country began in the home. Education, the church, and the nation are all products of the home. Continuing, he pointed out, religion has gone to the church, manufacturing to the big industrial plants, education to the universities, and the nation to a strong National Government. The tap root of all these institutions still goes back to the home.

He cited the case of a cotton mill in a rural community in which labor and management worked hand in hand for the best interest of the mill. The employees knew the employer, and knew that he would meet them on a fifty-fifty basis on all of their every-day problems, including the highest wage scale in accordance with earnings.

In conclusion, he stated there has been a terrible shake-up in this country since Pearl Harbor, with one out of every five persons now living in other parts of the country, resulting in crowded conditions, and the destruction of the former home life that makes a strong community.

The speaker was introduced by G. C. Seymour.  
John Ruggles and Arthur Newcomb were elected as delegates to attend the Carolina District Kiwanis Convention at Greenville, S. C., in October. The alternates are Dr. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst, and Charles McDonald, president of the Club.

## MILK SHORTAGE

The Leslie Dairy near Vass, one of the oldest dairies of the section which has for many years enjoyed a splendid patronage in Southern Pines, has been automatically stopped from serving its customers here because of getting a "C" grade. THE PILOT has been unable to contact the county sanitary inspector who is charged with enforcing the State regulations, but locally the only fault reported is that the milk was of a slightly higher temperature when delivered than the law provides.

The closing of Olive's Dairy a few months ago made the milk situation here serious, but no service from the Leslie Dairy has brought it to the acute stage.

Efforts are being made to remedy the situation as promptly as possible.

## NEW STAFF MEMBER

Stanley Austin, a local young man, has joined the staff of the J. N. Powell Funeral Home as an assistant to J. E. Worthington.

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Long time average	Max.	Min.	Aver.
1943	89.3	67.7	78.5
1944	89.2	68	78.6
1944	84	64	74

## FIRE OR AIR RAID?

At 11:45 o'clock Thursday night Policeman Irvin Morrison found the awning of the Sandhill Drug Company ablaze. In a mix-up of signals the air raid alarm sounded and as suddenly stopped. Truck Captain Frank Kaylor, quickly reaching the scene, found the fire from the blazing awning almost enveloping the upper frontage of the building and was compelled to use the hose of the booster truck to quench the fire. The blaze, apparently started from a cigarette or discarded match, destroyed the heavy awning.

## Two Are Killed and Five Hurt in Wreck

Accident Occurs On Highway 1 South of Sanford Early Sunday Morning

Two persons were killed and several others severely injured in a head-on automobile collision which occurred about eight miles south of Sanford on Highway 1 at 1:00 o'clock Sunday morning. The dead are Mrs. Ellen Spivey Wagner, 20, and Mrs. Pearlie McClenny Dillion, 19, both of Sanford. Madeline and Elizabeth McClenney of Sanford, Alton Mills of Jonesboro and Howard Kelly of Jonesboro Route 1, other occupants of the first car, were severely injured. In the other car was a paratrooper from Camp Mackall, who was carried to a Fort Bragg hospital.

The highway patrolman who investigated is reported to have said that both cars were apparently in the center of the highway.

The automobile in which the soldier was riding is said to have been stolen between 9:00 and 12:00 o'clock Saturday night from in front of the Southern Pines Fire Station, where the owner, Alfred Williamson, was on duty.

## Teen-Age Club Will Open September 18

By Lewis Hodgkins

The Teen-Age Club, after having been closed for two months because of the polio epidemic, is going to open again on Monday, September 18, at 10 a. m. or, if school is to open on that day, it will open fifteen minutes after school is out. The Club is located on Pennsylvania Avenue, opposite the town tennis courts.

A bang-up opening is being planned and all persons between the ages of 13 and 19 are cordially invited to attend. Everyone is welcome, non-members as well as members.

Sponsored by the Council of Social Agencies and using a building that the Men's Club has kindly lent, the Teen-Age Club is going to have a continuous program throughout the year. Parents, teen-agers, and anyone interested are asked to send their inquiries to any of the officers: Dorothy Kaylor, Joe McDaniels, Jacqueline Worsham, or Lewis Hodgkins.

THE PILOT has obligingly given the Teen-Age Club a regular column, so watch it every week for more details, and remember September 18 . . . on that day the Teen-Age Club opens. Be there.

## Notre Dame Academy Will Open Sept. 18

Notre Dame Academy, Southern Pines, will reopen Monday, September 18. The Academy, accredited by the Department of Public Instruction of North Carolina, offers a complete course of studies from the kindergarten through high school. Music and art are also offered. Junior and senior high school girls may board. Bus transportation to and from the Academy is provided for pupils from Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen, and vicinity.

## WORKING FOR DEGREE

Mrs. Josephine Stephens Brown of Southern Pines has been a student at the University of Michigan this summer while working for her master's degree.

## Jury List Is Drawn And Other Business Acted On By Board

Road Improvements and Real Estate Transfers Get Special Attention

At a meeting of the Moore County Commissioners held Monday the following were drawn to serve as jurymen at the next term of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases:

William Moore, Charles L. Warren, R. C. Phillips, S. E. Hannon, C. C. Council, A. C. Bailey, C. T. Sinclair, Sr., T. T. Bass, L. B. Monroe, E. O. Ledbetter, Jesse Dowd, L. T. Cheek, O. F. Myers, C. M. Thomas, D. J. Black, W. A. Maness, W. F. Baker, V. E. Atkins, Peter Dowd, Robert Walker, C. L. Currie, John Garner, Sr., L. M. Purvis, and L. O. Martin.

The Board voted to recommend that the State Highway and Public Works Commission take over and maintain the following roads:

One leading off the Cameron-Rae-Road Road to a point near Piney Wood Church, a distance of about one and one-fourth miles. This road serves around 20 families and is used as a mail and bus route.

Another, starting at Boyd Comer's mail box on a road leading off 705, a distance of two miles. One leading (Continued on Page 4)

## Heart Attack Fatal to Robert L. Kelly

Funeral for Chief Deputy Sheriff Held at Carthage Sunday Afternoon

Robert Lee Kelly, 32, chief deputy sheriff of Moore County, died early Saturday morning at the Moore County Hospital following a heart attack, suffered a few hours earlier.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p. m. Sunday from the Carthage Presbyterian Church with the pastor, the Rev. W. S. Golden, officiating, and burial was in Cross Hill Cemetery. The body lay in state at the church for an hour prior to the service.

Mr. Kelly, the son of the late Sheriff A. C. "Sandy" Kelly and Mrs. Mittie Jackson Kelly, had been deputy sheriff for a little more than a year, having filled the vacancy resulting from the death of Charles Dunlap. He was quite popular in his community and was well liked as an officer.

Surviving are his wife, who was formerly Miss Essie Lee Brown of near Robbins; a baby son, Robert Lee Kelly, Jr., and a sister, Mrs. R. P. Umstead, of Garner.

## TAXI STRIKES BOY, FRACTURING HIS LEG

Young Jack Spring was the victim of an apparently unavoidable accident at the McNeill Garage shortly after 9 o'clock Saturday night when a taxi, driven by Bill Jackson, coming up the incline of the ramp struck the boy, fracturing his right leg. Kneeling at the time, Jack did not come within scope of the headlights and so was not seen by the driver, who had eased the car down to a speed of about four miles per hour.

Telephone calls brought Dr. J. S. Milliken and Clark's ambulance to the scene and the boy was taken to the doctor's office and later to his home, where he is resting comfortably.

Jack is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Spring.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

An impressive memorial service for Lt. Virgil Clifford Johnston, Jr., who gave his life for his country in the invasion of France on June 10, was held in Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Thompson E. Davis, pastor presided.

After the opening prayer, a hymn and Scripture readings, Mr. Davis gave a brief obituary statement, followed by a series of prayers. Lt. Johnston was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil C. Johnston of Southern Pines.