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Polio Quarantine Extension of One Week Postpones Opening Date of Moore County Schools to the 25th

County Health Board Acts Promptly When New Case Develops

With everything in readiness for the opening of Moore County Schools on Monday, September 18, and with faculty members already in the county, having come early to attend teachers meetings on Thursday and Friday, the Moore County Board of Health, at the call of Chairman Gordon Cameron, met in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools on last Friday night and extended the polio quarantine for another week, to end at midnight September 24, thus postponing the school opening date to September 25th.

This action was taken after Dr. Willcox, county health officer, had been advised by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State health officer, that the quarantine should be extended two weeks from the day on which the most recent polio case had developed.

Martha Jean Pigg, 5, of Aberdeen Route 1 had become ill on September 9 and her case was diagnosed as polio late Wednesday of last week, so the quarantine date was based on the beginning of her illness.

Present at the meeting were all members of the Board: Mr. Cameron of Pinehurst, S. R. Hoyle of Carthage, Dr. Clement Monroe of Pinehurst, Dr. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen, Dr. W. N. McDuffie of Robbins and H. Lee Thomas, who is also county superintendent of schools, and Dr. Willcox.

Mr. Thomas was opposed to further postponement in the opening date of the schools, and expressed this opinion in the meeting. On Saturday he contacted the State Superintendent's office to ask whether the State would pay the Moore County teachers for this week. He was told that they would be paid only for the two days last week when they were on duty attending the meetings.

It is earnestly hoped that no more polio cases will develop and that schools can open next Monday.

Von Herff Lots Sell Higher Than Many Expected

Southern Pines Buyers Bid in Most of the 182 Town Lots

The Von Herff property in Southern Pines consisting of more than 180 lots was sold at auction at the courthouse in Carthage Monday. The sale attracted a large number of people and bidding was lively. The property sold for \$4800, which is said to be considerably more than it was expected to bring. Practically all of the lots were bought by Southern Pines residents. Bids will remain open for 20 days.

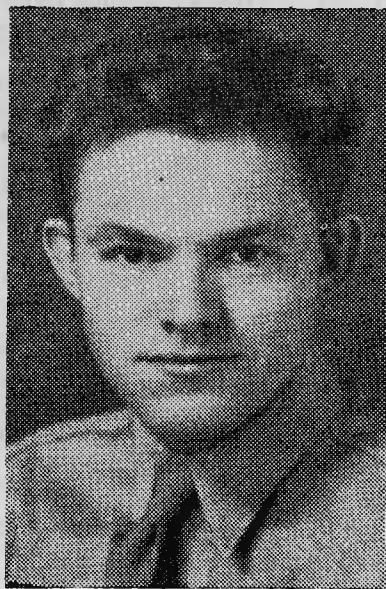
As all property of enemy aliens is under the control of the Alien Property Custodian in Washington, the sale will be reported to him and if he approves it, the Court will probably confirm the sale and deeds will be delivered to the purchasers.

J. Vance Rowe, commissioner, expressed the opinion that the sale would be approved inasmuch as the property brought more than it was expected to bring.

WELFARE BOARD MEETS

The Moore County Welfare Board held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday in the home of Mrs. J. R. Page, Aberdeen. Others present were Gordon Cameron, Pinehurst; E. Carl Brady, Robbins; Miss Pauline Covington, county welfare superintendent, and Mrs. Myrton Stewart and Miss Claire Willcox, caseworkers.

IN ARMY AIR CORPS



SGT. R. G. JOHNSTON

Sgt. Robert Grant Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Johnston of Southern Pines, received his basic training at Miami Beach, Florida, and from there was sent to the Army Air Forces Administration School at Brookings, South Dakota. For the past year and a half he has been with the chemical warfare section at the Army Air Base at Florence, South Carolina.

Minor OPA Price Violations To Be Settled in County

Willful Cases Will Continue to Go to District Division

Better understanding of OPA regulations and greater general compliance with price ceilings are expected to be the ultimate result of OPA's action in broadening responsibility of the local price panel for handling violations of retail ceiling prices, George H. Maurice, chairman of the Moore County War Price and Rationing Board, said today.

Under the new revision of the price control law, OPA Administrator Chester E. Bowles has authorized price panels to negotiate with retailers for settlement involving payments to the United States Treasury or to the customers in cases of overcharges.

"This simply means," Mr. Maurice said, "that cases of minor price violations will be settled right here in Moore County, where problems are best understood, and by volunteer price panel members whose main interest in serving on the board is to aid the fight against inflation."

The new authorization, OPA said, was issued in answer to frequent requests, made by price panels for the additional authority to bolster their efforts toward more general compliance with price regulations.

Of course, Mr. Maurice said, the new order does not mean a "softening" of OPA enforcement effort for aggravated cases and willful violators will continue to come before the attention of the district enforcement division of OPA at Raleigh.

The authorization will also close a loophole in OPA price compliance efforts which has resulted from reticence of many consumers about bringing charges against retailers in cases of known violations.

The order gives the price panel authority, in cases of overcharge, to summon the retailer and negotiate for settlement after the details have been heard and the violation established as a fact.

Where the violation is found to be willful, the violator may, on the first complaint, settle for the amount of the overcharge and by signing a compliance agreement. The cash paid in the settlement is (Continued on Page 5)

Grissette Speaks to Civic Leaders on Post War Plans

Thinks Private Industry Can Meet Unemployment "If" . . .

By Howard F. Burns

Felix A. Grissette, managing director of the North Carolina State Planning Board of Chapel Hill, in a stirring address before 100 civic leaders of Moore County at a dinner Wednesday night at the Club Chalfonte, stated it was generally agreed that private industry can meet the unemployment situation after the war, if the government will leave hands-off and give industry and private business a chance to live.

"In order to meet the problems we will have to go back to a forty hour week," he said. There are approximately 11,000,000 men in the Armed Forces; another 18,000,000 in war industry, and it is estimated 55,000,000 people in the country are to be employed. This is a 20 per cent increase over the pre-war days in which 46,000,000 were employed.

Mr. Grissette, a former member of the Committee for Economic Development stated "Time is getting short, so much of our planning is on paper. Two years ago the people would not listen to Post-War Planning as they felt we should win the war first. Now, time is short, we must get busy or we will face a big problem in converting to peace time operations as we faced in getting into war-time production."

"One and one-half million people in North Carolina will be looking for work after the war," he said. "This is an increase of over 300,000 more than before the war, and it is estimated by the Employment Commission that this may reach 500,000. At this time more than 100,000 people in this state are engaged in war work."

He pointed out the State Planning Board is attempting to make a complete blue print of the State unemployment conditions and to work out means of providing employment for the men now serving in the Armed Forces. In order to make a success in this effort the State is depending largely on the individual communities.

In conclusion he stated Moore County has made a good start toward this end and urged that we waste no more time in getting our plans under way, in order to meet the problems we and the Nation are most certain to face upon the return of peace.

The speaker was introduced by Leon Seymour, chairman of C. E. D. of Moore County.

The address of welcome was made by Dr. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst. A musical program was rendered by Mrs. A. A. Blotterwick of Southern Pines, who played the Marimba.

ARMY NEEDS NURSES NOW

The Army needs 4,000 nurses immediately, Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, reported last week. Men wounded in battle must have adequate care no matter how quickly the war ends, he pointed out in deploring the fact that nurse recruitment had slowed up along with a growing belief that the European war is about over. The WMC chairman urged inactive nurses, especially in outlying communities, to return to nursing duty.

TEXACO SERVICE STATION UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Texaco Service Station on West Broad Street is now under new management, Harold A. McNeill and Bryan Poe having already taken active charge. They will be assisted by Yates Poe, Jr., who has been connected with this station for about three years. The new proprietors plan to give complete car service.

URGENT

Mrs. Mary S. Jones, mother of Troy Jones, USN, is asked to report to Red Cross Headquarters in Southern Pines. Anyone knowing Mrs. Jones is requested to pass the word along to her.

Tobacco Outlook Is Good As Middle Belt Markets Open

Forecasts Point to Record Yield; Quality Better Than in 1943

It's tobacco selling time in the Sandhills.

As early as Tuesday morning trucks and cars, some with trailers, began streaming into the tobacco warehouses in Aberdeen and Carthage to deposit their loads for Thursday's opening sale.

As the sticks of tobacco are unloaded the "hands" are skillfully packed onto large flat baskets to form round golden heaps, then wheeled to the scales to be weighed. Afterward the baskets are placed in neat rows, the whole effect being that of exhibits meticulously arranged for a fair.

This year's prospects for the tobacco farmer are as bright as the "golden weed" which he is marketing. Crop forecasts point to a yield of 1,000 pounds an acre, the highest on record for the Middle Belt, and it is the opinion of crop reporters that the quality will be above that of 1943. Pointing out that this year's crop in the Old and Middle Belts should total 253,000,000 pounds, the tobacco marketing experts of the State Department of Agriculture have predicted that this record production figure, coupled with the increased ceiling, should result in a return at least 10 per cent higher than that of last year.

Jackson Springs Marine Reported Killed in Action

Son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Barnette Was in the South Pacific

Pfc. C. Mack Barnette, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Barnette of Jackson Springs, has been killed in action somewhere in the South Pacific, according to word received from the War Department. Previously he had been reported wounded on July 22, and no further information had been received until the telegram of his death came. No details were given.

Pfc. Barnette enlisted in the Marine Corps September 14, 1942, and after training at Paris Island, S. C., and New River was sent to California and then overseas in February 1943.

Surviving are the parents and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Jennie Teeter of Pinehurst, Mrs. Kelly Brown of Troy, Mrs. N. F. Smith of Fayetteville, Miss Maude Barnette of Jackson Springs, J. B. Barnette of West End, and a twin brother, Meek Barnette, of Newport News, Va.

POLIO VICTIM AT HOME

Little Annie Lee Moore, 4, Moore County's first polio victim in the present epidemic, who late in July was admitted to the emergency hospital in Hickory, was able to return to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dolphus Moore, at Robbins last week.

REVIVAL SERVICES at MANLY

The Rev. J. F. Menius, pastor of the McPherson group of Presbyterian Churches, will conduct a meeting at the Manly Presbyterian Church the week of Oct. 1-6. Services will be held each evening at 8 p. m.

Blackout For Army Maneuvers To Be Held All Night Sunday

Capt. Felix Leslie Johnson Is Now Commanding Officer of the Newly Commissioned Cruiser, SPRINGFIELD

ASSUMES COMMAND



CAPT. F. L. JOHNSON

The above photograph shows Capt. Felix Leslie Johnson, commanding officer of the SPRINGFIELD, as he appeared about ten years ago when he was a lieutenant.

Joe G. DeBerry Is Ill in Hospital at Dillon, S. C.

Prominent Local Tobacco Buyer Suffers Stroke Saturday

Joe DeBerry of Southern Pines is getting along well in a Dillon, S. C. hospital, to which he was taken early Saturday morning following a stroke suffered in a hotel there. His entire left side is affected, but his condition is now such that it is thought that he can be brought by ambulance to his home here soon, probably on Saturday of this week.

Mrs. DeBerry was with her husband at the time he was stricken, having gone down with him Friday to stay until the following day. DeBerry, a buyer for the American Tobacco Company, had been on the Dillon market for some time and was preparing to transfer to the Sanford market for the opening there.

Robbins Club Has Nutrition Program

Miss Pauline Covington, County Welfare Superintendent, Is Speaker

The Robbins Woman's Club had as its guest speaker at its September meeting Miss Pauline Covington, county welfare superintendent, who talked on nutrition and its relationship to the services rendered by the Public Welfare Agency.

Miss Covington pointed out that mental diseases, delinquency, lack of interest in school work, family maladjustments, dependency, and physical incapacity are brought about mainly because of malnutrition; that these social problems may be prevented by educating our people through literature, public libraries, school lunches, teaching, and demonstrations in our homes and schools as to how to prepare the most essential foods and why they are valuable to the well being of a person.

The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Wylene Kennedy. Refreshments of punch, walnut cake and grapes were served.

J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen Sees His Brother Accept Ship

Like a chapter from a best-seller success story is the career of Capt. Felix Leslie Johnson, USN, of Aberdeen, who is now commanding officer of the SPRINGFIELD, the Navy's magnificent new cruiser which was commissioned in a colorful ceremony at the South Boston Navy Yard on September 9, and his friends back home are filled with pride at his attainments.

His brother, J. Talbot Johnson, of Aberdeen, was present at the commissioning, which was attended by the Governor of Massachusetts, high ranking naval officers and many prominent citizens, and saw Capt. Johnson accept the ship.

The most impressive moment of the ceremony came as all stood at attention while the band played the "Star Spangled Banner" and the flag was raised, with every cannon on the great ship moving upward as the flag rose until all were turned heavenward in a silent salute.

For the past six months Capt. Johnson had been liaison officer between Admiral Halsey and General MacArthur. Under the heading, "Let's Get Acquainted With Captain Felix L. Johnson, USN," the "Springfield News" ship's paper, carried the following sketch:

"He has seen duty in far-off China and the Philippines, on the Atlantic and in the Mediterranean, down under in Brazil, and here at home on the calm banks of the Severn. He has served on big battleships, slashing destroyers, fast attack transports and squat gunboats and minelayers. He has even navigated a schooner from New York to Spain. These are but the highlights of the distinguished Naval career of the man who now commands the SPRINGFIELD, Capt. Felix L. Johnson, USN, of Aberdeen, North Carolina.

"Captain Johnson comes to us from the Navy's Pacific battle lines, where he was Assistant Chief of Staff to Admiral Halsey. In that capacity he aided his renowned superior in planning and executing many of the major actions which rocked the Nips back on their heels in the South Pacific. Prior to this he commanded the big attack transport PRESIDENT ADAMS during assault operations against Jap-held islands.

"Graduating from the Naval Academy in 1919, Captain Johnson went to sea on the battleship DELAWARE. This was followed by two years of duty on the destroyers STEWART, STRIBLING and SUMNER. In 1923 he headed for the Far East where he was stationed on the gunboat PENGUIN in China, and later on the minesweeper RIZAL in the Philippines. Recalled to the United States in 1926, he went to the Naval Academy as an instructor in navigation.

"In 1928 Captain Johnson took a brief leave from the Navy. But like a postman who took a walk (Continued on Page 8)

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY GIVES OPENING DATES

Notre Dame Academy opened its high school department Monday, September 18, due to the fact that most of the pupils are boarding students and had already come in for enrollment before it was decided to postpone the opening of the public schools. The grammar grades will begin work Monday, the 25th, and the kindergarten will open on October 2.

All of Moore County Is In Blackout Area; Cooperation Is Urged

Moore County's well organized Citizens Defense Corps, of which James W. Tufts of Pinehurst is chairman, is busy this week systematically getting everything in line for an all-night blackout which has been called by military authorities for Sunday night, September 24, and officers of the Corps are asking that one hundred per cent cooperation be given by residents of Moore County.

Main points for citizens to remember are to turn off all visible lights at sunset Sunday and KEEP them off until sunrise Monday (early risers should take another nap), and to keep off the streets and highways except in cases of real necessity, as travel will be hazardous.

Details of the blackout are set forth, as follows:

PURPOSE—To aid in training an Airborne Division, activated at Fort Bragg and now completing its training at Camp Mackall.

AREA—All of Moore, substantially all of Montgomery (northwest corner excluded), approximately the north central portion of Scotland and approximately the northeast half of Hoke County.

PERIOD—From sunset the 24th to sunrise the 25th of September.

TRAFFIC—The State Highway Patrol will establish road blocks around the perimeter of the area. Through traffic will be diverted. Civilian traffic within the area will be limited to essential travel. All residents within the area are requested to keep off the highways and to remain in their homes, except where travel is necessary. Travel within the area will be controlled by OGD auxiliary police and Army MPs, under the general direction of the State Highway Patrol and the Army Maneuver Director.

Citizens are reminded that this is not a practice air raid drill but a troop training blackout. One long blast of sirens will sound at sundown, about 7:30 p. m., at which time citizens are to turn off all visible lights and keep them off all night.

John M. Howarth, Southern Pines area commander of the CDC, announces that in case of fire the siren will be used as a regular fire alarm during the blackout period and should not be mistaken for an "all clear" signal.

E. H. Garrison, county agent, has been especially requested by Army authorities to assist in getting the farmers in Moore County to cooperate and he is urging that they help to make the blackout complete, reminding them that every person who cooperates is actually participating in the maneuver by setting the stage for a vital phase of the training. Complete cooperation will enable the Army to reproduce in this area conditions approximating those under which the Division will meet the enemy in Europe or the Islands of the Pacific.

Many Soldiers Get Ballots in Moore

That soldiers are very much interested in the coming election is shown by the number of ballots being requested. John A. Fry, chairman of the Moore County Board of Elections, said Tuesday that he had already issued around 400 ballots and that he had around thirty applications waiting. This number is much greater than Mr. Fry expected to be called upon to issue. While many applications have been sent in by relatives of the service men, many more have come through the Secretary of State, he disclosed.

J. W. ATKINSON ILL

J. W. Atkinson of the Atkinson Furniture Store suffered a heart attack early this week and has been confined to his home since.