



# THE PILOT



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TEN CENTS

## Hobbs Organizes Forces for United War Fund Drive

### Southern Pines Quota Is \$3,000; Campaign Begins October 9th

With the United War Fund drive scheduled to begin October 9, J. D. Hobbs, Southern Pines chairman, already has his organization perfected and plans made for going into action to raise the town's quota of \$3,000. The drive will last two weeks.

"Above all, we want to make that quota," said the chairman, with determination. "Now that the situation in Europe is easing, some people think that it is not so necessary to give to this fund, but I feel that it is more important now than ever," he declared. He hopes that every person will feel that he or she is making a personal contribution to a member of the family or to a dear friend overseas.

Mr. Hodgkins has given permission for the workers to have a desk in the bank, and someone will be on duty from 9:00 a. m. until 2:00 p. m. each banking day to receive donations. Homes and business places will be canvassed.

Mr. Hobbs has chosen a fine corps of workers, each of whom is an enthusiastic go-getter. He has named Mrs. T. B. Wood as chairman of the women's division and on her committee are Mrs. J. S. Milliken, Mrs. J. J. Spring, Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, Mrs. Fraser Knight, Mrs. Frank DeCosta, Mrs. Rossister, Mrs. J. T. Overton, Mrs. E. C. Stevens, Mrs. Louis Scheipers, Mrs. A. B. Patterson, Mrs. Philip Weaver and Mrs. M. G. Nichols.

On the men's committee are Paul Jernigan, E. C. Stevens, Harry Vale, L. T. Avery, W. L. Wiggs, Pete Pender, Morris Johnson, and Philip Weaver, who will be assisted by his faculty members in managing the drive in the school.

W. P. Saunders of Robbins is county chairman and the county quota is \$11,875.

## HOME COMING AT BETHESDA SUNDAY

"Old Bethesda" Church, located one mile from Aberdeen, will hold its annual Home-Coming next Sunday, October 1, in celebration of the 154th anniversary of its founding. Each year this celebration draws hundreds of the church's sons and daughters and their descendants back to this hallowed spot, many coming from a distance to worship, to visit the graves of loved ones and to engage in "I remember" conversation with old friends.

Dr. Charlton H. Storey, pastor of Bethesda Church, will deliver the sermon at 11 o'clock, following which a picnic dinner will be served in the grove. The public is invited to attend and to carry picnic baskets.

Because Bethesda Cemetery is the resting place of Ambassador Walter Hines Page and other prominent citizens, large numbers make a pilgrimage there each year.

## INTERRUPTION

The morning rush of shoppers ceased their quest for bananas, steaks, cokes, candy or what have you at 9:35 o'clock Saturday morning when from under the hood of a car parked in front of the Hayes' emporiums came smoke and flames. Tots' Toggery feminine staff rushed forward with a fire extinguisher which was promptly put into use by Grover Pope. Down came the fire truck, with the Mayor hitch-hiking. Sizz—and almost before the gaping throng found out what it was all about the blaze was extinguished and Broadway Campbell's Ford—a little moist—was on its way once more.

## PRISONER OF WAR

First Lt. James R. Wicker of Pinehurst, previously reported missing over Holland July 7, is a prisoner of war in Germany, his wife, the former Nancy Richardson of Pinehurst, has been advised by the War Department.

The American Red Cross was authority for the statement that he is being held in Germany. Lt. Wicker, who was a member of the 501st Bomber Group, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rassie E. Wicker of Pinehurst.

Additional information is that Mrs. Wicker received a short wave message from her husband Sunday, verifying the report and stating that he is well and will have many interesting experiences to relate when he gets home.

## Carl Hendrick Is Lost at Sea When Warrington Sinks

### Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hendrick Had Been in Navy 4 Months

Carl Hendrick, seaman first class, 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hendrick of Carthage Route 3, was lost when the U. S. destroyer Warrington was sunk in an Atlantic hurricane several days ago, his parents were informed Friday. They had received a message on Tuesday stating that he was missing.

Seaman Hendrick was inducted into the Navy about four months ago and received his boot training at Camp Peary, Va. He had recently been assigned to the Warrington and is believed by relatives to have been on his first voyage. A former student of Vass-Lakeview high school, he had engaged in defense work at Newport News, Va., before his induction.

Surviving are his parents; one sister, Mrs. Hazel Hendrick Stribling, of Sanford, and two brothers, Arthur, of Hamlet, and Ralph, of the home.

## Brady of Robbins Is Named Member Of Welfare Board

C. E. Brady of Robbins, farmer and principal of the Robbins grammar school, has been named a member of the County Welfare Board by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare to fill the unexpired term of Edwin West, Dr. Ellen Winston, commissioner of welfare, has announced.

The State Board, under the statute, is charged with the appointment of one of the three members of the Board for a two-year term.

The other members are Mrs. J. R. Page of Aberdeen, who was appointed by the Moore County commissioners, and Gordon M. Cameron of Pinehurst, who was selected jointly by the first two members.

## School Enrollments

Moore County schools opened Monday, most of them with slightly lower than usual first day enrollments. Reports from all parts of the county are not available, but the following enrollment figures for Monday have been received:

Southern Pines, 375; West Southern Pines, 350; Pinehurst, 258; Aberdeen, 352; Cameron, 399; Vass-Lakeview, 397; Westmore, 319; Farm Life, 178; Elise, 139.

## THE ARK SCHOOL OPENS OCTOBER 3

The Ark school, of which Mrs. Millicent A. Hayes is principal, will open Tuesday, October 3, for morning classes only. The full day program, which includes handicrafts, tennis and organized games, will begin Monday, October 9.

## MARINE RETURNS



V. P. CLARK

Technical Sergeant V. P. Clark of the United States Marine Corps Reserve stationed at Camp Lejeune has recently been honorably discharged by special order of the Commandant and has returned to his home here.

Mr. Clark volunteered his services to his country over two years ago and enlisted in the Marine Corps in September 1942. Since then he has rendered outstanding service in his special field as a technical expert in motor mechanics, being chief technician at this large Marine base. He has received letters of commendation from his superior officers expressing their appreciation of the splendid service he rendered by personally directing and supervising all major overhaul and repair work of all Marine Corps vehicles at this important base.

Mr. Clark left the service under the ruling which permits men over age to be discharged at their own request. He has already resumed his connection with the firm of Brown and Clark's Garage and Esso Service Station in Southern Pines and is being heartily welcomed back into civilian life.

## Young Democrats of State to Meet in Asheville 14th

A statewide meeting of the Young Democrats of North Carolina will be held at the Langren Hotel, Asheville, Saturday, Oct. 14, it is announced by Miss Henrietta Price, president.

The meeting will be in the form of a banquet or "Victory Dinner" in the Governor Vance room and Clyde R. Hoey, former governor, and R. Gregg Cherry, Democratic nominee for governor, are scheduled to speak.

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## REAL NEWS

If "man bites dog" is news, then "fireman calls on comrades for help" is sure enough news. At 11:45 o'clock Monday night the Southern Pines Fire Company was called to the home of Dante Montesanti on Country Club Drive, where overheated wood-work adjoining the fireplace in the recently added living room had started a threatening blaze. The fire was promptly extinguished with only trifling damage to the room.

## TOBACCO MARKETS GO ON FULL SCHEDULE

Middle Belt tobacco markets, which operated on a limited schedule of three and one-half hours a day Thursday and Friday of last week, went on a regular schedule Monday with full sets of buyers. Large sales and pleasing prices are reported from the Aberdeen and Carthage markets.

## BEGINS MINISTRY

The Reverend Samuel J. Erwin, who recently accepted a call to supply the pulpit of the Baptist Church for six months or longer, is expected to arrive tomorrow from Lakeside, Dallas, Texas, and will begin his work here Sunday.

## AERIAL GUNNER



CPL. LEO O'CALLAGHAN

Corporal Leo O'Callaghan, Jr., arrived Friday from Harlingen, Texas, to spend a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. O'Callaghan. Corporal O'Callaghan completed last week the prescribed course at the Army Air Force Gunnery School at Harlingen Air Base and was awarded the wings of an aerial gunner. He is to report to the Army Air Base at Lincoln, Nebraska, for further processing before entering combat duty.

Corporal O'Callaghan, a graduate of the local high school, was associated with his father in business here before enlisting in the Army Air Forces in February 1943. He received his training at Maxwell Field, Alabama; University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Lodwick Aviation Military Academy at Avon Park, Fla.; Buckley Field, Denver, Colo., and Air Force Gunnery School, Harlingen, Texas.

## Carolina Theatres Ad Does Good Turn

For the first time in about fifteen years the Carolina Theatres advertisement is missing from its regular place on page eight of THE PILOT. That doesn't mean that there is to be no show. Readers will find the ad this week on Page 5, and we wish to publicly express our appreciation to Mr. Picquet for giving over his regular space in order to allow us to run the half-page ad of Brown's Auto Supply Company.

## Area Rent Control Office Changes

James L. Taylor, Jr., Area Rent Attorney-Director of Fayetteville, announced today that representatives of the Rent Control Office will hereafter, in the Southern Pines Area, be available for interviews at the Boy's Club building on Pennsylvania Avenue opposite the tennis courts. This change will take place beginning Oct. 2nd with the usual hours and day of each week: Mondays only from 9 a. m. to 12 noon.

## NOTICE TO PUBLIC

During maneuvers it was necessary for the soldiers to leave behind much valuable Army equipment, made of vital and scarce materials which cannot be replaced. Persons who find any of this are urged to notify Maneuver Headquarters, Camp Mackall, either by mail or collect telephone call, or to take it to a nearby service station or general store. These business places will be checked by State police and the equipment will be collected, as it is badly needed.

## KILLED IN ACTION

News has been received that Lt. Sam Humber of the U. S. Air Force, son of the late Judge George H. Humber and nephew of Mrs. Walter Williamson of Carthage, has been killed in action.

## Frank Patton Will Speak in Carthage Tuesday, Oct. 3

### Republican Candidate for Governor Will Be Chief Speaker at Rally

A Republican rally will be held in the Courthouse in Carthage at 8:00 o'clock Tuesday night, October 3, with Frank Patton, Republican candidate for governor, as principal speaker. Mr. Patton, whose home is at Morganton, county seat of Burke, is a former U. S. district attorney and has served in the State Senate and as a representative in the State Legislature. He is a mountaineer, about the age of Dewey, and is said to be descended from the same Pattons as the famous general.

Others will be on the program, also, and a large attendance is expected.

## 30 White Men Go To Fort Bragg for Examination Tues.

Thirty young white men left Carthage Tuesday for pre-induction examination at Fort Bragg. One of the number, Virgil Rudolph Hardy of Route 3, Carthage, was a volunteer. Others in the group were:

Matthew Yates Poe, Jr., Southern Pines.

Albert Hamilton Garrison, Jr., Pinehurst.

Lamar Killingsworth Smith, Aberdeen.

From Carthage and routes: George Chriscoe, Raymond Guy, Troy Thomas Martin, Jesse Raymond Baber, Thomas Edwin Cameron, John Oliver Darnell, William Fred Davis, Willie Jones Thomas.

From Robbins and routes: Herman Alton Williams, Pervie Howard Dunlap, Curtis Welch, John Howard Purvis, Hayward G. McCaskill, Clarence Lambert, Herman Russell Martindale.

From Pinebluff: Thornton Seawell Little, Richard Lee Roy Morgan.

From Lakeview: Worthy Woodrow Campbell, Robert Munyce King.

From Vass: Greer Alexander Foster, Alva Luther Ring.

Archie Cleveland Sheffield, R. 1, Steeds; Carl Edward Cameron, R. 1, Cameron; Ernest Brack Manges, R. 2, Bennett; Arthur Mabe, R. 1, Eagle Springs; Alvin B. Lee, R. 1, West End.

## REGARDING POLIO

Dr. J. S. Milliken brought to THE PILOT's attention an article on the "Queries and Minor Notes" page of the Journal of the American Medical Association, which is of especial interest at this time. In reply to a question regarding quarantine for poliomyelitis, the following answer is given:

"There is no evidence that rigid quarantine of age groups is of any effect in the control of the spread of poliomyelitis. This but tends to spread panic and fear. There is no scientific reason for prohibiting persons from attending school until they have been in the county for two weeks. Most public health authorities agree that even in the presence of an epidemic there is no reason for not opening schools."

## DAIRY NOTES

The Leslie Dairy at Vass, which had served customers here with "A" grade milk for many years, made its last delivery Saturday and is now selling at wholesale in Sanford.

Coble's Dairy at Lexington has established a route, supplying local stores with dairy products, supplementing the supply that comes into town from nearby dairies.

## 13 Dead and 83 Injured in Troop Carrier-Airborne Maneuvers in Mackall Area Involving Over 10,000

### Veteran of 70



ALVIN C. FRY

No young enlistee of today is more thrilled to receive his uniform than was Alvin C. Fry, 70-year-old Spanish-American War veteran, a few days ago when he received the new outfit which he is shown wearing, a uniform like the one in which he went forth to battle for his country in 1898.

The Spanish-American War veteran, of which he is a member, is meeting half the cost of new uniforms for all the veterans, Mr. Fry explained. Of the 103 men in his company only forty-seven remained when he talked to his Captain in Ohio some months ago.

A member of the 8th Ohio Infantry, Mr. Fry recalls that it took twelve days to sail from Long Island to Cuba. Few of his comrades were killed in battle, but yellow fever claimed a heavy toll. He got a bullet hole in one leg, but it didn't bother him much, he says.

Mr. Fry offered his service in this war, but was not accepted. However, as a carpenter he has had a part in the building programs at Fort Bragg and Camp Mackall, and he has a son serving in the Merchant Marine.

Mr. Fry operated the New England Tourist Camp north of town from 1935 until he sold it about three months ago. He likes Southern Pines and has built him a new house on North Ashe Street which he plans to make his permanent home.

## Explosion Damages Jackson Hamlet Business Place

In an explosion which was heard in Pinehurst one and one-half miles distant Monday night, the business house of Sam Arnette, colored, in Jackson Hamlet on the Aberdeen Pinehurst road was badly damaged. Windows were blown out, sash and doors damaged, glass in the gas pumps and in two automobiles shattered. Windows in the Arnette residence 20 yards from the highway were also broken.

A small piece broken from a block of nitro starch, such as is used by Army engineers to simulate artillery fire in maneuvers and to blow up bridges in combat, is said to have been found on the ground. The explosion made a hole approximately a foot deep and a foot wide in the ground. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Arnette, who is said to believe that the explosive was thrown by some white officers passing in a car, whom he had refused to serve earlier, reported the matter to Camp Mackall authorities and a complete investigation is under way. However, there is nothing but circumstantial evidence, and the investigation is not far enough along for the authorities to give an opinion.

So loud was the explosion that at the Chalfonte it was thought that their own boiler had exploded.

## 12 Perish When Big Transport Crashes, Bursts Into Flames

### (Special from Camp Mackall)

For the third time in ten months, thousands of airborne troops from Camp Mackall spotted the countryside of the Sandhills this week with parachutes, field guns, bivouac and other equipment as the combined Troop Carrier-Airborne maneuvers involving over 10,000 soldiers got under way Sunday evening at 9 o'clock with the dropping of over 2,000 paratroopers, largest night jump ever recorded in the country.

In spite of the large number of Paratroops dropped from planes in the cloudy, dark night which made the jump more hazardous than usual, only one soldier, Pfc. John P. Hall, of Tennessee City, Tenn., was killed as a result of the mass jump.

Eight paratroopers and four air corps men were killed Sunday evening in the crash of a C-47 transport plane which went out of control only a few hundred feet from the ground, and crashed, then burst into flames. The accident occurred on the Johnston farm, designated as "D" field, northwest of Hoffman, and was witnessed by over 300 high ranking military observers from Canada, Britain, France and the United States, and by over 25 news representatives of press services, newspapers and magazines. Many in the crowd believed for hours that what they saw fall to the ground and burst into flames was a new type of flare. The dead are 1st Lt. Wayland W. Rose, St. Paul, Minn.; 2nd Lt. George J. Helfend, Los Angeles, Calif.; T/Sgt. Victor L. Graves, Springer, N. M.; S/Sgt. Myron G. Schnaper, Chicago, Ill.; all of the Air Corps. The paratroopers are Sgt. Arnold J. Pappas, Ipswich, Mass.; Cpl. Robert M. Green, Long Beach, Calif.; Kenneth W. Kirkendoll, Gig Harbor, Wash.; Pvt. Elmer G. Peavley, Grey, Ky.; Pvt. Emerson D. Taylor, Hawthorn, Nev.; Pvt. Luther J. Hairpell, Seattle, Wash.; Pvt. Charlie F. Evans, husband of Mrs. Mary G. Evans, Matthews, N. C.; and Pvt. Louis H. Lake, Pleasantville, N. J.

Less than eight tenths of one per cent of the large number of men involved in the maneuvers had up until Tuesday noon been admitted to hospitals here and at Maxton for treatment. Eighty-three were under treatment, but officers announced none were critically or seriously injured.

Cooperating in the maneuvers, which last until October 6, are an airborne division from Camp Mackall, the Troop Carrier Command, based at Maxton, and the Airborne Center of Camp Mackall, the training school for paratroops and glidertroops.

Directors of the maneuver are Brigadier General William D. Old of the First Troop Carrier Command, Major General Henry Terrell, Jr., of the 22nd Corps, and Colonel J. T. Dalbey, of the Airborne Center. Major General E. G. Chapman is in command of the airborne division engaged in the maneuvers.

The coming of the thousands of paratroops Sunday night was the first action of the maneuvers. Dropped at three widely separated points, at distances up to five miles from the Camp Mackall airport, the objective of the paratroopers was to advance through forces designated as the "Red" army and capture the airstrip there. During the evening, they were reinforced by glider forces which landed in the darkness several miles from the airport without casualties and with only slight damage to one glider, forming a junction with the paratroop units and advanced to the objective.

Monday morning, over 200 gliders were brought into various cotton fields and other open spaces (Continued on Page 8)