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TEN CENTS

Growth of Moore County Hospital Is Outstanding

766 In-Patients Admitted 15 Years Ago; Last Year, 2,673

On Saturday, November 25, the Moore County Hospital rounded out 15 years of service to the people of this section. Opened November 25, 1929, with 33 beds and 6 bassinets, the hospital today has 85 beds and 16 bassinets, and is operated close to capacity most of the time.

In-patients cared for since 1929 total 23,155. In the first full year of work there were 766 in-patients; in 1943 there were 2,673. The figure for 1944 will be even larger.

New-born babies are not included in the above summaries. In 1930 there were 38 babies; in 1943 there were 364. During the 15 years 2,156 babies have been born in the hospital.

In 1936-1937 the original building was supplemented by the construction of the new wing, which raised the bed-capacity to 65. In 1942 the present figure of 85 beds was reached, by rearranging facilities and by adding two large rooms.

On April 15, 1939, the hospital opened its attractive home for nurses. The building has a living room, memorial library, playroom, kitchen, and small dining room. There are 40 single bedrooms, all of which are in use.

The hospital plant represents an investment of approximately \$440,000.00. Of this amount about 70 per cent was donated by generous friends. The Duke Endowment has made substantial contributions to building costs, and gives \$1.00 per day toward the care of indigent patients. Further help for such patients is received through a Moore County appropriation.

Outstanding among bequests received is the gift of \$50,000.00 under the will of the late Walter L. Milliken, a winter resident of Pinehurst, who died in 1942. Mr. Milliken, during his lifetime, was one of the hospital's most generous individual benefactors.

It is impossible to name all the hundreds of people who have helped to make the Moore County Hospital a successful and indispensable institution. One of the most heartening aspects of the record is the loyalty and support of residents and visitors alike.

The first officers of the hospital were S. B. Chapin, president; Leonard Tufts and Jackson H. Boyd, vice-presidents; Paul Dana, treasurer; and Arthur S. Newcomb, secretary.

The original directors included, in addition to the above, D. A. McLaughlin, G. C. Seymour, Paul T. Barnum, Wilbur H. Currie, John D. Chapman, Harry M. Vale, Struthers Burt, U. L. Spence, H. F. Seawell, Robert N. Page, and George H. Maurice. Other directors were soon added, but numbers of people have given generously of money and effort through the years without accepting any official position.

The Moore County Hospital Auxiliary was organized in 1931, under the leadership of several public-spirited women, and has proved itself one of the most effective groups of its type in the South. Aside from many other forms of service, the Auxiliary has spent nearly \$50,000.00 for the benefit of the hospital.

Dr. Clement R. Monroe has headed the resident professional staff since the hospital was opened, and is now assisted by Dr. Michael T. Pishko, Miss Ellen Bruton, present superintendent of nurses, was a general duty nurse in 1929.

Edwin T. McKeithen has been administrator since 1931. Physicians resident in the county and serving on the active staff are Dr. M. W. Marr, Dr. J. P. Bowen, Dr. Malcolm D. Kemp, Dr. William

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PARATROOPER DIES IN ROUTINE JUMP

Pvt. Herbert E. Ecclinton, 19, son of Herbert Ecclinton of New Boston, Mich., was killed in a routine parachute jump on November 28 near Camp Mackall, the Public Relations Office has announced. A board of officers has been appointed to investigate the accident.

Rounds Out Fifteen Years' Service



Moore County Hospital —Photo by Emerson Humphrey

Boy Scout Court of Honor Will Be Held at Pinehurst

The December Court of Honor for the Moore County Boy Scouts will be held at the Community Church in Pinehurst on Tuesday, December 12, at 7:30 p. m. This is a county-wide affair at which the Boy Scouts of the county receive recognition for advancement made during the month. All Scouts, parents of Scouts, and friends of Scouting are urged to attend. An interesting program will be provided.

These Courts of Honor are held the second Tuesday of each month at a place designated by the Advancement Committee, of which Paul Butler of Southern Pines is chairman.

Great Demand Here for Women Workers

Never before in the history of the Sandhills has there been so much work available for women at such attractive rates of pay.

The Carthage Weaving Company is advertising for seventy white women to operate power sewing machines in the Carthage plant beginning January 1st and the work is on one hundred per cent war contracts. Mr. Sharpe, head of the business, states that some of his power machine operators who have worked only a month are now earning as high as seventy cents an hour. Housing facilities are available, he says. This company employs around 300 women in other lines of work.

At Aberdeen Mr. Kleinsphen, manager of the Aberdeen Hosiery Mills, is calling for a limited number of girls and discharged war veterans to learn to operate hosiery machines. Knitter-learners, he says, average \$30 weekly, with salary increasing as proficiency is gained.

The Central Carolina Telephone Company wishes to employ as long distance telephone operators some young women who are permanent residents, offering accepted applicants permanent positions with advancement assured those who qualify.

WANT A BOAT?

The Office of Price Administration has established a retail ceiling price of \$75 each for surplus M-1 plywood assault boats which the U. S. Maritime Commission proposes to sell for civilian use.

A ceiling of \$52.50 each was established for sales to dealers for resale.

OPA explained the boats have not been used before but are no longer needed for the war effort. Each weighs about 165 pounds and is about 13 feet, 6 inches long and about 4 feet, 4 inches wide.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT HOLDS CONFERENCE

The first quarterly conference of the new year for the Aberdeen-Vass-Roseland group of Methodist Churches was held Tuesday night at Page Memorial Church, Aberdeen, with the new district superintendent, the Rev. W. L. Clegg of Fayetteville, presiding. After a devotional service conducted by Mr. Clegg the business meeting was held. H. W. Doub of Aberdeen and Mrs. H. A. Borst of Vass were elected delegates to the district conference which convenes at Laurinburg next spring.

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Sgt. Robert A. Hawk, of a parachute infantry outfit, was seriously wounded in action in Holland on November 4, according to a message received on Wednesday of last week by his wife, the former Grace Klabbatz. He has been overseas since January. Mrs. Hawk is living here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Klabbatz, and is employed as secretary to Philip J. Weaver, superintendent of the local schools. Sgt. Hawk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. G. Hawk, live in Tampa, Fla.

American Legion and Auxiliary Help Santa Claus

They Urge Civilians to Purchase Gifts for Hospital Patients

The Sandhills Post No. 134 of the American Legion and its Auxiliary Unit are working in cooperation with Eddie Cantor and his "Time to Smile" radio program, in seeing to it that every man and woman confined in a service hospital in the United States will receive a gift box at Christmas time.

By means of the radio and local publicity, all civilians are urged to purchase gifts suitable for presentation to hospital patients, pack or have them packed at the store where they are purchased, make a list of the enclosed gifts and attach or print on the box covering, and turn them over to the local American Legion Post or Auxiliary Unit for presentation by the Legionnaires and Auxiliary members at Christmas.

It is very important that each package have a list of contents on the outside. Among items listed as undesirable are candy, food, liquor and civilian clothing.

Post Commander Chester I. Williams and Auxiliary President Mrs. Dan McNeill urge that your immediate purchase of a gift box be made and turned over to the American Legion as your contribution to a great Christmas party for 500,000 Yanks Who Gave. All the gift boxes must be received by the local Legion by DECEMBER 10 in order that delivery be made to the various hospitals for presentation. Won't you help make this Christmas happy for the hospitalized service men and women?

If friends prefer to make cash donations the Committee will use these to purchase gifts and make up the boxes.

Southern Pines donors should leave their gifts at L. V. O'Callaghan's store.

DAIRY TRUCK IN COLLISION TUESDAY

Many local people were wondering Tuesday why the usual supply of milk was not available. Facts of the case are said to be that Coble's milk truck that serves Southern Pines, coming out of Lexington at 5:00 o'clock that morning, dodged a truck parked in the middle of the highway and collided head-on with another truck. Each of the two drivers on the milk truck suffered a broken leg. Service to the Sandhills was resumed Wednesday.

Kiwanians Hear of Aid Provided for Service Men

Visitors Speak and Picquet Announces Ladies' Night Plans

BY HOWARD F. BURNS

Capt. H. A. Harvey of Post Headquarters, Fort Bragg, and Charles J. Montgomery, contact officer Veterans Administration of Fayetteville, addressed the Sandhills Kiwanis Club Wednesday at the Southern Pines Country Club on the "Rights and Benefits of the Armed Forces and their Families".

Capt. Harvey, the first speaker on the program, explained that the government was doing everything within its power in offering the very best protection for the men in the armed services and their families in setting up the necessary allotments for the wives and children.

Two hundred officers and 9,000 workers are employed by the government and it is costing the government \$18,000,000 a day, he pointed out. Plans are being made for mustering-out pay at the termination of their service, he declared. Allotments for missing men reported by the War Department as lost in action are continued for a period of twelve months, and can be continued for an additional twelve months when approved by the Secretary of War, he explained.

Mr. Montgomery, in his talk to the club, disclosed that 8,071 veterans had received treatment since the establishment of the veterans hospital at Fayetteville on November 15, 1940. He went into detail in regard to pensions for disabled veterans, showing there is very little red tape in getting them through.

The speaker was introduced by Judge L. T. Avery.

Charles Picquet, chairman of the Ladies' Night Committee, announced the following plans: R. E. Brown will be the guest speaker at the annual Ladies' Night banquet at the Mid Pines Club Tuesday evening, December 5th; the Southern Pines High School Glee Club has arranged a very fine musical program and Mrs. L. B. Creath will play the marimba. Arrangements are being made for upward of one hundred and fifty to attend the dinner.

In the absence of the president, Howard F. Burns, past president, presided.

Sam Marlowe and His Orchestra Now at Scottie's

Direct from an engagement at the Village Barn, New York, Sam Marlowe and his celebrated orchestra featuring Sir Hagen, pianist, on Boogie Woogie on the St. Louis Blues, are playing nightly at Scottie's popular tavern just south of Southern Pines. Mr. Marlowe worked with Bunny Burigan's Band and had continued success with Sam Donahue, who is now in the Navy. More recently he took over the Band of Arty Shaw, who also was in the Navy.

Mr. Marlowe and his musicians are looking forward to entertaining many lovers of orchestra music during their engagement at Scottie's.

10,000 NURSES MUST BE RECRUITED IMMEDIATELY

Of interest to American families everywhere is the fact that the Army must recruit 10,000 nurses immediately in order to care for wounded and sick soldiers, both at home and overseas. In addition, 1,000 nurses are needed by the Veterans Administration for its services. The Navy will need 500 nurses a month for several months. Nurses who enter the service are commissioned and will enjoy all rights extended to the armed forces under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

TEACHERAGE CONTRACT

A second Jonesboro teacherage contract has been awarded in Southern Pines. J. Bruce Cameron has the weather stripping contract, and, as was announced last week, Bushby will do the electrical work on the \$1600 building.

Starting New Year

THE PILOT is this week beginning a new year, its twenty-fifth, and on this occasion it wishes to express to friends in the Sandhills and in the many distant States to which it goes each week heartiest appreciation of their loyal support.

Sunrise Theatre in Southern Pines Changes Hands

New Schedule of Continuous Shows Will Be Effective Sunday

W. P. Benner this week announces the sale of his Sunrise Theatre in Southern Pines to the Everette Enterprise, Inc., of Charlotte, operators of around forty other theatres.

Beginning Sunday, December 3, shows will run continuously according to the following schedule: Daily from 3:00 p. m. to 11:00 p. m.; Saturdays from 11:00 a. m. to 11:00 p. m.; Sundays from 2:00 p. m. to 11:00 p. m. It is understood that the same employees who were with Mr. Benner will continue with the new owners, and the theatre will still be known as the Sunrise. Mr. Benner, who owns and operates movie houses in Carthage and Robbins, purchased the Gibbon building on Broad Street opposite the railroad station in the spring of 1941, and after repairing and renovating it, opened the Sunrise Theatre with a seating capacity of 825 in September of the same year. The business was an instant success and Mr. Benner, in reporting the sale, expressed appreciation of the generous support given him by the people of Southern Pines and other Sandhills towns.

Negro Teachers of Piedmont District Meet Here Dec. 2

Several Prominent Speakers on Program at West S. P. School

The Piedmont District of the North Carolina Negro Teachers Association will convene at the West Southern Pines High School, Southern Pines, Saturday, December 2 at 9 a. m., with the president, S. E. Duncan, principal of Washington High School, Reidsville, presiding. Eighteen counties comprise the district.

Guest speakers for the occasion will be Dr. Clyde A. Milner, president of Guilford College, and Dr. Robert P. Daniel, president of Shaw University, Raleigh. J. A. Tarpley, supervisor of Negro Schools of Greensboro, and president of the North Carolina Negro Teachers Association, and W. L. Green, executive secretary of the body, will be present at the meeting.

CAN YOU HELP?

During a fire in Southern Pines early Sunday morning a small hose 100 feet in length, part of the equipment of the booster fire truck, was dropped near the hydrant at Pennsylvania Avenue and Leak Street. After the fire when firemen sought to pick up the hose, it had disappeared. It will be greatly appreciated if the finder will return this hose or if any one having information concerning it will notify the Southern Pines Fire Department. This valuable and difficult to replace equipment might be the means of saving YOUR home.

MOORE SHARES IN BOND PURCHASE OF ESSO CO.

J. N. Bridgeman, field supervisor, with headquarters in Fayetteville, announced today that Standard Oil Company of New Jersey had purchased war bonds in the amount of \$500,000.00 in North Carolina in connection with the Sixth War Loan Drive. In line with the Company's policy allocating this purchase among the 100 counties of North Carolina in proportion to each county's quota, Moore County has been allotted \$2,250.00.

Second Week Sales in War Loan Drive Slower Than First

Citizens Are Urged to Enlist Dollars in the Fight NOW

Figures on the Sixth War Loan drive, which opened on Monday last week, have been received by County Chairman Eugene C. Stevens from only three towns, but these indicate that the county is off to a good start.

To Wednesday morning Southern Pines had reported approximately \$63,000 on an overall quota of \$154,560; Aberdeen, 30,000 on a quota of \$77,280, and Pinehurst, \$35,000 on a quota of \$110,000.

In Southern Pines first week sales were excellent, but this week they have slowed up, probably due to the fact that it is near the end of the month. It is hoped that as another pay day comes there will be another big rush of buying.

A. B. Yeomans, chairman for Southern Pines, has issued the following appeal:

"The Sixth National War Loan Drive for fourteen billion dollars started last week. Southern Pines' quota is \$154,560.00 overall and \$82,600.00 "E" bonds. With the greatly intensified fighting in western Europe war production must be greater than ever before. Thirty-five days' supply of ammunition is being used in ten days. Gains made by our troops are costing 500 tanks and 900 trucks per month. In the Philippines MacArthur's troops are shooting more artillery ammunition this month than in the past sixteen months combined. New contracts are being let by the Army alone at a weekly rate of \$550,000.00.

"Facts like these speak for themselves; make their own appeal to the nation's will for a speedy victory. We can and must make our quota. The need is imperative. The time for action is NOW."

HD Club Meetings Unique and Varied Says Home Agent

She Finds Great Artists in the Rural Homes of the County

BY FLORA McDONALD

Home Demonstration Agent The Home Demonstration Club meetings are as unique as the sun and as varied as Moore County weather. At the Cameron club meeting last week, the recreational feature was the showing of colored slides by C. R. Hall of Sanford. The slides were of specimens of peonies and gladioli and gorgeous scenes of azaleas, dogwood and fall foliage of the countryside. Mr. Hall discussed the cultivation of the flowers as the slides were shown.

Mrs. Anus Ferguson surprised the Stanton Hill Club with exhibits of beautiful tied and dyed draperies made from fertilizer sacks, at the meeting on Monday. No professional artist could have done a more perfect piece of coloring and designing than was shown by Mrs. Ferguson. A soft blue-green pair of curtains and the cornice board were shown for a bed room. The living room pieces were dyed a deep rose and included not only the draperies but the covering for an easy chair.

The rural arts and crafts have long been ignored and undervalued. This is the people's art; it has nothing to do with queerisms or elaborate theories. It is born of utility. Art here means doing well something that needs to be done, said M. L. Wilson, when he was Under Secretary of the Department of Agriculture. "In addition to immediate economic values, the practice of the crafts fosters moral and social values. It fosters habits of thoroughness and painstaking workmanship. It develops taste and a love for things well done and thoughtfully. It enriches life by increasing the perception of the beauties that can be engraved into the objects of everyday life."

No greater artists could be found than those in our Moore (Continued on Page 8)