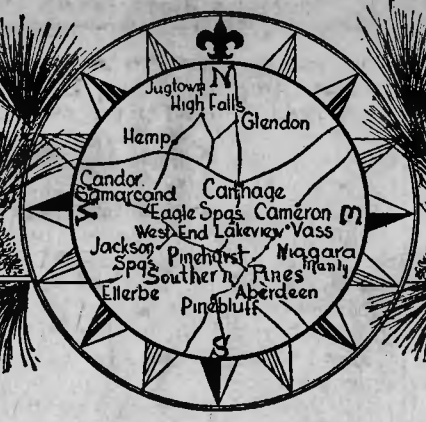




# THE PILOT



Those Boys Need You  
**BUY WAR BONDS!**

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TEN CENTS

## George Knight Is Killed Instantly By Hit-Run Driver Was Struck While Walking Along Highway No. 1 Saturday

A motorist who apparently thought it would be fun to knock a glass jug out of the hand of a pedestrian walking along the shoulder of Highway 1 near Carolina Inn Saturday morning swerved off the pavement, struck the jug, shattering it to bits, and sped on his way, leaving George Knight, 50-year-old farmer of the community, dead.

Although a report of the tragedy was broadcast, no clue as to the identity of the driver of the death car has been found.

The Knights reside on the Dunlap place formerly known as the Sweetheart Lake property off the highway about five miles north of Southern Pines on Vass Route 2. They were preparing to make their weekly shopping trip to Vass Saturday morning and did not have sufficient gasoline to get to the nearest filling station, so Mr. Knight walked to the Carolina Inn and was on his way home with a gallon of gas. With his brother Archie he was walking south on the right-hand shoulder, carrying the jug in his left hand, when the car came up from behind them.

Patrolman Kelly, who investigated, said that the car swerved almost three feet off the pavement, and carried the jug about twenty-five feet from where the man was struck. A hole in the back of the head, believed to have been made by the door handle or windshield frame, was the only injury, it is said, there being no bruises.

Archie Knight reported that the automobile was a black one and that there were two men in it. He did not get the license number.

Funeral services were held at the home at 2:00 p. m. Monday and the body was carried to the Knight family cemetery near Broadway for burial.

Surviving are the widow, who was formerly Miss Lila Cummings; six children, Mrs. Alton Buchanan of Sanford Route 2 and Miss Dora Knight, by a former marriage, and Eugene, Howard, Daisy and George Knight, Jr., of the home; two brothers, W. R. and Archie Knight of Vass Route 2; one sister, Mrs. Jonah Yarboro of Olivia, and two grandchildren, one of whom makes her home with the family.

## Howard Burns Wins Golf Tournament

The Sandpipers club of the Southern Pines Country Club held its weekly tournament on Sunday, Dec. 17, and H. F. Burns ran away with top honors. He played his usual steady game and returned a net score of 71, even par for the course. Arthur Atherton and Ben Wisler were only three strokes off the winning pace winding up with 74 to share the second prize. An excellent field of players turned out for the competition. A tournament will be held Sunday, Dec. 24 in which non-members of the Sandpipers may compete.

On the previous Sunday Mrs. Sue Hanson and Jimmy Hobbs posted a 90-17-73 to lead a field of thirty golfers in a Scotch Foursome. Sally Grinnell and Howard Burns turned in an 86-12-74 to tie for second place with Mrs. Richard Suggs and Arthur Atherton of Aberdeen, who scored a 92-18-74.

## "NOISIEST SHOW"

When President Roosevelt made a two-hour stop-over at Camp Lejeune Monday en route home from a vacation at Warm Springs, Ga., he viewed various parades and drills, but the noisiest show of all was put on by a war dog training company of 64 Doberman Pinschers and German Shepherds under the direction of Capt. Jackson H. Boyd of Southern Pines and Clyde A. Henderson of Brecksville, Ohio. With their trainers holding them on leash, the dogs went through their drills and loud explosions of TNT, part of the routine to accustom them for scout and messenger duty under combat conditions.

## Four Montesantis In Service



LT. MARGARET MONTESANTI



CONSTANTINO MONTESANTI



PVT. ANGELO MONTESANTI



SGT. ANTONIO MONTESANTI

The window of A. Montesanti's tailor shop across the street from THE PILOT is gay with decorations this Christmas despite the fact that a service flag with four stars shares a corner. That is the way the children of "the Montys" would have it. Above are shown the four who are in the service.

Lt. Margaret (upper left), of the Army Nurse Corps, after graduation from Notre Dame Academy, trained as a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Baltimore and enlisted last September. After service at Camp Lee and Ft. Meade, she is now, at Harmon General Hospital, Longview, Texas. Constantino, seaman 2/c (upper right), a graduate of the local high school, has been in the Navy about a year. He is at a naval air base in Florida. Pvt. Angelo, Jr., (lower left), graduated from Belmont Abbey before his induction two years ago. He has been overseas eighteen months and is now in France. Sgt. Antonio (lower right), a graduate of the Southern Pines High School, is in France, also. He has been overseas two years.

A second daughter, Theresa, worked with the AAFTC at Knollwood and went from there to Fort Worth when headquarters were moved, where she is at present employed.

## Maj. J. H. Quello and Small Patrol Capture 68 Krauts Surround Sleeping Germans and Give Complete Surprise

THE SEVENTH ARMY, France—"It was a long night's work," remarked Major James H. Quello, 1913 W. McNichols Road, Detroit, Mich., after returning from a motorized patrol through twelve villages where he captured sixty-eight Krauts.

Upon approaching a village the patrol would dismount and then enter on foot. In one village the patrol was walking down the main street when suddenly they heard the sound of hobnail boots coming toward them. Quickly the major and the few men with him "ducked behind a wall and waited for the approaching Heinies."

As the footsteps passed by, they jumped out and forced the surrender of the surprised Jerries. Learning that there were sixty odd Heinies still in town, the major led his patrol to where they were sleeping. Quietly they entered the house with drawn weapons and completely astonished the sleeping Krauts by forcing their surrender.

"I believe those Germans were just waiting for an opportunity to surrender," explained the major, "for they offered no resistance and seemed rather pleased by it all."

The major is married to Mrs. Mary Butler Quello who is now living with their two sons, James and Richard, at Southern Pines, N. C.; he landed with the 9th Division in North Africa, served with the fifth Army in Italy, and is now a battalion executive officer with the 45th Division.

## HOLIDAY MAIL

The Southern Pines Post Office will be open on Saturday December 23, until 6:00 p. m. Postmaster P. F. Buchan announces. The parcel post window will be open for delivery of parcels from 3:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m. Sunday, December 24. On Christmas Day, the post office will be closed all day. No parcels except perishables and special delivery will be delivered on Christmas. The office will reopen as usual Tuesday, December 26.

## CAROL SERVICE

A Christmas service of carols and light in celebration of the birthday of Jesus Christ will be held at 8:00 o'clock Christmas Eve at the Church of Wide Fellowship.

"We invite you to our candle-light service when we shall sing all of the beautiful carols of the season, hear the Christmas message and find our way back to a manger throne," says the pastor. "This is perhaps the most beautiful service of the year. Come, all ye faithful. Come and worship with us."

## NO DAMAGE

Some excitement was created but no damage done Monday afternoon at 3:30 when flames from a trash burner fired pine needles at the rear of the former Liebert house at 28 East Vermont Avenue, now occupied by the family of Lt. Col. J. C. White. Both trucks of the local fire department responded to the call.

## CLOSED DEC. 25-26

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company announces that the Bank will be closed for Christmas on Monday and Tuesday.

## Paul Butler Heads Polio Drive Here

Chairman Blue Names Additional Chairmen for January Campaign

Paul Butler, prominent Southern Pines civic leader will again head the Southern Pines campaign to raise funds to fight infantile paralysis, according to an announcement by H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, general county chairman. Mr. Butler was chairman of the 1944 Southern Pines campaign and under his able leadership \$765.81 was collected to top the amount raised in any of the Moore County towns.

The appointment of Mrs. Eldon Adams of Carthage as chairman of the Women's Division of the Polio Fund Campaign was also announced by Mr. Blue.

Others appointed since the last announcement include: Mrs. C. C. Underwood, Eagle Springs-Samarland chairman; Mrs. Paul Troutman, Addor chairman; J. W. Harbison, Pinehurst chairman; W. D. Wilson, High Falls chairman.

The campaign will be conducted during the month of January. However, some of the chairmen are already active and one of the rural chairmen has reported a contribution of \$50. Contributions made during 1944 will be deductible from the 1944 income tax payment.

## Legion, Auxiliary Play Santa Claus to Army Patients

On Tuesday night of last week, Mrs. E. M. Poate was hostess to the American Legion and its Auxiliary. The ladies held their business meeting at 7:45 while the men convened at the Legion Hut for an hour before going to Mrs. Poate's for further business discussion and a social hour with refreshments.

Plans were made for the Christmas gifts to the "Yanks Who Gave" in connection with the Eddie Cantor Radio Program, throughout the nation in order that no man in the service in hospitals during the Christmas season shall be without a Christmas package. This program has been carried out by the Legion and Auxiliary in co-operation with the Red Cross. Plans for the gift-buying and wrapping were thoroughly discussed and the next day the committee started on their shopping tour for razor blades, pencils, combs, toothbrushes, etc.

On Thursday afternoon, December 14, Mrs. Poate's dining room and kitchen became the wrapping bureau for the packages assembled, 152 in number, 100 of which were sent to Fort Bragg, and 52 to Camp Mackall for distribution by the Red Cross.

Mrs. Dan McNeill, president of the local Auxiliary, wishes to thank Mrs. Poate for her kind hospitality, L. VanFossen and D. R. McNeill for their assistance, Maj. F. M. Dwight for delivering the packages to Fort Bragg, and the following ladies who helped so efficiently in wrapping these gift packages: Mrs. R. L. Chandler, Mrs. Herbert N. Cameron, Mrs. Ben Rittelmeyer, Mrs. Virgil Johnston, Mrs. L. L. Woolley, Mrs. J. S. McLaughlin Mrs. Poate and Veta E. Gorman. Cash donations also are gratefully acknowledged.

It is urged that any who have not paid 1945 dues please get same to the treasurer, Mrs. J. S. McLaughlin, at the earliest possible date. In order to secure the National President's Membership Citation, the membership of a Unit for 1945 must equal or exceed the paid-up 1944 membership on National records Dec. 31, 1944. Thus it is quite necessary that dues be received before this date in order to forward to Indianapolis in time for recognition.

## PRISONER OF WAR

[Sgt. Marvin Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Williams of Route 3, Carthage, has been captured by the enemy, according to a message received late last week by his parents. Sgt. Williams has been in the Army about three years and since going overseas three or four months ago has seen service in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.



## 1st Lt. Preston Matthews, After 145 Combat Missions, Is at Home

Fighter Pilot Won Many Decorations in England and France

Lt. Preston F. Matthews, after a year's service overseas, arrived in Southern Pines on Thursday of last week to spend a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. W. Duncan Matthews.

Veteran of 145 combat missions in which he traveled 116,000 miles this one-man crew of a P-51 Mustang has for his meritorious achievement in aerial flight been awarded the Air Medal, five silver Oak Leaf Clusters, his 26th bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, and, more recently, the Distinguished Flying Cross given for heroism or extraordinary achievement.

For the first several months Lt. Matthews was stationed in England. On D-Day he engaged in three combat missions over France and about two months ago was transferred to that country.

Practically all of the 145 missions were made in the same fighter plane, the "Sara Dee", which was assigned to Lt. Matthews in England and which is a "namesake" of his grandmother, mother, sister, father, brother and sister-in-law. Although they have been in some tight places both the flier and his plane have come through unscathed and Lt. Matthews appears to be in the best of physical condition.

Modestly choosing to wear none of his many decorations, Lt. Matthews' words, when a member of the family expressed surprise to learn that he had received the DFC, were characteristic: "I thought that I had written you about it."

## Patriotic Signboard

Southern Pines is to be congratulated on the attractiveness and suitability of its newly decorated sign board at the northern approach on Highway 1. Done in the national colors, the board has a streamer across the top, a large service flag in the upper left corner bearing one star with the number 400, and the words "Serving Our Country." The name of the town is in large letters and in a lower corner, the familiar "Buy War Bonds."

## REPORTED KILLED

Col. Roger Parkinson, who with his family resided in Southern Pines for about a year and a half while he was stationed at Fort Bragg and Camp Mackall, was killed over Holland on September 26, according to information received by Mrs. J. C. Baker from Mrs. Parkinson. The family made many friends in Southern Pines during their stay here.

## SCHOOLS CLOSE DEC. 22

AND REOPEN JANUARY 1 Rural schools of Moore County will close for Christmas at the end of the day's work today, Friday, and reopen on January 1.

## Annual Christmas Gymkhana Will Be Outstanding Event

Show at Local Country Club Begins at 2:30 Sunday P. M.

The annual Christmas equestrian gymkhana, one of the outstanding sports events of the holiday season, will be held at the Southern Pines Country Club Sunday, December 24, beginning at 2:30 p. m. The show is expected to attract many holiday visitors, members of the Armed Forces and local residents.

Louis Scheipers, chairman of the Equestrian Committee, has announced a program of six events. The show will open with a class for hunters to be run over the outside course. There will be a class for open jumpers, pair jumpers, ladies' horsemanship and children's horsemanship. The show will include one novelty event, to be held in the inside course.

Mrs. Margaret Thorne Smith of Millbrook, New York, will judge and Mrs. V. B. Johnston will present the ribbons.

## WAR BOND DRIVE

Moore County is officially credited through Dec. 19 with \$742,032.50.

E Bonds \$196,532.50. The County's \$200,000.00 over quota but \$100,000.00 below the E Bond quota. Mr. Yeomans reports that every town in the County is over the quota. Southern Pines is credited with \$172,993.25 which is about \$154,000.00 over the quota. E, F, G, bond sales till end of month will count, and the Building and Loan, the Bank, Post Office and Mr. Stevens office are going to encourage the sale of E bonds so that when the final report is given on January 2 the E bond quota will be made up if possible. For next several days figures will be posted in the window of Mr. Stevens' office. Charlie Picquet will continue to give passes for war bond purchases at both theatres through December 30.

The children of the Pinehurst school also made about 150 attractive place cards for the same purpose.

It is very gratifying to know that the children are willing and anxious to help in any way possible, which shows that they have just what the American Red Cross represents, "The Spirit of Service."

## COMPLETES COURSE

Burton Brown is at home from Auburn, Ala., where he completed a six months' ASTP course. He is to report to Fort Bragg January 4.

## MIDNIGHT CANTATA

A MISSA CANTATA will be celebrated at the hour of midnight December 24th in the Shrine Church of St. Anthony of Padua, Southern Pines. Christmas Masses on December 25th will be offered at 8 and 10:30 a. m.

## EMMANUEL CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICE

There will be a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with special music, Mrs. Harlow Pearson, soloist, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Christmas Eve, beginning at 11:30 p. m.