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TEN CENTS

## Two Murder Cases Are Tried This Week in Carthage

**Both Defendants,  
WSP Negro Women,  
Draw Prison Terms**

Sarah Pratt, Negro, of West Southern Pines, was this week in Moore County Superior Court tried for the murder of her husband, Eddie Pratt, who was shot on his premises in January of last year. She was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to serve from seven to ten years in the Women's Division of State's Prison, but was released on her present bond until 12:00 o'clock today (Friday) to make arrangements for the care of her baby.

Mabel Godwin, Negro, also of West Southern Pines, pleaded not guilty of the murder of Leon Brig-brey, a negro soldier who was stabbed in the chest at Mack's Shack several months ago. At the close of the evidence the defendant withdrew her plea and tendered a plea of guilty of manslaughter, which the State accepted. She was sentenced to the Women's Division of the State Prison for from 18 months to five years.

A third murder case, in which Thomas Watson was the defendant, was continued.

Seven divorce cases, heard on the opening day, were decided in favor of the plaintiffs. Each was based on two years' separation. They were as follows: R. A. Boger versus Hilda Irene Boger; Lyle B. Craig versus Iris C. Craig; Luna Hilburn versus W. M. Hilburn; Annie Brower Letterlough versus Clarence L. Letterlough; Erie Kelly versus Bertha Ray Kelly; Eugene B. Purvis versus Vera Hilliard Purvis, and William Glover versus Daisy Lancaster Glover.

**Other Cases**  
Dewey Freeman, assault with deadly weapon, and Dewey Freeman, larceny, called and failed. Judgment: nisi. sci. fa. and capias.  
J. C. Wilkes, trespass and malicious and willful injury to personal property, mistrial.  
W. S. Gatewood, Sr., and John Howard, burning tobacco barn, nol. pros. with leave as to Gatewood; Howard, not having perfected appeal, ordered into custody to serve sentence imposed.  
George Hill appeal not perfected, commitment to issue.

## Plans For Red Cross Drive Will Be Made Feb. 5th

Preliminary plans will be made for the Red Cross War Fund drive of 1945, at a meeting at The Pinehurst Country Club on Monday, February 5th.

The Board of Directors will hold a quarterly meeting at 5:30 p. m. At 8:30 p. m. county drive chairman, J. B. Edwards, will entertain village drive chairmen at dinner, and unit quotas of the Moore county assignment of \$39,200 will be announced.

At 8 p. m. the public will be invited to attend a meeting at The Pinehurst Country Club, at which Charles Skarren, Jr., will tell of Red Cross work in combat areas. This talk will be illustrated.

A returned veteran will give the views of a combat soldier, concerning Red Cross work at the front.

The Pinehurst Country Club, through Manager Eric Nelson, will provide the use of the club, free.

Col. George Percy Hawes Jr., acting chairman of the county chapter, will preside at the meeting of the Board of Directors and the public gathering.

### ENTERS HOSPITAL

T. L. Campbell of Southern Pines entered the Veteran's Hospital at Fayetteville on Monday for treatment.

### POLIO VICTIMS



LEONARD MONROE



CHAWORTH ANN LAWRENCE

Pictured above are two Aberdeen victims of infantile paralysis.

Leonard Monroe, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Monroe of Aberdeen, was stricken with infantile paralysis when he was two years of age, long before there was a national movement to raise funds to fight the dreaded disease. Leonard is in the 10th grade of the

Aberdeen High School, is being treated by specialists and expects to throw away his crutches soon. Chaworth Ann Lawrence, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lawrence of Aberdeen, was stricken with infantile paralysis on October 9, 1941. She spent five months at Warm Springs, Georgia, and is getting along nicely. She is in the fifth grade of the Aberdeen School.

### Insurance Group Protests Bank's Entering Field

**Organization Sends  
Letter to Stockholders  
Pinehurst Bank**

The annual Stockholders Meeting of the Bank of Pinehurst was held in Pinehurst Wednesday afternoon and reports indicated that the past year had been another successful one in the institution's history.

A matter of countywide interest which took place was the reading to the group of a letter from the Moore County Association of Insurance Agents, written in protest against the bank's entering the insurance business, a report which had come to the attention of the insurance group.

The Association held among other things, that by entering the insurance field the Bank would be taking an unfair advantage of the insurance agents and that the action would result in much unfavorable criticism and ill will toward the Bank and the Town itself; also, that the number of insurance agents now established in business was adequate for taking care of the insurance in the community.

Three of the stockholders, William G. Fownes, Jr., Donald J. Ross and Donald Parsons are said to have registered against the Bank's entry into this field of business, principally because of the small town, friendly relations now existing.

No official statement of policy has been announced by the Bank, following the discussion.

It is against the principles of the State Association of Insurance Agents for financial institutions, their officers or employees to be employed as company representatives in competition with established agencies, and insurance men feel that public sentiment against this is strong. The letter to the Stockholders appears as an advertisement in this issue.

### LOCAL FIREMEN ELECT OFFICERS

The Southern Pines Fire Department, at its annual election of officers held Thursday night, January 18, reelected L. V. O'Callaghan as chief. L. S. Rowell was elected assistant chief, Frank H. Kaylor was given the triple duties of truck captain, secretary and treasurer, and Elmer Renegar was elected captain, succeeding Ted Kennedy.

### VISITING MINISTER

The Rev. Henry N. Parsley of Durham will conduct the 11:00 o'clock service in Emmanuel Episcopal Church Sunday, January 28, in the absence of the Rector.

## Visitors to Moore County Hospital Can Now Ride Bus

**Queen City Coach  
Co. Arranges Sever-  
al Daily Stops There**

Several runs of the Queen City Coach Company busses to and from Aberdeen and Southern Pines via Pinehurst now include a stop at the Moore County Hospital. This service, so important for visitors to the hospital, and for the personnel of the institution, has been agreed to by the company after a joint appeal by Chambers of Commerce, the County Ration Board, officials of the interested towns, service clubs, the hospital authorities, and various other groups. The application was made under the general supervision of O Leon Seymour, of Aberdeen, and had the approval of the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

The busses use the hard surface cut-off between the hospital and the double road. The increase in mileage is insignificant, whereas the convenience afforded is great.

George H. Maurice, chairman of the Moore County War Price and Ration Board, expressed special satisfaction over the inauguration of the service. Many people who must visit the hospital can now use public transportation, with a resulting saving in individual gas allotments.

The stop is made on five runs from Aberdeen to Southern Pines via Pinehurst, and on three runs from Southern Pines to Aberdeen. The schedule is given below.

Leave Aberdeen: A. M.—6:20; 8:25; 9:50; P. M.—1:35; 7:50.  
Arrive Hospital: A. M.—6:33; 8:33; 10:03; P. M.—1:40; 8:03.  
Arrive Southern Pines: A. M.—6:45; 8:50; 10:15; P. M.—2:00; 8:15.  
Leave Southern Pines: A. M.—8:45; P. M.—3:00; 7:45.  
Arrive Hospital: A. M.—8:57; P. M.—3:12; 7:57.  
Arrive Aberdeen: A. M.—9:10; P. M.—3:25; 8:10.

### HERO KNOWN HERE

Lt. Hugo S. Sims, Jr., hero of the LIFE magazine article, "The Incredible Patrol," lived in the Cecil Robinson house in the Pinedene section several months last year while stationed at Camp Mackall with the 501st Parachute Infantry.

Lt. Sims led the patrol which performed the remarkable feat of penetrating deep behind the German lines, capturing 30 prisoners and obtaining much valuable information. His home is in Orangeburg, S. C.

### Lt. J. T. Bishop Takes New Duties

1st Lt. Julian T. Bishop of Southern Pines, who is now on inactive duty from the Air Service Command at Fresno, Calif., has lately become identified with the National Citizens Committee for Universal Military Training for young men. He will assist Col. Jay Cooke IV, recently returned, wounded, from two years' active service overseas, and Col. John W. Castles, also just returned from two years overseas duty. Headquarters will be in New York City.

The Committee will stage a national campaign for the education of public opinion in support of a year's military training for all young men fit to receive such training. To equip the United States with a reserve of trained manpower sufficient to meet any attack upon this country, and to develop the strength of the young men are two of the aims of the plan.

### Col. Hawes Speaks to Kiwanians On Red Cross Work

Col. George P. Hawes, Jr. of Pinehurst, acting chairman of the American Red Cross of Moore County, made a very interesting address on the work of the Red Cross at the regular meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club held Wednesday at the Southern Pines Country Club.

The Colonel, who has been doing a splendid piece of work in this county, explained in detail the job that is being done in caring for soldiers on foreign battle fields, as well as caring for the families of the service men in this country.

He stressed that this is a splendid opportunity for civilians to join in giving a helping hand and aiding the war effort in this country, by joining in the Red Cross work.

Paul Butler, Southern Pines chairman of the polio drive asked the support of the Kiwanians in raising the county quota.

### HIGH-LOW

Sgt. James Pate, who has been overseas for a year and a half, now in New Guinea, writes that he recently had the happiest two hours that he ever spent, followed by the unhappiest week. Information was received that one man in his company was to get leave to return home, the lucky person to be decided by drawing. Sgt. Pate's name was drawn and he had gone to get information as to when his ship would sail when, alas, he learned that there had been a mix-up in orders. The leave did not apply to his outfit. Sgt. Pate is the son of Edmond Pate of Southern Pines.

## Moore County Is Far Beyond Quota in 6th Loan Drive

**Chairman Stevens  
This Week Releases  
Final Report**

Moore County and the Town of Southern Pines may well be proud of the record chalked up in the Sixth War Loan Drive, for it shows that the county went all out for victory and in backing up our men and women in the battle areas. Much credit is due the county chairman and his leaders in every community. With so many counties having a struggle to meet their E quotas, especially, Moore went far beyond its assigned quota, as is shown by a letter written by the county chairman to the editor of this paper this week. We quote:

"You will be interested to see the final official figures of the 6th War Loan Drive. Against a total quota of \$552,000, Moore County has raised \$997,556.75: against an E bond quota of \$295,000, we have raised \$327,876.25; against a quota of \$154,560, the town of Southern Pines was officially credited with \$183,068.25. This shows that Moore County has oversubscribed all quotas gen-

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## Three More Communities Go Over Top in Moore County Polio Drive

**DIES OF WOUNDS**



PFC. ROBERT A. SMITH, JR.

Pfc. Robert A. Smith, Jr., infantryman, a member of the 101st Airborne Division which made history during Christmas week as the defenders of Bastogne, died December 27th of wounds received on Christmas Day, according to a telegram received Monday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smith of Niagara. A message stating that he had been wounded in action in Belgium was received last Saturday.

Pfc. Smith, 32, was inducted into the Army February 8, 1942, took his basic training at Fort Jackson, and was sent from there to Camp Clairborne, La. He went overseas the first of last October and took part in the invasions of Normandy and Holland, landing by glider. He had recently returned to France.

In addition to the parents, four sisters and three brothers survive. They are: Mrs. Ben H. Morgan of Niagara, Mrs. Mildred Smith Parks of Avon, Mrs. E. C. Towler of Sacramento, Calif., Mrs. Joe Thomas of Southern Pines, Frank, Roy and John Smith, all of Raleigh.

### CONGRATULATIONS

THE PILOT extends heartfelt congratulations to Patch Department Store and its management upon the completion of 48 years of service to this trading section. Patch's has made an enviable reputation for the quality of merchandise handled and for fair dealing.

## Mrs. Janie Muse, Beloved Resident of Cameron, Dies

**Funeral Sunday Afternoon Is Attended  
By Large Gathering**

Mrs. Janie Muse, 88, Cameron's oldest and one of its most highly esteemed residents, passed away Friday at her home following a long illness.

Funeral services were held at the home at 3:15 Sunday afternoon with a crowd in attendance that filled the house and veranda and extended to the street. The Rev. M. D. McNeill of Sanford, a life-long friend, the Rev. H. A. Chester of Carthage and the Rev. C. M. Voyles of Cameron officiated. A choir sang two hymns and Mrs. Womack of Carthage rendered a solo. Burial was in the Cameron Cemetery and the floral designs banked not only the grave but the entire plot.

Mrs. Muse and her husband, the late John C. Muse, were among the pioneer settlers of Cameron and the family became an integral part of every phase of the town's life, contributing much to its business, social and religious development. Mrs. Muse, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, was born near Cameron. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and until prevented by failing health was active in its work. Hospitable and gracious, she made her home a place where friends delighted to gather.

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Addor and Westmore  
Pass Quotas; Others  
Making Fine Progress

Addor, Westmore and Farm Life have joined Jackson Springs and Pinebluff in going "over the top" in the Moore County polio fund drive which is now in full swing throughout the county, state and nation, reports H. Clifton Blue, general county chairman.

Mrs. Paul Troutman is chairman of the Addor drive with a \$10.00 quota for the hamlet. She reports \$20.00 raised, doubling the quota. T. Roy Phillips, chairman of the Westmore drive, reported \$69.09 collected Tuesday. The Westmore quota was \$50.00.

T. H. Lingerfelt, chairman at Farm Life where the quota is \$25, reports \$27.07 thus far.

Monroe Chappell, Vass chairman, stated that the Vass-Lakeview quota of \$175.00 was "in the bag", although he had not checked with all workers to ascertain the exact amount collected. Mr. Chappell is sponsoring a square and round dance at Hotel Charnella this Friday night, January 26. All proceeds will go towards the Vass-Lakeview polio fund.

E. J. Burns, chairman of the Carthage drive, stated Monday that he had already collected over \$300.00 and that Carthage would go over the top all right. Carthage has a quota of \$500.00.

J. W. Harbison, Pinehurst chairman, states that Pinehurst with a quota of \$400.00 is well over the half-way mark. Mr. Harbison is assisted in his community by Frank McCaskill and Francis T. Keating. Mr. Harbison says they hope to put Pinehurst over the top this week.

Mrs. C. C. Underwood of Eagle  
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## Dr. Willcox Warns Citizens Against Rabid Dogs, Foxes

**Four Mad Dogs Have  
Been Killed Nearby  
Within a Few Days**

Watch your step and watch your dog.

Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer, issues a warning to the people of the county to protect their dogs by putting them up at night, and calls attention to the fact that any person bitten by a dog supposed to be rabid should notify the Health Department at once.

Four dogs from Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen, suspected of rabies, have been killed within the last few days and their heads sent to Raleigh, Dr. Willcox reveals, and in every instance positive reports were returned. Five people in this section are now taking the anti-rabies treatment. The State Board will provide the treatment for persons unable to pay for it.

A dog vaccination campaign will be started just as soon as it can be properly advertised, but the health officer says that those who do not want to wait for this can take their dogs to the hospital of Drs. Neal and McLean for vaccination.

Foxes are another source of danger. Dr. Willcox states that several foxes thought to have been affected with rabies have been found dead near Cameron, and others have shown symptoms of the disease. As a result some dogs in that section have been killed, but there is no way of knowing how many have been bitten by foxes.

### IN NEW QUARTERS,

Miss Allie McIntosh has moved her stock of antiques from the Belvedere Hotel building to her new attractive location on West Broad Street in the southern part of town. McMillan's Photo Shop is also located in the Antique Shop building.

## Mother Is Still Hopeful That Her Son, Missing Over a Year, Is Safe

**Mrs. J. A. MacPherson  
Takes Heart From An-  
nual Report of Status**

Although he has been reported "missing in action" near Insein, Burma, since December 1, 1943, Mrs. J. A. MacPherson of Cameron still has hopes that her eldest son, 1st Lt. Hugh MacPherson, landed safely among friendly natives and that he will come home eventually. This hope was strengthened by the receipt recently of a letter from Major J. A. Ulio, adjutant general, who stated that in accordance with the law which provides that a review and determination of status be made in the case of each person who has been missing in action for a year, all information concerning her son had been carefully reviewed and he was still classed as missing in action.

"So many who were first reported missing are reported dead in the yearly report," said Mrs. MacPherson.

Brig. Gen. C. V. Haynes, commanding general of the First Bomber Command, wrote Mrs. MacPherson a letter, which we quote in part:

"I departed from India in September last year so have no personal knowledge of your son's accident. However, if he went down 40 or 50 miles due west of Rangoon, that would place him in the Bassein area, where the natives are somewhat more friendly than in other parts of Burma.

"The British have established certain relations with the natives which help our boys whenever they have to bail out in enemy territory and there have been several cases where our personnel have managed to return safely to their organization."  
Capt. Carr, one of Lt. MacPherson's associates, wrote an inter-

### MISSING



1ST LT. H. P. MCPHERSON

### MYSTERIOUS FIRE IN WEST SOUTHERN PINES

The third fire alarm of the new year called out the Southern Pines firemen at 3:30 o'clock Saturday morning for a vacant house located on New York Avenue, West of McDeed's Creek, West Southern Pines. Firemen responding to the alarm reported the frame structure all ablaze as they rolled into Pennsylvania Avenue from Broad Street, and beyond all hope of saving. Formerly the property of Alex Evans, the large ten-room frame house has recently come into the possession of Wilson Goins, an employee of the Sanford Furniture Company, who had been repairing and furnishing the dwelling for his occupancy. The origin of the fire is a complete mystery.