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## Citizens Bank Fortieth Anniversary Crowns Fine Service to Community

### Success of Important Sandhill Institution Is Phenomenal

By Charles Macauley  
The Citizens Bank and Trust Company is celebrating its 40th anniversary as the financial institution of Southern Pines.

Organized in May, 1905, the bank opened its doors for business on the 22nd, in the old "Municipal Building" then located on the site of the present Arcade Building. Never in their wildest dreams could its founders have envisaged their modest investment of \$6,000 increasing to its present amazing figure in less than a half century.

Charles B. Grout was elected president, Peter Beck, vice-president, G. H. Kimball, cashier. The directors were C. T. Patch, C. D. Tarbell, C. B. Grout and W. H. Junge. Of these officials and directors, C. T. Patch—the moving spirit in the bank's inception—is now the only survivor. In 1908 the bank moved into its own building located on the southwest corner of West Broad street and New Hampshire avenue. A year later H. O. Riggan became cashier.

In January 1922, President Grout, W. H. Junge and C. T. Patch retired, their holdings being secured by the Page interests, and R. N. Page became president.

In 1924, this organization showed itself to be one of the most forward-looking in the community. Confronted with the need for new quarters, they engaged one of the leading architects of the country, Aymar Embury, to design a new building. Mr. Embury, the architect of the Highland Pines Inn, the Mudgett Building and several residences in the section, realized the need for a building which would answer the calls

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## Insurance Agents Elect Officers At Annual Meeting

### Discuss Post-War Plans And Present Problems

The annual meeting of the Moore County Association of Insurance Agents was held last Thursday, May 17th, at the Holly Inn in Pinehurst, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: John S. Ruggles, Southern Pines, president, Levi Packard, Pinebluff, vice-president, E. C. Stevens, Southern Pines, secretary-treasurer.

Following the election, the members took part in an informal discussion of post-war plans, considering better methods of business procedure, and of cooperation and plans for the expected future development of the section. Interest and concern was expressed over the present situation regarding the Bank of Pinehurst, which may have arisen, it was felt, as a result of last sum-

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## DAVID W. GAMBLE GETS PROMOTION

David W. Gamble, formerly a member of the local high school faculty for several years, has been promoted to supervisor of personnel training for the United States Employment Service, Dr. J. S. Dorto, state manpower director, has announced.

Entering the Charlotte office of the U. S. Employment Commission as an interviewer in January 1943, Mr. Gamble was promoted to supervising interviewer in February 1944. Later he was made occupational analyst and transferred to the State administrative office in Raleigh. Mr. Gamble is a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

## DEWBERRY PRICES FIRM

The movement of dewberries from North Carolina has increased this week, according to the State Department of Agriculture, and prices have remained firm at \$8.88 per 24-quart crate on New York wholesale markets. Virtually all the offerings were from the Cameron, Vass, Clinton, and Cotland County areas.

## Barnum Realty Co. Reports New Sales In Southern Pines

### Six New Residences and Two Business Properties Included in Purchases

Welcome signs pointing toward further development of Southern Pines as a residential center are the recent sales of property reported by the Barnum Realty Company.

In town, the Mary Powell Black house on the corner of Ashe Street and Massachusetts Avenue has been sold to J. F. Carter, proprietor of Carter's Laundry. This house is now being occupied by H. I. Cranfill, of the Laundry.

On the corner of Indiana Avenue and Ridge Street, the Frank Schmelzer house has been sold to W. C. Collins, manager of Collins Department Store in Aberdeen. The new owner expects to take possession on June First.

W. E. Kivette, district agent for the Gulf Refining Company, has bought the W. H. Minor house at 53 Ashe Street. Mr. Kivette has been occupying this house since November, 1940, when he first came here to live.

A business item interesting to many is the recent purchase by A. H. Bogart of the north wing of the Bank Building. This wing was owned by Mrs. Vance R. Dittman, the former Catherine Pierson, and housed the decorating shop which was for long such an asset to the Sandhills. Mr. Bogart, who has a store in Greensboro besides the two in Southern Pines, the Military Stores and the recently opened Judy Shop, has no plans for using his new purchase, and all present tenants are expected to remain.

Out in the country, Dr. Mudgett's property, adjoining the Arthur Merrill place on Ridge View (Continued on Page 5)

## BLUE STAR BRIGADE

Every new War Loan Drive brings a fresh crop of ideas to encourage bond sellers and buyers. This year the Treasury Department has hit on a particularly good scheme in the organization of the Blue Star Brigade.

"Join the Blue Star Brigade and keep the Blue Star blue!" is the slogan on the lips of members of this patriotic group. Enrollment in the brigade means a pledge to try to sell a minimum of ten War Bonds to separate subscribers during the Seventh War Loan. Accomplishment of this aim entitles the seller to wear the decorative insignia of the Blue Star Brigade. In the form of a service ribbon, the pin is a blue star on a white ground.

Blue Star pins already decorate the blouses of several members of the Women's Division of the Moore County Committee in Southern Pines. Mrs. George Moore and Mrs. Overton, who both hold the rank of captain in the brigade, signifying that they have made over twenty individual sales, wear the pin, as does also Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, Women's Chairman for the County. Mrs. Hodgkins is a second lieutenant, (Continued on Page 4)

## B-Day Aggressor Nation Hits Manley

That Hitler had a bee in his bonnet goes without saying. It now appears that the reverse is also true: if bees wear bonnets, a Bee has a Hitler in his.

Last week an aggressor nation swooped down on the peaceful swarm of bees occupying a hive on J. Bruce Cameron's place in Manly, conquered the inhabitants, looted, pillaged and ate up the contents of their hive.

The conquered nation, numbering over fifteen hundred, was caught without warning, the attack taking place at the classic hour of dawn. In some devilish way the invaders put the B on local radar appliances and their approach was unheralded. The Cameron Bees, honest Scots, unprepared for such murderous tactics did not have their air patrol up. The fighters were lined up on the ground. Suddenly the

## TRUTH AND JUSTICE

Under the leadership of Rep. Rankin, a congressional committee has been carrying on an investigation of the Veterans Administration. Shocking conditions of neglect have been discovered. P. M.'s reporter, the well-known journalist, Albert Deutsch, for refusing in his testimony to reveal the names of his informants, has been cited by Rankin for contempt. It appears that Rankin is more concerned with remedying the treatment of our wounded.

Max Lerner, writing of the case says: "The issue goes beyond the technical question of whether Albert Deutsch stands in contempt of Congress. It goes to the crucial human question of whether Congress will be subjected to the contempt of every returning soldier."

THE PILOT adds: Not only Congress, but we the people who elected the Congress. It is up to us to see that our representatives carry out our wishes, and surely our first wish is for the best treatment in the world for our wounded boys. If we do not give it to them, contempt will be too good a word for what we should deserve.

## Coleman Declares Arab Problems Menace Peace

### Former War Writer Gives Fine Talk on Situation in East

An address by Arch Coleman, Jr., former representative of the Saturday Evening Post in the East, and the presentation of a check in the amount of \$340 from the Underprivileged Children Committee of the Kiwanis Club, for the Kiwanis baby bed at the Moore County Hospital featured Wednesday's meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, which was held at the Holly Inn, Pinehurst.

We quote from Mr. Coleman's address: "Most Americans regard the vague territory known as the Middle East as a remote, rather legendary land of nomads and desert, religions and sun, in which our people can not or should not have any particular interest. It is assumed that it is not our sphere of influence, perhaps rightly so, and that its remote location, its backward people, and its very tenuous contact with the western world segregate it from our lives and certainly from our thoughts. But I often wonder.

"First of all, our opinions about the Middle East are based on faulty information. It is full of thriving cities and busy with agriculture, and the roots of the world's best wisdom and philosophies are there. Certainly the peoples of that area have an interest in us. They look upon America as a promise for the future, and hope that this great nation may be well-

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## Bank of Pinehurst Governing Board Challenges Cullom

### Directors Elect Currie, Burney vice-presidents For Coming Year

The struggle for control of the Bank of Pinehurst continues.

On Tuesday, the board of directors met and elected two new vice presidents, Wilbur Currie of Carthage and A. L. Burney of Southern Pines and Aberdeen. Following the election, a discussion was held revolving about the recent actions of F. Shelby Cullom in endeavoring to purchase a majority of shares of the common stock of the bank. Mr. Cullom was not present.

President Tufts reviewed the situation and after some discussion it was decided that a letter should be written to the stockholders, offering to buy all stock at \$14.50 per share, the same price as that set by Mr. Cullom. The directors' offer, however, is to be clear-cut, with no reservations or conditions attached. Several stockholders in Pinehurst, who are cooperating with the board of directors, concurred in the plan.

Meanwhile it was learned that Mr. Cullom had written another letter, this time to the holders of preferred stock, offering to purchase their shares at \$20.00 a share.

It is not known what has resulted from the first letter or how many have accepted the offer (Continued on Page 4)

## Car Stealing Gets Alex Dowdy Where Escape Isn't Easy

Alex Dowdy, teen-age Carthage Negro who has been sentenced to Morrison Training School on various occasions and who, according to Sheriff McDonald, "escapes every time almost before he gets there," will probably find it somewhat more difficult to leave the State Prison, to which he was sentenced by Judge H. Hoyle Sink in Moore County Superior Court this week.

Alex, who was charged with the larceny of a car belonging to R. C. Dalrymple, a truck of John Baker's and a car which Julian Frye of West End had left parked in Carthage, entered a plea of guilty in each case. In the first, he was given from 18 months to ten years in State Prison, and prayer for judgement was continued in the other two cases.

For robbing James Clark of \$40, Herman Clark was sentenced to nine and one-half to ten years in State Prison.

Joe D. Wilcox, found guilty of assaulting James Katsos with a rock, had prayer for judgement (Continued on Page 4)

## Mrs. Burt Injured Breaks Arm in Fall

Mrs. Struthers Burt has broken her arm and is at the Moore County Hospital for several days.

Mrs. Burt, whose literary signature is Katharine Newlin Burt, joined Mrs. Ernest Ives on Wednesday for a trip into the back-ped of the county with Miss Flora McDonald of Carthage. Interested in the possibility of reviving the home crafts so much a part of country life hereabouts in the past, Mrs. Ives has made several "exploring" trips with Miss McDonald and others who are familiar with the history of the county.

This particular excursion was beyond Carthage to see a noted weaver of homespun. While on the way home, Miss McDonald stopped at several old houses of interest. At one, the porch floor was in bad repair and Mrs. Burt, stepping on a rotten board, fell through, wrenching her arm badly. Though in severe pain, Mrs. Burt, after resting for a few minutes, insisted on continuing the trip. Stopping at Dr. Mudgett's (Continued on Page 5)

## INJURED IN FALL

John McLeod, 91, prominent resident of the Eureka section, sustained a broken hip when he slipped and fell near his barn a day last week. He is in the Moore County Hospital and is reported to be getting along as well as could be expected.

## C-47 Transport Plane Crashes in Take-Off at Knollwood Field, Wednesday Afternoon, Killing 4

### GOOD WORK

The Telephone Company did a super speed job in repairing wires torn down by the crash at Knollwood Field on Wednesday. Linesmen were on the spot within minutes. Tearing down the tangled wires, they removed all debris and then laid a temporary wire system along the edge of the road. Service was restored within an hour and a half.

These days of short tempers and jangled nerves some of us are apt to fly off the handle if we get the busy signal when we are calling Long Distance or the Laundry when we want Struthers Burt. Our telephone company, understaffed and over-worked, has actually done as fine a piece of war maintenance during these last years as any E-flying war plane. Here's one time when the worst kicker is bound to agree and join in congratulations on a fine job.

### Local and County Fire Depts. Called to Extinguish Fire

Tragedy struck swiftly at Knollwood Airport yesterday, snuffing out the lives of four U. S. airmen.

A C47 transport plane, on a practice flight, landed at the field. As far as can be learned, no trouble had been experienced thus far and the plane appeared to be functioning normally. When ready to resume flight the transport nosed out into the north-west runway and started up the field. Ahead stretched the long runway, clearly defined; the wind was negligible. As the plane's wheels started to lift observers saw it veer sharply off the line of flight. Still far too low for safety, it swung to the left, heading toward the side of the field beyond the barracks buildings. As it reached the Carthage road, it was still less than fifty feet off the ground. With a ripping sound the plane struck the main telephone lines along the road. One wing hooked into the wires, bringing wires and pole crashing. It dove on into the woods shearing off several trees, and finally, nosing over, struck the ground with a shattering thud.

The fire-truck and field ambulances of Knollwood reached the spot within seconds, but there was little they could do. Of the four men in the plane three were dead. The fourth, still breathing, was placed in the ambulance but died soon after reaching the Moore County Hospital.

Names of the dead airmen were: 1st Lt. Robert L. Hughes, Denver, Col., 2nd Lt. William E. Essexville, Mich., Sgt. Richard F. Whann, Manoa, Penna., Cpl. Jack A. Trussell, Ranson, W. Va. The (Continued on Page 4)

## County Doing Well In War Loan Drive, Reports Chairman

### Pinebluff Ahead In E Bond Sale; Quota Is Almost Filled

County Chairman Eugene C. Stevens reports excellent progress in Moore County's Mighty 7th War Loan Drive. Latest county figures available are \$130,374.25 for general sales, with \$82,301.25 of this representing Series E.

Over all total of sales in Southern Pines is \$98,725.00 which includes \$50,062.50 for series E. The chairman pointed out that the Southern Pines figures actually over-emphasize the town's part in the drive. The county figures experience a week's lag in their transit through Richmond where each town's returns are compiled into the entire county's amount. The local committee, compiling Southern Pines totals from day to day, is able to give an up-to-the-minute picture of the bond sale situation. For the benefit of those interested, these figures are posted in the window of Chairman Stevens' office, daily. The local sales have reached, to date, fifty percent in the E series and sixty percent of the over-all quota.

It is worthy of note that one branch of the county has almost bought its quota of series E bonds. This is Pinebluff whose chairman, Mrs. Edwards, reported \$1931.25 sold in a quota of \$1985.00.

## SWINGING BLADE CUTS BABY'S EYE

Running up behind his mother who was cutting weeds with a swinging blade, Carey Thomas, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas of Asheboro, sustained a serious eye injury last week. Apparently the corner of the blade struck the child, as he was not cut except in one eye. He was rushed to a hospital in Greensboro.

Melvin Thomas of Cameron, Henry's grandfather, and members of the family went to the home to learn more about the accident Saturday and were told that the child had lost the sight of the injured eye, but it was hoped that the eyeball could be saved.

## Rotary Club Hears School Leaders In Interesting Talks

### Young People Review School Activities Offer Suggestions

by June Phillips

At Friday's Rotary luncheon at the USO club, Harry Lee Brown, program chairman, introduced a group of students from the High School who made brief talks on the activities of the various High School organizations.

Jane McCain, incoming president of the student council, outlined some of its objectives and accomplishments. The council, Miss McCain said was a cooperative organization acting as a medium between the faculty and students to express as nearly as possible the opinions and wishes of the students, and offer suggestions for improvements. The council has five officers from the high school, five representatives elected from the high school by the grades, and a faculty advisor elected by the council. The objectives of the council are to raise standards of honor, to promote worthy activities, to establish and maintain cooperation in disciplinary problems, to achieve higher scholastic standards, and to promote the general welfare of the school.

Among other activities, Miss McCain said the council has sponsored a series of educational programs including a marionette show, scenes from famous plays, a movie on wildlife, a magician, and a demonstration on electricity. At Christmas time the council carried on a clothes drive for (Continued on Page 4)

## Local Men's Club Is Reorganized

A reorganization meeting of the Southern Pines Men's Club, which had been inactive since our country entered the war, was held on May 21, and officers were elected. Dr. G. G. Herr and Eugene Woodard were reelected as president and secretary, respectively; Chan Page was elected as vice president, and John S. Ruggles, treasurer. Trustees elected were Paul Jernigan, A. S. Newcomb and Walter Ives.

Ed Starnes, Charles Gray and Morris Johnson were named on the finance committee, and Paul Jernigan, Eugene Stevens and Sam Richardson comprise the membership committee.

The Men's Club was organized about twenty years ago by Mr. Mills and it took over the roque courts of the Roque Club, which had been organized some ten years earlier and which at that time was inactive. Extending the hospitality of its club house and the use of its courts to visitors from the North, the Men's Club has played an important part in the entertainment of seasonal visitors as well as meaning much to the members.