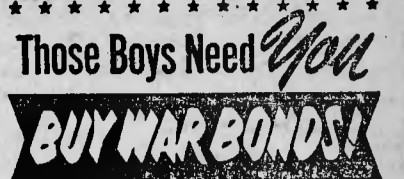




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TEN CENTS

Directors Meet At Moore Co. Hospital To Draw Up Plans Engage Consultant To Study Needs For Future Development

At a meeting Tuesday evening the Directors of the Moore County Hospital announced that they have invited Mr. Oliver G. Pratt, administrative head of the Salem Hospital, Salem, Massachusetts, to visit the Moore County Hospital and to make a study of the work and needs here, as a guide in the planning of future development. Mr. Pratt is well known as a consultant on hospital problems; he will devote special attention to the demands for increased accommodations at the Moore County institution, and to the best way of satisfying that demand.

Mr. Pratt will come to the Sandhills on June 16, and will remain for about ten days. He will confer with Administrator E. T. McKeithen, with the directors of the staff, with the Directors, with County officials, and with many interested citizens. The Board has appointed a planning committee charged with determining proper steps in the future development of the Hospital, and Mr. Pratt will work also with that group. The planning committee is headed by George H. Maurice, of Eagle Springs; it includes Mrs. James Boyd and A. S. Newcomb of Southern Pines; Mrs. Paul Dana and Richard S. Tufts, of Pinehurst; Frank Shamburger, of Aberdeen; M. C. McDonald, Jr., of West End; and E. T. McKeithen.

At their meeting the Directors formally accepted the gift of a station wagon made to the Hospital by the Pinehurst Civilian Defense Council. A resolution was adopted expressing deep appreciation of the action by the Council, which Francis T. Keating heads as chairman, and Col. George P. Hawes, Jr., has served as Commander. The Board also expressed grateful thanks to Major and Mrs. Verner S. Reed, Jr., original donors of the vehicle, who approved its presentation to the Hospital now that Civilian Defense demands have decreased. The car will be used by the Hospital in the general transportation of personnel and supplies.

General Returns To Pinehurst Home

Major General Ira T. Wyche is spending a short leave with Mrs. Wyche in Pinehurst.

General Wyche, who commanded the 79th Infantry Division, arrived in the United States with General Courtney Hodges. He was met in Atlanta by his daughter, Miss Betsy Wyche, a recreation worker with the Red Cross and they flew back to gether to Pinehurst.

General Wyche's division took part in the siege of Cherbourg and the entire European campaign. He himself figured prominently in the news when Time and other publications carried a photograph of the assault boat which took Churchill across the Rhine. General Wyche is shown seated directly in front of Churchill and next to Montgomery.

The 79th, one of our leading divisions in the last war, has as its shoulder emblem the Cross of Lorraine, commemorating the division's part in the great battles of Lorraine in 1917.

Mrs. Welch Snaps Fingers at Snap Bean Claims

While agricultural agents are claiming "first snap beans" in various counties of the state, some of them neighbors of Moore, Mrs. D. J. Welch of Southern Pines proudly reports: "first snap beans picked and in the can."

Mrs. Welch's joy and pride is her victory garden; it may well be that she puts it ahead of her shop. She takes entire care of it, working it over weekends and after shop-hours. Last week, this busy gardener picked her first crop of beans, a bountiful harvest, which when processed and canned, filled ten quart jars full to the brim.

Congratulations G a r d e n e r Welch!

POSSUM APPEAL

Editor, The Pilot
Dear Sir:

Edward Possum's story about my refuge for small animals seems to have been received in some quarters with raised eyebrows and the smile of pity. "Poor fellow, he has certainly gone nuts." To bring these fishy eyed skeptics back onto an even keel and to confirm the truth of Ed's story I submit the following. Believe it or not, it's true.

Monday night, to be exact, as I entered my bathroom in the dark, my bare foot touched something soft and furry. Switching on the light whom should I see but one of Ed's young sons. My guest room not being available I put him up in a closet for the night. When I opened the closet door in the morning there was Ed Jr. comfortably curled up in a shoe his little black shoe-button eyes making him look like part of the shoe. Eddie seemed to like his shoe which was a perfect fit and didn't want to leave when I turned him loose in the yard.

So, you see, the people for whom the refuge is meant believe in it. And that's that to you, Pilot Reporter!

A. B. Yeomans

Grateful Russians Thank Americans For Their Freedom

Liberated Peoples Gaily Celebrate With Song & Dance

In the adjoining column is printed a proclamation issued to American soldiers by the Russians who have recently been liberated from the slave-worker camps of Germany.

Many interesting stories of these "displaced persons", as they are called, are being told by our returning servicemen, or in letters to their families. One describes in detail the great camps, situated in different parts of Germany. Here these people, men, women and children of all nationalities, are being assembled, to stay until the transportation situation straightens out enough to get them home.

A visitor finds the camps well run and everybody pretty cheerful. The lost children have been adopted by families or by parents who have lost their own brood. One touching tale concerns a little girl who had been deported from Poland at the age of thirteen to work in the coal mines. She is now seventeen. She has lost all track of her family or home. Two younger children, a brother and a sister, were in a similar fix and the older girl had assumed entire care of them for the past two years. The three are inseparable.

Shows are the order of the evening in the camps, for most of these nationalities are colorful people with much natural talent. The Italians go in for classical music and one hears singing by trained operatic stars, or sweet neapolitan folk-songs. The Poles and Russians put on dramatic sketches, with much dancing and singing. It is amazing to witness the vigor and dash with which men and women, still emaciated by near starvation and misery, hurl themselves into the national dances, whirling, squatting and kicking in wildest gayer. One American told of meeting a regiment of Russians who had raided an accordion factory. Every last man had an accordion. In an indescribable din, they were marching and singing their way back to Russia.

An American visitor to the camps is surrounded by eager questioners, all wanting to know what America is like and all, apparently, planning to see for themselves as soon as possible. Americans are tremendously popular, especially with the Russians and Poles. One visitor enjoyed the same distinction accorded to General Simpson, as shown in a recent Newsweek photograph. He was tossed into the air four times and caught on outstretched arms. Each time he went up he bowed and waved to the assembled multitude, eliciting rounds of applause.

The trek back to their home (Continued on Page 8)

Drivers Are Freed in 2 Manslaughter Cases in Moore

Many Cases Are Up For Trial Before Judge H. Hoyle Sink

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F. A. Broome, driver of a Queen City passenger bus, which collided with an automobile driven by David Julius Hobbs of Aberdeen south of Cameron on Highway 1 July 17, 1943, killing one soldier and injuring three other persons, was found not guilty.

G. E. Gibbs, principal of the school at Murfreesboro, driver of an automobile which struck 13-year-old Louise Morgan, a pupil of the Carthage school, on January 1 of this year, killing her instantly, was the defendant in the other case. The Court, upon its own motion, directed that the solicitor take a nol pros with leave, and Gibbs and his bondsmen were discharged. At a corner's inquest held following the accident, Gibbs was exonerated, the evidence being that the girl, after getting out of a school bus stopped off the highway, started across the road to a mail box and ran from behind a bus directly in front of the defendant's car.

Thomas Watson, young Negro man charged with the murder of 18-year-old Clinton Matthews, colored, who was stabbed in the chest last fall while the two were suffling at the Smothers and Hobgood tobacco warehouse in Carthage, where they were employed, pleaded guilty of manslaughter. He was given from five to seven years in State Prison, to be assigned to such labor as is provided for young prisoners.

Other Cases
Arthur Frye, a defendant in three separate cases, pleaded guilty of breaking and entering the storage room of the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, and was sentenced to serve three years in jail, to be assigned to such labor as he is found physically able to perform. In the other two cases prayer for judgment was continued for three years.

A mistrial was ordered in the case of Evelyn Garner, 16, of upper Moore, charged with breaking and entering, and she was required to give an appearance bond in the amount of \$600.

Other judgments included: (Continued on Page 5)

West End School Commencement

Graduation exercises were held at the West End High School auditorium on Tuesday night, and forty-two diplomas awarded to the graduating class by Principal J. F. Sinclair.

Robert F. Mosely, of Greensboro, made the commencement address. Mr. Mosely stressed the opportunities stretching before the young people as they took their places beside their elders in the world.

The valedictory was given by William Clark and the salutatory address by Marie Tomlinson. The baccalaureate sermon was preached on Sunday by the Rev. Thompson E. Davis of Southern Pines.

Thanks From The Russian Workers in Germany To The Soldiers of the American Armies

We, the Russian Workers in Germany, wish to avail ourselves of this opportunity to extend our thanks to those who are responsible for our Liberation and at this moment, for our general well-being. We wish to express our sympathy and extend condolence on the recent passing of President Roosevelt, the person that is ultimately responsible for our being free this very moment. It is our belief that the loss of this great leader and statesman can never be fully replaced, but it is our fervent prayer that President Truman will carry on the great work so

In Canadian Army



BEN L. BOWDEN

Ben L. Bowden, well known in the Sandhills, has been serving with the Canadian army since the outbreak of the war and is now stationed in England. While in the Sandhills Ben engaged in newspaper work, being assistant editor of The Pilot and of The Pinehurst Press and Pinehurst Outlook. He is the son of C. H. Bowden of Philadelphia, Pa., who recently spent several weeks in Southern Pines.

Pinehurst Seniors Graduating June 1

Class Day Exercises at the Pinehurst High School took place Wednesday night, May 30, at eight thirty. Before an interested audience, assembled in the school auditorium, the Senior Class joined in presenting the traditional features which are, in effect, a summing-up of the year's achievements, under the guidance of the class advisor, Miss Ida M. George.

The Class Prophecy was delivered by Dorothy Cheney, editor of "Tumbleweed", the class annual, and a leader of the student council. The Class History was interestingly described by Frances Shaw, also a member of the council. Dorothy Westcott, Class Poet, read her graduation poem and the Class Testator, Richard Smith delivered, in legal tones, the Class Will to the Junior Class. Richard Smith is also acting president, in the place of the elected president, William McCaskill, now serving in the Navy in the South Pacific.

To close the program, the seniors presented a pageant: "Seniors at the Bar."

Graduation exercises are on Friday, June 1, at eight thirty. The girls' glee club, numbering over sixty, will sing "The Land of Hope and Glory." The speaker will be the Rev. W. A. Pate, of Jonesboro. Gladys Garrison will give the valedictory oration and Dorothy Westcott the salutatory. The chairman of the School Board, J. F. Taylor, besides awarding the diplomas, will announce the winners of the Science Award, the Tufts Loyalty Medal, and two scholarships.

COMMITTEE MEMBER

John S. Ruggles of Southern Pines has been appointed by Ernest F. Young, president of the N. C. Association of Insurance Agents, Inc., as a member of the important Public Relations Committee of the Association, which is quite an honor considering the number of insurance men in the organization. R. L. Price of Charlotte, who is chairman of this committee, is also National State Director of the NCAIA.

IN HOSPITAL

Miss Maida Jenkins of Carthage underwent an operation at Moore County Hospital Monday afternoon and is getting along well.

Stick Cracks, Dog Barks, No Rest For the Weary

Tall Prowler Chased Through The Night By Barefoot Chief

The Law awoke suddenly Tuesday night. The moon shone brightly outside the window; all was still. He was just going to turn over and go off again, when a stick cracked back of the house. GRRROW! went the Law's faithful dog. That was a sure-fire signal of trouble and the Law jumped. He grabbed his gun and stepped out the door, just in time to see a tall thin figure duck behind a tree. As he started down the steps the figure ran and the Law ran too. Out into the moonlight they footed it and as the man went under the street light he was clearly visible. Tall, unusually narrow-shouldered, dressed in a bright blue shirt and dark pants. And he could run. The Law made after him and then he hit the tarred road, hit it with both bare feet. And stopped. Right there.

He crept back to the house got into his clothes and tenderly drew on his shoes. Then he limped out to his car and took up the trail. The man had not run far and seeing him break off the road, the Law noted the spot and next morning went back to look for prints. They led down and across and finally into the woods on the far side of the golf-course.

Inquiring into the matter, it appeared that a man had been picked up wandering about in Aberdeen the day before. He had been tall, high-shouldered, thin, his shirt bright blue. He said he had been one of a carnival troop, but nobody had heard of such a thing in these parts. He was kind of wandering in his wits, the Aberdeen Law said, and he had been peacefully if forcibly escorted out of town.

"Get a good many such," the Law said. "Not crazy enough to be locked up and too crazy to be loose, for their own good, and sometimes for other people's. This one'll be picked up again, all across the country likely. He'll be moved on, from place to place. He shook his head. "Funny thing", he said. "What you reckon he was up to, running around back of my place?" He moved his feet carefully on the floor and sighed. "Going out without my shoes!" he said. "Guess, at that, there was more than one without wits runnin' around in the moonlight."

Rotary Club Hears Interesting Talk on County Finance

At Friday's Rotary luncheon at the U. S. O. Club, Harry Lee Brown, program chairman, introduced Gordon M. Cameron, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Cameron gave a very interesting talk on the income and expenditures of the county.

Bob Gray of Sanford was a visiting Rotarian and George C. Moore was a guest of Virgil Johnson. George Hodgkins was presented to the club by President Tucker Humphries as Junior Rotarian.

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LOOK!

LOOK... in Mrs. McCain's Garage BEFORE YOU LEAP... Into Print

While standing in Johnson's store, two ripe tomatoes in one hand and a bunch of carrots in the other, the Pilot Reporter was indignantly accosted, Saturday, by the chairman of the Paper Salvage Committee.

"What's the matter with you?" asked the irate chairman, or polite southern-gentlemanly words to that effect. "The paper salvaging is going strong and has been right along."

"Is it?" said the Pilot reporter, "then why don't people know about it?"

"Maybe because you don't tell 'em. You're the one that's supposed to tell things."

"We can't tell it if nobody tells it to us. You getting all the paper there is to get?"

"Afraid not. Not nearly all of it."

"What can we do... besides stop saying there isn't any paper salvaging going on?"

"Just say there is. Scouts collect it or folks can carry their own. Tell 'em to take it to Mrs. McCain's garage back of Claude Hayes' store. And let's see how much good it does to advertise something in The Pilot!"

The Pilot Reporter announces with some pride that she did not throw the two ripe tomatoes and the bunch of carrots at the chairman but... now... Pilot Readers, please... let's get that paper coming in!

Rev. Davis Speaks To Kiwanis Club

The Rev. Thompson Davis, pastor of the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, in an address Wednesday, to the Sandhill Kiwanis Club, at the Holly Inn, Pinehurst, stated he wished that future Memorial Days could bring a permanent peace. He pointed out this nation had spent Two Hundred Seventy-five billion dollars in defeating Germany, while on the other hand we had not spent the cost of one battleship in teaching the Japanese christianity.

In conclusion he declared: "There is little hope of a permanent peace until men realize that peace is more profitable than war."

The speaker was introduced by E. C. Stevens, of the Program Committee.

Among distinguished guests attending the luncheon were Maj. General Ira Wyche, of the Fighting 79th Division of General Hodges First Army, and Lt. Ed. Horne of the United States Navy.

Bobbie Garrison Is Fatally Hurt When Motorcycle Skids

Bobbie Garrison, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Garrison of West End Route 1, was fatally injured Friday afternoon when the motorcycle which he was riding struck a soft spot in the road and skidded, throwing him off. Bobbie got back on the motorcycle and rode home, but was carried to the Moore County Hospital, where it was found that he had a fractured skull and a ruptured blood vessel.

Saturday night he was transferred to Fort Bragg to be placed in an iron lung, but he passed away Sunday. Funeral services were held Tuesday.

Bobbie, who was a popular student of Pinehurst High School, is survived by his parents; four brothers, three of whom are serving overseas, and three sisters.

THOSE GREMLINS!

The \$340 referred to in last week's Kiwanis article was presented by John Way, a member of the club and son of Judge W. A. Way, owner of Carolina Orchid Growers, Inc., to the Underprivileged Children Committee of the club for the support of the Kiwanis Baby Bed at the Moore County Hospital. The sum represents admissions to the orchid greenhouses. The Pilot regrets that this was not made clear in last week's article. THOSE GREMLINS!

Seventh War Loan Rolls Forward in Entire County

Pinebluff Still Ahead But Full Report Not Yet In

The third week of the Seventh War Loan finds the county drive forging ahead.

County returns, which are a week late, due to having to go through the Richmond office, show one hundred ninety-four thousand, nine hundred and fifty dollars worth of bonds bought, of which all but ninety thousand and some are E. bonds.

Reports from the various towns are not all available; however, of those reporting Pinebluff is still ahead. Their E. bond quota is passed, as the entire amount of bonds raised has been in E. bonds. To date Pinebluff has \$2868.75 to its credit, out of a quota of \$3,055.00. Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Carpenter being responsible for this fine showing.

The Southern Pines Committee reports overall sales of \$188,831.25 and E. bond sale: \$64,268.75, representing about 60 percent of the E. bond quota. E. C. Stevens announces the decision of the committee to concentrate on E. bond sales from now on, with special emphasis on small sales.

"We are delighted, of course, to have made the large sales to individual buyers which have helped the town to make its overall record, but the thing that will beat inflation is to get the bonds more widely spread. We would even prefer to sell less if they could get into more people's hands. . . The efforts of the next four weeks will be concentrated on selling E. bonds."

Col. Hawes, chairman in Pinehurst, reports an overall sale of \$72,000.00 of which \$40,000.00 is in E. bonds. Pinehurst's quota is \$140,000.00.

Admiral's Letter Received by Pages

Henry Page III, Lieutenant U. S. Naval Reserve, whose death was reported last week, was killed on May 4th. The fatality occurred during an attack on his ship by a Jap suicide plane.

These details are all that is known to date, by the family. They have, however, received a letter from the admiral who was Lt. Page's commanding officer and with whom he had served during almost the whole of his naval career, since before D-Day.

In accordance to the Pilot's request for permission to print the letter, Lt. Page's father said he did so wishing all of his son's friends to share with the family any pride or comfort which the letter might bring.

The letter, received May 23rd, follows.

Commander Cruiser Division
Thirteen
c/o Fleet P. O.
San Francisco, Calif.
May 15, 1945

My dear Mrs. Page:

When Henry died I lost not only one of the best officers I have seen in this war, but one of the most beautiful characters I have ever seen. Strangely I was not surprised that he should go as I have long thought that he was too fine and sensitive a character for this world.

Often I have wondered what would happen to him and whether he would be too often hurt by people who failed to be what he expected them to be.

This is poor consolation for the Mother who gave him much of his character and who must have held such high hopes for his future in this world. But it must be some consolation to know that he was loved and respected by officers and men; that he left a record of service which few can equal; that his courage, both moral and physical, and the nobility of his character were and will remain an inspiration to all who knew him.

Someday I hope I may meet you and discuss this young man who has graduated from a lesser world.

Meanwhile I want you to know that we talk of him every day and he is very much alive in our hearts.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Morton Deyo