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TEN CENTS

## Sgt. Robert Henderson Is Back Again After Service In South Pacific

Shows Photos Of Tour Of Duty With U. S. Signal Corps

Staff Sergeant Robert Henderson of the Signal Corps is in town after many months away.

Bob Henderson, who is the loved nephew of Mrs. Jayme, has been in the service for what he calls "a right long time." Enlisting right at the start in the Signal Corps, he spent the first thirteen months at a camp near Washington, D. C. From there he was transferred to Florida for further training in radar, and from there to Pendleton Field, Oregon. Joining up with the Air Corps, the unit moved on to Great Falls, Montana, and from thence to Camp Stone, California, the jumping off place. The next name on Bob's travelogue is Camp Dooman, Australia.

Bob's service has been exclusively in the Pacific area. From Australia, to New Guinea, to Netherland East Indies, to Leyte in the Philippines, an island-hopping progress with many long and hard pauses in between.

Bob shows his interesting pictures of it all with little comment. The visitor is left to make his own deductions from the photos of close-packed jungle-covered hills, thatched huts on stilts in the water, natives with tom-toms and necklaces and bushy hair and not much else standing solemn and severe in a semi-circle before a G. I. and his 50Mm.

There is an unforgettable shot of a little reed-sided chapel the boys built themselves, airy, delicately beautiful; the reteros behind the altar is a white silk parachute against which the little black wooden cross stands, a simple statement of fact and faith. The first picture of the beach at Leyte shows a sign post with fourteen names on it: Reno, Tulsa, Wichita, New York, Hartford, Richmond and so on; each has the distance on it and seven thousand and some miles is the least. "The boys that got there first put their towns on it," Bob said, adding wistfully, "I guess there wouldn't have been room for any more."

In February, Bob had an attack of dengue fever. He was put in hospital and, a few months later, shipped out for the States. He landed in San Francisco on May 16, spent a few days there and then was sent on east to Moore General Hospital in Swannanoa, near Asheville. He is now home on furlough to stay till he is well enough to go back on limited service.

"I haven't quite enough points to get out," he said. "Only seventy; because we didn't rate any combat stars. We were close to action, of course, a good part of the time. But one thing that saved us was the way the Japs fell for our fake air-strips. We had two all fixed up a few miles from ours: there were fake hangers on them, and dummy planes. And they sure took a pasting: the Japs would come over time and again and bomb those fields. They only came our way once. That was when they tried to take those other air-strips with paratroops. They dropped three men on our field, then, to cut the phone wires. They didn't last long. And the main lot, two or three hundred, dropped on the other fields and 'took' them. And all they found was dummy planes and such. We

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## Three Principals Of Schools Resign

Three principals of Moore County Schools have resigned, according to information given out by County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas Tuesday.

M. A. McLeod principal at Cameron for the past year, sent in his resignation Monday, to accept the principalship of the Sanford High School and the St. Clair Elementary School in Sanford.

T. Roy Phillips, of the Westmore School, is to be principal of the Candor Consolidated School District, which has nineteen teachers.

Miss Alberta Monroe, who has successfully headed the Vass-Lakeview Schools for the past two years, has resigned, but has not announced her plans for the coming year.

## BACK FROM PACIFIC



SGT. ROBERT HENDERSON

## July Fourth Will Be Celebrated By People at Carthage

Program Features Horse Show, Bond Auction and Dance

"Carthage is planning a big time on the Fourth of July. With half of the enemy beaten, Moore County people feel they have a right to celebrate this year. And with a long hard fight still ahead, they know it is a good idea to get together on the day that stands for all that is fine and brave in America's history, to feel the strength that comes from a great past and from the friendliness of folks at home."

These words were spoken by a leading citizen of the county, as he went on to describe the celebration that is planned. The Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the program of entertainment, for the fifth consecutive year. The morning will be given over to the children and young folks. There will be races, contests of various sorts, watermelon fights, a prize for the fastest pie-eater. There will be a military band from Ft. Bragg, secured through the courtesy of Col. London C. Rosser, executive officer of the post and well-known in Moore county.

In the afternoon there will be a horse show, judged by Sidney Allen of Greensboro, well-known in equestrian circles. Twelve events are featured on the program, including classes for saddle hacks and hunters. The show will start at three o'clock.

At the intermission an auction of war bonds will be held and the presentation of an army command car.

At some time during the day a moment of solemnity will mark the proceedings as the Junior Chamber of Commerce pauses in reverent honor to their fallen comrades, two of their number lost in this war, and the other war dead of Moore county.

The close of the day will find the festivities centering at the High School where Jimmy Fuller's orchestra will play for a dance.

## Gen. Wyche Goes To Head 8th Corps

Genreal Ira T. Wyche, who spent several weeks visiting his family in Pinehurst, has returned to Germany. General Wyche, who led the 79th Infantry Division in its great advance across France, has been put in command of the 8th Army Corps, Army of Occupation. At the time of his transfer the 8th Corps was in the Sudetenland of Czechoslovakia.

## Lt. Col. Goodale

Lt. Col. Douglas T. Goodale, who was killed in a plane crash on June 10th, was a former resident of Southern Pines. Col. Goodale, Director of Supply and Maintenance at Pope Field, was en route to the christening of his grandson when the accident occurred. A sudden violent wind-storm has been given as the probable cause of the crash.

## Important Meeting On Aberdeen Bank Question Is Held

Gurney Hood, Citizens and Directors Discuss Problem

At a meeting called by some of the signers of the recent petition to the State Banking Commission, leaders in the movement for a change of banking facilities in Aberdeen met with the State Commissioner of Banks, Mr. Gurney P. Hood. A delegation from Aberdeen had offered to go to Raleigh on this mission, but Mr. Hood, stating his great interest in the matter, expressed a desire to come to Aberdeen himself, there to meet with all concerned.

Among those meeting with Mr. Hood in the U. S. O. Building, on Wednesday afternoon of this week, were: Leon Seymour, J. Talbot Johnson, J. D. Arey, J. D. Hobbs, J. B. Edwards, Aubrey Smith, T. S. Melvin, H. Clifton Blue, E. O. Freeman, Dr. A. H. McLeod, D. P. Troutman. While leading members of those who signed the petition, these men were not delegated to act, the purpose of the meeting with Mr. Hood being for discussion and the formulation of plans.

The meeting was long and detailed, with Mr. Hood promising the help and full cooperation of the State authorities in helping the people of Aberdeen to secure the best answer to their problem. He pledged his word that the situation would be improved, offering several means of accomplishing that end.

The directors of the Bank of Pinehurst, who had previously expressed a desire to meet with the signers of the petition, were approached, toward the close of the meeting, to see if they would care to join in the discussion. In reply to a telephone call to the president, Richard Tufts, three members of the bank's board of directors, Messrs. Tufts, Taylor, and Burney, went to Aberdeen. The outcome of their presence was a definite pledge from them that if the Bank of Pinehurst continued its Aberdeen branch they would be open to all suggestions for its improvement. Mr. Tufts repeated the reply that the Directors had sent in answer to the Aberdeen petitioners: that the Bank of Pinehurst refused to withdraw its branch from Aberdeen, believing its presence there in the best interests both of the bank and the community. Mr. Tufts emphasized that the Directors realized the justice in the complaints against the conduct of the bank and pledged improvement.

The meeting adjourned after making plans for a mass meeting to be held in Aberdeen Monday night, June 25. At this meeting, the signers of the petition are expected.

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## CORRECTION

The PILOT of June 8, carried a mistatement of colossal proportions. In listing the hours of Volunteer Nurse's Aides of the two winter classes, the record was taken from June 1 to 8th, and all the hours previous to that were left out.

Following is a corrected list of names and hours from date of graduation to the present, as obtained from the record of the Volunteer Special Services chairman.

Class of Feb. 27: Mrs. Flossie Blake, 32; Mrs. Adelaide Gaffney, 100; Mrs. Selma A. Greenbaum, 4; Mrs. Mary H. Johnson, 159 1-2; Mrs. Barbara McLaren, none; Mrs. Barbara C. Riley, 58 1-2; Mrs. Jessica L. Stevens, 16; Mrs. Marjorie Young, 4; Miss Barbara Young, 200.

Class of April 3: Mrs. Betsey Allport, 53 1-2; Mrs. Joanne W. Barrett, 46; Mrs. Marjorie Page Blackmore, 50; Miss Helen Cole, 47 1-2; Mrs. Mary Burney, 32; Miss Catherine C. Hennessee, 33; Mrs. Helen H. Johnson, 54; Mrs. Pauline Lewis, 12; Mrs. Emily Quinto, none; Miss Elizabeth A. Smith, 23; Mrs. Edith L. Peternick, 129.

The original error was entirely our fault. No one, not the Hospital, Miss Bair, the chairman, or the Red Cross, is in any way to blame.

Salaams to you, Aides, and apologies.

## Repeat Performance

(not on request)  
If the storm that struck the Sandhills Monday seemed like a bad dream, there was a reason. Just three hundred and sixty-four days ago its big brother hit Southern Pines, bringing similar wind and rain. But Brother packed a mightier wallop in a load of rattling hail that broke windows and shrubbery last year and caused great damage to the peaches in the vicinity. Both storms showed their silver linings in a welcome drop in temperature, causing streets to steam and householders to stand happily outside their doors, sniffing the cool air.

## Town Committee Gives Plans For Incinerator Plant

More Streets, Fire Protection, Sewage Disposal Are Urged

The full report of the meeting of the Town Board held last week lists six important improvements suggested by the Post-War Planning Board, to be considered by the Town Commissioners within the next two years.

First, was an incinerator of proper design and capacity to be constructed as soon as material is available. It is suggested that the incinerator plant grounds be planted and made as attractive as possible. The construction of a Town garage of sufficient size to house all of the Town's street equipment was recommended.

Second, the resurfacing of all hard surface streets in order to save the cracking and breaking-up of the base material which would mean considerable additional expense to the tax payers.

Third, the enlargement of the present sewerage disposal plant, originally built for a town of about 2,500 inhabitants.

Fourth, the building of a new sewerage outfall line of proper size to replace the old line of eight inch size which now is overloaded.

Fifth, the opening of at least two additional streets running North and South in West Southern Pines and the opening of Connecticut Avenue through West Southern Pines.

Sixth, the extension of six-inch water mains to cover sections of Town not having fire protection. The sections to be extended include Gaines Street in West Southern Pines, a distance of approximately 2,000 feet. This will give fire protection to at least three to four blocks East and West from Gaines Street, the main street running North and South in West Southern Pines. The extension of approximately 2,400 feet on Young's Road. The extension of approximately 3,000 feet on Indiana Avenue from East Broad Street to Morganton Road

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## Blue Stars Adorn Local General

Southern Pines residents, listening to Station W. B. I. G. last Thursday afternoon were pleasantly surprised to hear the name of a fellow citizen mentioned on the broadcast of Mrs. Karl Bishopric, State chairman of the Women's Division of the War Finance Committee. Mrs. Bishopric was describing the success of the organization known as the Blue Star Brigade in which Mrs. Overton holds the proud rank of Major General.

To attain this rank the candidate must have sold war bonds to a minimum of sixty people. Mrs. Overton has also been selling as a representative of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Drugists' War Bond Committee.

Treading hard upon Mrs. Overton's patriotic heels is Mrs. O. E. Hedges who received her general's commission a few days later. Mrs. George Moore is a captain and Mrs. Dante Montesanti a 1st lieutenant while Mesdames Knight, Joisted, Milliken and Forsythe are all 2nd lieutenants. Lt. Milliken is the chairman of the Blue Star Brigade's organization, while Capt. Moore heads Southern Pines' Women's Committee.

## Sgt. H. P. Edmonds Wins Air Medal With Oak Cluster

Decoration Pinned On by Mother at His Eureka Home

Staff Sgt. Hassell P. Edmonds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Edmonds, of Eureka was presented the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf cluster in an informal ceremony at his home this week.

The presentation was made by an officer from Pope Field of the First Troop Carrier Command who read the citation accompanying the awards. The sergeant's mother pinned the medal and cluster on his breast as his father looked on. Staff Sgt. Edmonds was a tail gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber of the Eighth U. S. Air Force based in England, when his plane was shot down over France. Hit at an altitude of 23,000 feet and realizing he had no oxygen, the sergeant bailed out for a free fall of 13,000 feet before pulling the ripcord of his parachute. As he neared the ground, German small arms fire was directed at him, one bullet hitting him in the leg and breaking it.

He landed in a field, and a short time later was found by Nazi Storm Troopers. He was taken to a hospital where his leg was set and later was sent to a prison camp. In the violent fighting before V-E day, the sergeant managed to make his way to British lines.

Sgt. Edmonds returned to the States in mid-May, and is spending his furlough with his mother and father, near Eureka.

## Rev. F. C. Brown Is Guest Speaker At Christ Church

The Rev. Craighill Brown was absent from his pulpit at Emmanuel Church last Sunday and his place was taken by the rector of St. Mary's School in Raleigh.

The reason for Mr. Brown's absence was an oft-repeated invitation, finally accepted last week, from his friend, the Rev. Felix Kloman, to come up to Philadelphia and take the service in Christ Church, one of the oldest places of worship in the country.

Founded in 1695 the present building was built in 1727. The members of the colonial congress met there for prayer after they had signed the Declaration of Independence, and its eight-belled carillon rang in unison with the Liberty Bell on July 4th, 1776. Ringing through those early desperate days at times of crisis, it has continued to sound down through the years its call to action or rejoicing.

Commenting on Mr. Brown's visit to Philadelphia, a member of his congregation said, "As Mr. Brown preached there and looked out over the multitude assembled, he must have thought back to the time when among those in the pews in front of him would have been sitting: Franklin and Washington, Lafayette, Adams, Jefferson, and many another of

## FIVE STAR FLAG

Among Moore County men who contribute so much to the war effort are the five Auman brothers, the sons of Mrs. Claude Auman and the late Mr. Auman of West End.

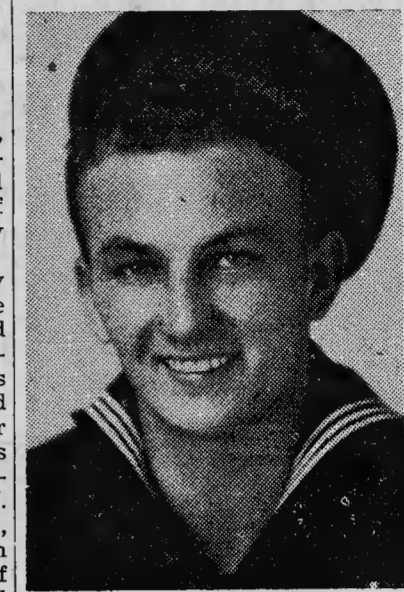
The family is represented in the Navy by Glenn Auman, first class petty officer, who is attached to the athletic training department at Camp Bradford in Norfolk, Virginia.

First Lt. Lloyd Auman, heading the list of Army brothers, commands a flight group at Spence Field, Georgia. Sgt. Earl Auman, radioman-gunner on a Flying Fortress, is in England with the Eighth Air Force. Cpl. Howard C. Auman serves with an Air Service Group somewhere in the Pacific and Cpl. Raymond C. Auman, with an engineer unit, is stationed in the Philippines.

All this adds up to an exceptionally fine record of which Moore County may well be proud. THE PILOT salutes that Five Star Mother and the wives at home.

## Southern Pines, Robbins, Pinebluff Lead County Towns in War Bond Sale

IN GUN CREW



HARRY PERKINS

"Buddy" Perkins is the son of Mrs. William H. Bailey of Southern Pines. He has spent the last twenty-two months on duty in the Pacific, serving as the pointer of a 40 mm. anti-aircraft gun crew. His ship took part in the actions of Tarawa, Pelelieu, Saipan, Tinian, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa as well as several minor engagements. After spending a thirty-day leave at home, he left last Tuesday to report for duty on the USS Maryland.

## Local Cameraman Snaps Big Shot

"Holy Ike!" says Pvt. Eppes, "This Hand Has Shook The General's!"

Kenneth Eppes blew into town Tuesday with a big smile on his face. Asked the cause of his happiness, Eppes held out his right hand.

"See that?" he said, "Shook hands with General Eisenhower yesterday!"

Eppes was in Washington, stopping over between trains to do a little sight-seeing. He was taking photographs, too, as he is an enthusiastic cameraman. Noticing crowds headed toward the Capitol he inquired and found that Washington was turning out to welcome General Ike, home from the wars.

"I'd got a lot of shots of buildings and things and I thought: might as well go along and maybe I could get one of the General."

Along he went and found himself escorted, as a service man, to a vantage point on the front steps of the Capitol. There, armed with flags and decorated with welcoming buttons and sweltering in the heat, they waited. Eppes claims he was the first to see the cars as they rounded the corner and swung into the driveway. Eisenhower's stopped a way off and the other side of the reviewing stand. Eppes groaned: he could see nothing. Then he saw some press pho-

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## Notre Dame Wins Penmanship Award In National Contest

The Elementary Department of Notre Dame Academy recently distinguished itself by winning first place in a nation-wide penmanship contest. Pupils from the First to the Eighth Grade participated—at least fifty percent of the pupils of each class had to submit specimens of their penmanship. The pupils showed great enthusiasm and no effort was spared in their attempt to win the coveted trophy.

Great was their joy when the announcement came from the Board of Examiners that Notre Dame Academy, Southern Pines, had won first place in the contest. Incidentally the second place was won by another school in the South, a fact which evoked commendation from the Board of Examiners for the increased interest in better penmanship shown by the Southern States.

Each pupil who participated in the contest received a beautiful certificate duly signed and sealed while the Academy received a fine trophy which will be not only an ornament to the school but also a constant reminder to the pupils of earnest effort crowned by success.

## Others Trail As Drive Draws To An End In Final Week

With the Mighty Seventh approaching its last week, Moore County has jumped forward in overall quota and promises to go over the top. This week's report shows 85 percent raised. The figure, \$516,657.00, being actually almost a week late, it is probable that the quota has already been reached.

Like many other places, however, E bonds are lagging far behind. \$206,440.00 is the county figure, making only 52 percent of the E bond quota raised.

Southern Pines is over the quota in overall figures with \$259,453.75 raised. Short only \$7,500.00 on its E bond quota, with \$103,895.05 worth of these bonds bought, the town should easily go over the top here as well. If so, Southern Pines will have subscribed to over a quarter of a million dollars worth of fighting power in the battle against Japan.

Robbins figures are not available but the chairman reports the town well ahead and the quota in plain sight. There is every expectation that it has already been passed.

Pinebluff is the only town to announce completion of both overall and E bond quotas, most of Pinebluff's sale being in the latter group. Final figure is \$3,393.25.

Pinehurst announces a sale of \$118,000.00 which is \$22,000.00 short of the quota mark, with E bonds at \$36,000.00.

Thursday's report for Aberdeen lists total sales of \$31,900.00 on a quota of \$85,540.

"As we swing into the final stages of this big war bond drive," said Chairman Stevens, "We can look forward with a clearer vision even than in the past, to what our money, through these bonds, is going to do. We know what it helped do to Germany and we know it can do the same to Japan. Buying bonds will bring closer the happy day to which we all look forward when those guns can be turned back into plough-shares and our boys back into the kids we know and love. It will be a happier reunion for us, then, if we can look back to these war years and know that we played our full part, as much as a civilian ever can, on the Home Front. We want our Moore County boys to come back to their folks at home, full of confidence in us and in themselves, and hope for the future. We want them to feel that we have never for one moment let them down. So it is good news for all of us that Moore County is doing its share to back the last greatest attack."

## Consultant Making Hospital Survey

A visitor at THE PILOT office this week was Oliver C. Pratt who comes to the Sandhills from his native town of Salem, Mass., to survey the health facilities of the hospital and the county and consult with the directors of the former about the proposed expansion of the service and plant.

The chief administrative officer of the Salem Hospital and widely known as an advisor upon hospital matters, Mr. Pratt looks at the hospital situation from a broad and wise viewpoint. A hospital, he feels, should be the leader in all health matters, educational as well as active in the surrounding community, playing a part in public health programs which must always tie in closely with any institution serving the public. As the Moore County Hospital grows in size and scope of work, several needs stand out as most pressing: notably, a training school, a complete maternity unit, clinic rooms. These and other matters will be brought up for discussion at a meeting to be held at the Nurses' Home on Friday evening, June 22.

During his stay in the County Mr. Pratt will make an effort to talk with as many people as possible regarding particular needs at our institution. He will be glad to receive suggestions from the general public, and may be reached either through the Hospital, or at the Holly Inn, Pinehurst.