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North Carolina Is Second In Excess Of War Bond Quota

Moore County Keeps Step and Southern Pines Does Fine Job

Reports from the nation put North Carolina in second place in percentage of excess over the quota allotted by the Treasury Department to the state for the sale of war bonds in the recent Mighty Seventh Drive. Reports from Moore County, not yet final, show that this section is playing its part. The overall quota of \$611,000 has been passed by ninety-three percent, \$1,180,032 having been raised. E-bond sales lag behind with 25 to 30 thousand still needed to make the quota.

Southern Pines is the only town whose final results have been turned in by the county chairman to date. It keeps step with the county, having exceeded its quota by twenty-two percent, thanks to the efforts of the town chairman, Paul Jernigan, and his crew of faithful workers, and in E-bond sales the town is far ahead.

Commenting on the town's fine record, Jernigan said: "As your Southern Pines Chairman it is extremely gratifying to publish our town's figures, and in this connection I wish to thank the Committee for their efforts in the greatest War Loan Drive in our history. But I might say that the work done by the men of Southern Pines was infinitesimal as compared with the extraordinary results obtained by the women of this community."

"We are proud of all citizens of the town of Southern Pines." Southern Pines' record as given by the chairman is: overall quota: \$171,080. Sales: \$379,067; E-bond quota \$111,160, sales: 126,508.

Dr. Blue Dies In Carthage Home

Death Comes Suddenly To One of County's Leading Physicians

Dr. Alex McNeill Blue, of Carthage, died suddenly at his home on Wednesday, July 11th. He had been in poor health for several months and in bed since Saturday, but his sudden death came as a great shock to his family and many friends.

One of the leading physicians of Carthage for about thirty years, Dr. Blue has taken a prominent part in the life of Moore County, and in its development from a health standpoint.

The son of Mrs. Evaline McNeill Blue and the late Dr. John Craven Blue, also a leader in medicine in Moore County, Dr. Blue was related to some of the oldest families of the Sandhills section. His grandfather, Col. A. H. McNeill, was clerk of the court in Carthage for thirty two years. His aunt, the sister of his mother, is Mrs. H. F. Seawell of Carthage. Another aunt, Miss Belle Blue, lives in Aberdeen.

Dr. Blue received his medical training at the University of North Carolina, graduating in 1911. He continued his studies at Tulane from which he graduated in 1919, returning there later for postgraduate work.

In 1926, he was married to Miss Lillie Beam of Statesville, who survives as do his mother and one sister, Miss Eula Blue.

Funeral services for Dr. Blue will be conducted by his pastor, the Rev. W. S. Golden of the Carthage Presbyterian Church, today, Friday, at the Blue home, and interment will be in the Presbyterian Cemetery.

Dr. Felton Returns

Dr. R. L. Felton, Carthage physician who entered the service early in the war and spent thirty-two months overseas, returned to the States and called his wife from New York last Saturday. He arrived in Fayetteville Sunday, where he was met by his wife and children.

PAPER SALVAGE

Get your paper bundled and out on the curb Wednesday, July 18, to be collected by the truck!

CONGRATULATIONS

to a little Sandhill Citizen who came into his own at the Moore County Hospital Monday morning. When his father, the big Sandhill Citizen, walked into the mass meeting at the Aberdeen High School Monday night, he was greeted by an envious-looking gathering with loud applause, and, thereafter, odd sentences could be heard punctuating the talk of banks and directors and going something like this: "one third of the stock... weighs eight and a half pounds... and the bank must be named... after his two grandfathers... the quarters are to be... at the Moore County Hospital... and the executive vice-president... is doing just fine, thank you!"

Sanford Company Opens Branch Here

A sign of the times is the opening in Southern Pines of a branch of Brown's Auto Supply Company of Sanford. This firm, which has several branch stores already in operation in different sections, is apparently convinced of the bright future which the Sandhills offers for business after the war and is starting early to get in on the ground floor. Recent purchasers of the Coffee Shop, which they have been remodeling during the past weeks, the firm announces the opening of the new store in Southern Pines on July 16th.

Mr. Frank Baber of the company, outlining their plans for the local store to a PILOT representative, stated that they would conform to their slogan: "Any part for any car" and to that end are installing an extensive stock, both wholesale and retail. They are also distributors for U. S. and Goodrich tires as well as a complete line of electrical appliances including R. C. and Philco radios.

Major George Burns, recently assigned to our forces in India had been sought as manager of the new store, but, his new duties precluding his acceptance of the position, a manager has not yet been given the post. The firm, in addition to the Sanford plant operates stores in Asheboro, Siler City and Durham.

Capt. Jackson Boyd Leaves Lejeune

Captain Jackson H. Boyd and Mrs. Boyd and their son, Alec, have returned to Southern Pines and will be here for a week when they plan to go to Hot Springs, Va., for a short stay.

Captain Boyd, who has been the commanding officer of the Marine War Dog Training School at Camp Lejeune since it was started in January, 1943, has been detached and will remain in the Marine Corps Reserve for three months, after which he will be subject to retirement. While with the Marines Captain Boyd rendered outstanding service. The Marine dogs have been used extensively in the Pacific, the great success of their operations with the trained handlers testifying to the excellence of the training at Lejeune.

Alexander Boyd returns from active duty with the American Field Service in India. He plans to spend the summer recuperating from a serious bout of malaria, and to resume his studies at Princeton in the fall.

BUIE HOUSE SAVED BY PROMPT ACTION

A prompt alarm, and an equally prompt response by the Southern Pines firemen, saved the home of John Buie on New York Avenue in West Southern Pines early Wednesday afternoon.

The fire, starting in a room on the second story of the six room frame dwelling during the absence of the family was quickly noted, by neighbors and the firemen, successfully solving the tangle of twisting roads to reach the house, were able, with the aid of a bucket brigade filling the booster tank of the truck, to save the building.

High-light of the fire was the assistance afforded by Ralph Mills to Mrs. Buie in her effort to save valuables from a trunk.

"Jack" Buie, now blind, was for many years a valued employee of the Park View Hotel.

The Blue Star Brigade



The above picture by Photographer Humphrey shows all but three of the members of the Women's Division of the Seventh War Loan Drive committee for Southern Pines. Reading from left to right they are: Mrs. James Miller, Mrs. Robert Howe, Mrs. Lennox Forsyth, Mrs. Eugene Stevens, Mrs. Dante Montesanti, Mrs. James Milliken, chairman of the Blue Star Brigade, Mrs. Fraser Knight, Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, Mrs. L. T. Avery, Mrs. Arthur Joisted, Mrs. Philip Weaver, Mrs. O. E. Hedge, County General. Not in the picture were: Mrs. George Moore, Southern Pines chairman, Mrs. Malcolm Kemp, Mrs. Marshall Barney, and Mrs. J. T. Overton, Lieutenant General.

District Governor Visits Local Club

The meeting of the Kiwanis Club, held at the Holly Inn in Pinehurst, was honored this week by the presence of the governor and lieutenant governor of the Carolina district: Samuel D. Bundy of Tarboro and Hector M. McKethan of Fayetteville. Between thirty and forty of the club's members enjoyed luncheon at the Inn and the interesting talk which followed.

Introduced by President A. L. Burney as the man who has done most for Kiwanis in this section in many years, Governor Bundy entertained his audience for several minutes with humorous tales in which he cleverly incorporated some of the members present, before getting down to the serious business of the day.

In a talk full of the idealism for which Kiwanis stands, the speaker outlined some of the achievements of International Kiwanis during the past year. Three quarters of a billion dollars' worth of war bonds subscribed to by Kiwanis members, 60,000 pints of blood given to Red Cross blood donor centers, 738,000 tons of scrap collected, donations to Red Cross and the war-time agencies of over six million dollars testified to the patriotism of Kiwanis members. That the home front was not neglected was shown by the support of regular Kiwanis interests: 24,626 children were cared for in day nurseries, 2,345 new boy and girl scout troops were organized, 215,036 boys were given vocational guidance and training, 34,915 school lunches were given to needy children.

The speaker emphasized the progress of Kiwanis during the past year in the Carolina district, with twelve new clubs organized. As the record for the entire country including Canada is only 46 new clubs since Jan. 1, this gives the local district a high (Continued on Page 8)

Town is Satisfied Mackall Will Help

Captain Ritchie, Provost Marshal at Camp Mackall, who has been in Southern Pines consulting with the town officials has expressed himself as glad to cooperate with the police force in Southern Pines, in any way, to avoid a repetition of the incident of last week in which departing paratroopers staged a rough evening in the town. The difficulty is thought to be a scarcity of MPs at camp due to the reduction in camp personnel affected by the 4th Service Command. However the town authorities appeared to be satisfied that they could count on the camp for full protection whenever it was needed.

It is expected that the whole problem will be thoroughly discussed at the meeting of the commissioners to be held Friday evening.

Local Women Buy Plane With Bonds

When the Seventh War Loan Drive started, the Moore County Women's Division of the War Loan Drive Committee sponsored the purchase of an SB 2C Hell-diver Scout Bomber costing \$108,000. Final reports from local chairman show that already the goal has been reached. The bomber will be bought and will be marked with an appropriate decalcomania in honor of its sponsors.

Leaders among the bond saleswomen and their organization, the Blue Star Brigade, are Mrs. O. E. Hedge, the County General, with 150 individual sales to her credit, and Mrs. J. T. Overton. Mrs. Overton's sales to 114 buyers bring her the proud title of Lieutenant General.

SIX COLORED MEN GO FOR INDUCTION

In active service as well as in war industries Moore County's colored citizens are sharing in the carrying on of the war.

Reporting to Fort Bragg this Friday, July 13, for induction are Matthews Stevenson, James Waddell and Simon Fletcher, all of Southern Pines; Roy Jackson, Jr., Pinehurst; Braddie Marish, Robbins, and Jesse James Seagraves, Addor.

KIWANIANS TO HEAR J. VAN B. METTS

Brigadier General J. Van B. Metts, Adjutant General of North Carolina and State Director of Selective Service, will be guest speaker at the Sandhills Kiwanis Club July 25, unless prevented by unforeseen circumstances. He will emphasize the Veterans' Assistance Program.

With Governor R. Gregg Cherry Metts recently attended the annual Governors' Conference at Mackinac Island, Mich., and he is now making preparations for the annual encampment of the State Guard troops being held at Fort Bragg from July 10 to July 22.

CARL COMING

Good news to come to Southern Pines is the word that Carl Thompson is coming home. The former editor of the Pilot and for two years member of our armed forces as sergeant in a photographic unit of the 8th Bomber Squadron, Carl telephoned his mother from Connecticut on Tuesday and said he was on his way.

The family will be looking for a call from Bragg about Thursday or Friday. And The Pilot will be hoping for a call from the Sergeant soon after he hits town.

HI, BROTHER!

We've heard of all kinds of ways of communicating, from smoke signals to throwing rocks at a window, but the Spring brothers showed real ingenuity, not to say nerve, in putting Uncle Sam's blinker system to work for them.

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Spring heard recently from their sons, Robert and James, "somewhere in the Pacific", where they "saw more ships than we thought existed." There, as members of that mighty fleet, with the aid of blinker lights, Bobbie, signalman 3c of the L. S. T. 838, and his brother Jimmie, en-sign on the USS Alcar, exchanged greetings and news of home across the blue water.

Three Convicts Go "Over the Fence" At Prison Camp

Men May Be Connected With Larceny of Automobile At Vass

Three convicts went "over the fence" at the State Prison Camp near Carthage around 5:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and despite the fact that a guard fired at them they kept going. Bloodhounds were brought to the scene, but after picking up the trail they lost it about 1:00 a. m. Monday morning. It is thought probable that Dan Stewart's car, stolen from his yard in Vass Monday night, provided a means of speedy escape from the section.

Histories of the three on file at the Prison Camp show that two of them were confined for larceny of automobiles. Robert Earl Powers was sent up from Yadkin County for from one to two years for stealing a car, and escape attempts had brought his total time to from three to five years. Lewis Smith had a 30 months' sentence for car larceny, being sentenced in Cumberland County. The third man in the group was given eight months in Davidson County for vagrancy and non-support.

G. M. McDermott, who operates a mercantile business in Vass and lives in an apartment on the second floor of his building, was sitting by a window in his home about 11:15 o'clock when dogs in the community began barking. He noticed two men walking up the sidewalk, but thought nothing of it until about five minutes later, when he saw (Continued on Page 8)

REAL ESTATE SALES

The following items of purchases, reported by Paul Barnum, prove that the tall pines and mild climate of the Sandhills are as attractive as ever.

Robert F. Puelz, jeweler and diamond importer, from Lima, Ohio, was looking for a place to settle when he retires from business. Coming here to visit his daughter who was a student at Notre Dame Academy this winter, he liked the looks of Southern Pines, but decided to look further and went on South on a short trip. Coming back, he stopped off again and ended by buying the wing of the bank, opposite the Barnum office. It is probable that he will buy a home later. He has, at present, no definite plans, and the tenants will remain in the building.

Another sale is that by W. F. Van Camp of two lots on Ridge Street between Indiana and Illinois Avenue to W. C. Collins.

Henry Blue's Barn And Tobacco Burn

A tobacco barn on the property of Henry M. Blue of Aberdeen caught fire Monday afternoon and burned to the ground, destroying from four to five thousand pounds of tobacco.

The tobacco was in the process of being dried and would have been entirely cured by Tuesday. The crop was in the care of Robert Bryant, colored tenant farmer on the Blue estate on the old Bethesda road. Bryant has been curing tobacco since 1918. He has been in his present position for several years, but has lately been ill and unable to work steadily. Loss to the owners is estimated at about \$1700.00.

90-Cent Tax Rate Is Unchanged In Budget Estimate

Provision Is Made For School Buildings and Repairs

With an estimated property valuation of \$23,000,000—one million dollars greater than the estimate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945—Moore County's Commissioners have tentatively set the county tax rate for the coming year at 90 cents on the \$100 valuation, the same as was in effect in the year just ended. Total budget requirements for 1945-46 are estimated at \$464,952, compared with \$380,042 for last year, a substantial part of the increase being for school capital outlay.

The estimated revenue available from sources other than the tax levy is \$274,998 for the coming year against \$197,461 for 1944-45. Allowing for uncollectable taxes, costs of collection, and taxpayers' discounts, there remains a total of \$205,150 for the tax levy for the coming year as compared with \$197,191 for last year.

Chairman Gordon M. Cameron explains that the greater property valuation is due in large measure to an increase in personal property in sections of the county. Receipts from ABC stores during the year just ended were \$65,000, and the Board anticipates \$75,000 (Continued on Page 8)

Aberdeen Votes To Submit Proposals To Bank Directors

Unity Gained But Dr. McLeod Allows He's No Alligator

At a mass meeting held at the Aberdeen High School, citizens of the town voted to submit to the Directors of the Bank of Pinehurst an eight point program outlining their wishes on the question of banking facilities for Aberdeen.

The meeting opened with a brief review, by the chairman, O. E. Freeman, of recent moves, including the letter written to each petitioner by the directors of the bank. He then asked for expressions of opinion as to the next step to take.

Arthur Atherton advanced the matter of the proposition, drawn up by the Aberdeen committee, and Dr. A. H. McLeod inquired if this had ever been submitted to the directors in writing. Upon the chairman's replying that it had not, he expressed the decided opinion that this was the next step to be taken.

"If they don't accept it," Dr. McLeod said, "then we know where we stand. We can go ahead and do what we decided to do last time; make plans for getting our own bank started." Talbot Johnson explained that he felt that the directors' letter had been written before the Aberdeen proposition had been formulated and that while it answered satisfactorily many of the points subsequently made there, still more was to be desired.

The proposition was then read by Johnson to the group. Eight points in all were made, of which the main ones were as follows: Since Aberdeen and the surrounding community furnished one third or more of the present deposits in the bank, one third of the stock should be set aside and sold to Aberdeen citizens at \$14.50 a share.

Because of this fact, also, Aberdeen demanded representation on the Board of Directors and on the loan committee, these appointments to be submitted to the Aberdeen committee and approved by them before confirmation. This point was later amended to specify the number of representatives desired: three on the board of directors and five on the loan committee.

Other points stressed were that all notes and securities of Aberdeen depositors should be kept in the bank in Aberdeen and that the Aberdeen branch should be under the jurisdiction of the Aberdeen committee, with the appointment of a new executive vice-president also submitted to the Aberdeen committee before (Continued on Page 8)