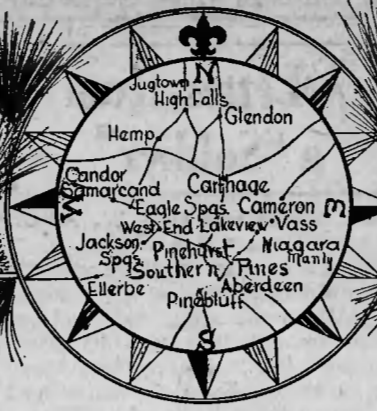




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TEN CENTS

Six Mackall Men Slightly Injured In Western Crash

Lt. Buckingham and Pfc. Lewis of Southern Pines in Group

Two residents of Southern Pines and one of Pinehurst were among the six men, all stationed at Camp Mackall, who received minor injuries when a C-46 troop carrier command plane crashed into a grove of trees near Cheyenne, Wyo., Sunday.

The local victims are First Lt. James Buckingham and Pfc. Robert L. Lewis of Southern Pines and Major Gordon C. Avery of Pinehurst. They are now being held for observation along with the other 29 slightly injured persons in the regional hospital at Fort Warren, near the scene of the accident.

The plane left Camp Mackall the early part of last week for Cheyenne to participate in an air demonstration on Frontier Day, an annual celebration observed by most western states the last part of July. Officials at Camp Mackall have not completed investigation of the crash yet, but witnesses to the scene said the engines of the big plane apparently failed. The plane started burning shortly after it hit the ground, they said, but passengers and crew scrambled to safety.

Other soldiers stationed at Camp Mackall who were in the crash are: T/Sgt. Chester F. Wendler, Rockingham; T/4 John Koltash, Rt. 1, Kernersville; and Pfc. Robert C. Hatcher of Rockingham.

Major Avery is connected with the airborne board at Camp Mackall, and Lieutenant Buckingham is with Headquarters Company, airborne center training detachment, as are Sergeant Wendler, and Private Lewis.

Committee Goes Ahead With Work Of Organization

Much enthusiasm is being manifested in the revival of the local Chamber of Commerce, and Thursday, August 2, at 8:00 p. m. was set as the time for a meeting of the original committee and additional members appointed to serve in an organizational capacity, the meeting to be held at the school building.

John Ruggles, temporary chairman, was to preside over the meeting, a complete report of which will be given next week. Other members of this committee are J. T. Overton, Mrs. George C. Burns, L. Van Fossen, Dr. L. M. Daniels, L. V. O'Callaghan, Charles S. Patch, Virgil Johnston, Morris Johnson, and G. H. Buttry.

To See Themselves As Others See Them Is Granted Rotarians

At last week's Rotary Club meeting held at the local U. S. O., the members were given the opportunity of seeing themselves as others see them when to the delight of all Virgil Johnston showed movies of Rotarians and local scenes taken recently.

Harry Lee Brown gave a report of his visit to a meeting of the Aberdeen Lions Club on July 20, at which J. L. Madlin, specialist of the Bonitz Insulation Company of Greensboro, talked to the Club regarding a freezer locker plant for the Sandhills.

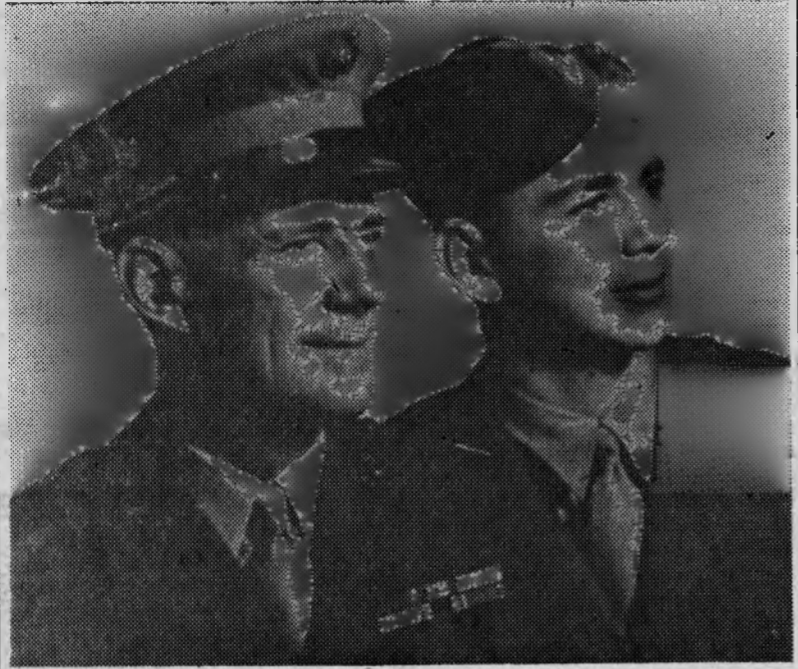
The Rev. Sam Putnam was a guest of Lloyd Clark, and Sgt. Lee D. Johnson, back from a long period of overseas service, attended the luncheon meeting with his brother, Morris Johnson.

General Wyche Has Returned to Pinehurst

Maj. Gen. Ira T. Wyche returned to his home in Pinehurst Wednesday night after spending the past two months in Germany.

He went overseas in March, a year ago, in command of the 79th Infantry Division which he led through the French campaign. He arrived in the United States the latter part of May to spend two weeks with Mrs. Wyche before returning to Germany to head the Eighth corps.

Father and Son Serve



The first father-son combination in uniform to be presented by The Pilot is shown above, Capt. Jackson H. Boyd and his son, Alexander, of Southern Pines.

Captain Boyd was commanding officer of the Marine War Dog Training School at Camp Lejeune from its beginning in January, 1943, until last month when he was detached, to remain in the Marine Corps Reserve for three months, after which he will be subject to retirement. His work

in this field has attracted wide attention and dogs trained at Lejeune have been used in the Pacific with marked success.

Alexander Boyd served as an ambulance driver with the British Army under the American Field Service in Burma, remaining overseas over a year. He is now out of the service and plans to return to Princeton this fall to resume his studies.

Capt. and Mrs. Boyd and Alexander are now spending some time at Hot Springs, Va.

Vass Industries To Manufacture Cedar Furniture

New Corporation Will Employ From 75 to 100 Workers

Vass Industries, Inc., a corporation formed by a group of Philadelphia business men, is installing additional machinery in the Vass furniture factory formerly operated by H. B. Meiselmann, and expects to begin manufacturing cedar products, including chests and cabinets, within from four to six weeks.

The plant will employ from 75 to 100 workers, white and colored, with approximately an equal number of men and women, according to Paul S. Odom, plant superintendent.

Mr. Odom, who with his family is at present located at Hotel Charmella in Vass, was superintendent of the Morgan Manufacturing Company's plant in Asheville. He has had twenty years' experience in the furniture business.

2 More Families Buy Homes Here

Sales of two houses and lots, one to a Tar Heel and another to a native of the Buckeye State, Ohio, were completed this week by the Paul T. Barnum Agency.

The Phoenix House on Connecticut Avenue has been purchased by Claude E. Reams of Greensboro who is the southern representative for the Union Bag and Paper Company. Mr. Reams, his wife and three sons are expected to arrive here Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Phoenix, former owners, have returned to Charleston, S. C., their home before moving.

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Pupils So Busy It Makes 'Em Dizzy But Their Up-and-Go Saves the Dough

There was a maze of activity going on around the Southern Pines School last fall with high school students by the dozens scurrying here and there, painting rooms and doing other odd jobs not generally associated with an institution of learning.

It was brought to the public notice only last week that the industry of these 175 pupils and teachers (amounting to 1500 hours of free labor) saved the school board the considerable sum of \$1400.

The entire project began last September when the polio curfew was in its last days and although younger children were restricted to their homes, the high school students had time and a half on their hands. The teachers also arrived, and were waiting for school

DIFFERENT CLIMES

THE PILOT is the recipient of a copy of the "Observer" of Colombo, Ceylon, through the kindness of Major George C. Burns of Southern Pines, bringing to mind the old hymn, "From Greenland's icy mountains, from India's coral strand," for father Burns is now in Kandy, Ceylon, while son Bob is in Greenland.

Major Burns of the T. T. C. was transferred in May to the Supreme Allied Command under Lord Montbatten. Pfc. Bob Burns is with Squadron 1385 of the Army Transport Command, and has been in Greenland since January.

Vass Cotton Mill Increases Wages

All employees of the Vass Cotton Mill are being given an increase of five cents per hour in their salaries, in accordance with authority granted by the National War Labor Board, thus bringing the minimum wage paid to 55 cents per hour.

One week's vacation with pay computed at two percent of the total earnings for the preceding twelve months for employees with one year or more of service was also approved, and the mill is closed this week in order that the workers may take this time off.

The Vass Cotton Mill, of which A. M. Cameron is manager, has for many years been the leading manufacturing plant in the Vass community. At present it is operating two full shifts.

CLOSED TEMPORARILY

The Village Inn and the Village Inn Wine Shop in Southern Pines will be closed from August 6 to August 21, the management announces.

County Recorder Has Busy Session Of Court Monday

Variety Adds Spice To Lengthy List of Charges on Docket

Monday was a busy day in Moore County Recorder's Court with Judge J. Vance Rowe dispensing justice until the late hour of seven o'clock. More than the usual number of defendants were very young, and variety added spice to the docket.

Two colored boys, Jesse Robinson, 16, of Asheville and Henry Cox, 15, of Wilson, pleaded guilty of breaking into a business house in Aberdeen. The Court bound them to the higher court under bond of \$500, each. Cox is said to have run away from Morrison Training School recently.

Beulah Bates, 16, was found guilty of trespassing in the room of Martha Martin in West Southern Pines and of using vile and profane language. She was given 60 days in jail.

Angels McLean, colored, of Aberdeen was charged with breaking and entering, but it appearing that the defendant was under 16 years of age, the case was transferred to Juvenile Court.

S. W. Moxley, chief of police at Robbins, was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon on a white man named Williamson whom he arrested. Prayer for judgment was to be continued upon payment of a fine of \$50 and the costs, the doctor bill of the prosecuting witness to be paid out of this fine. The defendant gave notice of appeal to Superior Court and bond was fixed at \$200.

John Campbell and Willie Guy Ray, colored, of Aberdeen, were found guilty of operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes. They were given 30-day road sentences, to be suspended upon payment of one-half the costs, each.

Arthur P. Allen of Southern Pines was found guilty of malicious destruction of personal property and of being drunk and disorderly.

It was alleged that he tore up some of his wife's clothes and (Continued on Page 8)

Miss Roberts Resigns As Local Bank Teller

Miss Lillian Roberts, for many years a valued employee of The Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Southern Pines, has resigned her position as teller to accept work with the Nash-Steele Electric Company of Raleigh, distributor of General Electric appliances for this State.

Miss Roberts grew up in Southern Pines and has many friends throughout this county who will miss her, but wish her success in her new work. She will live with her sister in Raleigh.

Wife of Army Officer Buys Pinehurst Home

Mrs. George A. Vare of Bryn Mawr, Pa., whose husband is an officer with the U. S. armed forces overseas, has purchased the old Hogsett home in Pinehurst from Mahlon Haines. The transfer was made through H. G. Phillips of the Pinehurst Insurance and Realty Corporation. Mrs. Vare is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Edwin H. Vare, Jr., the former Glenna Collett.

FLY-BY NIGHT

Capt. James B. Swett, Jr., better known as "Jimmy" to his friends, was anxious to see his brother Joe, who was here last week. So after completing his daily schedule at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, one night last week Capt. Jimmy took off for Southern Pines. He landed at Knollwood Field about eight o'clock and spent the night at home.

The happy reunion of the brothers under their parental roof was short lived, however. Capt. Jimmy arose early the next morning and took off again at 6:30 for Wright Field, arriving in time to go to work without a break in army routine.

EDITOR'S ADIEU

The Pilot Editor is going off for a few weeks. (Did we hear a breath of relief sweep over the town?) We turn the paper back to the managing editor, Mrs. Smith, who with the help of Miss Gertrude Walton, and the regular staff will carry on in our absence. We hope to keep on doing the editorials, but if that boy really comes back and has his furlough, the editorial mind will probably go on such a loop that anything we send will be discreetly slipped into the waste-basket by our efficient and wise substitute.

Miss Walton, who will help Mrs. Smith, is studying journalism at Chapel Hill under Phillips Russell and will return to complete her senior year in September. She has had practical as well as academic experience, having worked as a reporter on the Salisbury Post, in her home town, for several summers.

So, to Bessie and Trudy, good luck, and may you have plenty of alligators in the lake and directors in or out of the bank, Chambers of Commerce excitements, telephone gremlins, scandals big, little, and indifferent, and not a single letter from an enraged subscriber.

Local Post Office Is Paid Tribute For Camp Service

Carloads of Mail For Mackall Men Handled Efficiently

The Southern Pines Post Office in general and Postmaster Frank Buchanan in particular are objects of high praise in a recent letter from the post office's branch office at Camp Mackall.

The letter addressed to Mr. Buchanan was written by Capt. Joseph S. Byrne, former head of the Directory Service at Camp Mackall, on the eve of his departure for overseas duty.

It reads in part: "... to thank you for the excellence of the branch post office your office has furnished to serve this post. Your careful attention and supervision of this branch has resulted in a perfect record of the most efficient service with not one single complaint since the camp opened

This letter brings to light something that few people are aware (Continued on Page 8)

Bronze Star Medal Awarded at Camp

The Bronze Star Medal, awarded posthumously to Staff Sergeant James H. Cooke, infantry, was received by his wife, Mrs. Clara R. Cooke of Pinebluff, Sunday afternoon, July 29, in an impressive ceremony in the Post Chapel at Camp Mackall.

The presentation was made by Colonel L. R. Hathaway, Commanding Officer of Camp Mackall, following the invocation by Chaplain Boyd E. Tryon.

The citation accompanying the medal read, in part: "For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near—on 15 January 1945." He died as a result of this action.

School Bells Will Ring Again in Moore County Within Few Weeks

County Schools

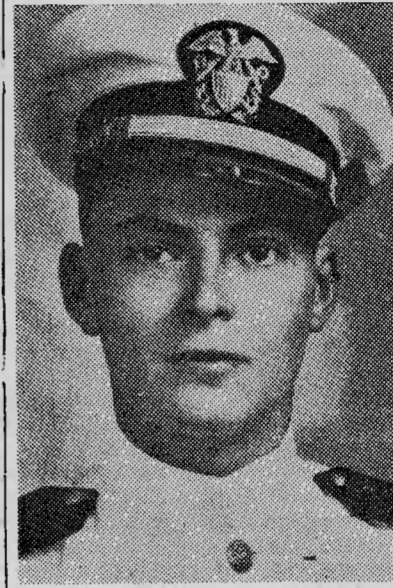
Moore County schools will open for the fall term on August 30, according to an announcement made by H. Lee Thomas, county superintendent.

The majority of the county schools have a 100 per cent faculty to commence the year, including Carthage, Cameron, Sandhill Farm Life, Aberdeen, and High Falls. Vacancies still exist in Robbins where one high school and one elementary teacher are needed; Vass-Lakeview, one high school and two elementary; West End, two elementary; and Westmore, one high school and one elementary.

All colored school faculties have been complete for some (Continued on Page 8)

Camp Mackall Is Getting Ready For Reception of Troops From Overseas

ENSIGN



Ensign S. M. Collester, naval aviator, is spending a short leave in Southern Pines with his mother, Mrs. C. H. Collester. Ensign Collester received his "wings of gold" and commission as a naval ensign on July 28, 1944, at Pensacola, Fla. He has been in California taking combat training for overseas duty since that time. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Munroe of Southern Pines.

South Area Being Prepared For Men Coming for Training

After disclosing last week that Camp Mackall, in addition to its present activities, will be utilized in the near future for further training of troops returning from overseas, Colonel L. R. Hathaway, Post Commander, announces that work by the Post Engineer is continuing on the South Area preparatory to accepting returning troops.

The South Area at one time or another formerly housed the 11th, the 17th, and 13th Airborne Divisions. The 11th Division is now in the Pacific Theater; the 17th and the 13th Airborne Divisions are stationed in Europe.

At present Camp Mackall houses the Airborne Center and its training troops, a prisoner of war camp, and station complement personnel.

Colonel Hathaway further stated that preparations continue at the post for housing and servicing the returning troops and that such troops will be announced upon arrival or at the direction of the War Department.

Housing Demand Here Increases As Army Men Return

Available Dwellings In Towns Near Fort Bragg Being Listed

Captain A. F. McLean, Jr., P. O. Fort Bragg, has made an appeal for cottages and apartments for the 97th Infantry Division which is moving into Fort Bragg the earlier part of this month. The division will remain through the month of September. Many of the officers and their families are seeking temporary homes in Southern Pines and the villages near Fort Bragg for this period. Any citizens having accommodations should list their places at the U. S. O. at its headquarters on Ashe Street, corner of Pennsylvania Avenue, or at the office of the City Clerk.

With the return of military units from overseas, the demand for houses and apartments in Southern Pines has shown a decided upward trend during the past two weeks, according to local agencies, and the demand is expected to continue to increase.

Personnel of overseas units redeploying through Fort Bragg will be given assistance in locating housing facilities in towns adjacent to Fort Bragg, according to measures taken by Brigadier General John T. Kennedy, Post Commander, to assure such aid.

The Personal Affairs Office, headed by Capt. H. A. L. Harvey, has been designated by General (Continued on Page 8)

Colonel Fisher Is Here Over Weekend

Col. William P. Fisher flew down to Southern Pines Friday afternoon from Washington, D. C., to spend the weekend with A. B. Patterson. He is a member of General "Hap" Arnold's staff, in Washington where he has been stationed after a long period of service in the CBI Theater of War.

SANDPIPERS HAVE SUMMER MEETING

The Sandpipers held their first meeting of the summer Friday night at the Country club when around a dozen members gathered for a semi-business meeting.

Jack Carter, president, presided over the business session, after which light refreshments were served.

AMERICAN LEGION POST MEETS TUESDAY NIGHT

Sandhill Post No. 134, American Legion, will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Legion Hut at 8:15 o'clock next Tuesday evening, August 7. A cordial invitation to attend this meeting is extended to all servicemen on leave, and all veterans are urged to join.

Peaches Almost Gone; Rain Will Have Last Word

Hawley Poole Plans For 10,000-Bushel Shipment Next Week

Housewives who have been looking (but in vain) for canning peaches may have a chance at part of a 10,000-bushel shipment next week... depending on the state of the weather for the next few days.

This last crop of peaches is now being picked on Hawley Poole's farm over in Richmond County, and if no more rain is forthcoming, they will probably be shipped northward. But if the rains come, making them unsuitable for such distant shipping, they'll be put on local markets where Sandhill housewives will have an opportunity to buy peaches to their canning content. Last carloads of peaches for (Continued on Page 6)

City Pavements To Be Retreated

Repaving of 10 blocks of street pavement in Southern Pines got underway this week. Howard F. Burns, City Clerk, has announced.

Work started Monday on the following blocks: two blocks on West Vermont avenue; three on South Bennett street; one on New York avenue; one on East Broad street; one on West Massachusetts Avenue; and one on Highland Road.

Since five or six years have elapsed since the streets were last retreated, many are in need of repairs. Those that needed immediate attention are given priority, however, Mr. Burns said.