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Col. Stuart Wood Is Safe and Well After 3 Years In Japanese Prison

Local Man, Taken At Bataan, Hopes To Be Home Soon

Col. Stuart Wood, after more than three years as a prisoner of the Japanese, is in fine health and good spirits and is hoping to see his family soon, according to a message received by Mrs. Wood Saturday from the War Department, which quoted Col. Wood as above.

This good news followed shortly after the receipt of information of Col. Wood's safety, which was contained in the following message from the War Department:

"The Secretary of War desires me to inform you that your husband's name appears on a list of personnel at Camp Hoten Mukden, Manchuria, dated 26 August received from the American Camp Commander. You are invited to submit a message not to exceed twenty-five words for attempted delivery to him. Message should be addressed to casualty branch, Agonroo, 3641 Munitions Building, Washington, D. C. E. F. Whitling, acting the adjutant general of the Army Hoten Mukden 3641."

From a friend in Chungking came this message:

"Officers from Stew's camp, say he is well and healthy. Should be out soon."

Col. Wood was captured when Bataan fell to the Japanese in the spring of 1942. Mrs. Wood had had no direct word from him since last March, when she received a letter written several months previously. Later she was notified by the Red Cross that he had been sent to Camp Hoten Mukden, the same camp from which General Wainwright was rescued.

No details were immediately available, but it is presumed that Colonel Wood now is in China.

On November 19, 1942, Colonel Wood was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in absentia by the War Department for "rendering invaluable service through the Philippines campaign." He was in the Philippines for medical attention when the war with Japan began and he immediately offered his services. His knowledge of the Japanese language enabled him to assist intelligence officers in questioning prisoners and examining documents from which the command obtained comprehensive and accurate information of the enemy.

Colonel Wood was sent to the United States Embassy in Tokyo in the summer of 1938. His wife, the former Mary Sutton of Fayetteville, accompanied him. Mrs. Wood had traveled in the section of Manchuria where her husband was interned by the Japanese. She received her husband's Distinguished Service award at her home in Southern Pines, (Continued on Page 8)

Hodgkins Is Named War Finance Head

N. L. Hodgkins, president of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Southern Pines, has been appointed permanent chairman of the Moore County War Finance Committee, it was announced today by C. T. Leinbach, chairman of the North Carolina War Finance Committee. Hodgkins succeeds Shelby Cullom, formerly of Pinehurst, who recently moved to Fayetteville.

Hodgkins will be responsible for encouraging the sale of E, F and G Bonds, and U. S. Treasury Savings Notes, during the period between the War Loan Drives, and will cooperate with and assist E. C. Stevens of Southern Pines, who is campaign chairman for Moore County, through the period of the Victory Loan Drive, which is scheduled to begin October 29 and run through December 8.

"We are very fortunate in securing Mr. Hodgkins' assistance in this important work," Mr. Leinbach stated, "and I feel sure that under his able direction Moore County will continue to do its part in this phase of the war effort. While our enemies have now surrendered, a large amount of funds are still needed to supply our boys overseas, as well as bring them back as early as possible."

RIGHT THERE

Count on North Carolina and Moore County to be where things are happening. Among the men aboard the USS Missouri when the Japanese envoys arrived to sign the final surrender documents that officially ended the war with Japan were four North Carolinians, one of whom was a Moore County boy, Howard C. Sheffield, seaman second class, USNR, of Carthage Route 2, according to a release from aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

James M. Rickart of Greensboro Is Drowning Victim

After 4 Years Naval Duty in Pacific Man Is Lost at Lakeview

James Marshall Rickart, 23, of Greensboro, veteran of four years of naval duty in the South Pacific, was drowned about 7:00 a. m. Sunday at Lakeview when the boat from which he was fishing capsized.

According to the information obtainable, a party had come down from Greensboro for fishing and were getting ready to begin their sport when Rickart got in a boat and rowed out a distance from the pier alone. The next thing the other members noticed, the boat had capsized.

After efforts to rescue the man by diving had failed, the Fire Department in Southern Pines was called. Mr. Kaylor, chief, being unable to respond, turned his equipment over to Police Chief Ed Newton, who carried it to Lakeview. The body was recovered from the water by means of grappling hooks, about two hours after the accident. Efforts at resuscitation failed.

A native of Tennessee, Rickart went to Greensboro about ten years ago. He was released from the Navy a few months ago and at the time of his death was employed at ORD.

His mother, Mrs. James Rickart, his wife, and small daughter, Jean Rickart, reside in Greensboro, where funeral services were held.

Col. Cone Speaks To USO Group On Post-War Activity

Lt. Col. W. W. Cone, Individual Service Division at Camp Mackall, spoke informally Thursday evening, Aug. 30, before the operating committee of the Southern Pines USO concerning plans for the near future at Camp Mackall. The meeting, called and directed by Walter G. Kelly, director of the local organization, was held in the USO building. Col. Cone's comments dealt chiefly with the contemplated arrival of the 13th Airborne Division. Plans for the entire division returning to Camp Mackall have been cancelled, the greater section to go to Fort Bragg. However, about eleven hundred troops are expected at Mackall by the latter part of September for redeployment and training, he said, with a possibility that this number may be increased.

Duration plans for any USO Club, Mr. Kelly told the operating committee, depend upon the post-war status of the camp or camps it serves. Although many eastern clubs are being discontinued, those on the west coast continue actively, and new clubs are still being organized in the South Pacific and in Japan. The USO policy is to remain open for approximately a month after the closing of any camp it has served. He urged the committee to consider post war plans in regard to (Continued on Page 8)

POPE ON VACATION

Grover Pope, operator of Pope's Cafeteria here, has closed shop for the month of September to go to Florida for a month's vacation. Pope's Cafeteria, operated as a restaurant until August 15, is the first cafeteria in the Sandhills.

Attorney General To Pass On School-To-Lunch Driving

Moore Schools Ask To Use Busses To Drive to Cafeterias

An opinion from the Attorney General's office determining whether it will be permissible for Moore County to use school busses to transport students to school cafeterias of the county if the schools they attend do not offer eating facilities is expected within the next few days.

A Moore County delegation headed by H. Lee Thomas, superintendent of schools in the county, appeared before the transportation committee of the State Board of Education a few days ago and asked permission to use two school busses at Aberdeen, two at Carthage, and two at Robbins to transport students from the high schools in those towns to the corresponding elementary schools, which are equipped with cafeterias and which are on opposite sides of the towns from those in which the high schools are located.

According to the delegation, the Moore County School Board is willing to appropriate enough county funds to pay all of the expenses of extra transportation, including insurance.

The group pointed out that many children who live too far away to go home for lunch merely walk to the nearest drug store or soft-drink stand and make a lunch of a sandwich or crackers and a "coke". The transportation committee agreed that such a meal was not sufficient or proper for a growing child.

The transportation committee sought the advice of Assistant Attorney General H. J. Rhodes, who promised that he would discuss the matter with Attorney General Harry McMullen upon his return from a vacation, and that an opinion on the matter would be forthcoming soon.

All of the school lunch rooms in the county are receiving Federal aid in the amount of seven cents per lunch where milk is not served and nine cents if milk included. With this help, the cafeterias are able to serve good nutritious meals to the children at the low cost of ten cents each. Free lunches are served to children unable to pay.

Labor Day Here Is Quiet Celebration

The first peacetime holiday weekend since 1941 found Southern Pines a deserted town as most residents filled their tanks with coupon-free gas and headed for the mountains or seashore on tread-smooth tires.

Those who remained celebrated quietly, relaxing on the golf course, at local lakes, or just soaking up the September sun in their own backyard. The bank, post office and most places of business were closed on Labor Day, some giving their employees an extra long vacation with Saturday thrown in, also.

The shows were packed all weekend, and Monday night the outside of the theatres was as packed with cars as the inside with people.

Official V-J Day, proclaimed by President Truman on Sunday, struck a somber note in the holiday festivities. No special services were held in local churches other than regular services in which were incorporated V-J Day thanksgiving.

OPENS COLONIAL INN

Mrs. George Burns, who recently returned from a vacation in Steubenville, Ohio, has reopened The Colonial Inn on New York Avenue for the fall and winter season.

CREDIT WHERE DUE

In the rush to meet the deadline with cutlines last week, credit for the Seaboard train wreck photos was overlooked. Those on the front page were by the U. S. Signal Corps, made courtesy of the Greensboro Daily News, and the inside picture was by Kenneth Epps of Southern Pines, mat from the News and Observer, Raleigh. Thanks, friends.

GOOD SCOUT



PFC. ROBERT B. LEWIS

Pfc. Robert B. Lewis of the 405th Infantry, 102nd Infantry Division, has been awarded a certificate of Merit "in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty" in the European Theater of Operations.

The certificate, which Pfc. Lewis sent to his mother, Mrs. Bruce Lewis of Southern Pines, reads:

"Pfc. Lewis performed his duties as scout from 28 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in a highly exemplary manner. Despite intense enemy fire, he advanced fearlessly over shell swept terrain, well ahead of assault units, to seek out the enemy and report their location to his superior, thereby contributing materially to the successful operations against the enemy. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Charles E. Woodruff, Lt. Col. 405th Infantry, Commanding."

Pfc. Lewis graduated from Southern Pines High School and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill before his enlistment in the Army.

Enterprise Needed, Not Industry, Says Harriet L. Herring

Moore County's need of enterprise, not industries, was emphasized by Harriet L. Herring of the Social Science Research Institute, University of North Carolina, when she spoke to the Sandhill Kiwanis Club Wednesday.

"You have everything except enterprise," Miss Herring declared. "The county is abundant in raw materials; labor will soon be plentiful as released war workers and returning veterans seek employment; and there is capital, or 'venture money', to be had for the asking."

Considering some specific enterprises that might be undertaken, Miss Herring mentioned the processing of frozen foods as a great business of the future. She said that California's processing industry was greater than her fresh produce market, and that processing of locally grown goods for market would have a stabilizing effect on the economy of the county.

Another resource that should be developed is Moore County's forest, Miss Herring said, where waste should be utilized. "Around 30 per cent of each tree cut is wasted. Instead of shipping lumber away from this section, manufacture should take place right here, saving expensive transportation."

She listed agencies where expert advice could be obtained, and urged that Kiwanians begin work at once investigating the possibilities of these and other enterprises. Copies of a 32-page report on "North Carolina's Industrial Opportunities", which Miss Herring has just compiled for the State Planning Board, were distributed. The report contained graphs showing the industries of the state and the rank of counties in industry, population, and agriculture.

Miss Gray Medlin, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen, gave some delightful recitations. The first was a comedy dialogue by Oscar Wilde, followed by a poem by Rupert Brooks, and for an encore, and airy ditty.

ON VACATION

A. G. Edwards, Seaboard ticket agent in Southern Pines, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation this week and next.

Belvedere Hotel Here Is Now Under New Management

Reed and Hector Are Lessees; Hockett to Go to Florida Soon

An important change in hotel management in Southern Pines took place last Friday evening with the arrival of Robert Brook Reed and William D. Hector, who have leased the Belvedere Hotel, which had been under the management of W. E. Hockett for about a year and a half.

Both young men have had considerable hotel experience, Reed with the Palmer House in Chicago, and Hector with the Brook-Cadillac in Detroit, and both have served with the Armed Forces, Hector as a major in the Eighth Air Force, and Reed as a private first class in the infantry. With Reed are his wife and young son, Robert, Jr.

In an interview with a representative of this paper they outlined their plans, which provide for a continuation of the policies which have made the old established Belvedere an outstanding commercial and family hotel of the resort section. They plan to refurbish the building and replenish its stock as rapidly as wartime scarcities are overcome.

The Belvedere was sold by Frank Welch to Sidney B. Allen, J. Addison Smith and W. E. Hockett, of Greensboro, in March 1944, at which time Hockett assumed the management. Desiring to retire, he sold his interest to his partners, and they, operating as the Belvedere Hotel Company, leased it to the new operators. Hockett will remain until the 15th of September, after which date he plans to make his home in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The building has been greatly enlarged since its acquisition by Frank Welch in 1917. It was the home of the post office from 1905 to 1938, and of the Broad Street Pharmacy for many years. The new lease does not include the part of the building occupied by various shops.

Two Injured in Wreck North of Southern Pines

Two local persons, Mrs. Frank Maples and the Rev. T. E. Davis, were injured in a head-on collision on Highway One in front of Johnston's Service Station here Tuesday, shortly after noon.

No cause for the accident has been given. The Chevrolet driven by Mrs. Maples, and the Plymouth sedan operated by Mr. Davis were both badly damaged.

The car victims were immediately taken to the Moore County Hospital for treatment. Mrs. Mahead as well as internal injuries, is still at the hospital, her condition reported slightly improved Thursday morning. Mr. Davis, who had a number of lacerations about the face and neck, was released Tuesday evening to return home where he is confined to his bed.

Legion Auxiliary Meets

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. Mildred Hodgkins 9 West Connecticut avenue, Tuesday, September 11, 8 p. m. Joyce Palmer and Mrs. McDonald who attend the State in June, will give the convention in Raleigh will also be present.

GOOD BYE—HELLO

Richard P. Hassell, who left for the States in January, 1944, had his last issue of THE PILOT, reprinted effective with the new issue to the reader. Sgt. Hassell, from the States, arrived here after the war and will be with a new issue of THE PILOT.

The September term of Moore County Civil Court will convene in Carthage Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, September 17-19, with Judge J. H. Clement presiding. The calendar includes 48 cases with the heaviest day on Monday when 29 cases will be heard.

Pinehurst-Southern Pines Airport Is Leased to Major Burwell, Army Flyer

Resort Section May Have Plane Service Before Fall Season

William E. Bushby, 21, E M 3c, USNR, of Southern Pines, is serving on the heavy cruiser QUINCY, which is part of the Pacific Fleet completing the first stages of the occupation of Japan, says an official release.

Under the operational control of Admiral Halsey, the QUINCY is helping take over control of the Nip's big naval bases. The QUINCY took part in the victory at Normandy and was in the Task Force that bombarded Japan in July.

Elderly Man Dies Following Crash In Southern Pines

George Bellingham of Florida, Apparently Little Hurt, Collapses

Second in a series of Labor Day weekend mishaps was the death of George Bellingham, 79, of St. Petersburg, Fla., following an automobile accident on Highway One in the southern edge of town Sunday around 11:40 a. m.

Cause of the accident is not known, but County Coroner R. G. Frye ventured that Mr. Bellingham, who, according to his daughter, had had heart trouble for many years, probably suffered an attack while driving, momentarily losing control of his car, which crashed into a mud embankment and turned over.

The police officer investigating the wreck said that Bellingham was all right immediately afterwards. He and his passenger, Oscar Barton, also of St. Petersburg, who was riding to Frankfort, N. Y., with Mr. Bellingham, got out and were examining the damage to the 1940 Oldsmobile coupe by the time the police arrived, and Mr. Bellingham had just pointed to a bruise on his leg as his only injury when he collapsed to the ground. Death was immediate.

Barton continued north Sunday night, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jones of Frankfort, Mr. Bellingham's daughter and son-in-law, arrived here Monday night to make arrangements for moving the body to Frankfort. Funeral services were scheduled for this afternoon at 2:30 at the home.

Mr. Bellingham was a native of England, where he married and had two children before moving to America. Since the death of his wife, he had been dividing his time between his two daughters, Mrs. Allen Hill of St. Petersburg whom he had been visiting, and Mrs. R. E. Jones of Frankfort. He is also survived by four grandchildren.

Vacation Over As 340 Go to School

Summer vacations ended for 340 school children here Wednesday when Southern Pines grammar and high school doors opened for the fall term after a three months' recess.

The ninth grade, or freshman year in high school, had 41, the largest number of pupils, which was unusual for a high school grade according to Principal Philip Weaver.

The 340 that enrolled this year were 10 less than the enrollment figure for 1944-45, Mr. Weaver said, with 30 less students in the elementary school and 20 more in high school.

Books were issued the first day to elementary pupils, while high school students made out their schedule of classes. Thursday, books were issued to high schoolers, and the elementary school met for half a day. Today was the first full day which began with assembly in the auditorium for the entire student body.

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The Pinehurst-Southern Pines Airport, formerly Knollwood Field, was leased to Maj. Lewis C. Burwell, Jr., veteran army flyer, by the Moore County Commissioners at their regular meeting Monday afternoon in Carthage.

The commissioners acted on the recommendation of the airport committee who conducted a hearing last Friday morning in the Carthage courthouse, where the three applications that had been submitted up until the time of the hearing were reviewed.

The proposal made by Major Burwell was accepted as the one that would utilize the facilities of the local field for the greatest benefit to Southern Pines and Pinehurst. Major Burwell has promised to assume maintenance cost of the field and to begin work at once establishing plane service between large eastern cities and this section in time for the fall season.

"Resort Airlines" Major Burwell proposes to expand the airport within the year if expansion is warranted. Another feature of his near-future plans is the procurement of a franchise to operate an airline, proposed as the "Resort Airlines", from New York and Chicago areas here during the season. This would not interfere with any plane service already established since it would run only during the winter months.

Immediate plans for the airport, which Major Burwell already has underway, includes getting at least two light (cub type) aircraft for instructional purposes, and three Cessna, twin-engine aircraft, with seats for the pilot and four passengers, for charter service.

Major Burwell intends to maintain facilities for transient aircraft for the State and later for a wider territory.

A veteran of 3,000 flying hours in Pacific skies, Major Burwell is at present stationed at Laurinburg-Maxton AAB but expects to get his release from the army very soon. Originally from Charlotte, his wife and family are making their home in Pinehurst.

At the commissioner's meeting Monday, the Pinehurst-Southern Pines Airport Committee, composed of D. G. Stutz and Howard Burns of Southern Pines, Richard S. Tufts of Pinehurst, S. H. Miller of Carthage, and L. R. Reynolds of Robbins, was reappointed to serve during the five-year term of the lease which is now being drawn up by M. G. Boyette, county attorney. The committee has served since 1935 when Knollwood, then only a few years old, was enlarged.

The name of the airport was also changed from Knollwood to Pinehurst-Southern Pines Airport by unanimous consent of the commissioners.

Other Proposals One of the other two proposals submitted came from two members of the army personnel now at Knollwood: Lieut. Thomas Mather Roberts, army superintendent of Knollwood, and Sgt. Benjamin Albert Gilliland, who has been chief clerk for the administration of the field since the army assumed control.

The other proposal was from (Continued on Page 8)

The Ark Begins Fall Term On October 3

Mrs. Millicent Hayes returned Friday from New York City, and will open The Ark school on October 3, in preparation for which she will be available mornings through September for registration. Enrollment was good last year and prospects are bright for a good year ahead.

Included in the faculty will be Miss Fannie M. Clark, who holds an A. B. degree from Ohio Wesleyan and an M. A. from Columbia University. Miss Clark, for a number of years, has been teaching Latin, mathematics, English and art.

Mrs. Maxwell Gray will be in charge of kindergarten and playground supervision, and Miss Mary Webb, of primary classes and handicraft, Mrs. Hayes announces.