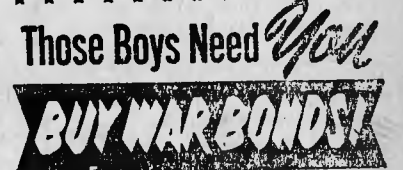




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Two-Year Civic Improvement Program Approved by Town Commissioners

Enlargement of Town Sewage Plant Heads Improvement List

A two-year civic improvement program for the Town of Southern Pines, based on recommendations from the Post War Planning Board, was approved by the Town Commissioners at their regular meeting last Wednesday night.

The program includes the following projects: enlargement of the town sewage plant; an incinerator; retreatment of paved streets; opening of Connecticut Avenue into West Southern Pines; opening of two main cross streets of West Southern Pines; building of an ample spillway to take care of storm drainage now emptying on Bennett Street between Massachusetts and Indiana Avenues and to take care of the drainage on New Hampshire Avenue in West Southern Pines.

Major L. V. O'Callaghan read a report from Paul Van Camp, local engineer, to W. S. McKimmon, District Sanitary Engineer, recommending the enlargement of the town sewage plant to take care of the over-loaded conditions brought about by the war and to meet the growth of the Town during the past few years. The Mayor also presented plans covering the addition which gave the cost of such a project as between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

In the discussion that followed the report, the Board brought out the other badly needed improvements previously recommended by the Post War Planning Board. Admitting that the program would mean a sizable bond issue but feeling that these improvements are urgent, the Board decided it would be well to take advantage of the cheap money market, which means low rates of interest, and proceed with the issuing of bonds as soon as possible.

Paul Van Camp, engineer, was requested to estimate the costs of the six-point program and to present it to the Board of Commissioners.

Lloyd L. Woolley was appointed a member of the Southern Pines School Board for three years, beginning May 1, 1945. He succeeds Frank Maples.

Routine business occupied the remainder of the meeting.

Annual Payment On 1924 Bonds Made By Town

The Town of Southern Pines has mailed a check to the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York, in the amount of \$14,575 in payment of bonds and interest, leaving a balance of \$140,000 to be paid off annually between now and 1957.

Of the amount just paid, \$10,000 was in payment of bonds on its six per cent Public Improvements bonds of 1924 which was in the amount of \$275,000. Since that date the Town has paid off \$135,000, including the September 1, 1945, payment, thus leaving a balance of \$140,000.

Of the current payment, \$4,500 was in payment of semi-annual interest on these bonds, and the remaining \$75 was in payment of the semi-annual interest on \$12,000, one and a quarter per cent Recreation Facility Bonds.

The Town also paid the Citizen Bank and Trust Company \$380 semi-annual interest on \$19,000, four per cent Water and Sewer Bonds.

CPL. McALLISTER IS INJURED IN WRECK

Cpl. Harold A. McAllister suffered a back injury in an army truck wreck in England seven weeks ago, his wife, who resides in Southern Pines, has learned. Cpl. McAllister's address is A. S. N. 34673765, Hospital Plant 4174, A. P. O. 121, New York City. Doubtless, cards and letters from the folks back home would be most welcome.

89TH BIRTHDAY

Wilbur J. Sanborn of East Connecticut Avenue observed his 89th birthday Wednesday. In excellent health Mr. Sanborn spent the day receiving congratulations from his many friends.

ARRIVES IN USA



JOSEPH A. MATTHEWS

A telephone call from New York Tuesday night gave the information that Lt. Joseph A. Matthews, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Matthews of Southern Pines, had arrived in the states after more than three years overseas and that he expected to be home within a few days.

Lt. Matthews joined the Army in February, 1941, and went overseas on August 1, 1942. With the 1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, he has seen much action, serving in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Much of the time he has worked with the First French Army, during which he was awarded the Croix de guerre.

Among the thrilling experiences which Lt. Matthews had was one near Toulon, when a party of thirteen men from the observation battalion, riding in three jeeps, encountered three German officers armed with machine pistols blocking the road, according to an official release.

The Yanks deployed to cover, leveled their small arms at the Germans, and demanded their surrender. The Germans said they had a company in the vicinity and asked the Yanks to surrender. Nevertheless, three of the artillerymen advanced and made the

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Leaf Prices Hold Close to Average

Average prices remained generally steady on the Aberdeen and Carthage tobacco markets yesterday when Aberdeen reported 296,286 pounds sold and Carthage, 273,546 pounds. Floors have been cleared every day, warehousemen report.

Aberdeen's average for better qualities of tobacco displayed no change, averaging \$43-\$44 per hundred. The total of Wednesday's sales was \$122,640.66.

Fluctuations in average prices affected a number of lower quality grades on the Carthage market Wednesday as the average for some low and common heavy leaf grades dropped to \$41.56 a hundred pounds. Piles of better tobacco skyrocketed to \$70 a hundred on the Carthage floors, with the day's sales totaling \$113,712.44.

Major Carson Is Kiwanis Speaker

Major H. V. Carson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Sanford, addressed the Sandhills Kiwanis Club Wednesday at Oak Point Inn, near Carthage, on the subject "The Right Relationship Between Man and God, and Between Man and His Neighbors."

Major Carson, formerly with the Army Air Force Technical Training Command at Knollwood Field, declared that Kiwanis under the slogan, "We Build", teaches the building of character and a friendly relationship with our fellowman and gives first place to Christian values.

The speaker was introduced by Haynes Britt of Pinehurst.

Paul Butler, chairman of the Church Committee, after making a brief report for the committee, advocated a Kiwanis union service this fall.

Steadman Moffitt Killed in Train-Automobile Crash

Collision Occurs at Connecticut Avenue Intersection Friday

Steadman C. Moffitt, Jr., age 41, was killed instantly late Friday night when the southbound Cotton State Special smashed into the side of his automobile in Southern Pines, while his two young children were waiting in the storm-drenched night less than a block away for their father to take them home to Pinehurst.

A man who had been talking to the victim in a drug store a few minutes before the accident said Mr. Moffitt was en route in a taxi cab, belonging to Bryan Poe, to meet the Diesel, a fast New York-to-Birmingham passenger train. It was 10:50 p. m., and the train wasn't expected for a few minutes.

The rainstorm which had been raging all evening reached its zenith around that time, and it is thought that Mr. Moffitt was unable to distinguish the train in the blinding rain or to hear his warning blare. There were no danger signals at the intersection.

The impact of the engine on the automobile opened the door on the other side, throwing Mr. Moffitt out of the car and onto the tracks immediately in the path of the moving train.

The automobile, a 1940 Pontiac, was caught on the cowcatcher of the engine and was carried a block to New Hampshire Avenue before the train stopped. It was there that the two oldest

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School Officials Go To Raleigh To Confer on Building

A school delegation composed of Philip Weaver, superintendent of Southern Pines Schools, and Dr. G. G. Herr, Mrs. James Miliken, N. L. Hodgkins and John Howarth, Board members, went to Raleigh Thursday to confer with William H. Deitrick, architect, who is drawing plans for the new 10-room elementary school building to be erected here.

Another object of the trip was to try to make arrangements for letting the contract as soon as building materials become available. It is hoped that construction may be started this fall.

Fayetteville Attorney To Speak at Bethesda

Charles G. Rose, Fayetteville attorney, will address the afternoon session of Bethesda Home Comers at Bethesda Church near Aberdeen on Sunday, September 30.

As previously announced, Dr. M. R. MacQueen of Clinton, S. C., descendant of one of the early pastors of Bethesda, will preach at the morning service at 11 a. m. The congregation will gather in the grove of the 155-year old church at noon to spread picnic baskets for lunch as has been the custom ever since home comings were instituted at Bethesda.

Around 2 p. m. the afternoon service will begin when Mr. Rose will speak. Carl Goerch, editor of The State, who was expected for the afternoon session, has notified J. Talbot Johnson, chairman of the homecoming committee, that he will be unable to attend the celebration.

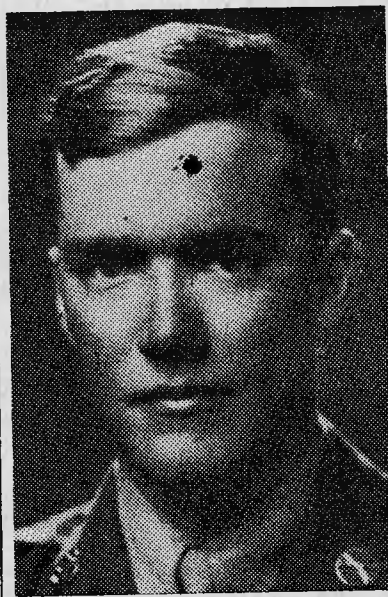
YOUNG GOLFERS

Local linksmen will have the opportunity to see their "small fry" on the greens at the Southern Pines Country Club Thursday, September 27, at 2:30 p. m.

Comedy skits will precede the matches which will conclude with similar entertainment. Highlight of the afternoon will be the awarding of prizes to low-scorers among the girls and young and older boys.

The Junior Pros, composed of grammar and high schoolers, are signing up now for the Thursday meet which will be the first school benefit of the year. The Dramatic Club sponsors these benefits to help pay for stage equipment for the school.

BACK IN STATES



DANIEL L. BOYD

After serving overseas since June 1944, Sgt. Daniel L. Boyd, son of Mrs. James Boyd of Southern Pines and the late Mr. Boyd, arrived on the Queen Mary last week and on Friday joined his mother and sister, who are vacationing at Sorrento, Me. He is in fine shape and happy to be back in the States. Mrs. Boyd has received a letter from her other son, James, of the U. S. Coast Guard, bearing the good news that he will get his discharge at the end of his next trip.

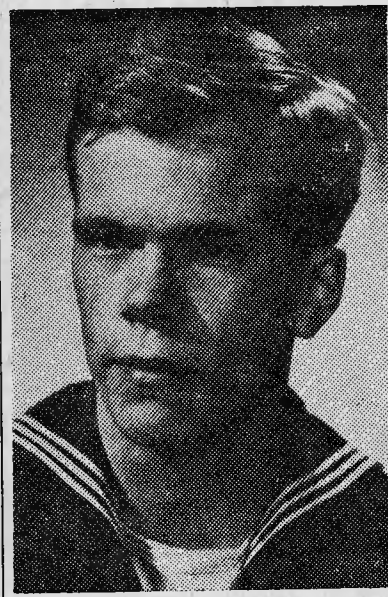
Sgt. Boyd is with the 60th Regiment of Combat Engineers attached to the 35th Infantry Division. He gave up his sophomore studies at Princeton to join the Army in July, 1943, and went overseas in June, 1944. Sgt. Boyd served with the 5-star Santa Fe Division, which battled across the Elbe River to within 42 miles of Berlin. An army release gives the following graphic account of this division's activities:

"Hitting Omaha Beach on July 7th, the 35th forced the Germans from St. Lo, broke the counter offensive at Mortain, swept across France, to crack into Germany's Saar Valley on December 12th, and on into Belgium and Luxembourg to repel Von Rundstedt's Ardennes bulge. Following a shift to the Vosges Mountains, the division swept three hundred miles north through Holland to cross the Roer and Rhine rivers, crush Siegfried Line defenses and scoop up more than thirty thousand prisoners by V-E Day, to mark the end of over 1600 combat miles in the ETO."

Sgt. Boyd holds the following decorations: Silver Star, Purple Heart, five battle stars and the Good Conduct ribbon.

The Silver Star was awarded Boyd—a corporal at that time—for saving the lives of five of his comrades while crossing a river

RETURNING SOON



JAMES BOYD, JR.

near an undisclosed place in France, last December. When he saw a nearby boat capsized in mid-stream after receiving a burst of machine gun fire, he immediately paddled his boat to the scene and rescued five heavily clothed soldiers from drowning in the swift current. One of the five collapsed as a result of a wound after reaching the friendly shore, whereupon Boyd administered first aid before proceeding to the aid station with the other four, then returned in the face of withering enemy fire and with the aid of a litter bearer succeeded in evacuating his wounded comrade his citation recounts.

James Boyd, Jr., Q. M. 2/c aboard the U. S. S. Joseph T. Dickman (A. P. A. 13) and holder of three battle stars, was a junior at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, when he left college in 1942 to join the Coast Guard. He served on coastal patrol for several months and then on a weather ship in the North Atlantic until December, 1944. His ship was one of those "giving the weather" for the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

Last December he joined the Dickman, an assault transport. The Dickman took part in the Okinawa invasion, taking marines there from Guadalcanal and carrying them in to the beach in her landing barges. Recently this transport sailed from San Francisco carrying troops to Tokyo for the occupation of Japan.

Following in the steps of his father, who was the author of five historical novels, a collection of poems and numerous articles and short stories, James Boyd, Jr., is interested in writing, and The Atlantic Monthly published a short while ago a thrilling tale of the sea which he found time to write, along with his Coast Guard duties.

Travel Outlook Rosy for State

Large opportunities to promote the travel industry in North Carolina are developing upon the North Carolina Travel Council, formed in Raleigh last Wednesday, when Richard S. Tufts of Pinehurst was named one of the first three council directors.

Former Governor J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh and Coleman W. Roberts of Charlotte were the other two directors appointed to the council who will in turn nominate six additional directors.

Mr. Tufts when contacted this week said it would probably be two or three weeks before the other members would be named, but each of the present directors will submit a group of nominations to the other two members for consideration.

Mr. Tufts has emphasized that the travel industry offers the opportunity of turning the Sandhills, the mountains, and seashore of North Carolina into gold. The question is whether the state will be able to serve the great travel business expected now that the war is over.

The travel industry, estimated to have exceeded five billion dollars a year before the war, may be increased to seven or eight billion dollars a year, it is estimated.

CLOSING TEMPORARILY

Tate's Beauty Shop, at the end of thirteen years' service, is closing temporarily as the proprietors are taking this anniversary as a time to express appreciation to the patrons who have contributed to the success of the shop.

Soldiers Not Hurt In Car Turn-Over

Two enlisted men, en route from Florida to Virginia on furlough, were uninjured late Saturday night when their car skidded off US Highway 1, around a mile from Southern Pines, turning completely over.

Pfc. Daniel McGreathhead, driver of the '41 Chevrolet, said the lights of an approaching automobile completely blinded him, causing him to drive the car off the pavement, according to Sergeant J. A. Macko, head of the local Military Police, who arrived on the scene shortly after the accident.

Sergeant Macko said it was around 12:30 a. m. when he received a call from the local police.

SHIELDS CAMERON HURT IN WRECK, IS AT HOME

D. D. Shields Cameron, who was injured about three weeks ago in an automobile accident which occurred beyond Fayetteville and who had been a patient in Highsmith Hospital, Fayetteville since that time, was able to return to his home here Saturday. While he will have to remain in bed for several days, Mr. Cameron is able to receive company and enjoys having his friends call.

KINDERGARTEN TO OPEN

Notre Dame School, which opened its grade and high school departments on September 10, this week announces the opening of the kindergarten on October 1.

Torrents of Rain Flood Roads Here; Interrupt Train Service 2 Days

STOLEN CAR FOUND

The Chevrolet automobile of J. E. Caviness, Lakeview dairyman, which last week was reported stolen from a Sanford garage to which it had been taken for repairs, has been found near Greenville in the eastern part of this state—burned up, the owner has been notified. The car was stolen the first night after repairs had been completed, the thief having to move several other automobiles to get to this one.

Five Schools Close Because of High Water; Crops Damaged

Torrential rains which brought approximately nine inches of rainfall to this section during the period from Friday through Monday resulted in flooded highways, interruption of train service, closing of some schools, and much damage to crops. The flood was one of the worst in the history of the Sandhills.

The greatest precipitation registered on any one day was 4.40 on Monday, and already-swollen streams rose rapidly. On Highway 1 at Little River near Lakeview, the water, almost level with the shoulder of the road in mid-afternoon, was hub-cap deep by six o'clock. State Highway trucks remained on the scene to give aid to motorists in case of trouble, and although some local persons continued to go through, main traffic was detoured by Carthage Tuesday. Considerable damage to highway shoulders was evident after the water receded.

The highway from Southern Pines to Carthage was closed Tuesday because of high water. Nick's Creek at Chandler's old pond and Little River made it necessary for travelers to go by way of Pinehurst.

Water from a small creek in Cameron reached the Seaboard Railway Station, and at Byrd's Bridge on Cranes Creek a few miles out, a man named Lynch, tenant on the farm of Misses Sallie and Bessie Cameron, after being forced to abandon his truck in the high water went back later and found that the raging torrent had turned the vehicle completely up side down.

Luckily, this section escaped the high winds that damaged sections.

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Harold A. Collins, Chain Store Owner, Buys Jenks Estate

Major Jenks and Wife Will Live in Connecticut

Transfer of the title to Pickridge, former estate of Major and Mrs. Almet Jenks, to Harold A. Collins, founder and owner of a chain of department stores in the Carolinas, was recently completed through E. C. Stevens, broker in the transaction.

The property, fronting on Young's Road about two miles east of Southern Pines, comprises some 20 acres of land on which is one of the most elaborate dwellings in the Sandhills area, with large stables, appropriate out-buildings and well-lanscaped surroundings.

Mr. Collins, formerly of Lumberton, has already taken possession of the premises, but he and his family will not move here until October 25, pending repairs and improvements.

Founder and owner of 10 department stores and The Merchants Supply Company, purveyors of dry goods, shoes, and similar merchandise, Mr. Collins is also associated with other members of his family in the ownership of seven other stores in the two Carolinas. Youngest son of the late John O. Collins of Spartanburg, S. C., he completed his education at Wofford and Duke Universities.

Mrs. Collins, the former Emma Holliday of Gallivant's Ferry, S. C., is a graduate of Converse College. Mr. and Mrs. Collins and their three children, Harold, Jr., 12, James McLeod, 8, and Emma Holliday, 2, are at present at their summer home at Myrtle Beach.

The Jenks, former owners of Pickridge, lived here some 20 years until Major Jenks entered the armed forces early in the late war. They will reside in Connecticut after Major Jenks is discharged from the Marine Corps but will doubtless be frequent visitors to these parts where they have been prominent in civic activities and have a host of friends.

DIG DOWN

Campaigners for funds to enlarge the school physical education facilities have almost realized their goal. June Phillips, fund treasurer, announced Thursday.

Response from citizens interested in making gymnasium facilities adequate for intramural and varsity sports has been good, the committee reports, but additional donations are sought to give the drive a 100 per cent support by townspeople.

Those who have received season tickets to all school athletic activities for donations of five dollars or more are reminded that their attendance at games this fall and winter will be appreciated as much as their financial support.

So those who haven't... dig down and give out.

CRITICALLY ILL

Walter C. Leslie, prominent lifelong resident of Vass, is critically ill in Lee County Hospital, Sanford, where he has been a patient for nearly seven weeks. His condition became worse last week.

Fifteen SP Boys Report For First Football Practice

Six-man football got off to an enthusiastic start on the Southern Pines athletic field Tuesday when fifteen high school boys met with Supt. Phil Weaver and Coach A. C. Dawson to begin training for a team which the boys hope will make the State Class C Conference sit up and take notice.

Although none in the group has had any actual coaching, five or six of the students played a few games last year with Carthage and Robbins, and so great was the interest in the game that some of the players, eager to equip a team, this summer made an appeal for funds which resulted in donations amounting to \$360. At the opening of the fall term the solicitors turned this money over to the athletic directors for the purchase of equipment, and an official field is being laid off at the athletic park.

It is planned for the team to enter the State Class C Conference.

Appoints Red Cross Nominating Committee

Col. George Percy Hawes, Jr., chairman of the Moore County Red Cross chapter, has appointed the following nominating committee to prepare a list of nominees for presentation to the members at the annual meeting.

The committee: Mrs. M. G. Nichols, Southern Pines, chairman; Mrs. A. L. Burney, Aberdeen; Mrs. W. G. Brown, Carthage; the Rev. Roscoe Prince, Pinehurst, and W. P. Saunders, Robbins.

Red Cross Chapter by-laws provide for the county chairman appointing a nominating committee in October, and that the list of nominees be published in the Moore County newspapers, at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting.

Chairman Hawes pointed out that all Red Cross members are invited to discuss with members of the nominating committee, officer material to serve during 1946.

The by-laws also provide for nominations from the floor at the annual meeting.