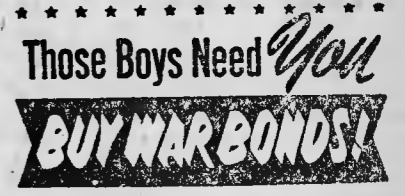




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Gen. McAuliffe Assumes Command of Camp Mackall Airborne Center

Bastogne Defender of "Nuts to Surrender" Fame Succeeds Dalby

Maj. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, defender of Bastogne who made the world-famous reply "Nuts" to the German demand that he surrender the 101st Airborne Division, has assumed command of the Airborne Center at Camp Mackall, succeeding Brig. Gen. Josiah T. Dalbey, who has been given an undisclosed assignment by the War Department.

General McAuliffe joined the famous 101st Airborne as Division Artillery Commander in June 1942, and trained the division at Fort Bragg where they spent most of their time before going to England in September 1943.

In England the division was further trained until June 1944, at which time General McAuliffe parachuted into Normandy at approximately D-5 hours. One of the first generals to land on the coast of France during the invasion of Normandy, he was one of a small group of men who assaulted the town of Poupeville, France, one of the beach defenses. For this action he was awarded the Silver Star, and later his entire group received the Presidential Unit Citation.

In July 1944, General McAuliffe returned to England with the 101st Division and on September 18, he had charge of the glider echelon that went into the town of Zon, Holland. During the Campaign in Holland he was awarded the DSO by the British Government for taking command and defending the town of Vechel.

Historic Defense
The division left Holland and went to a rest area in Rheims until December 12 when they were called upon to back up the line in the Ardennes breakthrough. It was at Bastogne that General McAuliffe made with his troops a defense that will remain forever on the pages of military history.

In January 1945, he was given command of the 103rd Infantry Division with whom he served until the cessation of hostilities in Europe. In July he was given command of the 79th Infantry Division, then training to go to the Pacific, but was recalled from the 79th to command the Airborne center.

A native of Washington, D. C., and a graduate of the United States Military Academy in 1918, General McAuliffe went to Field Artillery Basic School at Fort Knox, Ky., then cavalry school, general staff school, army war college, and war department general staff school.

General McAuliffe will live on the post at Camp Mackall, and his wife will continue to reside in Washington for the present. They (Continued on Page 8)

Two Briggs Brothers Open Business in Vass

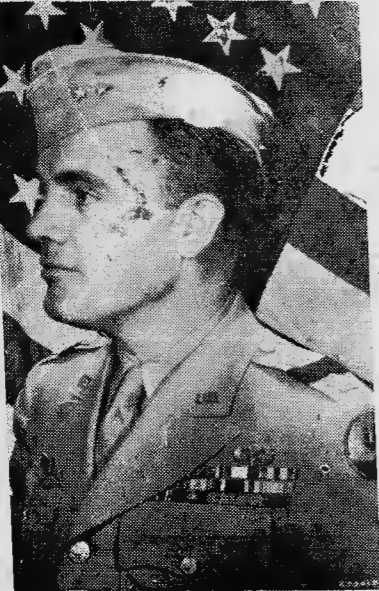
N. W. Briggs, who for almost four years was manager of McKeithen and Company's store in Vass, and J. E. Briggs of Portsmouth, Va., trading under the name of Briggs Brothers, have reopened the store in Vass formerly operated by B. F. Griffin as the Victory Grocery and the connecting garage, located at the intersection of Highway 1 and Union Church Road in Vass.

N. W. Briggs, with twelve years' experience in the grocery and meat business, is in charge of the store and market, which carries a complete line of groceries and fresh meats. J. E. Briggs, who has been in the garage business in Portsmouth, has supervision of the filling station-garage, handling Esso products and doing overhauling and general repair. Their opening ad appears in this issue.

COMMUNION

Worldwide Communion Sunday will be observed at the Church of Wide Fellowship Sunday, October 7, when all who confess the Christian faith are invited to participate in the service at 11 a. m. The Rev. Tucker G. Humphries, pastor, has announced the sermon subject as "Tomorrow May Never Come."

NEW COMMANDER



MAJ. GEN. MCAULIFFE

Man Fatally Hurt, Mule Killed, When Car Strikes Wagon

Pete Johnson, Vass, Is Victim; James Williams Is Injured

Sandy (Pete) Johnson, colored resident of Vass, who was injured last Friday night when an automobile driven by Junior Blake, white, of Vass, crashed into the rear of his unlighted wagon a few yards south of Little River Bridge on Highway 1 at Lakeview, died Sunday afternoon at Moore County Hospital.

Blake was uninjured, but James Williams, colored, who was riding with Johnson, suffered a broken bone in his foot and Johnson's small daughter was slightly injured.

The accident occurred around 11 o'clock Friday night. Both vehicles were headed for Vass. Blake said that an approaching car blinded him and that he did not see the wagon, which was unlighted. The wagon was pushed for some distance along the edge of the highway and finally landed on the side of the embankment, with the mule, which was killed, lying with his head partly in the flooded area near the river. The wagon was badly damaged, as was the front of Blake's car.

Johnson, who resided in Vass all of his life, was a number one butcher and his services were always in great demand at "hog killing time." Funeral services were planned for Wednesday afternoon if absent members of the family could get home by that time. He is survived by his wife and several children.

Chaplain Westbrook To Speak at Baptist Church

Chaplain Westbrook of the First Army Command, Fort Bragg, will be guest speaker at the First Baptist Church, Southern Pines, at 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning.

Chaplains from nearby camps have rendered inestimable service to churches in this area and they have been heard with great interest. Deep appreciation of their services at home and abroad has been expressed.

The pastor, the Rev. Sam B. Erwin, will bring the evening message at 8:00 o'clock.

NEW FURNITURE PLANT NOW IN OPERATION

Vass Industries, Inc., expects to begin shipping cedar wardrobes within about two weeks. Twenty workers are now employed at the new furniture plant, and Paul Odom, superintendent, says that they have enough cedar bought to run the plant for about a year. Mr. Odom is advertising for male and female labor and many more workers will be employed within a short time.

OLD HAND

Brenda Gale Key, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Key of Cameron, is an old hand at "putting in" tobacco. Although she is only six months old, she has been present while 25 barns of tobacco were made ready for curing.

Kiwanans Hear Forceful Talk on United War Fund

Chester A. Kerr of State Organization for Drive Speaks

Declaring that "the roots of future wars are in the empty bellies of the inhabitants of Europe today," Chester A. Kerr, executive secretary of the United War Fund in North Carolina, gave convincing answers to the question, "Why Is a War Drive Needed?" when he spoke to the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at its regular meeting Wednesday at the Southern Pines Country Club. North Carolina's part in the current drive is three and a quarter million.

The speaker mentioned the work of the USO, which, he said, will be needed until the last man is back home. The budget of the USO is approved by both the Army and Navy, he said.

He also brought out the point that this has been a shipping war, and mentioned the splendid work done by the United Seaman's Service, in furnishing living quarters for Merchant Marine personnel throughout the world. War Prisoners Aid, was discussed, as was Foreign Relief. A forceful point in the Foreign Relief discussion was that 640 out of every 1,000 babies in Greece die before reaching six months of age.

The Club adopted a resolution to the effect that Kiwanis is most grateful for the valuable service that Warren T. White, executive assistant to the president of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, has rendered in placing North Carolina in the Seaboard's advertising.

The Kiwanis Club last week resumed its regular schedule of holding meetings weekly.

Scouts to Hold Court of Honor

A Court of Honor, sponsored by the Boy Scouts of Moore County to inaugurate the fall year, will be held Monday, October 8, at 8 p. m. in Aberdeen in the building where Aberdeen's Troop 68 regularly meets.

Another Scouting event of special interest to adult scouters is the adult training course to be held in Carthage October 9, 10 and 11. This will be a specialization course for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters and Troop Committeemen, the object of the course being to help these adult leaders in training young Scouts.

The course will run in four sessions, the first at 7:45 p. m. in the Carthage Community Building; the second, an outdoor meeting, at 3 p. m., October 10; the third at 7:30 p. m. on October 10; and the final on the evening of October 11.

Final activity for the next month will be a dinner meeting of Moore County Scoutmasters at the Oak Point Inn near Carthage on Monday night, November 5. A round table discussion will take place at that time.

Old Bethesda Celebrates 155th Anniversary at Home-Coming

by Gertrude Walton

It wasn't an ideal day for a home coming... the sky looked ready to weep any minute... but loyal Bethesdans, descendants of the early churchfathers who planted the roots of Presbyterianism in this section almost two centuries ago, gathered Sunday to celebrate the 155th anniversary of Old Bethesda Church near Aberdeen.

There was no large foregathering of clans, most of the people arriving just in time for the morning service at 11 a. m. Several early birds (early because they had forgotten to turn their clocks back an hour before they retired the night before) wandered aimlessly around the churchyard after trying each of the five doors to the old church and finding them all locked.

Promptly at 11 the organ sounded, and the service began. The little frame church was filled to capacity, overflowing into the galleries where the slaves sat almost a century ago. Without struggling too hard, one could almost see the congregation of many decades ago, for the church is essentially the same now as it

CITED



JAMES GRAY DUGGINS

Tech. Fifth Grade James G. Duggins of Southern Pines and Lakeview was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for distinguished action against Germany between June, 1944, and March, 1945.

The citation reads in part, "He displayed his ability and courage in the Normandy campaign on June 6, 1944, the airborne assault on Holland on September 17, and during the defense of the key city of Bastogne, Belgium, from December 19-December 27, 1944. Throughout these campaigns his devotion to duty and outstanding service to his regiment..."

Son of Raymond B. Duggins (Continued on Page 8)

Comdr. Attebury Directs Plane to Shipwrecked Crew

Husband of Julia Burt Helps Rescue Survivors Near Guam

The account of the rescue of the crew of the Indianapolis off the shores of Guam, released by the Associated Press recently, carries local interest in that the air squadron that arrived to direct the survivors to safety was commanded by Lieut. Comdr. George C. Attebury, husband of Julia Burt and son-in-law of Struthers Burt of Southern Pines.

Commander Attebury has seen a great deal of action, both in the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters of war. His squadron has been cited for gallantry, and he himself holds many awards which, interestingly enough, have been for rescue work.

The news dispatch reads in part as follows: "A Black Cat pilot who rescued 56 survivors from the torpedoed cruiser Indianapolis had to make up his mind in a hurry when he saw the hundreds of exhausted men scattered over the sea below him at midday, August 2, and he did, landing his Catalina right then.

"With even the high wings of (Continued on Page 8)

C of C Officially Reorganized and Board Elected

12 Directors Are Chosen at Open Meeting Tuesday

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce was officially reorganized Tuesday night when a group of 45 citizens met at the Country Club and elected a 12-man Board of Directors.

The directors, nominated by a committee composed of J. T. Overton, Charlie Patch and John Ruggles and unanimously accepted by the meeting, were chosen with the idea in mind of representing as many local businesses as possible. It was voted by the group to have all three of the nominating committee to serve on the Board. Overton and Ruggles accepted the nomination, but Patch declined.

The Board of Directors includes: J. Tyler Overton, Sandhill Drug Co.; John Ruggles, Paul T. Barnum, Inc.; Dante Montesanti, Montesanti Cleaners; Joe Montesanti, Broad Street Pharmacy; R. C. DuBose, Carolina Power and Light Company; A. A. Howlett, Howlett's Service Station; George Thompson, Central Carolina Telephone Company; Morris Johnson, Johnson's; Robert Reed, Belvedere Hotel; L. D. McDonald, A and P; Dr. W. C. Mudgett, physician; and Garland Pierce, manager of the Highland Pines Inn.

Chan Page was chosen temporary chairman, and Will Wiggs, secretary. Due to the large gathering, it was suggested that a nominating committee be appointed to submit for consideration a tentative board of 12 members. Overton, Ruggles, and Patch were placed on the committee.

Objectives of the Chamber of Commerce were discussed while the nominating committee was conferring. Philip Weaver, local school superintendent, stressed (Continued on Page 8)

Two Cars Stolen During Last Week

That motorists who leave their keys in their automobiles are running a great risk was demonstrated twice in the Sandhills last week. D. E. Bailey, telegraph operator in Southern Pines, drove his car to the station at 4:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and due to the fact that his switch key was bent and hard to remove, he left it in for fear it would break off in the lock. When he got ready to go home at midnight, his car, a Ford Tudor sedan, was nowhere in sight and no trace of it has been found since.

Saturday afternoon Sam Ross, who lives on a Cameron route, left his car parked near Fields' service station in Vass while he went to a nearby store, and during his absence a soldier drove away in the Chevrolet, Ross having failed to remove his key. The car was later located in Sanford, slightly damaged.

C P & L Sales Manager Speaks to Lions Club

M. H. Hicks, commercial sales manager for the Carolina Power and Light Company, was principal speaker when the Vass Lions Club met Tuesday evening at Fields' Diner for its regular dinner meeting.

Mr. Hicks, who was introduced by June Phillips of Southern Pines, made an illuminating talk on "The Science of Seeing," using charts to illustrate the lecture.

The meeting was presided over by C. L. Tyson, president.

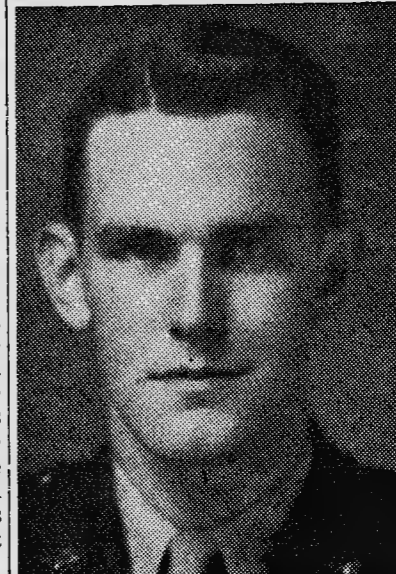
Leon Keith, recently returned from overseas, was the guest of N. M. McKeithen. J. H. Bunn, principal of the Vass-Lakeview School, was enrolled.

Sandhills Funeral Home Has Fifth Anniversary

On the occasion of its fifth anniversary THE PILOT extends congratulations and best wishes to the Sandhills Funeral Home in Southern Pines, operated by A. Bynum ("Pat") Patterson. This funeral home, which has enjoyed rapid growth, is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association.

Southern Pines United War Fund Drive To Raise \$3,000 Underway

COMING HOME



JOHN D. SITTERSON

Major John D. Sitterson, Jr., is expected to arrive this week-end from Germany to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sitterson, before going to Leavenworth, Kansas, for a 16-week course at Command School.

Major Sitterson served as anti-tank officer with the 78th Division Artillery throughout the invasion of Germany.

After a 30-day leave in Southern Pines at the completion of his Command School course, he is scheduled to return to Germany to rejoin the 78th Division for occupational duty in Berlin.

Garland Pierce New Manager of Highland Pines

Garland A. Pierce has been announced as manager of the Highland Pines Inn, succeeding W. E. Flynn who recently resigned after holding that post for the past five years.

The Inn, built in 1912, opened for its 33rd season on Monday, October 1, and Mr. Pierce reports the heaviest booking from civilian resorters for many years.

Extensive renovations, refurbishings and redecorations have been planned and are now in progress.

The new manager is at present in the army at the Fort Bragg Separation Center, but expects to regain his civilian status soon. He is president of Paul T. Barnum, Inc., and was associated with the Belvedere Hotel for 18 years before entering the service.

LICENSED GUIDES

Licensed guides for the Moore County hunting season have been announced by State Division of Game and Inland Fisheries.

They are: Charles Caldwell, Vander Roberson and O. E. Williams of Southern Pines; E. B. McCrimmon, Route 2, Vass; and Donald H. Bowers, Southern Pines.

STUART WOOD HONORED

Stuart Wood, Jr., son of Col. and Mrs. Stuart Wood of Southern Pines, has been elected senior representative to the student council at Fishburne Military School, according to a release from Waynesboro, Va.

GARDEN HEY-DEY

The seasons... in Southern Pines at least... are topsyturvy this year as evidence of Spring in September pops out everywhere. Apple trees are blossoming, honeysuckle is sprouting, and even magnolias are giving forth blossoms as Nature seems to be enjoying an Indian Summer hey-day.

H. B. Fowler brought an apple blossom, as sweet as any springtime bloom, into the Pilot office this week. He also had a rose which he had picked from a bush in his yard. Then Mrs. B. J. Simmonds, newly-arrived army wife, reported blossoms running rampant far out of season, all of which goes to show that even Nature isn't infallible as far as getting time mixed up is concerned.

Paul T. Barnum, SP Chairman, asks for Speedy Contributions

The Southern Pines United War Fund Drive to raise \$3,000 got underway here Monday, October 1, when workers met in the office of Paul T. Barnum, local chairman, to organize and complete plans for the conduct of the local drive.

Those working in the current drive to whom contributions may be given are: Paul Jernigan, Jimmy Hobbs, Paul Butler, Will Wiggs, E. C. Stevens, Harry M. Vale, Mrs. G. W. Moore, Mrs. J. S. Milliken, Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, Mrs. Louis Scheipers Mrs. Lloyd Woolley, Mrs. Philip Weaver, Mrs. Roy Grinnell, Mrs. M. G. Nichols, Mrs. Heizmann Mudgett, Mrs. E. C. Stevens, Miss Jane Moore and Miss Denise Trousdel.

Immediate plans are to canvass the downtown section for contributions. A booth has already been placed in the lobby of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company where two women will be on duty during the hours the bank is open to accept money for the fund.

Although the drive is scheduled for a 30-day period, Chairman Barnum said he was hoping it would have a speedy send-off so Southern Pines can exceed her quota in the first several weeks.

"We are suffering a handicap in this campaign for many of the people who made the last drive a success with their substantial contributions are now out of town. I am hoping that these will send their checks to some member of the War Fund committee. All checks should be made out to the United War Fund Drive, and of course, most people know the money contributed to this cause is deductible from their income tax."

Mr. Barnum pointed out that many people had asked what was the need of a United War Fund now that the war is over. "This is the last drive, but it is also (Continued on Page 8)

Lieut. Bill Wilson Is Home On Leave

First Lieut. William J. Wilson is in Southern Pines on accrued leave while waiting on his discharge papers from the Army Air Force, in which he has been serving for the past three years.

It was exactly three years ago this month that Lieutenant Wilson enlisted in the service in Raleigh. Following the usual training at primary and secondary schools, he received his commission and in July, 1944, went to England, and later was stationed in France and Belgium. Since his return to the States, Lieutenant Wilson has been stationed most of the time in West Palm Beach, Fla. in the air transport command, largely in Central America. He is the son of Mrs. Ellen Shea, who is living at the Parkview Hotel.

Stevens Agency Announces Sales

The Stevens Real Estate and Insurance Agency announces the sale of 20 acres of land on Young's Road for Mrs. J. Reid Healy, owner of Firleigh Farm, to P. Frank Buchanan. This is a cleared tract on the north side of the road adjoining land owned by Mrs. H. C. Thrower and is a part of the allotment once owned by Mrs. H. A. Page, Jr., and known as Edgemoore Heights. Mr. Buchanan has not yet perfected plans for the development of this tract.

The same agency has also recently sold to Ed Starnes the 2-story dwelling on Illinois Avenue formerly owned by George Van Camp. Mr. Starnes buys for investment and has leased the premises to I. A. Woodell who is occupying the dwelling with his family.

TADLOCK'S OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR TWO WEEKS

The office of J. H. Tadlock, deputy collector of internal revenue for Moore and Hoke Counties, located in the basement of the Southern Pines Post Office, will be closed this week and next as Mr. Tadlock is away. Beginning October 17 his office will be open only on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to 5:30 o'clock.