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Lloyd Woolley, Jr., Tells About Life Aboard An Aircraft Carrier

Describes Task Force Action Under Famous Capt. "Dixie" Kiefer

"Just think . . . you were in Japan just a little while ago! It's hard to realize."

"It was hard to realize then," Lloyd Woolley said. "The people would bow when you came along, and all stand aside. Some of them looked scared, but they all grinned and bowed and scraped. It gave you a strange feeling."

Lloyd Jr., has been home about ten days of the precious leave which came to him after his ship, the Ticonderoga, came into San Francisco last month, bringing back home a great crowd of discharged soldiers and sailors. The big carrier, which had seen some of the toughest fighting of the Pacific campaign, was loaded to her gunnalls with happy passengers. Including many of her own crew who were seeing their last bit of ocean for what they hoped would be a long time.

Lloyd joined the Navy back in July, 1943, when he was still seventeen. It is said the best of the boot-campers were sent to the aircraft carriers. Be that as it may, Lloyd was assigned to the Ticonderoga, destined for duty in the Pacific. His rank was musician 2/c, and rank was all the musician there was to it; the instruments, packed away when they boarded ship, never saw the light of day till they were back again on dry land.

On the first cruise, he was one of six musicians who were given radar instruction. They spent a great part of their time on the bridge at the instruments working closely with the navigation (Con'd. on Page 14, Section 2)

Christmas Seals Sale Starting

Trouble is: when you do a thing once you have to go on doing it again and better and better!

Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, chairman of Moore County's Tuberculosis Association, is finding that out this year, for the eighteenth time. For it was eighteen long years ago that she started her seal-selling career in the county (and a few other things besides selling seals!)

The first year, only \$700.00 was raised through seal sales; last year \$5260.00, and this year the quota has been put at \$5300.00. So, bigger and bigger efforts must be made for those better and better results. And, just to show that the results do follow the efforts: since the start of this work, the number of deaths from T. B. in the county have dropped from 18 to 7, a remarkable record.

Mrs. Cheatham, the county chairman, and the colored county chairman, R. O. Taylor, are quick to pass the credit on to their workers, particularly the chairmen of the different branches. Following is the list of those who are heading the seal-selling in (Continued on Page 5)

Miss Rhoda King Joins County Welfare Staff

Miss Rhoda King of New York, a graduate of Hunter College who is doing a year's graduate study in the Social Work School of the University of North Carolina, has been assigned to the Moore County Welfare Department for three days of field work each week for the college year. Miss King will spend three days at the college, and three days as case worker in the Pinehurst and Carthage territory. One of 30 in the graduate School of Social Work who are engaged in field work in sixteen of the one hundred counties in North Carolina, she began her duties last week.

Holiday Opens New Restaurant In Town

W. B. Holliday has opened his new restaurant on West Broad Street adjoining the Carolina Theatre building. Formerly Ed's Cafe, the new enterprise brings to Southern Pines citizens and visitors another place to eat good meals.

The hours are from seven A. M. to eleven P. M. and the restaurant will be closed on Tuesdays.

Hawes and Avery Reelected at Red Cross Meeting

Chair Lauds Members In Fine County Report Urging Work Continue

The Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross held its annual meeting Friday at the Southern Pines School House and elected the officers for the coming year. George P. Hawes, Jr., was elected chairman, and L. T. Avery vice-chairman, Miss Nancy Proctor, secretary, and David Packard, treasurer.

In an impressive report, the chairman, Col. George P. Hawes, Jr., outlined the work accomplished during the year by the ten branches of the Chapter: Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Cameron, Carthage, Eagle Springs, Jackson Springs, Robbins, Pinebluff and West End. He told of the resignation of E. H. Garrison, Jr., as chairman on Dec. 5th, and of Mr. Leon Seymour as vice-chairman in July and of the two places being filled by himself and L. T. Avery, while Mrs. Margaret Dyer took over the duties of Home Service secretary from Mrs. Louise Clark, Mrs. Paul Dana being elected secretary of the chapter.

Col. Hawes concluded his report by calling upon all the members of the chapter to continue their loyal service. "Above all," he said, "it must be remembered that the Red Cross is a humanitarian organization, and to be useful to the community and successful, there is no place in its organization for petty policies, selfishness and jealousies. We can not succeed without making some personal sacrifice, and the fortunate should be willing to give of their time and do something to aid those to whom life has not been so generous."

Report for 1945

PRODUCTION: During the year 41,033 surgical dressings were made for Camp Mackall, the gauze furnished by the station hospital. Knitting for the Army consisted of 125 articles; for the Navy, 144 articles; for (Continued on Page 5)

Ballentine Speaks To Kiwanians On Farm Problems

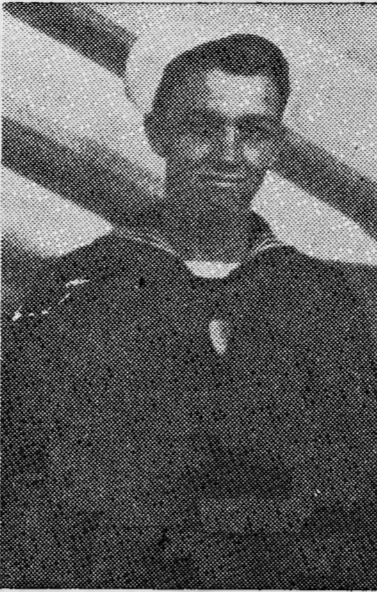
By Howard F. Burns

L. Y. Ballentine, Lt. Governor of North Carolina addressed the Sandhill Kiwanis Club and tobacco buyers from the Aberdeen market, assembled at luncheon Wednesday.

Preceding the address, Gene Maynard, Auctioneer on the Aberdeen Tobacco Market, auctioned a couple of cigarette lighters for which the funds will go to the Children's Bed Fund, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club at the Moore County Hospital.

J. Talbot Johnson announced that the annual Ladies' Night Banquet will be held at the Pinehurst Country Club on the evening of Wednesday, November 28th. Hamilton Holt, President of the Kiwanis International, is the banquet speaker. Charles Picquet, a member of the Committee, is arranging an interesting musical program.

Smith Brothers In the Navy



FRANCIS E. SMITH

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smith of Southern Pines are serving in the Navy. Francis E., seaman 1/c, enlisted in June, 1943 and volunteered for sea duty. Following his training he served on the Atlantic until the surrender of Germany, then transferred to the Pacific.

Clyde Watson Smith, seaman 2/c, enlisted last January. When last heard from on September 22 he was in San Francisco awaiting reassignment.

Seaman Francis Smith is serving aboard the USS Kretchner, which was one of the ships which evacuated prisoners of war from Formosa, and made such a fine record that Rear Admiral D. Ketchum sent them the following message, a copy of which was given Smith with a certificate showing that he was serving during that action:

"For evacuating prisoners of war from Formosa you were



CLYDE WATSON SMITH

nothing short of sensational. "To every officer and man in your ships is due resounding applause for showing your noses into Kirumun before the occupation without thought of self in a most worthy cause.

"The handling of passengers and their care like everything else in the operation was done in the American way, and there is no better.

"I pass to you Commander Seventh Fleet's message, 'Prompt and determined action in the Formosa evacuation under difficult circumstances was a magnificent performance and a Godsend to our prisoners. WELL DONE, Signed, Kincaid.'"

The entrance into the harbor at Formosa by the Kretchner and the Gary, destroyer escorts, was the first to be attempted by any of the allies since Perry opened the gates of Japan in the year 1853, it is recorded.

Telephone Men In Convention Here

The Central Carolina Company was host, this past week to the members of the North Carolina Independent Telephone Companies Association, which entertained at the close of the convention with a banquet and dance at the Pine Needles Hotel.

About a hundred and twenty-five members of the association attended the convention, filling the hotel to capacity and overflowing into the near-by Mid-Pines Club. Two hundred and fifty covers were laid at the banquet for the members, local guests and visiting dignitaries of the Bell Company and representatives of telephone equipment firms. Carl Goerch, of The State Magazine, acted as toast-master; Edmund Harding, of Washington, D. C. being one of the speakers, as well as the newly elected president of the association, Ralph Van Prime, vice-president of the Durham Telephone Co. Norman L. Shenk, former resident of Southern Pines, was a convention speaker.

SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Moore County teachers in large numbers attended a Science Workshop conducted by A. B. Combs and Miss Julia Weatherington of the State Department of Education, Raleigh, at the West End School Monday night.

Hounds Meet For Opening Fox Hunt

The Moore County Hounds opened the season Tuesday with a fox-hunt. Meeting at nine at the Kennels on the Mile-away Farm of the master, Ozelle Moss, hounds drew the Carrolls Branch cover back of the farm.

The lateness of the hour and the warm weather combined to make it a poor scenting day, and hounds drew without success for the next hour or so when the master decided to blow off and go home.

Beside the hunt staff, only five were out: Mr. and Mrs. Brodresour and Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Caldwell, who is occupying the Trix house.

The tentative schedule of hunts for the season comprises fox hunting on Tuesdays and Thursdays and drags on Saturdays. The first drag will take place this Saturday, November 17th, at three o'clock.

MISS JOYCE ISGETT IN COUNTY HEALTH OFFICE

Miss Joyce Isgett of Cameron is the new clerk in the Moore County Health Department, taking the place of Miss Evelyn Stutts, who has entered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

VOTE DEC. 18 TO . . .

enlarge and improve the town's sewer system; improve and repair the town's streets; improve and purify the town's air, by building an incinerator to take the place of the dump.

The first will cost \$70,000, the second \$50,000, and the third \$30,000. The town proposes to pay for these necessary improvements by the issuance of three sets of bonds, to be paid for by an annual tax.

The polls, at the Municipal Building, will be open from 6:30 A. M. to 6:30 P. M. and those familiar characters, Hiram Westbrook, Frank Wilson, and A. S. Ruggles will be on hand to see that all goes smoothly.

Victory Drive Is Lagging in County

Southern Pines Has 20 Percent of Quota; School Rally a Success

With sixteen of the 41 days of the Victory Loan Drive ended, Moore County had on Tuesday reported only \$59,679.75 of its overall quota of \$446,000, with \$40,368.75 of this amount being in E bonds, according to figures released by County Chairman Eugene C. Stevens.

Southern Pines had a total of \$25,450 through Wednesday, which is approximately 20 percent of the overall quota. The E bond showing is some better, \$22,950, or one-third of the E quota, Paul Jernigan, local chairman reports.

Servicemen, active and retired, are setting a fine example for civilians, one which leaders in the drive would like to see them follow. The first Roosevelt two-hundred dollar E bond purchased in Southern Pines during the Victory Drive was bought by Corporal Calvin N. Stephenson, U. S. Marine Corps, who is in Nagasaki, Japan, with the Fighting Sixth Division. Col. O. A. Dickson, retired, purchased the first E bond other than the Roosevelt bond.

Aberdeen is the only other town from which late figures are available. About 25 percent of the quota had been raised through Wednesday.

The School Bond Rally held here last Friday was a great success, with bond and stamp sales bringing the school's total to \$5,444.95. Grade 3, Miss Abbie Sutherland, teacher, led in sales, with \$1,702.60. The school started out with the purchase of one bed at Fort Bragg (\$3,000) as its goal, but now it is confident that it can double that number.

The auditorium was packed for the program. Capt. A. H. Achtermann led the devotions and stressed the importance of buying and holding war bonds. Capt. Itaska Simmons spoke and the 664th Army Air Force Band from Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base delighted the crowd with novelty and popular numbers. "The Army Nurse," a film was shown.

New Owners Take Over Lakeview Hotel, Lake

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Allen, recent purchasers of the Lakeview Hotel and 200-acre Crystal Lake at Lakeview, have already taken possession and have the place in operation. The new owners plan to completely renovate the hotel building, erect a new bath house and dance pavilion at the water, and put twenty-five good fishing boats on the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen came to Lakeview from Durham. She was originally from Akron, Ohio, and Mr. Allen, formerly a professional ball player, is a North Carolinian, a native of Anson County. They have one young son, Jimmy, Jr., almost four, who is (Continued on Page 4)

UNION SERVICE

The annual Union Thanksgiving Service of all churches in Southern Pines will be held at 8:00 p. m. Wednesday, November 21, in the Church of Wide Fellowship, with the Rev. Thompson E. Davis, pastor of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, bringing the message. The entire community is invited.

School Team Vies For State Honors Thanksgiving Day

Southern Pines Plays Lexington School For East-West Grid Title

by J. A. Phillips

Southern Pines, eastern title winner, will meet Lexington Junior Orphanage, western title holders, here on Thanksgiving Day at 2:30 p. m. to play for the state class C football championship.

Saturday afternoon in a conference with M. McIntosh of Chapel Hill, secretary of the N. C. Association of high schools, Mr. Weaver and Mr. Dawson offered the local gridiron facilities for the game. Mr. McIntosh after long distance consultation with the two western contenders, Curry High and the Junior Orphanage, accepted the offer and set Thanksgiving as the day of the game. The N. C. High School Association officially sponsors the game, and after paying the expenses of the visiting team and officials will divide the receipts one third between the Association and the two high schools.

Around the high school there is an air of tense expectancy as the students, preparing new cheers and songs, rally around their team as never before. One thing is definitely known, it will be a head long crash of two high scoring teams, both undefeated, each seeking new honors here this (Continued on Page 4)

First Horse Show Of Season Will Be Thanksgiving Day

Palominos, Cowboys, Hunters Feature Afternoon Program

The opening horse show and equestrian Gymkhana of the season will be held at the horseshow grounds at Southern Pines Country Club on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd, at 2 P. M., according to an announcement made by Louis Scheipers, Chairman of the Equestrian Committee. Plans are being made to make this one of the outstanding shows of the autumn months.

Workmen have been busily engaged in getting the Hunter Trial Course and show ring in readiness for the show.

The feature part of the program will be the presentation by The Paddock Farm of several palomino horses. This is a very beautiful animal that performs many tricks, and will be in addition to the usual classes on the afternoon program.

Mrs. Daryll Parshall, the former Margaret Thorne Smith of Millbrook and Southern Pines, will judge and Lloyd Tate, of Blowing Rock and Pinehurst, will announce the events.

The afternoon card lists six classes, opening with the showing of the palominos and the spectacular riding of western cowboys; second, a class for children's horsemanship and amateur riders; third, a class for lightweight and middleweight hunters on the outside course; fourth, a class for open jumpers in the ring; fifth a class for servicemen, which is expected to be the most spectacular event on the program, and sixth a Potato Race.

The show is being given for the benefit of the United War Loan Drive.

Democratic Banquet and Rally Honor Servicemen

A Moore County Democratic Banquet and Rally honoring returned service men will be held at the Southern Pines Country Club next Tuesday night, November 20, beginning at 7:00 p. m. The meeting is sponsored by the Young Democratic Club of Moore County.

An interesting program has been arranged, highlight of which will be an address by M. G. Boyette. The public is invited.

CLOSING

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd.

The Story of a Prisoner of War

By James Boyd, Jr.

QM 2/c U. S. C. G.

The grey transport rose heavily on the first swells of the Pacific. Over her white wake, astern, the green hills and mountains of the Philippines were dropping into the horizon. The ship was on its way to San Francisco. On board was the most welcome and precious cargo she had ever carried during her many adventures of the war.

Along her rails leaned brown, thin men in khaki looking like battle worn G.I's. Their clasped hands were scarred and wrinkled. Their faces were blank and expressionless, watching the waves curve off the bow and hiss by. Looking at them more closely, one realized these were not G.I's. They had seen things no soldier even, had seen. Their faces and

eyes showed it, and the way they talked in low, quiet voices. They moved about the ship with a tiny unconscious stoop. Automatically, they stepped aside when a sailor approached. Their politeness never experienced aboard a crowded transport. The sailor felt a keen sense of guilt when these men drew to one side, so completely, to let him pass. Very seldom did they shout or yell or carry on. Even when the ship's band played for them their faces remained expressionless. They had seen too much to allow their emotions to show themselves.

This hardened group of men, that crowded the decks, were Allied prisoners of war liberated three weeks before from under the Jap heel; British and Canadians taken at Singapore and a

part of the original British garrison from Hong Kong; Americans from Corregidor and long lost US civilians taken on Wake Island where they had been building an airstrip. This was the precious cargo which my ship, the Dickman, was bringing home. I talked to many of these men. For the most part, they were eager to talk, eager to exchange ideas about what had happened, about the future, about their homes and even about politics. They were not eager to talk about their experiences, though inevitably the conversation worked around to it. I found that, except for minor details, their stories were all about the same. This particular story is by no means complete. It is really only (Con'd. on Page 1, Section 2)