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Victory Loan Chairmen Urge That Citizens Buy Bonds Without Delay

Moore County and Southern Pines Are Still Far From Goal

"It is later than you think, folks," say those Victory Loan chairmen, pointing to the fact that we are more than half-way through the period allotted for the last war bond drive, but that sales are way below the half-way mark on the big thermometers.

It is human to slacken off, they say; we were almost super-human in the efforts made during the war; we're bound to have a relapse. Yet the Victory Loan workers know that we can't afford to slacken up. That is why they have volunteered once more for this last drive.

Overall figures reported to County Chairman E. C. Stevens show Moore County on November 19th up to only \$89,779.50 on its drive for \$446,000, with \$55,950 of its "E" bond quota of \$238,000.

December 8th is the date set for the close of the drive, but Moore County, a county which has made a glorious record in each of the previous drives, will have to become aroused or this record will be broken. At the rate of progress made in the past week the drive would have to continue through December, January and into February for the quota to be reached.

In Southern Pines the picture is a bit more favorable. Paul Jernigan, local chairman, announced "E" bond sales through Tuesday at \$26,962.50, or 43 percent of the "E" quota; overall, \$34,762.50, or 28 percent. This is the first drive in which "E" sales have exceeded the overall in percentage, which indicates that very few of the larger buyers are purchasing. There is still hope of the quota here being reached if the big buyers will step up their purchases and the little buyers keep on keeping on.

Many places are ahead of Moore County and Southern Pines; some are nearly up to their quotas. Chairmen and workers join to issue a call to one and all to buy bonds, stop inflation, continue to help our wounded, our servicemen overseas, by investing in government bonds of the Last Victory Loan Drive.

The Women's Committee, of which Mrs. Phil Weaver is local chairman, is busy with plans to enlist the youngest citizens as well as the older ones in this army for peace. They are urging every parent or friend of a baby to buy a bond for the child to help make its future secure.

"Please, folks," say the chairmen, "buy now and help us make this last war loan drive successful."

Major John Lang Urges Continued Peace Effort

Major John A. Lang of Carthage, in a forceful address before members of the Vass Lions Club Monday night, urged that citizens go all-out in their peace efforts just as they had done in supporting the war, declaring that, although the actual fighting had ceased, their loyalty was just as much needed now as ever.

In discussing strikes he spoke of the feeling that service men returning from overseas had when they landed and found that because of a strike they were unable to contact their families immediately by telephone.

W. P. Parker had Ted Klingenschild and John McDermott, recently discharged servicemen, as his guests, and Arthur L. Read of East Bridgewater, Mass., and Wayland Thomas were guests of W. E. Gladstone.

WINSLOW H. COOK

Mrs. Luella Smiley has received the news of the death of her brother Winslow H. Cook in Portland, Me. on November 14th.

Mr. Cook, the son of George and Luella Cooper Cook, was born in South Paris, Me., September 4, 1870. During the years 1922-23, he was a resident of Southern Pines, owning a home, number 9 East Maine avenue. Active in the membership of the Baptist congregation, he was in charge of the music during his residence here.

Other survivors are his widow, four children, twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

CAN WE TAKE IT?

The evening of Thanksgiving Day will find most Sandhillers in a state of nervous prostration — or worse. Talk about an embarrassment of riches . . . !

At 2:30, right on top of that turkey-bird dinner, WITH cranberry - sauce-creamed-onions - mashed - potatoes-squash - beans-rolls-nuts-olives-celery—right on top of all that, the people of the Sandhills are going to go, as fast as their shortness of breath will let them, out to the athletic field, there to witness, ladies and gentlemen, THE GREATEST EVENT OF THE SEASON, when Southern Pines will play their rival for the North Carolina six-man football title.

AND, the minute the last whistle blows, these same people, by now, we'll bet, considerably shorter of breath, will surge out of the stands and on to the Country Club grounds, hoping they are in time to catch a glimpse of the end of a palomino's tail, winding out of the ring, in the first gymkhana of the winter.

What happens by the time that is over, we leave to the ever lurid imagination of our readers.

As for us, we've just realized that mince pie and pumpkin will be included in that menu. Lawd, Lawd!

New Textile Plant To Operate In Vass Early Next Year

Welcome news is that a new manufacturing plant will begin operating in Vass early in 1946 in the large brick building opposite Hotel Charmella. Sale of the building to A. M. Cameron, manager of the Vass Cotton Mill, and associates is announced by R. P. Beasley, former owner, and Mr. Beasley is preparing to be ready for the new owners to take possession the first of January. Although details of the new business have not been divulged, it is understood that textiles will be manufactured, and that operations will begin in February.

The building, which is 70 by 100 feet in size, was erected in 1928 and was first used by John Beasley, now of Mt. Airy, as a Ford Sales place. Recently R. P. Beasley has been operating a store in one section, and using another as a fertilizer storage warehouse.

In reporting the sale, Mr. Beasley states that he is glad to cooperate in anything that is for the growth of the town, for, he says, "I have been over a good part of the country and I like this section best of all." While he is retiring from the mercantile business, Mr. Beasley is not giving up his farming and fertilizer interests.

JOHN THE GREEK

A well-known character in Aberdeen life died last week. His name was unknown, his history unknown, yet his death brought a stab of sorrow to many hearts.

"Strange," one Aberdeen man put it, "how a man can live in your midst for so long, so well known and yet so unknown. John the Greek, or John the hot dog man, as he was called, filled a very real place in the town's life; he will be missed."

John's friend, Nick Rapatoes of Southern Pines, went to see him Friday. The door was locked and there was no response to his knock. He telephoned from Martin's Garage for a policeman. Together they broke open the door of John's room to find that he had slept away into death during the night. To his brother in Wilmington went the sad news, and, later, John's body for burial there.

John had a name, of course. It was Macris, a good and respected name in his country, Greece. But there are times when names are unnecessary, when the name, given by affection, becomes more important than the actual patronym.

John was called: "The Greek." There could be no prouder, finer name than that.

Democratic Rally Hears Speeches Of Political Leaders

Gathering Welcomes Servicemen, Applauds Lang, McKeithen, Blue

The Young Democrats met at the Southern Pines Country Club Tuesday night in a banquet rally in honor of returning servicemen.

Chairman of the occasion was Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, editor and publisher of the Sandhill Citizen, who ably executed his job of handling the entertainment and serious business of the evening.

Among those who spoke to the large gathering of some hundred and forty people were: C. N. Page of Southern Pines, M. G. Boyette, attorney of Carthage and chairman of the county democratic committee, Captain Leland McKeithen of Aberdeen, W. E. Horner, publisher of the Sanford Herald, Major John Lang, of Carthage, recently returned from Italy, P. F. Buchan of Southern Pines and others prominent in the political life of the county and state.

High point of the night was the introduction of the servicemen present, who were warmly welcomed by the gathering, each speaker, in turn, expressing the gratitude and pride of the people of the entire section in their past deeds and safe return.

The keynote of the occasion was struck in the speeches of Lang and McKeithen. These two leaders in democratic circles, still in uniform, stressed the challenge presented to all the youth of the country by the stirring times in which they lived. They urged the need for imagination and vigorous thinking, for a courageous attack upon the problems of the day. They spoke of the need of infusing new life into the democratic party so that the record of the past might be not only maintained but improved upon. Major Lang, in particular, stressed the need for tolerance and a broad viewpoint which should not be confined to narrow party lines, but should embrace the good of all the people.

The evening closed with the singing of the national anthem.

First Gymkhana At Pinehurst Sunday Under New Judge

Pinehurst will stage its first gymkhana of the season at the riding ring of the Carolina hotel on Sunday afternoon next (Nov. 25) at 2:00 p. m.

In charge of the event will be David W. Roberts, noted New England horse show judge, who arrived this week to assume direction of all equestrian activities for Pinehurst, Inc., for the season. Mr. Roberts is a senior judge of the American Horse Show Association, Inc., and is connected with a number of other well-known eastern organizations interested in horsemanship. He is chairman of the annual New England Horsemans' Banquet; president and secretary of the Hartford (Conn.) Horse Show Association; president, the Saratoga Agricultural Society Horse Show and Races at Balls-ton Spa, N. Y.; manager, the Sagamore-Lake George (N. Y.) Horse Show Association manager, New Haven (Conn.) Arena Horse Show and of the Rensselaer County (N. Y.) Agricultural and Horticultural Society Show and Races. He is also the author of a column "Hacking Around the East" in the National Horseman Magazine. Riding, one of the major attractions of the resort, will undoubtedly become more than popular under his highly expert guidance and direction.

REENLISTMENT

Lyle D. McDonald, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McDonald of Southern Pines, has reenlisted in the Navy for two more years. Lyle recently received his fifth promotion since he joined up five years ago, being now a Chief Pharmacist's Mate.

INJURED IN FALL

Mrs. H. A. Collins sustained a broken ankle in a fall at her home, formerly the Almet Jenks place, Tuesday and is now a patient in Moore County Hospital.

FOOTBALL PRE-SALE

The Athletic Council of Southern Pines High School wishes to explain to holders of season tickets and passes that their tickets were issued to cover the expenses of only the exact number of games originally scheduled for the regular season, and therefore are not valid for extra post-season games. In a statement Tuesday, Coach Weaver explained that today's championship game between Southern Pines and Lexington Orphanage is being arranged and sponsored by the North Carolina Association of High Schools, and that this organization will not honor the passes and season tickets issued for the regular season. Tickets for today's game are on sale at Broad Street, Sandhill and Southern Pines pharmacies, and at Johnson's Grocery. The admission price is 60c for adults and 30c for students.

Blaze Threatens School In West Southern Pines

Fierce Fire Promptly Checked Does Little Damage To Structure

Just twelve hours after their battle to save the Fitanides home and shop, early last Thursday morning, the Southern Pines firemen engaged in a desperate, and fortunately successful, effort to save the West Southern Pines school, where a fire broke out at five o'clock that afternoon. Some children who had stayed playing basketball after hours spread the alarm as smoke rolled up to fill two basement classrooms in the two-story brick main building.

Promptness of arrival and efficiency of operation on the part of the Southern Pines fire department, checked a conflagration threatening the entire structure and relatively small damage was incurred.

Within a few minutes after receipt of the alarm trucks, pumping equipment, and men had arrived at the scene. Efforts of the firemen, in combating the flames were at first complicated through difficulty in finding the point of origin of the fire. Acrid and impenetrable smoke had completely filled the boiler room and basement of the school, and was billowing into the auditorium directly above, sending the firemen time and again gasping into the open air for relief for their throats and eyes. With visibility impaired, firemen first made their way into the boiler room thinking the stored coal was the seat of the fire. When it was found that flames had not penetrated that far, an entrance was effected through a window into the basement proper. It was from here that Chief L. V. O'Callaghan and members of the fire fighting unit directed streams of water against a door burning out at the upper end of the basement. Here, in an unexcavated portion of the cellar, directly be-

SOLICITOUS

A well-known citizen of Southern Pines was called to the telephone over and over again one day last week, taking part, each time in a curiously similar conversation, going something like this:

Citizen: Hello?

Voice: What! Say, who is this?

Citizen: This is So-and-So.

Voice: It is! Gracious goodness! Well! How are you?

Citizen: Never better; how are you? And who are you, by the way?

Voice: Oh, never mind that! I just called to see if you were . . . uh . . . all right, you know.

Citizen: Well I am, thank you.

Voice, weakly: Well, that's good. Goodbye.

Rumor has it that rumor had it that some fatality had hit the good citizen, and that's why all the telephoning.

And now he's wondering if they called to condole; or maybe to gloat. Horrid thought!

Bond Issue Urged For Improvements In Southern Pines

Streets, Sewage Plant, New Incinerator Being Considered By Town

Appearing in another section of The Pilot is a notice of a special election to be held Tuesday, December 18th, 1945, for the purpose of issuing \$150,000.00 in Public Improvement Bonds of the town of Southern Pines.

The bond issue will be divided into three parts: first, \$70,000.00 for the purpose of enlarging the sewage disposal plant and enlarging the present sewage outfall line; second, \$50,000.00 for street improvements; third, \$30,000.00 for the purpose of building a modern incinerator in order to get rid of the nuisance of the town dump.

The Commissioners point to the overloaded condition of the present sewerage, built when the town was much smaller, as an urgent reason for the needed improvement. They report that many complaints are received by the board on this subject. The plan calls for improvements which should make the plant adequate for many years to come, allowing for the growth of the community. Besides enlarging the plant the sewerage improvement bonds will pay for the installation of a larger outfall line, taking the place of the present line, now smaller than some of the main lines which feed into it. It also has to handle considerable seepage of surface water.

The \$50,000.00 Street Improvement bonds referred to above are for the purpose of re-surfacing all the paved streets of the town. The present streets have become dry and brittle causing the surface to crack up into numerous holes. This will protect an original investment of many thousand dollars.

The street improvement program will also include the opening of Connecticut avenue into West Southern Pines giving relief to many residents along the Avenue who are unable to get to their homes. Two additional sorely needed cross streets in West Southern Pines will be opened, viz: Stephens Street and Mechanic Street. This area is very thickly populated and is almost impossible to reach with an automobile.

The incinerator bonds referred to will build a modern incinerator and do away with the nuisance and unsightly rubbish pile. The plans for this incinerator will include the cleaning and planting of the grounds and when completed it will resemble a modern power plant, turning an unsightly dump and rubbish lot into something that will be an asset to the town.

The mayor and commissioners, who represent all sections of town, are all very much in favor of these improvements to be done soon to insure conditions making possible the safe and sanitary growth of the town. They all feel these improvements are not only necessary but urgent.

The mayor and board of commissioners request the citizens of the town to lend their aid in supporting the issuance of these bonds to take advantage of the present low interest rates. This bond issue is not expected to increase the tax rate. It is the hope of the board to let contracts for these improvements early next summer in order to get the projects completed during the summer months.

SGT. L. E. WALTERS HOME

Sgt. L. E. Walters, whose wife, the former Leone Currie, lives in Southern Pines, returned November 11th from twenty-seven months overseas with the 101st Airborne Division. He wears the Bronze Star, Presidential Unit Citation with oak leaf cluster, a Belgian decoration, and the Invasion Arrowhead and four battlestars on his E.T.O. ribbon. He also received a certificate of merit for outstanding service as message center chief. He is now at Ft. Devens, Mass., awaiting discharge, when he will return to Southern Pines.

DISCHARGED.

James Spring, Lt. j.g. U.S.N.R., son of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Spring, is out of the Navy and has returned home, after five years in the service of his country.

Blue and White, So Far Undeafeated, Faces Decisive Test Thanksgiving Day At Southern Pines Ball Park

GET THE DOCTOR!

Temperature sub-normal! Patient's sick.

That's the verdict on the big thermometer in front of the bank in Southern Pines. Yet by all the signs the patient looks fine and dandy. Gay folks strutting up and down Broad Street, soldiers and sailors, too, all heriboned; windows full of dresses, hats, overcoats, apples, oranges, cakes, real estate men, flowers, fountain pens, Irma's Kitty, Mrs. Welch, Jean's red head shining, Gene's glasses gleaming, CP&Lers being so hearty, Doc Will in his white coat, Massa Claude hurrying somewhere, elbows akimbo; all so busy, all so cheery . . . yet . . . the patient's sick.

What's the matter? Thermometer busted? Afraid that's not it. More likely folks' good sense and warm hearts gone hay-wire for the moment.

Remember not let the moment last too long or some boy in hospital will suffer, somebody will stay away from his family one minute longer than he needs, or Demon Inflation will creep in and take a crack at us and our children.

Let's take that thermometer and give it another shake: There's nothing wrong with this town; let's get that Victory Loan mercury going up!

Dean of Technical School Addresses Contractors Here

Four hundred delegates heard Dean John H. Lampe of State College at the Pine Needles Inn Monday address the fifth annual convention of the Carolina branch, Associated General Contractors of America, and warn of an imminent shortage of engineers in the face of accelerated building during the next few years. Predicting a marked increase in the volume of construction in the near future, to approximately \$7,300,000,000 during the coming year alone, Dean Lampe urged contractors to take advantage of the laboratory facilities and short specialized courses in civil engineering offered at State College. The testing station of the institute is also available to engineers of the state, he pointed out, for the working out of their various technical problems.

At the opening of the general session of the convention at 9:30 Monday, Mayor L. V. O'Callaghan addressed the large body of speakers and delegates in welcome to Southern Pines. Business transacted at the session Monday included a report from Ben H. Martin of Easley, S. C., president Association, the appointing of committees, drawing of an attendance prize, and special announcements. In the evening there was a reception and dancing at the Pine Needles Club for members of the Association and their wives. Delegates interviewed lauded the choice of the Pine Needles Inn and of Southern Pines as the seat of the convention, mentioning local atmosphere, excellent hotel appointments, and golfing and other recreational facilities as being particularly conducive to relaxation and to the rounding out of a successful business session. Among local contractors attending the convention was D. W. Winkleman, of D. W. Winkleman Co., Southern Pines, an active member and a director of the association.

E. T. M'KEITHEN BETTER

Friends of Edwin McKeithen are rejoicing in the news of his improvement from the illness which struck him so suddenly last week. The beloved manager of the Moore County Hospital, now receiving treatment there, is making steady progress in recovery, according to members of his family.

Locals Meet Strong Lexington Squad For State Grid Laurels

by Jack Bilveu

With game time scheduled for 2:30 at the local baseball park, the Blue and White gridmen of Southern Pines will take the field tomorrow against a strong Lexington Orphanage team in a Thanksgiving day contest for the state class C football championship. Having rolled up a season's record of 183 points scored against 6 for all opponents, Southern Pines remained throughout the regular schedule unbeaten, a fine record. Only Bethesda High School, in the clash for the Eastern six-man title, succeeded in reaching local pay dirt.

Coaches Weaver and Dawson have been grooming their boys against variants of the short-punt formation anticipated, and report the squad in good trim. However, Coach Calhoun of Lexington brings to Southern Pines a heavy and experienced squad of twenty-two westerners with an enviable record behind them. The orphanage aggregation ploughed under Curry High School of Greensboro with ease, taking the Western title by a wide margin. In addition to a strong running attack, the invaders have gained repeatedly and consistently through the air. Though the visiting club remains something of a dark horse, pigskin enthusiasts expect to witness the locals in a test against the strongest competition thus far encountered.

As they and their team mates vie for state honors this Thursday afternoon, three seniors will be playing their last game for Southern Pines. Among these is first string tail back Davis Worsham, 136 pound stellar back of the triple threat variety, who will be wearing jersey number 12. From his quarterback slot Drennan Man, a key man in the department of strategy all over will be calling his final field general. Chan Page 21, who has proven himself a constant threat to the defensive center, also of final performance.

Inclusive of an entire student body en masse, a crowd of home club fans anticipated for the Blue and White are now here. The spirit, team sportsmanship, however, amplified throughout by both coaches and players, tried and proven.

MRS. MARTHA C. CHURCHILL

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha C. Churchill, widow of Byron L. Churchill, who died at her residence at 12 South Page Street here Sunday night, were conducted in the J. N. Powell Funeral Home at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday by the Rev. J. Fred Stimson. Burial was in Mount Hope cemetery.

Mrs. Churchill was born in South Shaftsbury, Vt., June 14, 1874, the daughter of Erastus and Harriet Bentley Blakeley. She had resided in Southern Pines for the past thirteen years. Surviving are two sons, Edward B. Hamblett of Bath, Me., and Francis R. Hamblett of Hartford, Conn., and a sister, Mrs. A. F. Bump of Arlington, Vt.

SOLDIER-COME HOME

Home after two years of good service in the Coast Guard is a big black Belgian Shepherd, one of the few dogs to enter the service from Moore County. He served at Camp Belvoir and with the radio supply troops at Newport. His owners, Mrs. James Prim and Miss Sue Chatfield, say he is as glad to be home as they are to have him. They are carefully following all the directions on how to treat the returned soldier, and thus far he is responding nicely.

CLOSING SALE.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bogart, owners of the recently established Judy Shop, in Southern Pines, have announced a closing sale that will start shortly, after which the store will be permanently closed.