



### Hospital Board Holds Election At Annual Meeting

Staff Appointed And Plans Discussed For Future Progress

Fourteen directors and officers of the Moore County Hospital braved the sleet and snow Tuesday night to gather at the Nurses' Home for the annual meeting of the past year.

### Legion Auxiliary Brings Christmas To Camp Hospitals

The Auxiliary of the American Legion reports the impressive number of 101 packages bought and wrapped for presentation to the wounded and sick among our servicemen in the Fort Bragg hospitals.

This Christmas work has been carried out by the Auxiliary in cooperation with the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Service and follows the plan initiated by the Eddie Cantor radio program.

In stressing the need for support of the Auxiliary and for new members, the president, Mrs. Dan McNeill, pointed out the part played by the Legion in assisting veterans of this war as well as past wars.

Enrollment of members is going forward with nearly seventy of the Unit's 1945 strength already enrolled. Invitations to join are extended to all women as soon as they become eligible for membership through the enrollment of veteran of their family in the Legion.

### NATIVITY

One of the most beautiful manger scenes being shown is that in the Library. Set way at the back, and softly lit, the perspective gives a surprising effect of reality.

The Pilot recommends a visit to the Nativity in the Library. More than chimes or holly-berry, the true spirit of the first Christmas in Bethlehem shines out of the little scene there.

### GIVE NOW

Christmas! What should it mean? On our streets, people well dressed, well fed, rush up and down buying presents, but living right in our midst, are many who are old, ill, thinly clad, lonely, and neglected.

The Council of Social Agencies, which we ourselves set up to see that no one was left out at Christmas time, has almost no money to buy either gifts or necessities for these unfortunate ones . . . and it is now only four days before Christmas.

Townpeople! The call is urgent! Send whatever you can to Mrs. Howard Butler: better still, take it to her, or to Mrs. James Sweet, or telephone either of them. Time is essential. Do it NOW!

Therefore, Christian men, be sure, Health or wealth possessing, Ye who now would bless the poor Shall yourselves find blessing.

### L. H. Cherry Buys Former Home of Mrs. John Y. Boyd

Plans to Rebuild House For Permanent Home In Southern Pines

One of the most important purchases of recent times in Southern Pines is that of the estate formerly owned by Mrs. John Y. Boyd, to Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Cherry, Jr., of Charlotte.

### Christmas Play Given at Notre Dame Academy

On Sunday, December 16, Notre Dame Academy presented its annual Christmas play, entitled "Come, Let Us Adore Him."

The primary grade pupils opened the program with their "Christmas Prayer." Little Matthew Mills won the hearts of the audience when he, as the Child Jesus, gave his answer to their prayer.

The cast included: Carol Puetz, Veda Bushby, Mary Ruth Spring, Virginia Mae Hoskins, Kathleen Walsh of Southern Pines; Mary Jane and Catherine Gallagher of Salisbury; Katherine Kelleher, Mary Ann Feeney and Julia Bynum of Greensboro; Patricia Paddock, Zina Pecoraino and Mary Agnes Tola of Fayetteville; Mary Elizabeth Johnson of Asheboro; Carole Lasker of Carthage; Joan Endy of Miami, Fla.; Jean Thompson of New Canaan, Conn.

### EARLY MORNING FIRE

With the temperature registering a low of 16 degrees, at half past three o'clock, Thursday morning, the Southern Pines firemen added new laurels to their fine record by confining a blaze in the Belvedere Hotel to its place of origin, a second story room fronting on Pennsylvania Avenue.

The fire, said to have started in a mattress, in a room occupied by two sergeants from the Air Force Center at Fort Bragg, completely destroyed the furnishings of the room with an estimated loss of \$2,500.00 insurance carried by the Barnum Company.



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### Football Banquet Pays Tribute To Record of Gridmen

Gold Footballs and Monograms Presented To School Athletes

Half a hundred members and supporters of the Southern Pines grid squad, 1945 edition, met with coaches and game officials for the football banquet at the Southern Pines Country Club Tuesday evening.

High lights of the evening were the election of Davis Worsham as honorary team captain for 1945; the awarding of monogram letters to qualifying squad members; and Coach Philip Weaver's announcement of the presentation of gold footballs to this year's lettermen.

Philip Weaver, principal of the Southern Pines schools and head coach, was introduced by Tucker Humphries as principal speaker. Coach Weaver expressed gratitude for the moral and financial support of Southern Pines business men, which made possible the school's participation in six-man football this year.

### Yule Gymkhana To Be Held In Pinehurst Ring

Pinehurst will stage a gymkhana in the Carolina Hotel riding ring on Christmas afternoon. The prevailing holiday spirit will spill over into the afternoon's proceedings for most of the events will be of a humorous nature.

The following evening, Wednesday 26th, all participants in the gymkhana will be guests of the management of the Carolina at a dance in the Pine Room of the hotel. Dancing will commence at 9:00 p. m.

### HOME FROM ABROAD

Lt. Harold B. Fowler, 193rd Field Artillery Bn., and Paul M. Fowler, ROM-3-c, of the destroyer escort, USS Woodson, are now at home in Southern Pines, on leave and furlough, respectively.

### NOEL

YULE be glad to hear that there will be NOEL bow grease expended in removing town garbage on Christmas Day. NOELimination of this commodity; NOELelevation of clanging cans; NOELaborate P-rade of trucks hither and yon; NOELation among town canines, either . . . TILL Wednesday, December 26th, when the truck resumes normal operation, well bedecked with the dusty red ribbons and paper of a happy NOEL.

### Church Plans For Music, Services During Christmas

An event of the holidays in Southern Pines will be the Yuletide caroling party to be sponsored by the Triangle Club of the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Christmas music will be heard at the evening service at the church at 8:00 o'clock Sunday. The opening hymn will be "Joy To The World," followed by a solo rendition of "O Holy Night."

Another church announcing its Christmas program is the Church of Wide Fellowship. On Friday evening of December 21st, at 7:30 p. m., the Sunday School

### Col. Bower Appointed To Administrative Post

Upon his retirement from the regular Army, after 28 years of commissioned service, Colonel Ralph E. Bower has been appointed as assistant administrative officer for the Carolina Motor Club in Charlotte.

A veteran of two world wars Colonel Bower served on the Mexican Border in 1916, and was later with the A. E. F. in France and Siberia. More recently, he saw duty overseas with the Eighth Corps and participated in four campaigns, including Normandy, Northern France, and the Ardennes; he wears the Croix de Guerre with palm. Before going overseas, he served as Inspector General of the Airborne Command at Camp Mackall, N. C.

Colonel Bowers has maintained his home in Southern Pines for a number of years. For the present, Mrs. Bower and their family, which includes seven children, expect to remain in Southern Pines.

### Palomino Horses Auctioned Friday At Paddock Farm

Many Fanciers Drawn To Vicinity For Sale Of Horses, Equipment

Intermittent rains Friday left undeterred the purchasers and spectators gathering at the Paddock Palominos Ranch, Southern Pines, for the auction of stock and equipment getting underway at 11:00 o'clock.

Prices at which the numerous valuable horses changed hands ranged from as little as \$150.00 upwards to \$900.00, with many purchases having been made at remarkably low cost.

The Palominos, golden brown with silvery manes and tails, were billed as animals which, when crossed with Tennessee walking horses or American bred saddle horses, produce the handsomest horses on the American market.

Others among the Palominos proved a feature attraction in her repertoire of tricks. Foaled of registered sire and dam, the educated horse was four times Grand Champion Stock Horse in the State of Colorado.

### Horse Show Was Postponed Due To Inclement Weather

Over the weekend snow and ice combined to wreck plans for second equestrian gymkhana of the Southern Pines season, which had been scheduled for 2:30 last Sunday afternoon at the horse show grounds of the Southern Pines Country Club.

Plans had been made for the entering of upwards of fifty horses in the afternoon's showing, which was to have been given for the benefit of the Christmas cheer fund. According to an announcement by Louis Schneiders, Chairman of the Equestrian Committee, the next horse event for Southern Pines will be the mid-season show slated for the Country Club grounds on December 30.

### Bond Issue Carried By Handful Of Voters In Special Election Tuesday

#### COLD COURTESY

Post Office remaining open until 6 p. m. Saturday. (And WAS open until 6 p. m. last Saturday, only The Pilot forgot to tell you.) This is one more instance of the efforts made by those who work in our public services and stores at Christmas-time to be of the greatest help to the community.

#### Christians Apathetic In Voicing Opinions On Proposed Bonds

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#### Welfare Group Seeks Response In Campaign In Aid Of Needy Here

With less than a week's time remaining for the collection of funds before Christmas, the Southern Pines Council of Social Agencies finds itself far short of the sum required in the aiding of needy families.

#### Ark School Has Christmas Play

The Ark School held its annual Christmas party Wednesday. This year it was attended by more parents and friends than ever before in its history and the school room was taxed to accommodate the guests.

As always the play centered around the Christmas scenes, this year, having, as a frame, seven carols. The first was the old English carol: "Here We Come A-wassailing," in which the parts were taken by: Frances Pearson, Lisa Sutherland, George Vare, Henry Price, Malcolm Kemp, Julie Waters, Page Blackmore.

#### Cantata Singers Listed

Mrs. Page Choate and Mrs. Robert Harrison, sopranos, Miss Mary Alice Tate, Mrs. Bryan Poe, and Mrs. Aimee DesPland, contraltos, Wilbur P. Whitlock, tenor, Victor Macey, bass, and Wesley Stoltz, baritone, will be soloists in the cantata, "The Christ Child," by Hawley, under the direction of Mrs. L. D. McDonald, church organist.

#### Citizens Apathetic In Voicing Opinions On Proposed Bonds

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Issuance of \$70,000 in bonds for improvement of the sewage system was approved by 48 votes against 8.

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Issuance of \$30,000 in bonds for the building of an incinerator was approved by 47 votes against 9.

No citizen who failed to go to the polls can plead not having registered; no special registration was required. Of the 500 names upon the books, dating from about 1920, approximately 400 are those of people still residing in Southern Pines.

#### Local Post Office Reaches Holiday Mail Peak Monday

Monday was the biggest day our post office has ever had.

A dependable barometer of the town's pulse, the Southern Pines office reached on Monday of this week a peak in the handling of outgoing Christmas mail, as 13,100 letters passed through the cancellation machine in the course of the day.

Although Monday's outgoing turnover broke all past records for any single day at the Southern Pines office, exclusive of mail handled in the past through the Camp Mackall branch, Postmaster Frank P. Buchan stated that in the last days before Christmas the volume of incoming mail would, in all probability, eclipse even this record.

The total of Southern Pines cancellations does not take into account the large quantities of mail collected from eleven small post offices along the Norfolk and Western route between Southern Pines and Star, and regularly received in the office here to be sorted and dispatched. Over and above letters handled Monday were approximately 4,000 incoming and outgoing parcels.

An average day's receipt of letters is from three to four thousand. Each letter must be handled seven times in processing; and, in order to cope with mail during the Christmas season, the regular staff of seven mail clerks has been increased to twelve. The Southern Pines Post Office at present has a rating of 1st Class in the \$4,000 grade. Postal ratings are based upon the volume of a year's receipts.

#### COME ON, MOORE COUNTY!

The Victory Loan Drive is almost over the top in the county . . . lacks just 54,000 E-bonds to go. December 18 figures show overall quota of 446,000 passed by 136,000, and 77% E-bonds raised. Going . . . going, E-buyers! Who'll come forward that 54,000!