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Social Agencies Report Stirring Response to Plea

Able to Carry Out All Plans Made for Local Christmas Giving

The Council of Social Agencies of Southern Pines reports a remarkable response to the last minute appeal issued before Christmas. The treasury, whose funds were far below the amount needed to take care of the Christmas effort, was replenished so quickly and so fully that every one of the food orders planned for was filled to overflowing.

Under the presidency of Morris Johnson, and through the actual efforts of Mrs. James Swett, Mrs. Howard Butler, and others of the committee, forty-six food orders were sent to that many families in time for them to do their buying before Christmas. The orders started with a minimum of \$3.00 for a family of one; \$1.50 was added for each additional member, with \$7.50 as the top limit. These orders were for staple foods and were honored by any store in town.

Food and clothing, which had been collected, was distributed through the schools.

The food order system which had been worked out was found to be most satisfactory. In contrast to the times when baskets were made up, and there was a good deal of confusion and misdirection of effort, packages going astray or being duplicated, the order system worked with great efficiency and brought to the recipients the added pleasure of joining in the Christmas buying for themselves.

This year no order failed to reach its destination, though one nearly did. Put into the wrong (Continued on Page 8).

Bronze Star Award To Captain Stroud

Captain Joseph J. Stroud, son of Mrs. Lela B. Stroud, of Southern Pines, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptional performance of duty while attached to the Operations Section, Office of the Chief Engineer, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific area, in determining and processing the revisions to Tables of Organization and Equipment to meet the operational requirements for engineer troops. The citation stated that his loyalty and conscientious performance of duty contributed to a marked degree to the accomplishment of the mission of the Chief Engineer.

Captain Stroud was discharged at Fort Bragg on December 11th and is now at home. While overseas in the South Pacific, he served first with the 24th Infantry Division and later as a staff officer attached to General McArthur's headquarters. Among the scattered corners of the world in which he campaigned are Hawaii, Australia, Goodenough Island, Dutch New Guinea, Leyte, and Luzon. Before entering the service, Captain Stroud, a former engineering student at N. C. State College, was affiliated with the South Eastern Construction Company of Charlotte. He will remain in Southern Pines until after March 1st, at which time he plans to resume his former employment.

Second Tournament of Sandpipers Canceled

Bad weather conditions and a small turn out interrupted the activities last weekend of the Sandpipers Golf Association of Southern Pines. Cancellation of the tournament that was to have been played through Saturday and Sunday, December 22nd and 23rd, slated for 18 holes of match play against par, leaves six events remaining on the winter's schedule for the Association. As in the past, the winners of the various tournaments are to meet in the annual play in the spring for top honors.

HOME FOR GOOD



CAPT. LELAND MCKEITHEN

"Don't call me Captain after Wednesday!" said the gentleman whose picture appears above. That was the day he expected to take off his O.D.'s and resume the garb of a civilian. And our guess is that if his picture were taken again now, it would not have quite such a dismal expression. Entering the army as a private in February, 1943, he won a commission and now retires with the rank of captain and a fine record of service in the office of the judge advocate general. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McKeithen of Aberdeen and served for several years as solicitor of Moore County.

Twelve Events For New Year's Horse Show at Pinehurst

An ambitious program of twelve events has been arranged for the Mid-Winter Horse Show to be held in the riding ring of the Carolina Hotel at Pinehurst on the afternoon of New Year's Day, according to an announcement by David W. Roberts, Pinehurst Equestrian Sports Director.

The show will commence at 1:30 p. m. and prospective riders are asked to cooperate by making their entries early in order that the full program must be completed. William O. Bridge, of Detroit, Mich., sportsman-owner of one of the better-known hunter stables in the Wolverine State, is coming down from Detroit especially to act as judge and it is anticipated that the other judge will be John S. Iverson of Rougemont, N. C. Mr. Iverson manages the Rougemont estate of George Washington Hill, and is an able, experienced horseman.

Opening with the class for Model Hunters shown in hand, the New Year's Day gymkhana boasts an unusually varied and lengthy card, to be climaxed by the class for Pair Jumpers, an outstanding and ever popular event. Many participants from Southern Pines as well as Pinehurst are expected to take part.

Hospital Auxiliary To Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary will be held next Wednesday, January 3rd, at the Nurses' Home, at 10:30 a. m.

The newly elected officers will take office, and reports will be read by the chairmen of committees during the past year.

All members of the Auxiliary are urged to attend this important meeting, and the public, also, is cordially invited.

PINEHURST FIELD TRIALS COMING

The annual Pinehurst Field Trials will take place over the trail grounds at Pinehurst commencing January 6th through the 11th, according to an announcement by James W. Tufts, of Pinehurst, Inc. Final plans are now being completed and the headquarters for the meeting will be the Holly Inn.

Local Firemen Aid In Fight Against Flames In Sanford

Respond Speedily to Call, As Sanford Has Worst Fire in Years

Responding to a call for assistance from Sanford at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the Southern Pines Fire Department dispatched the pumper, manned by Chief L. V. O'Callaghan and firemen Frank Kaylor, Clyde Dunn, P. V. Hatch, Roy Britt and George Little. Making the run in less than 30 minutes the firemen rendered efficient service in retarding the spread of the fire which destroyed three buildings in the heart of the business district. The last to reel in their hose, the men were dining at the Carolina Hotel, where they received the thanks of the town authorities, returning to Southern Pines at 11:45 o'clock.

In describing the blaze, Fire Chief O'Callaghan said that it had spread rapidly, jumping an intervening space of several feet to reach the upper floor of the Commercial building, in which was located a large-sized auditorium, the old "opera house," unused for years. Rapid spread of flames through the auditorium, which occupied both the second and third floors of the building, was due in part to the high-ceilinged construction. Various offices had street frontage on the second and third floors of this building, which is one of the oldest in Sanford. Great damage was done to merchandise by both fire and water; and it is questionable as to whether the two buildings can be rebuilt to the present walls, which remain standing.

It was the general opinion that though numerous buildings were gutted and no estimate of loss was available, the addition of equipment and crews from the neighboring towns of Raleigh, Fort Bragg and Southern Pines made possible the averting of far greater damage. A serious detriment to efforts of the firefighters was the lack of water pressure, due to the flooding out of the reservoir dam during the heavy rains some time ago.

Welch House Sold To Albert Eberle

A purchase of much interest is that of the D. C. Welch home on May street and Maine avenue by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eberle of Wheeling, West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Eberle who have been living in the Case Apartment, went out the other day, they said, to buy a chicken for dinner. They came back without the chicken but with a house.

"Now," said Mr. Eberle, "if we can just find a chicken to cook in the house, we'll be all right." They have three children: Lt. Emily E. Eberle, a nurse at Wakeman General Hospital in Indiana, Miss Mary, in Philadelphia, and their son, Robert, in Evansville, all of whom hope to visit their parents in the new home.

George W. Dodd, who spent many winters here as a Holly Inn guest, died Monday, December 17th in Memorial Hospital, Orange, N. J.

Former Tin Whistle Member Dies in Orange

Mr. Dodd was a life member of the Tin Whistles. He was president of the Hooton Chocolate Company of Newark and lived in Essex Fells, N. J. He was 83 years old.

DISCHARGED

S-Sgt. Archie McDonald has returned from the Pacific and received his discharge at Fort Bragg. Sgt. McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie A. McDonald, of Pinehurst, spent 25 months in the Aleutians and several months on Okinawa.

GYMKHANA

Don't forget the Horse Show and Gymkhana at the Country Club grounds on Sunday, or you will miss a good time. It starts at 2:15, pronto.

Auxiliary Holds Annual Christmas Fete For Hospital

Flowers, Music, and Gifts Brighten Day For Patients, Staff

Santa Claus came to the Moore County Hospital Christmas morning with flowers, cigarettes, fruit, candy, toys and music.

The occasion for his visit was the annual party staged by the Auxiliary, with the thought of brightening the day for the patients, and for all those whose duties in the hospital kept them from their own firesides.

J. Talbot Johnson, from the North Pole via Aberdeen, and wearing red suit, boots and impressive whiskers, made a jolly Santa. Mrs. Johnson directed Saint Nick in the disposition of gifts, with the help of Miss Margaret Cooke, Assistant Superintendent of Nurses, Mrs. Robert Allport, of Aberdeen, and Miss Densie Trousdell, of Southern Pines.

Through the courtesy of James S. Warman, the Dunes Club orchestra, under the direction of Bob Miller, generously furnished splendid music, making the house gay with "Jingle Bells," and "A White Christmas."

The Hospital employees' chorus, directed by Orderly Joshua Ferguson, sang favorite spirituals, and a visiting sextette, led by Orderly Samuel Person, won approval with their rendition of old hymns.

As has been the custom for years, Judge and Mrs. W. A. Way sent lovely orchids, and each nurse received a big red rose. The program concluded in the main lobby with everyone singing "Silent Night."

Mrs. H. A. Page, Jr., of Aberdeen, past master in the art of arranging Christmas parties, was in charge of this one, assisted by Mrs. Hugh Carter of Pinehurst, heading the Junior Red Cross group in the preparation of gifts.

In commenting on the success of the Christmas party, the hospital officials paid tribute to the community spirit which, each year, makes this such an event, and extended thanks to everyone who helped bring Christmas to the hospital.

GOOD WORK

Therefore Christian Men Be Sure Health or wealth possessing Ye who now would bless the poor Shall yourselves find blessing.

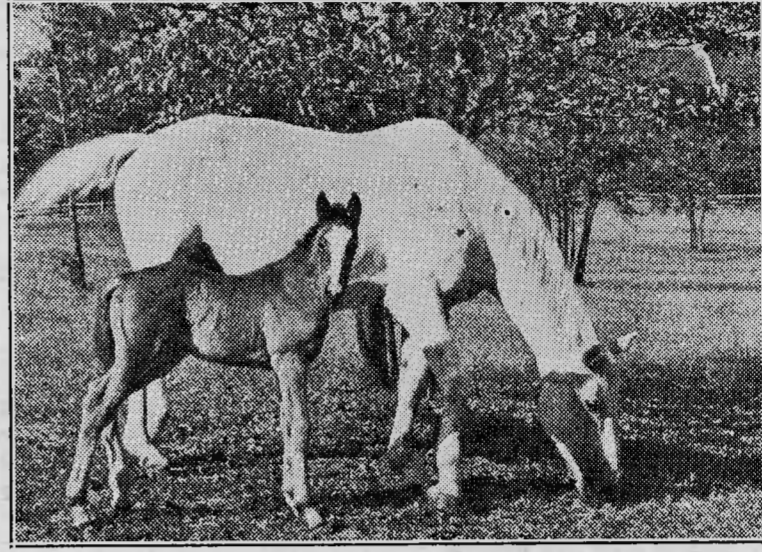
The Pilot printed these lines last week, in an urgent call to the townspeople of Southern Pines to speed their gifts to the Council of Social Agencies in order that no one might be neglected, that no one in our community might miss a Merry Christmas.

In another column is told how that appeal was met. With stirring generosity the people rose to the challenge and money and gifts poured in, those last two days before Christmas. There are many indeed in Southern Pines who have "found blessing" this Christmas-tide.

BANK TO CLOSE

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Southern Pines has announced its closing on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 1946.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



"SPITFIRE"

The little filly shown above looked out on a New Year just four years ago on the farm of the Almet Jenks. The daughter of their good mare, Madrigal, and Native Son, then standing at the Mile Away Stables, she has been in Mrs. Moss' care since her owner went to war, and now is just about ready to go hunting . . . lacking only the owner who is sadly missed in Moore County hunting circles.

Gymkhana Billed For Show Ring At Country Club on Sunday

Hunter Classes and Other Events Draw Many Entries By Local Horsemen

LAST CALL

"Now's the day and now's the hour" . . . for all good men to come to the aid of the County!

Most towns in Moore County have filled their overall quotas and also their E-bond quotas in the Victory Loan Drive. But a few haven't quite made the grade. The E-bond quota, for the county, is just \$24,000.00 short.

Southern Pines is part of Moore County, so is Pinehurst, Aberdeen, Pinebluff, all the others who, with quotas filled, have begun to sit back and relax. We are proud of being in Moore County, proud of its past and present, proud of the future we see, confidently, ahead. Here's a chance to show our pride and also to put in one more good lick in the fight against inflation, in the good work being done for our soldiers, wounded and in garrisons overseas, and in paying for this war which we are so thankful to have at an end.

Southern Pines Artist to Hold New York Exhibit

Margaret Chatfield, whose paintings of rare orchids and flowers attracted great attention at the Kenneth Taylor Galleries in Nantucket last summer, is exhibiting 33 new pictures at the Harry Shaw Newman Galleries, 150 Lexington Ave., New York City. The exhibition opens January 2nd and continues through the 13th.

Arrangements have already been made for Mrs. Chatfield's paintings to be sent on tour of a number of museums throughout the country.

Mrs. Chatfield, who designs the patterns and colorings for her Anglow Tweeds, exhibited her paintings at the Southern Pines Library several years ago.

MONTE SANTIS RETURN

Late service returnees of the Montesanti family of Southern Pines shortly will form a triumvirate, with the anticipated arrival of Constantino, of the Navy, and of First Lieutenant Margaret Montesanti, Army Nurse Corps, who soon are to join Tony Montesanti, already returned. The latter was discharged at Fort Bragg on Saturday, December 22, after thirty-two months in the E.T.O. as an aviation engineer. Constantino Montesanti was discharged at the Jacksonville Navy Station on December 15th. Lieutenant Montesanti left Okinawa early in December and is expected home soon after the first of the year.

Hounds Show Fine Sport Thursday To Hard-riding Field

First Kill of Season Is Also First Hunt for Youngest Tompkins

The Moore County Hounds made their first kill of the season on Thursday morning.

Thrown in at the head above Manley, hounds drew north and soon picked up a line. Freshening steadily, it carried them through the Carroll's Branch country toward the reservation. Here scent seemed to change and some among the field thought that hounds had changed to deer, as they were running hard and very straight for a grey-fox line. However, though the staff maintained that they were still on fox, at the edge of the reservation, the whips got to their heads and whipped them off the line, to conform with army regulations against hunting on the firing range.

Several of the field dropped out after this run, and hounds were then brought back into their own country and thrown in again, hitting off a line almost immediately back of the Manley bridge. Running generally northeast, they gained steadily on their fox and finally treed him after about twenty minutes of brisk going. The pack was taken off a distance and the fox shaken down and given a long start. Then hounds were laid on and after another burst of fifteen minutes, rolled him over in the open near the Skyline Air Field.

This, the first kill of the season, proved to be a day of beginner's luck. It was the first hunt of young Judy Tompkins, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Tompkins, former owners of The Paddock, who have hunted in Moore County for many years.

Also in the field, beside the Tompkins family and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Tompkins, Jr., were Miss Darst Hyatt and Corbett Alexander of Pinehurst, Louis Scheipers, several army officers, and Mrs. Daniel Cornwell, who is a guest of Mrs. Ralph Trix this winter, during the absence of her husband, Captain Cornwell, in the Pacific. Mrs. Cornwell, who is from Westchester, Pa., hunts with the Brandywine and Westchester, and hopes to be out frequently with the Moore County Hounds this winter.

Mrs. Ozelle Moss, first whip and secretary of the hunt, advises that drag hunts are being held Saturdays at three o'clock. Fox hunting is Tuesdays and Thursdays, at eight or eight-thirty, depending on the weather. Time and place of meeting may be learned by telephoning the Mile-Away Stables.

Church New Year's Eve Fete Honors Servicemen

The First Baptist Church announces as a part of the program for New Year's eve, the entertainment of returned servicemen and their wives at dinner, from eight o'clock until nine, by the Murphy Bible Class. The hour from nine o'clock until ten will be open to the public, at which time Mrs. C. R. Mills and Miss Carol Thomas will present, in the auditorium, a musical program consisting of organ music, vocal solos and duets.

The time from ten o'clock through the midnight hour will be devoted to recreation, the serving of refreshments, and to a spiritual hour under the leadership of Whitney Dough, of the well known Percy Crawford radio program. Whitney Dough recently conducted a morning service in the absence of his pastor, bringing to the church, according to general comment, "a magnetic personality, a fine spiritual character, and an admirable military record."

The public is invited to come at 9:00 p. m. and remain through the midnight hour to welcome the New Year.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The National Bank of Sanford has assured its customers and the citizens of Sanford that all records were contained in the vault, and are intact and undamaged by the recent fire; also, that all safety deposit boxes were in the vault and remain undamaged. The bank has stated, moreover, that its investment in the destroyed building is fully covered by insurance. By order of the board of directors the National Bank of Sanford will be open for business as usual, now at the branch place of business on Steele street, Sanford.

SOUTHERN PINES CADET AMONG HONOR STUDENTS

Stuart Wood, Jr., son of Col. and Mrs. Stuart Wood, of Ash Street, Southern Pines, is included in the list of first honor roll cadets at Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro, Va., for the academic month ending December 18, according to announcement made today by the school's headmaster, following tabulation of monthly reports. An average of 90 or above and proficiency in every subject are the requirements for first honor roll rating.

HOLIDAY WINDOWS

Latest additions to the list for honorable mention for Christmas windows are Barnum's wonderfully starred design, Mrs. Hayes' Shop with its life-sized figures depicting "Peace" and the "Nativity," Jack's designs.