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TEN CENTS

Staff Sergeant James Pate Home After Four Years of Service

Saw Action at Fighter Bases in Pacific; Now On Terminal Leave

New Year's Day brought mixed feelings to one Southern Pines boy, this year. Staff Sergeant James E. Pate arrived home on that day, terminating a period which lacked just twenty-six days of being four years since he left home to join the army. But though infinitely glad to be discharged and back home again, his return renewed the sorrow of the sad news which had come to him during those four years away. For his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pate, had both passed away while he was overseas, a hard blow, indeed, to this young soldier. And sad, too, to all friends in the realization of what would have been their pride in him and their joy in welcoming him home again.

Three years ago Pate was on his way to Brisbane, Australia. A member of a small air force service group, he acted as company personnel clerk in the quarter master corps. Joining the rest of the outfit there, his crowd of thirty-some men was flown into Southern New Guinea, where they acted as supply troops for their fighter plane unit, which

Wilbur H. Currie Wed To Daughter of John Willcox

An announcement of great interest to Moore County people is that of the marriage of Mrs. Margaret Willcox Wicker and Wilbur Hoke Currie, of Carthage, which took place at the home of the bride's father, John Willcox on Friday evening, December 28th, at six o'clock. The Rev. William Murphy Currie, brother of the groom, officiated, assisted by the Rev. William Sidney Golden, pastor of the bride and groom. Only members of the two immediate families were present. Following the wedding, the couple left for New York. They will return to Carthage on their return.

Mrs. Currie is the daughter of Moore County's Clerk of the Superior Court. The family once lived in the famous old place, "The House on the Horseshoe." Wilbur Currie, who has long been one of Carthage's most prominent citizens, has headed the Board of County Commissioners for many years. He is part owner, with his brother, the Currie Mills and is now serving as State Senator. His first wife, the former Elizabeth Woltz, died in August, 1943. He has five children.

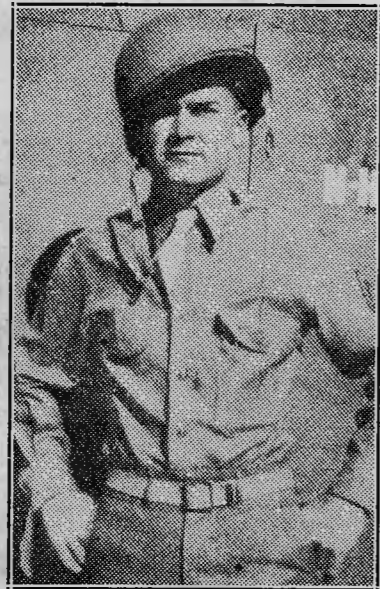
Former Aberdeen Man Receives Appointment

Cyrus B. Campbell of Charlotte, formerly of Aberdeen, vice-president of the American Trust Co., has been appointed North Carolina state vice-president of the American Bankers' Association, according to a recent report from the association's New York headquarters. The appointment was made by Frank C. Rathje of Chicago, president. A resident of Aberdeen before having gone to Charlotte, Campbell is a son-in-law of John T. Harrington of Aberdeen.

BAD LUCK

Willie Clyde Sellers of Vass will begin his farming this spring handicapped by the loss of a mule. His mule got out one night last week and wandered to the premises of Janie Elliott, where it fell into an old well which had caved in and which had been covered with slabs. Members of the family heard noises proceeding from the well the next morning and investigated. A wrecker was called and the mule was hoisted to the ground, but it died almost immediately.

BACK HOME



S/SGT. JAMES E. PATE

Properties Change Hands In Recent Sales In Town

During the Coming Year Presaging Upswing In Sandhills Development

Properties are changing hands these days in what may be the beginning of an upswing in the resort business in these parts. Particularly encouraging in these transactions, however, is the fact that, while attracted here by the resort features of the place: the pleasant atmosphere, fine winter climate, sport facilities, most of the newcomers are people who plan to make their permanent homes here.

One of these is John Underwood who has just bought the former Nichols house from L. E. Cherry. This house was built by M. S. Nichols, along with the one next to it, the first houses to be built in the Country Club development. Mr. Underwood now owns both these properties and expects to rent the Nichols house to Mrs. Underwood's brother.

The Underwoods come from Charlotte and have a daughter who loves to ride. John Underwood is district manager of the Pilot Life Insurance Co. The house owned by the late Hugh J. Betterley is another to be recently sold. The new owner is Mrs. Edith C. Buffum of Providence. Mrs. Buffum has been staying at the Paddock with her young granddaughter, a pupil at the Ark School. They expect to move into their new home sometime this month.

Both these sales were made through the Barnum Agency which also reports some interesting rentals. The Britt house, back of the Highland Pines Inn, formerly owned by the Phillips family, has been rented to Vincent A. Giles of Hamburg, N. Y., while Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Farrell of Ottowa have leased an apartment in the Mills Building on Weymouth Heights.

Taylor-Bobbitt Given New Automobile Agency

Major W. Sidney Taylor, recently discharged from the Army Air Corps, and Claude Bobbitt, both of Aberdeen, announce having received a franchise for the Chrysler-Plymouth dealership in Southern Pines, Pinehurst, and Aberdeen. The firm of Taylor-Bobbitt, Ltd., temporarily located in the Aberdeen Tobacco Warehouse, state that they expect to have new Chrysler and Plymouth automobiles on display in the near future.

At present the new partnership, with full garage facilities and complete tools and equipment, offers expert service on all makes of automobiles. Plans now are being carried forward for the building of a new garage and dealer's establishment to be located on the main highway in Aberdeen.

Jumping Events In Show Ring Prove Gymkhana Feature

Walsh Entries Take Blues For Classes On Hunting Course

by Jack Bilyeu

Riders and spectators found gray skies but a reasonably firm turf for the holiday equestrian gymkhana last Sunday afternoon at the horseshow grounds of the Southern Pines Country Club. Swelling the throng of onlookers surrounding the show ring were many veterans recently returned and members of the college set home for the holidays, as the gathering saw a string of hunters and jumpers from Mickey Walsh's Stoneybrook stables dominate top events in the show.

Performing smoothly the black middleweight Stalltown, by Mickey Walsh, owner up, stood out from a large field of seven-teen to take the blue in the Class for Working Hunters. Offering stiff competition to the Walsh entry was the brown gelding Little River owned by Mrs. W. O. Moss of the Mile-Away Stables, who brought the lightweight in to place second. Third place in this event, judged upon performance rather than conformation, went to Clifton Ferry, ridden by Miss Roberta Frye.

Proving an event of particular interest was the Class for Pair Jumpers, in which again besting strong competition, the Walsh entries eclipsed a field of sixteen jumpers, as the family team of Mickey Walsh, Jr., on Chance, and a three year old gelding ridden by Miss Hannah Walsh, were judged first.

In the Class for Hunt Teams five entries of three hunters each faced the test of jumps on the outside hunting course, as the team captained by Mickey Walsh was awarded first place over remaining competition. The red in this event went to the hunt team representing the Tate's Sables in Pinehurst, led by Howard Hobson. The Mile-Away team of Mrs. W. O. Moss finished third.

Breath-taking event for the day was the knock down and out class for jumpers. Riding in three final jump-offs against Mickey Walsh on Little Gold, Boylston A. Tompkins, Jr., of New York cleared the jumps at more than five feet on the brown gelding Prince, entered by Mile-Away Stables, brilliantly capturing first place.

From among an unusually large and well-performing field of twenty riders in the Class for

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Polio Fund Drive Starting; Butler Is Local Chairman

Paul C. Butler, prominent Southern Pines civil leader, will again serve as Southern Pines Chairman of the polio fund raising campaign, according to an announcement by H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, general county chairman of the drive which will be conducted from January 14 through January 30.

Moore County's quota in the 1946 fund for which the appeal is made is \$3,680.00 as compared with \$3890.00 for 1945 when a total of \$6,263.53 was contributed.

Chairman Blue said that a meeting of the community chairmen will be held at the time of the regular chapter meeting, probably on the night of Tuesday, January 8, at the nurses' home of the Moore County Hospital, at which time the quotas for the various communities will be announced.

In the 1945 fund raising appeal, Southern Pines contributed \$1,528.54. A complete list of the 1946 community chairmen in the campaign to raise funds to fight infantile paralysis follows: Aberdeen, R. C. Fields, Carthage, Luke Marion, Jr., Robbins, Miss Sallie Green Allison, Pine-

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VICTORY QUOTA

To date Southern Pines has subscribed 261 percent of its overall quota of bonds in the Victory Loan Drive, with sales amounting to the big figure of \$326,017.25. The quota was \$124,880.00. In the E-bond sales, with a quota of \$66,640, final figures show \$98,917.25 raised or 148 percent of the quota.

County figures, which are by no means final, as returns are subject to several days' delay, show 147 percent of the overall total raised and 96 percent of the E-bond quota completed. Chairman Stevens is confident that the full amount has been actually subscribed, and will have the final report next week.

Pinehurst Field Trials Slated To Commence Monday

Amateur, Open Derbys Are Feature Stakes In Annual Dog Events

The twenty-ninth annual running of the Pinehurst Field Trials will be held over the trial grounds at Pinehurst beginning on Monday, of next week, January 7th, according to an announcement by James W. Tufts, secretary-treasurer of the Pinehurst Field Trial Club.

Headquarters for the meeting will be at the Holly Inn, where the first drawing, for the Amateur Stakes, will be held at 3:30 p. m. on Sunday, January 6th. Drawing for the Open Puppy Stakes and the Open Stakes will take place on January 7th and 8th respectively. Judges for the trials will be Dr. Sherman Ames, of Easton, Pa., and John E. Milhorn, of Johnson City, Tenn. The first class will be held over the No. 1 course starting back of the Carolina Hotel at 8:30 Monday.

Order of running for the annual sporting event is as follows: No. 1, Amateur All-Age—\$5.00 to enter, \$5.00 to start, open to all bird dogs handled by amateurs. The directors offer the "Shore Memorial Trophy" to the winner of the Amateur All Age to become the property of any owner whose dogs are three times winners. The names of winning dogs and their owners will be engraved upon the trophy annually until it is permanently won. Prizes are offered for the first three places.

No. 2, Amateur Derby (ten or more dogs to start)—\$5.00 to enter, \$5.00 to start. The Amateur Derby is open to all bird dogs whelped on or after January 1st;

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GOD BLESS 'EM

The Pilot feels that hearty congratulations are in order for our Moore County Victory Loan chairman, E. C. Stevens, under whom we have marked up such a stirring record of quotas passed in the drive just over. As testimony to both the patriotism and good sound sense of our people the results of the recent drive are deeply gratifying. But as testimony, also, to the same qualities and the public spirit of our chairman, as well as to all those who worked under him, the record speaks just as clearly.

Locally the drive was in the hands of Paul Jernigan, who joins with Stevens, in true southern spirit, in attributing much of their success to the hard work of the lady chairmen, Mrs. Norris Hodgkins, for the county, and Mrs. Phillip Weaver, locally. The latter's committee, in their work at the bank and from house to house, brought in a great portion of the sales.

"We never could have done it without the women," say these two gentlemen in charge, with gallantry only surpassed by their evident sincerity.

Mid Season Show At Pinehurst Has Varied Entries

Many Riders Take Part But Cold Wind Cuts Attendance

by E. O. Hippus

The annual mid-winter horse show took place at Pinehurst on New Year's Day, under real mid-winter conditions. No snow on the ground, but plenty of icicles in toes and fingers, to judge by the pinched expressions on faces and the humped backs of gay souls among the four-legged participants. The judges, gentlemen from the frozen regions of Detroit . . . which we call Detroit, down-which we call Detroit, down-which we call Detroit, down-which we call Detroit, down-

The afternoon show was well-planned, with a variety of events to please all tastes, and most classes showed the same happy mixture, being full of horses and riders of every size and description. That is one of the delights of Moore County shows, and must be a puzzling phenomenon to horsemen from without: to see our classes, with finished horse-women like Ginny Moss and Peggy Mechling riding side-by-side with those beguiling little Pierson girls, and big bay hunter Renown Winkelman trotting sedately ahead of that brown and white butterball, Tony Dana. But it is great fun for everybody, except, perhaps, the judges.

In this case, the latter, Messrs. Dowling and Bridge, of Detroit, who hunt with the Metamora and Bloomfield packs, did a good job and also succeeded in pleasing most everybody; no mean feat for a horse show judge.

Outstanding events of the afternoon were the knockdown-and-out class, the ladies' hacks, open jumping and working hunter classes. In the first, L. M. Tate won a clean performance on Sailor Boy. Second went to Miss Anne Reynolds' Sail On, an entry from Blowing Rock, ridden by Mr. Hoppe, while Mickie Walsh had a lucky win of third with a good performance on Golden Boy. The next class for ladies' hacks brought out twenty-one as varied entries as ever entered a show-ring together. Two horses were clearly outstanding, Little River of Mile Away Stables and Mrs. James Mechling's Henry's Dream. They ended up at top and bottom in the ribbons, as Henry slid from grace with a few happy

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Red Cross Seeks Volunteers For Urgent Work Here

With the conclusion of the war a few short months ago, citizens tend now to forget the continued need of those in this country and abroad who are still suffering from the conflict, stressed Mrs. William J. Kennedy, director of the Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross, in an interview Wednesday.

The director emphasized that the hospitals throughout the country are filled with veterans of World War II for whom, through the Red Cross and other agencies, volunteer workers may do much.

The Moore County Chapter is seeking from among local women sufficient volunteers to enter a class in instruction as Gray Ladies at Fort Bragg, where the group would serve in the station hospital. In the past the Gray Ladies, a specially trained corps within the Red Cross, have rendered effective service in teaching rehabilitative therapy, and arts and skills; in providing recreation and amusements, and in performing special services for those hospitalized. The need for this hospital recreation corps re-

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OPA Removes Rental Ceilings For Hotels, Rooming Houses Here

WITH STATION WBIG

Sandhill Resort One of Eight Localities Affected In Nation

by a Pilot Correspondent in Washington

All O. P. A. rent controls have been removed from hotels and rooming houses in the Southern Pines area of Moore County, the Office of Price Administration announced in Washington on Wednesday.

Officials of the agency explain the removal of rent ceilings in this area on the basis of an expected reduction in the demand for accommodation. Due to the cessation of military activities in this vicinity and the closing of Camp Mackall, it is confidently anticipated that the many army families now occupying quarters in and about Southern Pines will soon be returning to their homes or to new stations.

While welcoming this sign of a return to normal times, local business men confess to considerable surprise in view of the present unprecedented demand for houses and apartments, prospective visitors being turned away with their wants unsatisfied every day. That this factor was due to change shortly was fully expected, but the opinion is freely expressed that this is the first time the government is actually ahead of the game.

The lifting of rent controls on this type of housing will go into effect immediately in this area of the Sandhills. It will apply only, however, to the units specified: hotels and rooming houses. All other rent ceilings will continue as heretofore. This is the only locality in North Carolina to be affected by the measure, and is one of eight in the whole country in which these rent controls have been removed.

Pope's Restaurant Building Sold To O. Leon Seymour

One of the last real estate transactions of the closing days of the year, and the first for some time involving a Broad street business building, is the purchase of the Pope restaurant property located on East Broad street, by O. Leon Seymour of Aberdeen. Mr. Seymour informs The Pilot that he has not yet fully matured his plans for the building.

Grover Pope, now retiring from business, acquired the building in 1942, immediately rebuilding the entire structure for the operation of a restaurant which soon became popular with the public.

Long known as "the old bowling alley" the structure in its thirty-two years of existence has had a varied history. Erected in 1913, on the site of once popular croquet courts, by A. Schmidt, its bowling alleys and casino soon became a well patronized place of entertainment for the croquet, rogue and pool players of Southern Pines. Following Schmidt's retirement the building housed Joe Montasanti's barber shop, with the bowling alleys continuing until 1917, C. S. Boston's candy shop, 1919-20; Atkinson's furniture store, 1921-31; The Pilot, 1933-41, the Curb Market for a short period, and then Pope's Restaurant.

Service of Lights To Be At Emmanuel Church

The traditional Epiphany Service of Lights will be held in Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon at half past five. The service is a symbolic representation of the coming of Christ as the Light of the World, and the spread of the gospel as light. Everyone—and especially all children—are cordially invited to participate in this service.



CARL G. THOMPSON, JR.

Carl Thompson, Jr. Heard Weekly In Facts Commentary

Former Pilot Editor Now Conducting Broadcasts With Greensboro Station

Former Pilot editor, Carl G. Thompson, Jr., who was recently discharged from the Army and is now affiliated with radio station WBIG in Greensboro, was heard on the air as commentator at 6:15 p. m. on Tuesday of last week with the debut of the program "Here You Are." Thompson's new series of weekly broadcasts has been announced as a presentation and analysis of facts which affect or are of particular interest to listeners in the Piedmont area.

Thompson, who will speak at the same time each Tuesday evening, states that his aim is not to impose opinions but to encourage the formation of individual judgments and expressions of opinion.

Thompson joined the announcing station in Greensboro upon his recent return from overseas, where he served as a staff sergeant with the Army Air Forces. Stationed in England, attached to a photographic unit of the 490th Bomber Group of the 8th Air Force, his principal occupation consisted of the interpretation of films taken over the battle and bombing areas, a highly technical and delicate task, calling for the utmost in precision and judgment. The distinguished group to which he was attached acquired six battle stars and a presidential citation.

Before his induction into the army, Thompson, a graduate of the Chapel Hill School of Journalism, acted as editor and manager of The Pilot and of the Sandhills Daily News, during its brief period of revival. Prior to his connection with this paper, Thompson was editor of the Sanford Herald, assistant city editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, and assistant state administrator of the National Youth Administration.

RENT CONTROLS

Following the removal of rental controls from Sandhills hotels and rooming houses it has been announced that a representative of the OPA rent control office will be available in the police station at Southern Pines each Monday from 9:00 until 12:00 a. m. in charge of those controls which still remain in force.

FOR INFORMATION

N. C. Veterans who want to take the eight weeks stock raising course being given at the State College should write for information to: Chief Supervisor, Vocational Rehabilitation, U. S. Veterans' Bureau, Fayetteville.