

## Home Team Takes Group Title From West End, 23-22

### Locals Win Twice From Pinehurst At Homecoming Here

By Jack Bilyeu

On the neutral court in Aberdeen Thursday, February 7th, Coach A. C. Dawson's basketball team came from behind in the last few seconds to down West End 23-22 in a clash for the Group 3 championship, within the Eastern Conference 4th District.

With West End's pressing an aggressive offense, and their defensive game much improved, the Blue team trailed by a narrowing margin until the final 30 seconds of the game. From the starting whistle the locals were playing West End's own brand of ball, did not wait their opponents out to play their own more deliberate style. In first quarter play Southern Pines lost possession on several long passes, as the Westerners forced the game; and the half closed 14-12 for West End.

Through the third frame Southern Pines went scoreless, while their opponents racked up 6 points from the floor. Backboard play by the home team stood out, however, and in the fourth quarter set up the decisive score.

The final period coming up, Southern Pines sank two successive baskets to fix the score 18-16, West End leading. Snow-birding under the net, Worsham, forward, accounted for one, while Chan Page laid in 2 points from near mid-court. Later, with the score 22-20 and two minutes to play, Gene Maples—ball handling much improved—made good a foul shot to cut West End's lead to 1 point. Fighting hotly for the ball, the Westerners raced the length of the floor where, however, Curt Cole, forward, missed his shot. Harrington, local center, snagged the ball from the backboard and passed to a guard. (Continued on Page 5)

## News of Returning Servicemen Brings Joy To Many

1st Lt. Edward Maitland Grover, of Southern Pines, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Grover, is one of 770 Army veterans returning to the States aboard the U. S. S. SARGENT BAY, due to arrive in San Pedro about February 7. The SARGENT BAY is one of the smaller carriers which performed the varied duties of convoy escort, transport of equipment and men, maintaining air cover over the Fleet and support of invasion forces throughout the Pacific war.

The U. S. S. Riverside, attack transport, is bringing home from the Pacific James Tew, husband of Mrs. Blanche Tew of Southern Pines. Seaman Tew was due to arrive in San Francisco on February 5th, along with 880 other veterans on board.

More good news for Southern Pines folks was received last week when word came that Walter E. Blue, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blue, had telephoned his parents from Riverside, California, that he was on his way home to get his discharge. Walter, who enlisted in June, 1942, was a member of the famous 11th Airborne outfit, and was recently promoted to the grade of technical sergeant. Japan was his last stopover.

### DON JENSEN ILL

Don Jensen, of the Valet Dry Cleaning establishment, who has been in poor health recently, suffered a slight stroke Tuesday morning and was taken to the hospital. It is thought that the sudden shock of finding himself almost in the path of an automobile caused the attack. His condition is improving.

## WANTED

Wanted: More signs to stop speeding motorists. Highway 1, coming in from the north is straight; it looks to a driver like a country road; he sees no reason to go slow and he doesn't. Cars burn into town along that road; it's all you can do to get across in safety. There is ONE SMALL "speed limit 25 miles" sign between us and Manly, and that's all. It's not enough. There should be at least two big signs coming into town; one saying: "Slow Down" and another "Traffic Light Ahead; Go Slow."

At Connecticut Avenue extension, starting down by Mrs. Andrews' house, there have been seven accidents of army cars. There is NO Slow Down Sign approaching that dangerous corner.

How 'bout it, Mr. Highway Department, Mr. Mayor, Messrs Commissioners? Let's have more signs and let's have a policeman, occasionally out on Route 1.

## Tuesday Court Of Honor Feature Of Scout Week Here

### World Cooperation Through Scouting Is National Theme

Highlight of National Boy Scout week in Southern Pines, marking the 36th anniversary of the scout movement in America, was the Court of Honor held at the high school here at 7:30 p. m. on Tuesday, February 12. With five Moore County troops represented, more than twenty-five scouts, and four scoutmasters, assembled for the court.

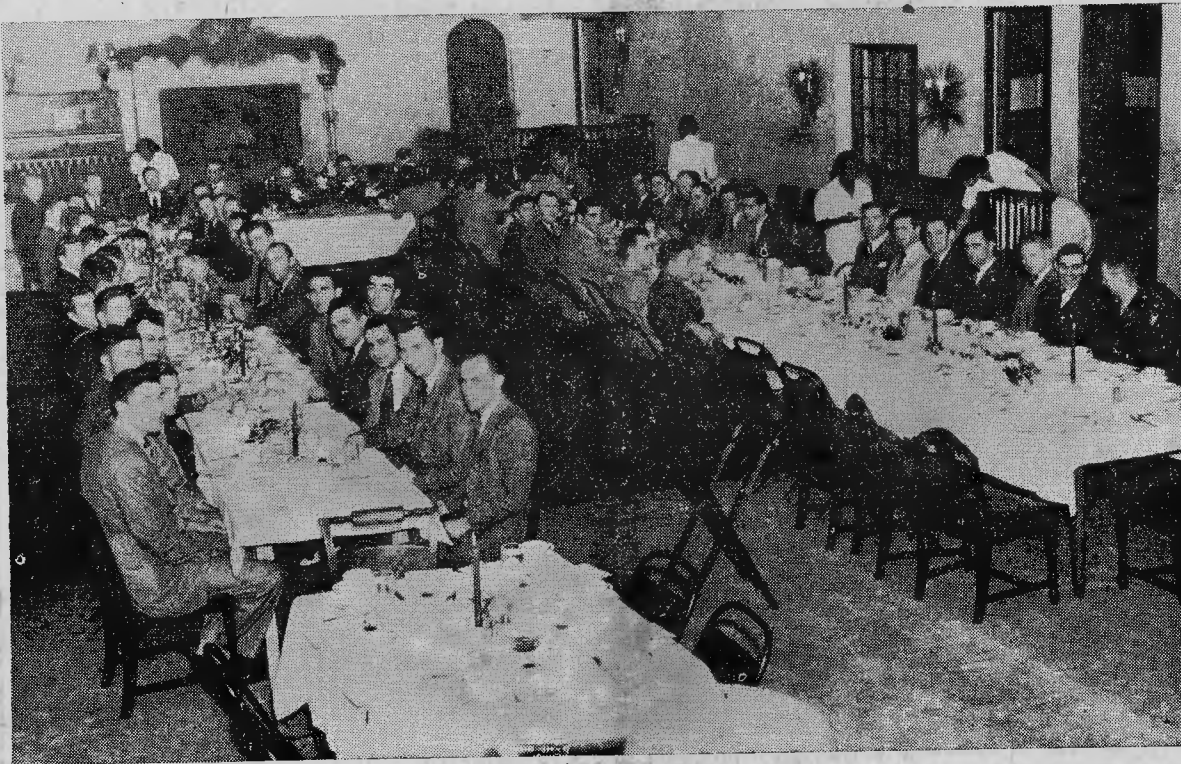
Bruce M. Boyers, assistant field executive of the Oconeechee council, presented awards and spoke upon the various phases of scouting. Two of the higher orders which a scout may attain, Life scout and Star scout, were awarded to Richard Patch and Tommy Avery respectively. Both are of Southern Pines troop no. 73. Scout Patch, a cadet at Oak Ridge Military School, was not present. His award was received for him by Walter F. Harper, Southern Pines scoutmaster.

Following these presentations eight scouts received a total of thirteen merit badges and other awards. Special recognition this year, it was stated, would be given to the Boy Scout World Friendship Fund, to be used in the reestablishment of scouting associations in countries devastated by war, while cooperation between parents and scout leaders was advanced as an additional aim of Scout week throughout the nation. Announced as the new chief executive for the Oconeechee council was Roy Lyles, a recent graduate of Wake Forest College, and himself an Eagle scout. Immediately following Boyers' address to the assembled scouts was an open discussion of awards, requirements, and scouting in general.

Scoutmasters present at the Court of Honor were the Rev. T. D. Mullis, Troop No. 86 of Manly; W. E. Gladstone, Troop No. 76 of Vass; Walter F. Harper, Troop No. 73 of Southern Pines; and A. F. Farmer, Troop No. 98 of West End.

Merit badges and Civic Duty awards were presented as follows: From the Manly troop, Elmer Andrews, 100 hours of Civic Duty and merit badges for Pathfinding and Personal Health; Eugene Sessoms, merit badges for Pathfinding and Personal Health; Henson Williams, 25 hours Civic Duty. From Southern Pines, Carlton Kennedy, 50 hours Civic Duty; Tommy Avery, 50 hours Civic Duty; Richard Patch, 100 hours Civic Duty. From Troop No. 68 of Aberdeen, Arthur Rowe, merit badge for Personal Health.

## Local Veterans Together After Many Months



How many can you pick out in the above photograph of the veterans' reunion banquet? It was held at the Country Club last week, and was gotten up by Louis Schiepers and other leading men and women of Southern Pines. Each serviceman was given a billfold, in the name of his grateful and proud fellow-citizens . . . and as many "seconds" and "thirds" as he could hold. (Photo by Humphrey)

## Golfers Meet For Scotch Foursome Play Next Sunday

The annual St. Valentine's Scotch foursome play for members of the Sandpiper and Pine-dodger golf associations of Southern Pines has been scheduled for the country club course on Sunday, February 17, club manager Billy Wilson announced this week. Twenty pairings have been drawn for the selected drives play by foursomes of the men and women golfers. A buffet supper for the two organizations will be served at the club Sunday evening.

The pairing announced are as follows: Dick Sugg and Mrs. Lavinia Cherry; P. V. Hatch and Mrs. Elmer Harrington; Arthur Atherton and Mrs. J. T. Hobbs; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Dante Montesanti; Bill Moore and Mrs. Fraser Knight; Mack Alspaugh and Mrs. J. B. Edwards; Russ Birch and Mrs. Morris Johnson; Jackson Boyd and Mrs. Howard Burns; Howard Burns and Mrs. Roy Grinnell.

Bynum Patterson and Mrs. W. C. McFarland; Walter Ives and Mrs. Marshall Barney; J. C. Barron and Mrs. Russ Birch; Will Wigg and Miss Birdilla Bair; Roy Grinnell and Miss Laura Kelsey; H. A. Matthews and Mrs. R. L. Sugg; Carlton Kennedy and Mrs. Charles Piquet; Elmer Davis and Mrs. Betty Scott Huber; Dr. Greer Stutz and Miss Catherine Wiley; Dr. L. M. Daniels and Miss Erma Fisher; Jack Carter and Mrs. V. P. Clark.

## Tenor To Sing In Southern Pines

Eivin Bjornstad, lyric dramatic tenor of Oslo, Norway, will be presented to the public at the First Baptist Church Friday of this week at 7:30 P. M. Mr. Bjornstad who is passing through to Florida on Friday has consented to appear in a Sacred Concert at the invitation of the pastor, S. J. Erwin.

A few who heard the famous singer at Carthage last week, report that Southern Pines is in order for a rare musical treat. Music lovers are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to hear one who has won much acclaim in Europe as well as in America, and whom critics have even compared with Caruso.

The Music Committee of the church, in extending an invitation to one and all, suggests early arrival at the concert in order to be sure of a good seat. A free-will offering will be taken for the singer.

### CHISWELL BACK

Alfred G. Chiswell is another serviceman whose return is adding to the general satisfaction.

## IN CONGRESS

North Carolina Congressmen are hewing to the conservative line. They all voted for the strike curb (Case) bill, and both senators Bailey and Hoey voted against invoking cloture to stop the filibuster.

Of the latter Bailey said: "It was regrettable but necessary."

Do North Carolinians wish their representatives to deny the democratic processes of government whenever they happen to think it "necessary"?

## Old Scott House, Thompson Home, Sold To Seymour

The second important sale of Broad street property occurring within a few months is that made by the E. C. Stevens agency, of the Scott-Thompson residence, located on the southwest corner of West Broad street and New York avenue, to O. Leon Seymour of Aberdeen. This is Mr. Seymour's second purchase of Broad street realty, and, as with the Pope property, he informs The Pilot that he has not yet fully matured his plans for the building as it will be some time before the actual transfer takes place.

Built in 1896 by E. M. Grover, father of Lawrence and Alfred, it was noted then, and for a number of years, as the finest residence in Southern Pines. Following the death of Mr. Grover, while serving as Mayor in 1897, the house was pictured in the town booklet of 1900 as the residence of his widow, Mrs. C. J. Grover, who, two years later sold to A. A. Heizmann, the house becoming the winter home of the family for several years. It passed to E. E. Patridge, the noted rifle expert, who sold to Royal R. Scott in 1922 who made it his home until his death in 1933. Of late years it has been the home of Mrs. Scott and her daughter, Mrs. Carl G. Thompson, Sr.

### LOCAL AVC MEETING

A meeting of the Southern Pines branch of the Moore County chapter of the American Veterans Committee will take place at the home of the temporary chairman, James Boyd, Jr., on Friday night, February 15th, at 8 P. M. The committee stresses that this is to be a business and organizational meeting to which all discharged veterans of World War II, from Southern Pines, are invited. The meeting will be held at the present headquarters at "Wemouth," at the northern end of Vermont Avenue. Chairman Boyd says: "Come straight up the avenue through the white gates, and take the right hand fork."

## Recreation Plans Studied By Social Agencies Council

The Southern Pines Council of Social Agencies met at the Schoolhouse Wednesday night to hear the report of past work and discuss plans for the future. Presiding was Chairman Morris Johnson, with Mrs. J. H. Towne, executive secretary. Present were Miss Birdilla Bair, representing the T. B. Association, Harry Lee Brown, former recreational chairman, Walter F. Harper, Boy Scouts, J. W. Moore, West Southern Pines School, James Boyd, Jr., American Veterans Committee, Mrs. James Swett, Episcopal Women's Auxiliary, Miss Catherine Wiley, St. Anne's Guild, the Rev. T. E. Davis, Presbyterian Church, Morris Johnson, chairman, represented the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club.

After a brief report of the work at Christmas, the committee took up matters of policy. Mrs. Towne posed several questions of importance, of which the first was: Is this council vital to the community? Lack of support and interest was noted, particularly the indifference of parents. It was felt, however, that this might be due to the pressure of the past years and should be discounted at (Continued on Page 5)

## Miss Bruton Returns To Moore County

"Ellen Bruton's coming back!" the welcome news ran through the Moore County Hospital and the community, bringing much satisfaction.

Miss Bruton, who came to the institution when it opened in 1929, has served as superintendent of nurses for several years and is thoroughly familiar with the organization. Her presence should do much to restore the even tempo of the hospital, disturbed by the pressure of war conditions and many recent changes. She will replace Mrs. Marie Stribling who has resigned.

Another addition is that of Dr. A. F. Thompson, son of the late Dr. Thompson of Troy. Dr. Thompson, who recently returned with the rank of Major from service with the Fourteenth Evacuation Hospital in Burma, will act as assistant surgeon at Moore County until he reports for duty April 1st at the Presbyterian Hospital, New York.

### SNACK SHOP SOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spurgin who have operated the Carolina Restaurant and Snack Shop on East Broad street for the past years have sold the business to L. M. Daniels, Jr. Following extensive repairs and alterations the restaurant will reopen under new management.

## WHAT AVC HAS DONE

1. Devoted itself to interests of World War II veterans on the principal: what's good for the country is good for the veteran.
2. Reorganization of Veterans' Administration under Bradley.
3. Recommended drastic amendments liberalizing and making more workable the G. I. Bill of Rights.
4. Set up Veterans' Service Centers to avoid run-around from agency to agency.
5. Taken strong stand and effective action on major issues of the world; and the community.

AVC was the only new veterans' organization invited by the state department to send a representative to the San Francisco Conference.

## Local AVCs Urge Congress Speed New Housing Plan

### Chapter Sees Need For Well-Designed Low Cost Homes Here

Moore County's new chapter of the American Veterans Committee today wired North Carolina's congressmen, urging them to give full support to the recent Wilson W. Wyatt national program for building 2,700,000 new low-cost homes in '46 and '47.

This bold program has the "complete and unqualified support" of the Truman administration, as evidenced by a statement of President Truman which said in part: "All agencies of the Government are directed to use every resource at their command to fulfill this program."

It is estimated that the construction of these low-cost homes will entail a national outlay for materials alone of over five billion dollars, and employ one and one-half million new construction workers.

The size of this program may be grasped by the fact that it proposes building five times the number of homes in '46 as were built in '45, and over six times as many in '47.

Most of the new houses planned will be built to sell for not more than \$6,000 and to rent for \$50 a month or less. There will also be allowances for dwellings costing up to \$10,000. Less than one-tenth the total number will be of temporary types, with the rest conventional type homes or prefabricated units.

James Boyd, Jr., temporary chairman of Moore County's American Veterans Committee states: "this program will be backed by AVC chapters throughout the United States, as its represents a definite step in one of the key planks of our national platform—full employment for all Americans. This building program also typifies," Boyd added, "the fundamental belief of AVC: what's good for the country and the majority of its citizens—that's what is good for us veterans."

Low Cost Homes Best Bet for Families and Tourists Alike Boyd in talking to real estate authorities said: "It is believed in real estate quarters here that these low-cost homes will prove an especial boon to Southern Pines and Pinehurst. Aside from relieving the present very acute (Continued on Page 4)

## Dwight Talks to Kiwanis

Major F. M. Dwight, a member of the Information & Educational Branch of the army, addressing the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at its regular weekly luncheon Wednesday gave a most interesting description of his duties and travels while stationed on Okinawa. His group was responsible for the publication of a number of newspapers and magazines, and for radio information of news.

## \$12,000 Worth Of Jewelry Stolen In Pinehurst Friday

### Unknown Robber Evades Wily Chingfoo And Local Police

One of the most spectacular robberies ever pulled off in this section took place in Pinehurst Friday night, February 8th, when a thief broke into the Magoon Cottage, rented by Mrs. Frances C. Henderson, and stole twelve thousand dollars worth of jewelry.

Hero of the event was Chingfoo, Chinese corgie, belonging to Mrs. Henderson, who did his best to apprehend the culprit.

Entering their house at 8:25, Mrs. Henderson and Chingfoo went upstairs. The dog immediately sensed that something was wrong; he made for the sun-porch door. Suddenly a voice sang out: "Stop or I'll Shoot!" Undaunted, the wily Chinese leapt for the door, only to have it slammed in his face. The thief jumped from the porch, sixteen feet, to the ground, and ran, carrying with him the Henderson jewel-case containing \$12,000 in jewels.

Investigators swarmed onto the scene, but if they have found out anything they are keeping it dark, and themselves incommunicado, as far as the press is concerned, in line with the usual policy of concealment.

Mrs. Henderson, former technician at Moore County, is now in the employ of Dr. F. L. Owens.

## Newark Pro First In Pine Needles Golf Play Monday

### Pinehurst Country Club Scene of Amateur-Pro Tourney Monday, Feb. 18

Low card for the day at the amateur-professional tournament played over the Pine Needles course on Monday, February 11, was turned in by Marty Wallach, Newark, N. J., pro and his amateur partner, R. B. Newhouse, of New York, as the winning combination netted a score of six below par to take first honors, 33-33-66.

From among the field of more than 50 golfers on hand, Wallach came back with a second partner, Martin Steinhil, New York, to tie up for second place with Earl Estridge, Baden pro, and Otis Crisco, who chalked up a 33-34-67. Best ball for the Wallach-Steinhil teaming was 34-33-61.

At 35-33-68, Marshal Creighton, Greensboro pro, and William Cozart split for third place with William Souter, Chataqua, N. Y., and Jack Carter, Southern Pines, who shot 34-34-68.

The fourth of the Sandhills series of amateur-professional tournaments, following the metropolitan arrangement of play, will be held on Monday, February 18, at the Pinehurst Country Club, Eric Nelson of the club announced this week.

Low scores by teams for the Pine Needles competition were as follows:

Roy Bronsdon, Mid-Pines pro of Newtew Center, Mass., and amateur Al Bessierlinck, 34-35-69. Roy Grinnell, Southern Pines Country Club pro, and E. H. Thomas, 33-37-70. Harold Calloway, Pinehurst Country Club pro, and amateur Dick Hunter, 36-35-71. Myron Barrett, Pinehurst Country Club pro, and Jackson Boyd, Southern Pines, 37-34-71. Fred Baroni, Pinehurst Country Club pro, and Tom Black, 38-34-72. Jimmy Nicolls, Pinehurst Country Club pro, and Edward Kenney, 32-40-72. Johnny Capello, Pine Needles pro, and George T. Dunlap, 38-35-73. Henson Maples, Pinehurst Country Club pro, and C. B. Hawley, 35-38-73.

### BANK WILL CLOSE

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company will be closed Friday, February 22, for Washington's birthday.