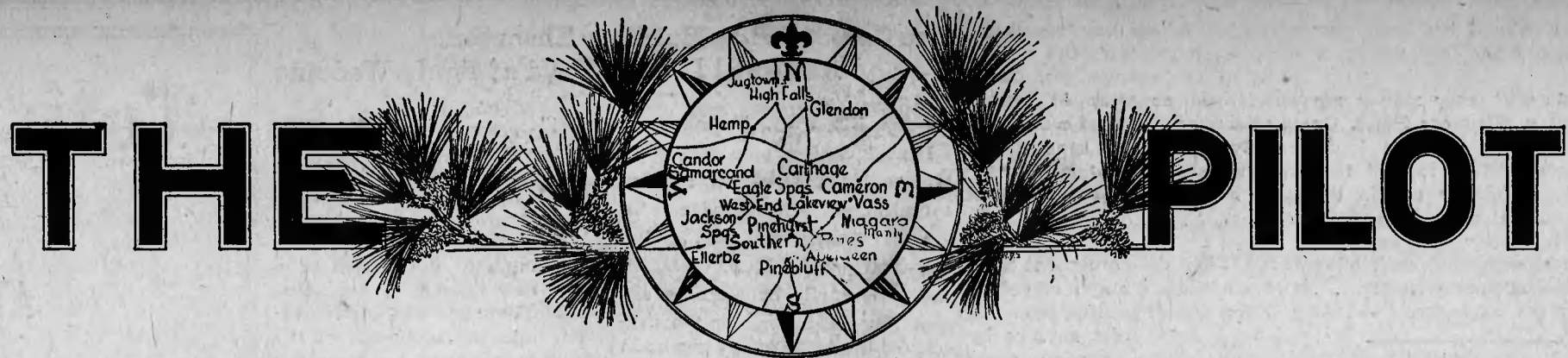


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**Camp Mackall To Be Reactivated
12,000 Paratroopers Are Due Soon
No Official Statement Yet Issued**

**Demolition Engineers
On Hand to Finish Job
Stopped Just In Time**

Paratroopers Said Not To Be Of 82nd Bragg Division

What's going on when at Camp Mackall? That is the question now heard on every side in the Sandhills. What division is going in? Will it be just as a training area for the 82 Division?

Fast and furious fly the questions and rumors. After four months of tearing down it is now about to be built back up. From a peak of around forty thousand soldiers Camp Mackall is down to three, or maybe two. And now it is authoritatively reported that twelve thousand paratroopers, not the 82nd., will start moving in "in the very near future."

This has happened before without finally materializing but this time it is believed that the orders will not be called off. On July 20th the Engineers were to take over and start the complete tearing down. But the day before a wire is said to have arrived stating: "Do not tear down any more buildings. Later following, Camp Mackall to be used for a Maneuver Staging Center."

The civilian employees still at Mackall were to have been through on July 24, but on July 23 an order came through saying to hold onto them "indefinitely." Camp Mackall has one of the finest water supply systems in the state, plus an excellent air strip. Although the buildings have for the most part been gutted of furniture and fixtures, they are still standing and from the outside appear to be in good condition. Material is still moving out of Mackall by the truckload, but that is only because the red tape required to call a halt can not be cut in time to be effective.

In fact, after about a fifteen minute telephone conversation with Fort Bragg concerning the reactivation of Camp Mackall, we ended up with the same officer we'd started with. It had been a continual shunting from one to another, and finally back to the starting point - with nothing accomplished.

Said the public relations office: "Call General Irwin's aide Captain Riddick." But Riddick was out, so we were shunted from the office of the Adjutant General to the office of a Colonel Roach, back again to General Irwin's staff, and after considerable delay the report came through: "Sorry I can't give you the dope. Suggest you get the Publications Officer." Asked if that was the same as Public Relations, we were told it was . . . and that's where we came in, so we called it a day and sought our information from sources free from that fearsome "chain of command."

Camp Mackall will again come to life. For how long no one now knows. Or if they know, they won't tell.

MEETING TONIGHT

Take note all you baseball fans! There is to be a meeting tonight, Fri., July 26, at eight o'clock in the Community Center.

This meeting has been called for the purpose of discussing and deciding and getting something one about the fence that has been proposed for so long around the Southern Pines Ball Park.

This fence will not only keep out those who don't pay and thereby add greatly to the local coffers by making them pay, it will also hem in any umpire who persist in handing out raw decisions—so that the abused players can have at him within the enclosure.

MYSTERY

The phone rang. No newsy response greeted our throbbing, low-throated, dull-Monday voice as we lifted the receiver and snarled: "Pilot."

But hi! The phone was not dead. We could hear the emptiness of an open circuit. Then a faint sigh was heard, repeated and repeated.

Was someone trying to speak, but too weak? Was it murder. . . or worse? Faster and faster, louder and louder grew the sighing.

Then a raucous voice shattered the silence: "Put it down! I've told ya before. Quit playing widat phone!" Clang went the receiver.

Then through the open PILOT window came the fearful sighing. . . a Seaboard steam engine was laboring up the grade and coming around the curve from Aberdeen.

**Monday Jinx Rides
Overhead Bridge
2 Wrecks In 2 Hrs.**

**Car Forces Furniture
Van Over Road Bank
4 Negroes Miss Curve**

A jinx must have been hovering over the overhead railroad bridge at Southern Pines last Monday.

Coming out from the Old Road to Pinehurst, onto Highway 1, at 11:45 am a '37 Chevrolet sedan belonging to Eugene Foushee drove in front of a large Mayflower furniture van. The van pulled over to the right, hit the soft shoulder just before the overpass and plunged over the embankment, the driver leaping uninjured from the van just as it rolled over the brink.

The driver of the van, Louis Pulliam, of Andrews, N. C. said that he was doing between 20 and 25 mph when Foushee drove in front of him and that he pulled over to keep from hitting him, losing control when the wheels hit the soft shoulders. Foshee, it is reported, said he was only going about 12 mph at the time.

The van was loaded with household furniture, china, stove and refrigerator and heading for Baltimore from Columbia, S. C. It was uprighed that afternoon, and the next morning was seen heading back to Columbia.

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**V-J Day Celebration Here Plans Big Show
By 82nd Airborne Units, Pope Field Pilots**

All veterans, whether American Legion or otherwise, are expected to take part in the Victory Celebration which the Sandhills Post American Legion plans to put across with a bang here in Southern Pines on August 14. The Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Veterans Committee plus civic and fraternal organizations will take part, stated D. D. S. Cameron, of the Legion's General Committee.

Although there has been no official acceptance, it is planned by the American Legion to have General Gavin, of 82nd Airborne fame, put on a show with various units of his crack division.

Pope Field has also been approached in the hope that an air show will be part of the planned parade.

Major Burwell at Knollwood's Resort Airlines is chairman of the Airshow Committee, and whatever Pope Field will agree to put on in way of a show will be announced through the Major.

The celebration is being sponsored by the Sandhills Post American Legion with the cooperation of the Legion Posts at Aberdeen, Carthage, West End, and Robbins.

Plans are far from complete as yet, but it is definite that one item of interest on the Legion Program will be the selection of a local beauty who will be crowned "Queen of the Peaches" tying in with the close of the Sandhills peach season.

This will be Moore County's first major celebration in honor of its returned victorious veterans. Response so far porten one of the greatest gatherings Moore County has seen since the great Blue and the Grey Reunion that was held here back in the early 1900s, and to which trains brought Civil War veterans from all over the State to hear Governor Glenn, and other great orators speak.

An all-day-program of parades, band concerts, air show, supper for veterans, followed by speeches, will end with a great Victory Dance in the evening.

They Went... They Saw... And Had A Fine Time!



**Old Tom of "Lost Colony" Is Favorite
of Southern Pines, Aberdeen Youngsters;
Teen-Agers Wish Whole Club Could Go**

Pictured above are the thirty-five youngsters, ranging from nine to eighteen, plus four grown-ups, who trekked in a Pinehurst bus from the Sandhills to Roanoke Island to see "Lost Colony." And there's no doubt in any of their minds about the fine time they had. Said Teen-Age Club President Ted York: "I wish there were some way to get up another trip to take the whole Teen-age Club." Sue Hall, seconded by Peggy Cameron said: "I'd love to go about six more times."

John Ruggles pinch hit at the last minute for Sabiston who was "an expectant father and couldn't go." Miss Lucile Eifort donated her chaperone services, and according to the youngsters, there couldn't have been two better grown-ups on such a trip. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Currie drove the bus and Mrs. Currie helped John Ruggles and Miss Eifort and was equally popular with the group.

The trip got off to a flying-dawn start at five - thirty am from Southern Pines. Sixteen were picked up in Aberdeen adding to the eighteen from Southern Pines, plus the one from West End, and off they went. . . one busload and John Ruggles' careful.

**Rifle Team Being
Sponsored By AVC**

A "small, informal shoot is expected to be held by the AVC members and others who are interested in organizing a Rifle Team here in Southern Pines on Wednesday July 31.

At the last AVC meeting it was proposed that a Rifle Team be formed. Kenneth Epps made the proposal and was elected chairman of the committee to get things rolling.

Chairman Epps has contacted Mayor O'Callaghan and Chief Newton on the subject and a range has been tentatively lined up. It will offer approximately (Continued on Page 5)

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"We had wonderful lunches going and coming back at a "Kitty Corner Restaurant" just outside of Edenton," said Sue Hall.

Biggest Hit

They saw the pageant Wednesday night and the agreed biggest hit of the show was "Old Tom." Everybody loved Old Tom. He kept them in stitches with his excellent performance. In the bus up and back it was young thirteen-year-old Carlton Kennedy with his Spanish accent who kept hitting the amusement jackpot (Continued on Page 5)

**Clay Road Farms
Barns Burn**

Monday of this week was not a lucky day for the tobacco growers of the Clay Road Farms section of Moore County.

Two tobacco barns burned between nine and noon. One was the barn of Captain Josh Matthews, and the other was the Key's barn.

Each barn at the time of the fire contained eight hundred to a thousand sticks of tobacco. It is not believed that there was any insurance coverage for the loss.

The fires were caused by sparks from the curing fires and were beyond control when discovered. (Continued from Page 5)

**Struthers Burt Blasts "Highway Directories"
By Any Name, Billboards Smell Bad To Him**

I was a trifle puzzled a couple of weeks ago, reading in The Pilot of that date, which reached me out here about the discussion at a meeting of The Chamber of Commerce concerning "directory signs."

I didn't know what that term meant, although, judging from your report of the meeting, some candid member arose and called them by their right names, "billboards." Then, to follow further your report, another member arose and said "don't call them that, or you'll arouse the ghost of Struthers Burt," or something of the kind.

He might have gone further and added, "and you'll also arouse the ghost of the former Chamber of Commerce of Southern Pines, which for years led the fight in North Carolina to keep the state's highways clean, and which, by doing so, added greatly to the town's reputation, not only in North Carolina, but throughout the entire country."

There is even more to be said. This former Chamber of Com-

merce was about the wisest Chamber of Commerce I have ever come across, and for years I have been an Honorary Member of the United States Chamber of Commerce. Its main object was to make Southern Pines a beautiful town, and keep it so. No one questions the fact that this has brought to Southern Pines millions of dollars in cold, hard cash and scores of the best kinds of permanent settlers. And if anyone gets around the country as much as I do, he, or she, knows that Southern Pines because of its lack of the ugly sores of commercialism, is one of the famous towns in the United States.

Every new tree planted in Southern Pines is an investment; every flowering shrub; every business building repainted, made neat and handsome, or put up under the direction of some builder or architect wise enough to know that it is not good business to design a store or office resembling a band-box, a jail, or a (Continued on Page 12)

**Resort Air Park Project
Needs Community Weight
Behind Airline Proposals**

EIGHT TO GO

Airlines Asks Active Community Cooperation

The cat reported dead as a result of a direct hit by a bolt of lightning in the great lightning storm of Aberdeen last week is now reported alive. It was a near miss, not a direct hit.

When first viewed, lying prostrate beneath the clothes line, the cat looked dead. When the time came for burying, the cat was gone. Later the cat showed up, and except for a definite halt in its gait, whiskers that had been kinked in the shape of lightning bolts, plus spasmodic explosions that made every hair stand on end, the cat is all right.

It is further reported that when the cat's last mentioned "explosions" took place in the dark, an aura of sparks could be seen leaping from three to five feet. One life gone, eight to go.

**Five To Six Thousand
Air Tourists Could
Result from Expansion**

Resort Airlines is putting on an expansion program that can mean more to the Southern Pinehurst resort area than anything that has taken place in this section in the past twenty peace years.

This program to date has been carried exclusively by Resort Airlines. Since it is definitely a community project, it is also up to the community to give what help it can, to appoint a committee with authority to find out what help can be given, and then see to it that that help is given.

Geographical location recreational facilities, hotel facilities, size and lay out of the field make possible the Pinehurst-Southern Pines Airport be developed into the outstanding air park in the South-East. As such, it would attract thousands of tourist flyers and become the ideal midpoint for all non-scheduled coast-wise air traffic.

By virtue of its ownership of six Douglas airplanes and its employment of skilled Douglas mechanics, it is believed that this company will be accredited in the near future as an official Douglas Aircraft Service Center. If so, most Douglas Aircraft in this part of the United States will come to Resort Airlines for maintenance and repair. In addition, the company has been appointed agent of the War Assets Administration for the warehousing and sale of aircraft parts and components.

Nearly a million dollars worth of this Government property has been requisitioned, and will be dispensed to aircraft operators under the agency agreement.

Resort Airlines is prepared to erect the hanger at a cost of between sixty and one hundred thousand dollars, to remodel the buildings it will use, and to pay one-half of the annual maintenance cost on the field. It proposes to the County: (1) That it undertake the landscaping of the grounds, (2) the building of a swimming pool, (3) the construction of an addition to the front of the administration building for a passenger lounge, (4) close coordination in advertising and promotion, (5) the re-designation of field as Resort Air Park, (6) regular monthly meeting of the airport committee with the management of Resort Airlines.

Resort Airlines is spending \$3,000.00 a month in national advertising, principally in the New York area. It has a half million dollars in assets, \$175,000.00 in cash, \$900,000.00 capital surplus, is doing approximately \$300,000.00 annual business and was of Jan- (Continued on Page 8)

PEACE PAINT

It may seem paradoxical that while white paint is numbered among many other scarce items gallons are being consumed by business places on Broad Street where store fronts are having facials with interiors not far behind. Gleaming brightly between showers are Patch's, the Tog Shop, Stevens, Jack's, and Royalton Pines Lunch. The two latter picked out with restful shades of green. Little Tots' have kept us waiting at least two weeks to see their choice while Margaret Bogle getting the fever, did some personal brush welding in the book shop.