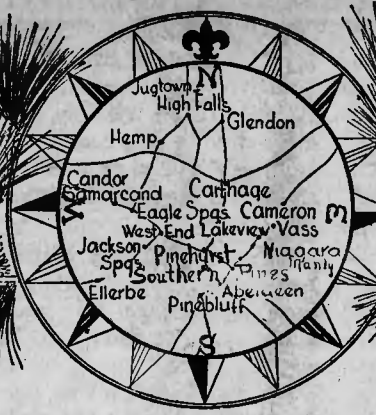


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TEN CENTS

Burwell At Rotary Speaks of Plans For Air Park Here

Park Would Offer Owners of Small Planes Ideal Field

Swimming Pool, And Club Restaurant Part Of Development Plan

The president of Resort Airlines, Lewis C. Burwell, was the guest speaker at the regular luncheon meeting of the Southern Pines Rotary Club, held last Friday at the Lakeview Hotel.

In his talk to the Rotarians Burwell outlined what Resort Airlines had accomplished to date, what their present expansion program is, plus what they have in mind for the future.

Especially stressed by president Burwell was the opportunity he sees for the Sandhills in the development of the Knollwood Field into an Air Park which would then be renamed Resort Air Park.

Burwell pointed out that there is no section in the State, or in the mid-South of the East, that offers as much to the rapidly increasing numbers of small plane owners as the vacation facilities in Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

While Resort Airlines wants and expects no aid from the County in the upkeep of Knollwood Field as far as their operations usage goes, it is felt that the County should take over the development of the Air Park for the influx of desirable air visitors. This development would include the construction of a swimming pool, of landscaping the grounds, and of renovating one of the pres (Continued on Page 10)

OPEN HALF DAY

In consideration for the visitors expected here for the V-J Day Celebration next Wednesday, Southern Pines merchants have decided to keep their places of business open until noon, abandoning their original plan of closing for the entire day.

TWO VASS PLANTS BOOST WAGES OF EMPLOYEES

Effective last week employees of the Vass Cotton Mill Company and Angus Mills, Inc., received wage increases of eight cents per hour, bringing the minimum wage to 73 cents per hour. The cotton mill employs 100 workers, and Angus Mills around 25.

WORLD SANITY

---And You! The Belief of "Americans United For World Gov't."

You're convinced the world cannot survive another war. What to do about it?

You can let matters drift under the old balance-of-power system which has never prevented wars. That way, the strong nations in the end do as they please. Because there is no central authority strong enough to assure to the world freedom from fear of war.

Or you can have world government. That way, the strength of the world is pooled against the law-breakers. A universal sense of security. Freedom from the fear that moves nations to war.

What is world government? Simply an extension of the federal system under which you and your fathers before you have been living and thriving. The nations, like the American states, get together and vote to the central body enough power to act on certain limited things. They keep the rest of their power, just as the states do, and go on as before in their own affairs.

The federal system works pretty well here, doesn't it; Under it, for one thing, the individual is the prime sovereign. For

Gold Star Mothers

Shields Cameron, general chairman of the Victory Day celebration to be held in Southern Pines on Wednesday, August 14, states that a special section will be reserved in the reviewing stand for the Gold Star Mothers of Moore County.

Since there is not a complete list of the Gold Star Mothers, Mr. Cameron urges that the names of them all—white and colored—be forwarded to one of the members of the special Gold Star Mothers' Committee. In case they do not have a way of their own to make the trip to Southern Pines, transportation will be arranged by this committee.

"Please tell the Gold Star Mothers that we especially want them to attend this celebration," Mr. Cameron added, "and we will try to see that everything is done for their comfort. The people of Moore County deeply appreciate their great sacrifices and we want to honor them on Victory Day."

Members of the Gold Star Committee are: L. L. Woolley, Southern Pines; Mrs. N. S. Kimball, Southern Pines; Mrs. W. P. Saunders, Robbins; Sheriff C. J. McDonald and Mrs. John Beasley, Carthage; Mrs. J. M. Guthrie, Cameron; Mrs. Sam Smith, Vass; Mrs. Paul Dana, Pinehurst; Mrs. J. F. Sinclair, West End; and Mrs. E. T. McKeithen, Aberdeen.

Local Sluggers Smash Wins Over Robbins and Troy

Playing some of their best ball of the season Southern Pines defeated Robbins and Troy this past week. The victory over Troy was outstanding since the visitors placed third in the semi-pro tournament held in Asheboro last week.

On Sunday the local team defeated Robbins 5 to 1 with Vest allowing only 3 hits, striking out 7 while his teammates collected 8 hits. Going into the 9th with the score 2 to 1, Harper walked, Buchan fouled out to the catcher Pate smashed a triple scoring Harper, McNeill walked. McRae lined out a double scoring Pate and McNeill and Haines ended the inning with a strike out and the final score 5 to 1.

Wednesday playing after a shower making the infield slow the Southern Pines team defeated (Continued from Page 5)

Banner Week Had As Kids Slaughter Diamond Opponent

The past week has been a headliner in the Summer Sports Program, with Albert Bray and Verne France of the 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg, capturing the Men's Doubles in the Tennis Tournament, and the Southern Pines Junior Baseball Team, composed of 10 to 14-year-old boys, defeating Carthage here and Robbins there.

The Robbins game, played Monday morning, was a real thriller for the locals. Billy Baker had a no-hit game until the last of the seventh inning when, with two out, the next man singled. The score was 8 to 1.

On the home field last Friday the Juniors trounced Carthage 23 to 1.

The Southern Pines Line up—Billy Baker, p; D. P. Black, c; Andy Page, 1b; Jimmy Dickerson, 2b; Gene Poe, 3b; Richard Newton, ss; Dillon Short, lf; Gerald Thomas, cf; Robert Cox, rf. Other players in the line-up—Dickie Ray, cf; Marshall Palmer, cf; Reggy Hamel, cf; Edgar Smith, cf; Carlton Kennedy, 3b coach.

Play Here Friday

The Southern Pines Juniors are playing Robbins Juniors here at 10 a. m. today, Friday.

Tennis

Play-offs in the tennis tournaments have been slow in getting off, and the various pairings are asked to complete their matches as soon as possible, as they are holding up the tournament.

The Badminton Tournament is nearing its last round.

The Summer Recreation Program (Continued on Page 10)

Despondent Local Woman Takes Own Life Here Monday

Isabel Johnston took her life just before noon Monday at Weymouth here in Southern Pines with a gun belonging to her husband, Thomas Johnston, assistant editor of The Pilot, recently discharged Lt. Cmdr. in the Naval Reserve.

Mrs. Jere McKeithen was in the house at the time and heard the shots. At first, Mrs. McKeithen states, she thought the shots had come from outside and went to see that the children were all right.

Then, discovering the door locked to Mrs. Johnston's room she became alarmed, and on finding a note on the downstairs desk called Thomas Johnston at his office and Dr. J. S. Milliken at his home.

Driving through town Thomas Johnston called to police officer Ray McDonald to follow him to his home. Dr. Milliken, Johnston and McDonald arrived practically together. Dr. Milliken examined Mrs. Johnston and pronounced her dead.

The Coroner was called in Carthage, and permission was given for the body to be removed to the Sandhills Funeral Home.

Mrs. Johnston's death is attributed to despondency over domestic troubles. She left a note which read: "I have made such a mess of everything that this is the only way out. I loved life and living but evidently not enough."

Following the desires of Mrs. Johnston, she was cremated at the Duke Crematorium. Services were held at two o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Reverend Craighill Brown officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Hope.

GOOD SLOGAN

Al Howlett's bright red wrecker with its slogan, "We Pull For Southern Pines," is one of the striking sights to be seen on the streets and highways of Southern Pines.

Pretty good slogan for all of us to adopt, we'd say.

Fifteen Hundred Moore County Veterans Expected To March Here On August 14 Pope Field To Give Air Coverage Show



Crack Units of Famous 82nd Division To Lead Parade President Truman Asks Day Be Made Official Holiday

Units In Parade Have Outstanding History, and Many Decorations

On August 14th the 1st Battalion, of the famed 505th Pchnt. Inf. Regt. will parade in Southern Pines.

Famous 505th

This battalion helped spearhead the drive across Europe, and was highly celebrated for its outstanding accomplishments against the Nazi and Fascist war machines.

No battalion has received more praise than the "Jack of Diamonds," as it was appropriately named overseas, for it is one of the few organizations of the military forces which can boast it has never retreated, surrendered, or in any way failed in the full accomplishment of its mission.

Their initiation to battle came in the summer of 1943, a bare month and a half after their arrival in North Africa, when this first Airborne unit landed on the drop zones of Sicily in the first combat jump into Hitler's Fortress Europe.

Following the Sicilian campaign their 'chutes next darkened the sky over Salerno and after hand fighting up the rocky coast of Italy this battalion led the American forces into Naples.

At 12:30 A. M. on the morning of June 6, 1944, these same 'chutes billowed out above the coast of France and the historic battle of Normandy had begun with these paratroopers leading the way, gaining credit for themselves freeing the first city in France—St. Mere—Eglise.

The 82nd Airborne Division had started on the long, perilous journey on the battle laden road to Hitler's home ground. Through the battles of Holland, the Belgian Bulge, through the suppos (Continued on Page 5)

Youthful Rider Injured In Fall From Horse

Harold Collins, Jr., 13, who has been working at the Whitley Stables, Candor, for several weeks, fell from a horse last Friday afternoon and sustained a fracture and a slight concussion. He is getting along well at Moore County Hospital, where he will remain for several weeks.

Harold and his brother James, 8, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Collins of Youngs Road, are expert young horsemen and have gained quite a lot of fame throughout this section through riding and exhibiting their five-gaited ponies, the only ones in this vicinity. They have appeared in gymkhanas here and in Pinehurst, and have taken part in horse shows in Fayetteville and Hamlet.

Southern Pines To Be Host of Whole County

Lt. Col. Julian A. Cook Commander Of Troops

August 14 will be a day of honor and celebration in Southern Pines, with Southern Pines the host of the other towns in the County on this first anniversary and Victory Celebration of World War II that was ended one short year ago.

Many and varied will be the victory celebrations that will take place on the usually quiet streets. The famous 82nd Division will put on a parade with several of its crack units that will give the Sandhills a first-hand and eye-witness account of what Washington, New York, and Philadelphia turned out en masse to view shortly after the return of this world celebrated and honored Division.

Beginning at 11 o'clock next Wednesday morning, the First Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment (Reinforced) will start off in the Southern Pines Parade that is to honor all American Soldiers who served their Country in World War I and II. The regiment which this battalion will represent is recognized as one of the snappiest and best groomed outfits in the Armed Forces.

The Commander of Troops will be Lt. Col. Julian A. Cook, who, with Staff and Colors will head the parade. Immediately following will be the famed 36 man 82nd Airborne Division Band.

Twenty-four paces behind the band will march sixty-five of the 1st Battalion Headquarters Company, and thirty paces to the rear will march 65 of the 3rd Battalion Headquarters Company. Thirty paces behind them will come fifty-five of the 307th Airborne Engineers, with another fifty-five. Special Troops behind them. The 80th Anti-aircraft will follow at thirty paces and winding up the 82nd Division part of the parade will be four Jeeps equipped with the new recoilless rifles, supposed to be the latest wrinkle in rifles and very hush-hush.

The uniform for Officers and Enlisted Men will be steel helmet (Continued on Page 10)

EX - SERVICEWOMEN

All ex-servicewomen in the county, Wacs, Waves, Marines, Spars and Nurses are asked to get in touch immediately with Mrs. George W. Richardson at Hayes' Book Store, Southern Pines, in regard to plans for their participation in the V-J Day Celebration on August 14.

Groups Include AVC, The American Legion, Vets of Foreign Wars

All Vets Urged To Be On Hand For The Parade

Moore County's greatest celebration will honor her returned victorious veterans of World War II at Southern Pines on V-J Day, August 14, with many forms of entertainment. All veterans of every branch of the service, white and colored, are invited to attend and participate in the celebration. Fifteen hundred are expected to march in the biggest parade ever seen in Southern Pines.

Generous contributions this week from the county through its Board of Commissioners, and from individuals and firms from every part of the County have enabled the committees in charge of the celebration to proceed with arrangements that should assure a great day for each and every veteran, their friends and families.

VJ Day will commence with the registration of all veterans at the Memorial Park in Southern Pines, where each registrant will be given a card admitting them to all events of the day.

Gold Star Mothers from all over the county are urged to contact some member of a veterans organization in their community and make arrangements to come in early so that they may secure a good location before 11:00 o'clock, in the section reserved for them near the reviewing stand.

The parade, led by the Honor Guard Combat Battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division and its Band, will commence at 11:00 a. m. after a brief welcome back to Moore County by a representative of the County Board of Commissioners. All parade units will march down E. Broad Street past the reviewing stand at Pennsylvania Avenue to Vermont Avenue, from which point they will infiltrate back to the point of beginning. Lt. Colonel Julian A. Cook of the 505th Parachute Infantry will command the 82nd Airborne Division troops and will do the honors to the Gold Star Mothers and dignitaries in the reviewing stands as he passes.

The Spanish - American War veterans will follow, with appropriate music from the Band while they pass in review. World War I (Continued on Page 8)

Labor Day Game Tickets Are Selling Fast As Determined Vets Work For Steel Fence

by Lennox Forsyth

For quite some time there has been talk among the citizenry of Southern Pines concerning the need of erecting a steel fence around the Southern Pines Athletic Park. This area is owned by the High School and therefore is the property of the people of this school district. The field is very well located and in excellent condition for developing. At the present time its baseball infield has the reputation of being one of the best in the State. So it is well worth the combined efforts of all to cooperate in the plans for its development.

When the three veteran organizations, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Veterans' Committee, were asked by a group of interested citizens to sponsor the drive for funds to finance the fence, they agreed unanimously to do so. They stated that it fell right in with the ideals of all veterans in that they would cooperate with any proposal for civic betterment in the community. They could see where the High School could then be able to control admissions to their athletic functions and therefore build up their funds so that a better athletic program could be put on for the youth.

The veterans pointed out that, according to available statistics, North Carolina had more men rejected by Selective Service, during the war, than any other State, and one reason given for this poor record was that there were inadequate recreation and athletic centers for youth. The veterans added that erecting this fence was a definite step toward fulfillment of a dream shared by many in this area. This dream, upon completion, would see an athletic park with lights, a cinder track, bleachers and grandstand, lockers and showers, spaces for baseball, softball and football.

It is definitely planned upon completion of the fence to plant shrubbery all around the outside of the fence to further enhance the beauty of that area.

To raise the necessary funds, the veterans are sponsoring a baseball game between Robbins and Southern Pines on Labor Day September 2, at 3:00 p. m., at which time a 1946 Special Deluxe Plymouth will be given away. Tickets may be obtained from any member of a veterans' organization. Orders by mail may be addressed to Ticket Committee, Box 1099, checks made payable to Robert Henderson, treasurer, Veterans Athletic Fund.