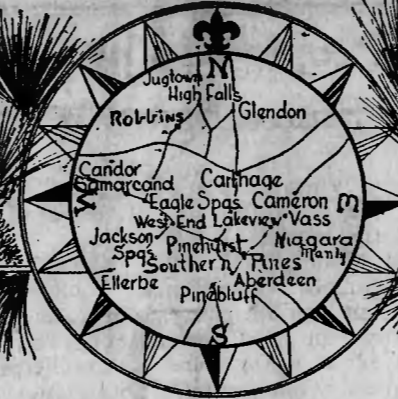


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Maternal Welfare Meeting To Honor Founder's Memory

Dr. Moore, Miss Corbin Will Speak At Carthage Feb. 25

At a meeting held at the home of Mrs. F. H. Underwood of Carthage, treasurer of the Moore County Maternal Welfare Association, members of the executive committee of the association drew up plans for the annual meeting to be held in Carthage on February 25th.

With Mrs. Underwood as chairman of the meeting committee, consisting of Mrs. P. P. McCain, Mrs. W. D. Sabiston, Mrs. M. G. Boyette, Mrs. Talbot Johnson, Mrs. Roy Williamson, Mrs. L. T. Avery and Mrs. James Boyd, the group discussed the program and arrangements to be made.

It is planned, reports the chairman, to hold this first big meeting since the war, in memory of the founder of the association, Elizabeth Woltz Currie. There will be two principal speakers, Dr. Oren Moore, close friend and physician of the Currie family, and a leader among those working for the cause of maternal welfare in the state, and Miss Hazel Corbin of the Maternity Center Association of New York City.

Miss Corbin, executive head of this nationally famous organization, the pioneer in this field, in writing her acceptance of the committee's invitation, said she had always wanted to come to Moore County and see at first hand the work whose fame is widespread. Miss Corbin is a friend of Moore County's nurse. (Continued on Page 8)

Tuesday Freeze Slows Traffic, Causes Accidents

The worst weather of the season, producing a cold slick freeze on streets and roads Tuesday, made traps for the unwary in cars and on foot.

Worth R. Parsons, of Jackson Springs, lost his life when his car skidded and crashed near Mt. Gilead late that night.

Though many near-accidents were reported in the county, none were serious, and a slightly rising temperature Wednesday turned the ice to less dangerous puddles. Thursday dawned as a beautiful springlike day.

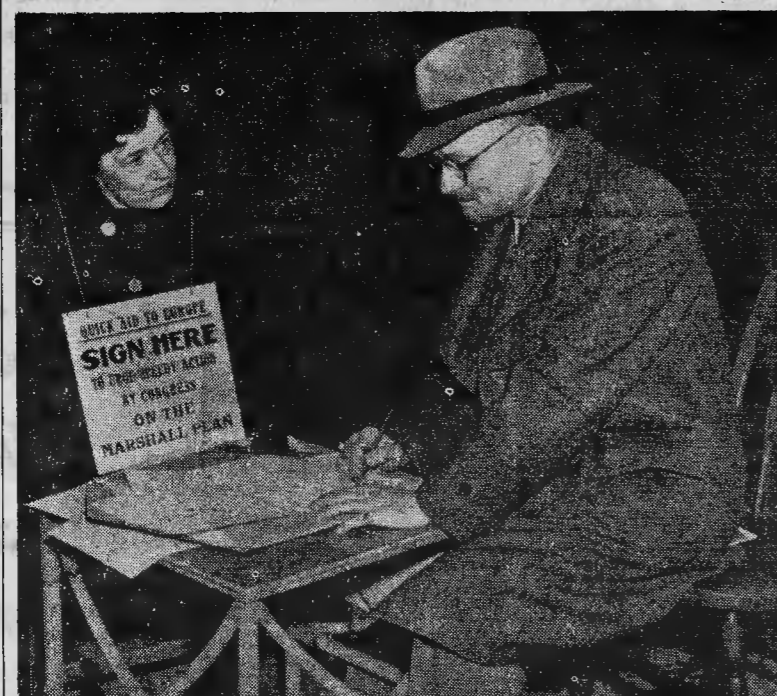
However, on Tuesday cars were skidding perilously, and only the fact that traffic was proceeding at a snail's pace saved many from disaster. Wreckers were kept busy answering distress calls of motorists who had slid into ditches, but in most cases these were able to go along under their own power, once they were hauled back to the road.

A bad crash occurred on Highway 1, just south of Southern Pines, when two cars driven by Raleigh motorists collided head-on, with grave damage to the cars. The drivers, W. L. Powell and a Mr. Griffin, were unhurt. The Powell car was the most badly damaged and is still undergoing repairs at a local garage.

Cars Overtaken
Three people miraculously escaped hurt as their cars skidded and overturned early Tuesday. One was Miss Peggy Ewing, who had an upset on the Midland road, near the Mid Pines club, with slight damage to her car. The others were A. G. Edwards of Vass and Miss Gladys Causey of Lakeview, whom he was giving a lift to her job in Southern Pines.

Just north of Manly the Edwards car hit a tricky stretch of ice, spun and turned over. Passersby helped right it, and they got back in and drove on to work, with only a few bruises to show for their near-catastrophe.

Mrs. M. M. Creel, of Aberdeen, driving to Pinehurst, sustained some damage to her car when it was struck by a truck as both skidded on the Aberdeen-Pinehurst road. Her car had to be (Continued on Page 8)



Scenes about town Saturday morning, a cold rainy day, as signatures were being gathered in Southern Pines on petitions to be sent to Congress urging swift passage of the Marshall Plan. Above—Pat Caddell, Carolyn Chester, and Peggy Phillips sign up a few on Broad street. Mrs. Frank Neely with little Karen in foreground. Upper left—All those at the curb market were glad to sign, as Mrs. James Boyd, chairman of the local workers, presented the petition. Left center: Mrs. Rene deMilhau signs at her door as Miss Martha Langston, Gary Mattocks and Jordan Frassinetti make the rounds. Left, at bottom—With Valerie Nicholson looking on, the Rev. F. Craighill Brown adds his name to the growing list. (Photo by Hemmer)

PETITIONS REVEAL PEOPLE BELIEVE MARSHALL PLAN IS ONLY PEACE HOPE

Almost Everyone Eager To Place Name On Growing Lists

By Katharine L. Boyd
We had never circulated, as they call it, a petition before and we wondered what it would be like. We had little idea and what we did have turned out to be entirely wrong.

The matter of circulation, for instance. There was none. And not only none in our feet, which turned into cold lumps of ice during the hour or so sitting in front of the pot office, but there was no circulating of the petition itself. No need to. Everybody else did the circulating.

Ambushed at that strategic point on the path, it was possible to dart out at anybody who started to stroll by, with little effort. But hardly anyone strolled. Mostly they marched up to the table and: "Where's the petition?" they demanded. "I want to sign it."

That was the rule all day long. The school seniors, who did do a lot of circulating, reported that people ran after them down the block halloing for the petition. At the post office and bank, lines formed, fountain pens were extracted, crewed up, poised ready for the attack as soon as the one ahead got out of the way. When we returned to lunch there was a scrawl on the telephone pad: "Two ladies call and they say they sick and please bring it to their house," and the numbers carefully given, luckily.

A few people wanted to talk it over. Was the Marshall Plan the best plan? Oughtn't we to say just "a plan," or maybe the Herter plan?

We had to shrug our shoulders. Those alternatives had been considered, and who were we to say which was best. The point was simply, it had seemed to us, that the Marshall Plan was ready; it had been given long and exhaustive study by a great many experts. The chances were, it seemed to us, that it was as good as any other plan and the advantage of its being ready to start outweighed, we felt, any possible disadvantages. Because, in our minds, the time element was fearfully important. Besides, there were bound to be mistakes and miscalculations in any plan. The fact that nothing of this sort had ever been tried before in the history of the world made that almost a certainty. Therefore, any plan would have to be amended and changed as the bugs in it showed up. As for its administration, it was up to Congress to decide on that. What we wanted to do now was to tell them to go ahead and get it started.

That seemed to satisfy the few people who questioned endorse- (Continued on Page 5)

Many Helped Get Signatures

All over the Sandhills, on Friday and Saturday, the campaign to petition Congress to hurry up and pass the Marshall Plan was running full blast. In almost every county town local committees were scouring the streets with the petition sheets, and folks were standing in line to sign at designated spots.

In Southern Pines the drive got under way Saturday morning with two stands, the post office where Mrs. James Boyd, chairman for Southern Pines, Mrs. Valerie Nicholson and Mrs. Ernest Ives took turns signing people up, and inside the bank where Mrs. L. T. Avery, Mrs. Riggs McConnell and Mrs. Katherine McColl alternated.

Most active of all was the school team. With Mrs. Ruth W. Swisher and Miss Martha Langston in charge, five juniors and

seniors, who had been making a special study of the Marshall Plan, hung placards round their necks and started off. The girls, Pat Caddell, Carolyn Chester, and Peggy Phillips, took the shops and the pedestrians, while the boys, Gary Mattocks and Jordan Frassinetti went to the garages and filling stations. Later they joined up in one of the boys' cars to cover the hotels.

Others who assisted the local team to circulate the petition were: Miss Ann Huntington, Louise Milliken, Bill Warner, Mrs. Louise Clark, Dorothy Swisher, Ann Carter, Gay McClellan, Mrs. James Swett, Mrs. W. G. Landon.

The chairman, Mrs. Boyd, was loud in praise of her assistants. "We never could have done it without the young people's help," she said, "and I am especially (Continued on Page 5)

Winky Chatfield, McKenzie Injured In Monday Crash

One of the first bad accidents of the new year occurred Monday when the car of W. F. Chatfield of Southern Pines struck a Helms truck which had stalled on a hill on the Carthage-Sanford road.

Chatfield, 28, at the wheel of his '40 Chevrolet coach, had stopped about two miles outside Carthage to pick up Standish McKenzie, 23, early Monday morning to take him to Durham, where the two worked for the Reid Hayden Co. out of Charlotte.

In the dim early light, around 6:30 o'clock, Chatfield, said to have been driving at about 45, reportedly failed to see the truck, which had stalled in the center of the road, on a hill, and which was said to have had no tail lights. Fred Honeycutt, driver of the truck, said later that he had not had time to put out flares.

As Chatfield swerved to avoid the truck he was faced by another coming towards him. This was a truck from the state highway prison camp, near Carthage, driven by James Thomas.

Attempting to pass between the two, the Chatfield car struck the Helms truck and scraped the other. Chatfield was thrown out and landed on his suitcase, which he said later he believed saved him from serious injury. McKenzie struck the windshield and rearview mirror with his head.

A passing motorist drove to Carthage and called the ambulance which failed to come, due, it was later explained, to a cold motor. Another motorist, driving (Continued on Page 5)

Thomas G. Wicker Starts Work As C Of C Secretary

Employment of Thomas Grey Wicker, of Hamlet, by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce board of directors as the Chamber's first full-time executive secretary was announced this week by John S. Ruggles, chairman of the board.

Wicker, a veteran of the U. S. navy's V-12 program and a December graduate of the University of North Carolina, started work Monday morning, thus ending the Chamber of Commerce's two-month quest for a qualified executive.

During this time 36 applications were received, and most of them personally investigated. Wicker, who was highly recommended by university officials for his outstanding record, personality and achievements, received their unanimous approval.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Wicker, of Hamlet. His mother is the former Esta Cameron of Southern Pines and he has visited here a number of times, and is related here.

Record
He graduated from the Hamlet High school in June, 1944 and entered the University of North Carolina as a student under the V-12 program. After 18 months he was transferred to Great Lakes, Ill., and thence to Tacoma, Wash. On his discharge in September 1946, he returned to the university.

Majoring in journalism at UNC, where he was literary editor of the Carolina magazine, Wicker also had opportunity to further his (Continued on Page 8)

Money Question Snags Plans For Air Stops Here

Financing Needed For Local Service By Piedmont Planes

It appears there is a "but" in the report that Piedmont Airlines, Inc., is to include stops at Moore County's Knollwood Field in its east-west route. The hitch is the same that has come into the local airport picture too often for its own good or that of these resort communities it should be serving: the question of funds.

At an evening session held Monday in the office of Richard Tufts, president of Pinehurst, Inc., and member of the county airport committee, of which D. G. Stuts of Southern Pines is chairman, the whole matter was thrashed out. The meeting was attended by officials of Resort Airlines and by R. D. Hager, of Winston-Salem, assistant to the president of Piedmont, and S. P. Gilley, operations manager.

With the county owning the airfield, with the local airlines, (Resort) entirely occupied running their own show and trying to make headway in their attempt to obtain certification, and with the two towns of Pinehurst and Southern Pines definitely in need of this service but owning no part of either field or planes, with all these a part of the complicated picture, there appears to be danger, according to members of the committee, that the good of the community will suffer and the airfield will fall between too many stones.

Piedmont Offers
As things stand now, Piedmont has offered to stop at Knollwood Field with their four big Douglas planes. They offer two east- (Continued on Page 8)

Hodgkins Wins Silver Beaver Scouting Award

Splendid Progress Reported At Annual Council Meeting

Norris L. Hodgkins, of Southern Pines, at the annual banquet of the Oconeechee Council held at Raleigh last Thursday night was presented with the highest award and most distinguished honor of volunteer Boy Scouting, the Silver Beaver, in recognition of continuous and outstanding service over the past 12 years.

He thus became the second holder of the Silver Beaver award in the history of Moore County. Paul C. Butler, also of Southern Pines, was given the first at the annual banquet a year ago.

Appropriately, it was Butler who made the presentation to his colleague of the award, given by the National Council.

Hodgkins, a native of Ellsworth, Me., moved here from Albany, N. Y., in 1933, and was elected finance chairman of the Moore County district the following year. Serving thus in 1938 and 1937, he was elected district chairman for 1938, 1939 and 1940. During 1941 and 1942 he was president of the 11-county Oconeechee council of which Moore County is a part.

Re-elected Each Year
Since 1943 he has been successively re-elected each year to the post of district finance chairman, to which he has given the benefit. (Continued on Page 8)

GOOD!

A. B. Yeomans lets no grass grow under his feet. Neither, it appears do our state representatives in Washington. Yeomans wrote to Senators Hoey and Umstead and to Representative Deane and has already received replies from all three. Each one stated that he was completely behind the Marshall Plan and would do all in his power to bring it into effect.

Womble To Be Heard

J. G. Womble, director of the band at the Southern Pines High school, will be presented in a 30-minute organ recital Sunday at 8 p. m. at the First Baptist church preceding the evening meditation Sunday. The recital will consist of sacred music, the "grand old tunes" of the Christian church. This is one of several Sunday evening musical presentations being given at the church, to which, according to Rev. J. Lamar Jackson, pastor, the public is cordially invited.

Womble studied organ at Davidson college and at the University of North Carolina. He was organist and choir director at the First Baptist church of Thompson, Ga., before coming to Southern Pines last September.

BURNED TO DEATH

Fire which destroyed a Negro home on Rt. 2, Vass, Monday afternoon took the life of Charlie McDonald, 56 years old, whose body was burned to a crisp before aid could arrive.

McDonald lived with his son and daughter-in-law who were away at work in Vass when the tragedy occurred.

Origin of the fire has not been determined. The home was just over the line in Hoke county, and it is understood that an investigation is being made by the sheriff's department of that county. A coroner's inquest was held Tuesday. (Continued on Page 5)