

## Polio Fund Campaign Must Replenish Treasuries Drained By Epidemic Aid

### Chairman Blue Announces Dates January 14-30

#### Quotas Largest Ever

The 1949 fund raising campaign of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation will begin January 14 and continue through January 31, it was announced this week by H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, campaign chairman.

Though local quotas have not yet been set, it is expected that they will be the largest in history. The quota of the state as a whole will be \$1,000,000.

No difficulty is anticipated in meeting the goal, said Chairman Blue, as the Foundation dramatically demonstrated its value during the past year by magnificently meeting its greatest test—last summer's polio epidemic, which struck hard at this state and also Moore county.

Pouring out its resources to meet all needs both large and small, the Moore County chapter soon scraped the bottom of the barrel. Funds were poured in from other chapters through the state epidemic fund committee, until a total of almost \$75,000 has been spent in the county in 1948.

The money has gone to aid individual victims and their families in their time of crisis, to pay medical and hospital expenses, to buy special equipment, to pay for DDT-spray in a countywide prevention program and to fill many other needs. It is still being spent. Though the epidemic is over, the expenses go on, and, in many individual cases, will continue for months and years.

With epidemics in North Carolina, Texas and California during the year, the National Foundation now faces a state of emergency and is relying on the 1949 campaign to replenish its treasury. Moore county has always passed its quotas, but, as one of the hardest hit counties in the epidemic has had to draw on national funds far more than it has ever contributed.

N. L. Hodgkins, of Southern Pines, treasurer of the Moore County chapter, said this week that funds paid out by the chapter early this month had totaled \$69,789.30 in 1948, and would reach almost \$75,000 by the end of the year.

Around 65 children were stricken with polio in Moore county during the past year. All of their expenses were paid. While many have recovered, there are others which still require expensive attention.

Three Moore County children are at Warm Springs, where their expenses are being borne by the National Foundation. Six children still remain at the convalescent center at Camp Sutton, according to Paul C. Butler, chapter treasurer. All but two of the Moore County children at Camp Sutton were allowed to be brought home at Christmas. Some (Continued on Page 8)

## Tax Listing Time Is Here Again

The tax listers will be back at their annual work next week, and all owners of any property whatsoever can be planning now to visit them at the stated times and places, once the New Year begins.

Mrs. Don J. Blue, McNeill's township list taker, this week announced her schedule for covering her territory between January 6 and January 29.

Mrs. Blue will be at the Southern Pines town hall January 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, and also January 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

She will be at Niagara January 6; Lakeview, January 7; Clay Road Farms on the afternoon of January 8.

January 25, she will be at Manly; the afternoon of January 26, at Eureka and January 15, 22 and 29 at Vass.

A good many taxpayers in the south end of Southern Pines, which lies in Sandhills township, will go to Aberdeen to list taxes. The Pilot does not have the schedule of H. M. Kirk, Sandhills township list taker.

## MARSHALL ARRIVES

Secretary of State George C. Marshall and Mrs. Marshall arrived Tuesday at 4:10 p. m. at Resort field, by special plane, from Washington, D. C., and were driven at once to their Pinehurst home, Liscombe lodge.

Secretary Marshall will rest there for an indefinite time, it is understood. He is recuperating from a kidney operation performed three weeks ago at Walter Reed hospital, Washington. Mrs. Marshall spent Christmas week with him in the hospital, and also underwent physical checkup herself while there.

## Sugar Bowl Trip Is L. E. Grover's Retirement Gift

Lawrence E. Grover, retiring today after 26 years' service in the Southern Pines post office, was given a super-duper farewell gift by his fellow employees—an all-expense-paid trip to the Sugar Bowl game at New Orleans.

He left Thursday morning in company with Graham Culbreth, Will Wiggs and J. H. Childs, in Mr. Culbreth's car, with that important pastebord safely packed away which will insure his admission to the game to which all Tarheels' hearts will be turning Saturday afternoon.

The post office staff had planned a testimonial dinner for their retiring colleague, but on Wednesday of this week had a bright idea, checked with Mr. Grover and found that, sure enough, he would rather see the Sugar Bowl game than eat. How they secured a ticket at such a late date is their own secret, but they did, and in a very short time Mr. Grover was ready to go.

Mixed with their joy at seeing him off on the trip, said Acting Postmaster A. Garland Pierce, was the employees' sadness at realizing that when he returns, he will be no longer among them. "There is gloom all over the place," said Mr. Pierce. "We are going to miss him a great deal."

So will post office patrons who have become accustomed through the years to his pleasant service and quiet efficiency at the stamp window.

He received his first regular appointment to the local staff January 1, 1923. Before coming south from New England some years before that, he had been employed for a short time with the railway mail service in 1909 and 1910.

Prizes of \$10 (first) and \$5 (second) were awarded in the business (Continued on Page 8)

## Happy New Year from The Pilot...

And that isn't just an impersonal wish. A newspaper is not an impersonal thing. It is your friend, as the people who put it together each week are your friends.

Your hometown newspaper is the work of people whom many of you know. More than that—they are people who want to know you, for in a sense you make the paper, and they only put it together.

Not only on this New Year's Eve on 1949, but each week of the year as The Pilot goes out to you, so do the personal good wishes of the Pilot staff, here alphabetically listed:

NATHAN ADAMS, KATHARINE L. BOYD, CLYDE G. COUNCIL, CHARLES MACAULEY, LOCHAMY McLEAN, VALERIE NICHOLSON, JAMES PATE, DAN S. RAY, DIXIE RAY, BESSIE C. SMITH, GLADYS WHIPPLE.

## Winkelman And Austin Displays Awarded Prizes

The giant Christmas tree on the lawn of the D. W. Winkelman home on East Massachusetts avenue was awarded the first prize in the Christmas display contest (residential division) sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Sparkling with lights to the very top, the huge tree is one of the town's loveliest sights of the season and has attracted numerous spectators during the week.

The E. J. Austins won second prize. At the Austin home, shiny green bells with silver-ball clappers give a Yuletide welcome at the front door, while Santa Claus stands beside the big picture window with its white-lettered inscription, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Honorable mention went to the "angel's orchestra" and Nativity scene at the Angelo Montessanti's and the sparkling displays of lights, artistically arranged, at Dr. McLeod's home and the Sydney Everts'.

The judges toured the town Christmas Eve night as the lights were coming on. Their task was a hard one. Of the many beautiful decorations, a dozen or more merited serious attention, they said, showing taste, care and true Christmas spirit in their arrangement.

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## "Peace On Earth"—Quiet Christmas Makes News By Producing No News

### Disaster, Death, Even Stork All Take Holiday

With business at a standstill for practically all of three days, peace on earth was in evidence here through the Christmas week end. An unusual feature was that, in the immediate Southern Pines area, there were no births, no deaths, no arrests, no wrecks, no fires reported for Christmas day.

In the county as a whole, from the sheriff's office came word that "it was the quietest weekend we ever did see."

Most stores and offices were closed all day Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Schools were closed from last Wednesday at noon until Wednesday morning of this week. County schools will reopen Monday.

Policemen, firemen and wreckers, on vigil without holiday, nevertheless had a restful time of it and Santa brought little to disturb the general calm.

Arrests did not total those of an average mild week end, said Chief C. E. Newton.

Two men, one white and one Negro, were picked up Sunday night for partaking too freely of Christmas spirits. These were the only arrests for drunkenness. Also, one warrant was issued following a shooting (no damage done) in West Southern Pines.

A soldier from Camp Chaffee, Ark., visiting relatives at Niagara for Christmas, was arrested for (Continued on Page 8)



## J. Benton Thomas Wins Appointment To State Senate

J. Benton Thomas of Raeford, farmer and cotton ginner, received the Democratic nomination Monday for the 12th District Senatorial seat vacated by the resignation last week of Ryan McBryde, veteran Raeford legislator.

Thomas' election is assured, since he will have no opposition in the special election set for January 3. Sim A. DeLapp of Lexington, State Republican chairman, announced that GOP leaders of the district had informed him they do not plan to enter a candidate.

McBryde, now a patient in Highsmith hospital at Fayetteville, submitted his resignation to Governor Cherry last week, explaining that his health would not permit him to serve in the coming session. He had represented the district in the Senate in the sessions of 1933, 1937, 1941 and 1945.

A rotation system carries the Senate seat to Hoke county this year, and the nomination of a candidate to succeed McBryde was left up to the Hoke Democratic executive committee. The committee met at Raeford Monday and announcement of Thomas' nomination was made by Walter Baker, county Democratic chairman.

Hal Walker of Randolph has been elected to the district's other Senate seat. The Twelfth is composed of Hoke, Harnett, Randolph and Moore counties, and Baker (Continued on Page 8)

## Town Billboards Seen In Violation Of State Ordinance Soon To Be Enforced

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Except for the bank, which will observe a full holiday, and a part-time holiday at the post office, there will be no special observance of New Year's day in the business district. Though some offices may have a weekend closing, it is expected that it will be "business as usual" in the stores.

All post office windows will be open from 8 to 10 a. m. Thereafter the only activity of the day will be the working of incoming and outgoing mail.

The big feature of the day will be the Sugar Bowl game, from all present indications, and most citizens, whether they are having holiday or not are apt to be found somewhere near a radio during the afternoon, tuning in on the North Carolina - Oklahoma contest at New Orleans.

## Commission Orders Removal Of Signs On Right Of Way

### Crews Will Act After January 1

It looked this week as though the town board would be spared the trouble of deciding whether or not to retain the large billboards advertising Southern Pines, located at the town's northern and southern entrances on Highway 1.

An ordinance adopted in November, 1941, by the state highway and public works commission is to be put into effect January 1, prohibiting the maintenance of advertising signs closer than 50 feet to the center of the paved section of a state highway.

The information was received by The Pilot this week from L. E. Whitfield, division engineer of the commission at Asheboro. A check by telephone with Mr. Whitfield confirmed the fact that U. S. highways are a part of the state highway system and come under the ordinance exactly as do the North Carolina highways.

### Restraining Order

As a matter of fact, the ordinance applies more to U. S. highways than to some state highways. Mr. Whitfield revealed that a temporary restraining order taken out this week by outdoor advertising agencies against the ordinance, and signed by Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh, would prevent for the time at least—the removal of billboards from any land other than the state's right of way. On some state highways this is only 60 feet, or 30 feet on each side from the center of the paved section. On U. S. Highway 1, it is 100 feet—the full 50 feet on each side.

Unofficial measurements taken at the sites of the two town billboards reveal that the corner of the one at the south end of town is approximately 42 feet from the center of U. S. Highway 1, and the one at the north end, approximately 38 feet.

A number of other signs along Highway 1 were observed which will be in violation of the ordinance after January 1.

The signs will not be summarily removed, despite the warnings given by newspaper publicity, Mr. Whitfield said. If they are (Continued on Page 8)

## VFW Post Helps Make Christmas A Happier Time

The John Boyd post, VFW, during the Christmas season remembered with gifts some of the needy of this area, and also sent a bit of Christmas cheer to patients in the Veterans' hospitals at Fayetteville and Oteen.

Members of the post on Christmas Eve, distributed 21 baskets, abundantly filled with food, to needy families in Southern Pines, Carthage, Aberdeen and Manly. Four of these were families of veterans, fallen on misfortune through illness or other cause. Names of the families assisted were secured through the Red Cross, the welfare department and personal information received by the post.

A Christmas gift of 600,000 Camel cigarettes was sent to the Veterans' hospital at Fayetteville, secured tax-free through a government agency set up for the purpose, for free distribution among the patients.

Selecting a Christmas gift for tubercular patients at Oteen was not so easy. John H. Stephenson, trustee, sought a suggestion from a service officer at the hospital. She let him know that there were some patients there who had not even a dime of spending money. Though their physical needs are all looked after, the government does not provide pocket money, and for many of them, their families are unable to give any financial help.

So, to give a Christmas smile to 60 moneyless men, the local post sent the service officer 60 crisp, new dollar bills.

## From The Pilot Files: Headline Review of 1948

Through the year 1948, ending today, many headlines made news for Pilot readers. Here are some of the major events as revealed week by week in the Pilot files:

January 1—H. Clifton Blue, March of Dimes chairman, lists community leaders for 1948 drive. Dog shot by would-be thief, saves life of master James Warman at cost of own. Bus station move sought by Queen City Coach company, State Utilities Commission. Womble home damaged by fire.

January 9—Town deprived of bus station as McFarland Taylor give up agency; Gus Travis speaker at Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting. Thirty-six applications received for post of Chamber of Commerce executive secretary. Vass child taken to Gastonia hospital, first 1948 polio victim.

January 16—Drive starts in Sandhills towns to urge speedy Congressional action on Marshall plan. State Utilities Commission calls on Central Carolina Telephone company to answer complaints. Radio Station WSTS takes non-suit in \$40,000 slander case against management of Station WEEB.

January 23—Freezing weather slows traffic, causes accidents. Marshall Plan petition locally circulated, collects many signatures. Subsidy sought to assure service by Piedmont Airlines, Inc. Tom Wicker employed as first executive secretary, Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce.

February 6—Congress notes Sandhills support of Marshall plan. John Cline, executive vice president, presents figures showing income, disbursements of Central Carolina Telephone company. Work of M. B. L. Chatfield, local artist, on exhibit in New York.

February 13—Sandhills covered by eight-inch snow, heaviest in many years. Negro woman is found dead in snow. SOS sent out by Radio Station WEEB is instrumental in getting husband to wife's bedside at N. C. Sanatorium.

February 20—Chamber of Commerce Secretary Tom Wicker secures N. C. Softball Tournament, to be played here in August. Hoke Pollock speaks to Rotary club on advantages to be seen in extension of city limits. D. H. Turner has narrow escape in car-train crash. A. L. Burney heads local

Red Cross drive.

February 27—Art exhibit by Betty Warren Jones, of Chapel Hill, held for public at Highland Pines Inn. Alton Clark purchases Carolina Gardens florist business from M. G. Backer. Don Jensen is elected Rotary president. Piedmont Airlines (unsubsidized) holds inaugural flight.

March 5—Town board is told water consumption (800,000 gallons at peak season) is dangerously near water plant's capacity of 1,000,000 gallons a day. County commissioners authorize starting plans for needed school buildings here (gymnasium, auditorium, cafeteria). Fire starts from base plug in school reception room, soon put out.

March 12—First Chamber of Commerce horse show is successful. \$2,084 for Red Cross. Secretary of State and Mrs. George C. Marshall are guests at horse show, buffet supper and hunt ball at Highland Pines Inn. Eugene Maples, high school athlete, breaks jaw in fall from horse.

March 19—\$45,000 local bond issue as supplement to county funds for school buildings approved by county commissioners on receipt of petition with 300 names. Season's two worst forest fires sweep more than 500 acres near town. Plane burns during air show at Resort field. Edward (Flat Top) Kimball skips

town after collecting from many local citizens in advance for milk delivery.

March 26—Imminent remodeling of Seaboard station is reported. Spivey murder trial under way at Carthage. Successful hunter trials held, enlivened by timber races.

April 2—Easter frost nips blossoming peach orchards. Crowds expected for Easter Horse show of Sandhills Horse Show and Racing association. Chamber of Commerce "straw vote" on extension of city limits is under way.

April 9—Handicraft show at Shaw House has many visitors. Two Negro women seriously wounded in shotgun affray at Manly. A. Garland Pierce appointed acting postmaster, following resignation of L. T. Hall. Sandhills Horse show presents many fine horses, riders in outstanding show.

April 16—Amos C. Dawson, Jr., elected president of the state NCEA. Mrs. Edith Lowe killed by train at Massachusetts Avenue crossing. Southern Pines school delegation suggests holding of special countywide bond issue for Aberdeen schools, as needs of all districts runs amount up too high and Aberdeen is considered most congested.

April 23—Moore County's new bookmobile is a use. VFW post will give dugouts to athletic field.

April 30—ABC raiders sweep through 13 resort establishments, hale 31 persons to court. W. Kerr Scott, Democratic candidate for governor, is dinner guest at Highland Pines Inn. Joseph Frederick Cole, Harty A. Lewis awarded honor buttons for more than 50 years in Masonry.

May 7—Joint committee established to serve Pinehurst and Southern Pines resort interests, under Chamber of Commerce auspices. Death of John McLeod, Scottish patriarch, at age of 94 is followed by death of wife two days later. National Editorial Association meeting and tour brings 400 editors, publishers to Sandhills—many attend tea given by Mrs. James Boyd at Weymouth.

May 14—Mrs. Moffitt proposes to town board that they set price on jail, for her to buy and convert to bus station. L. V. O'Callaghan elected chairman of new Democratic precinct committee. Five children are sent to out-of-county hospitals as possible victims of polio, first of year. Town board decides to allow Millen park, now in disuse and disrepair, to revert to Mrs. Edmund Millen, its former owner.

May 21—Injunction denied State Board for Licensing Con-

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