

## Veterans Plan Chicken Fry, Dance For V-J Day Reunion Here August 13

### Simple Observance Will Mark Fourth Peace Anniversary

The annual V-J Day celebration and reunion of Moore County veterans will again be held in Southern Pines, with Saturday, August 13, set as the date, according to an announcement made this week by Charles J. Swoope, chairman of the Moore County Veterans committee.

The celebration this year will be on a simpler scale than in the past, with emphasis on fun rather than formality. The parade, speeches and other official recognition will be dispensed with, also the "free feed" which last year plunged the committee deep in the red.

The entertainment this year will consist of a chicken fry, dance, with tickets sold in advance—and a street dance free to all comers.

### Tickets Go On Sale

Tickets for the chicken fry, which will be held from 6 to 7 p. m. at the High School Memorial field, will go on sale tomorrow (Saturday) and may be secured at a non-profit \$1.50 each from all members of VFW and Legion posts of the county and of the Sandhills Veterans association. Children under five years old will be admitted free.

The dance will be held in the city hall block on East Broad street from 8 o'clock till midnight. The block will be roped off for the occasion and a good orchestra is to be secured.

### Friday Meeting

Chairman Swoope said that all veterans willing to help with the celebration are asked to meet with the committee at the Legion hut here at 8 tonight (Friday). At this meeting tickets will be given out for distribution to the various posts in the county.

Other meetings to perfect the preparations will be held on successive Fridays August 5 and 12. Post commanders and officers are especially asked to attend these meetings. No other notice than those in the newspapers will be given.

### Fourth Annual Reunion

This will be the fourth year the reunion has been held. The first was in August, 1946 and the second in August, 1947. Last summer, 1948, the V-J event had to be canceled on account of the prevalence of polio at that time and

## Health Educators Here To Prepare For Mass X-Ray

Two educators of the N. C. Health department, Miss Lulabelle Highsmith and Miss Annie Oakley, arrived in Moore county Monday to start preliminary educational work for the countywide free tuberculosis X-ray clinic which will be held for eight weeks starting August 26.

They will be here most of the time during the coming month, with Miss Highsmith working among the white people of the county and Miss Oakley among the Negroes, to insure a mass response to the visit of four mobile X-ray units of the health department.

The clinic is being sponsored by the state and county public health offices and the Moore County Tuberculosis association, which is footing the bills.

With the two educators came a state public health clerk to be stationed in the health office at Carthage to do all clerical work, tabulations etc.

The project, toward which local health authorities and the Tuberculosis association have been working for some years, is designed to provide X-rays for every resident, to detect tuberculosis, actual and incipient, in its earliest stages. In all groups there is a minof proportion of people who have the disease without knowing it, according to Health Officer Dr. J. W. Wilcox, and by the time it makes itself evident, long and serious treatment is often required.

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## BRAGG ROAD

The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce is going to work seriously to get the Manchester road to Fort Bragg hardsurfaced, following discussion held at the board of directors' meeting Tuesday night at the Belvedere hotel.

President Hoke Pollock named a committee composed of Herbert Cameron, Harry Fullenwider and himself to contact Army personnel and promote the project through all other channels of potential help.

With many members of both the Army and civilian personnel of the Fort Bragg reservation living here, and many others desiring to make Southern Pines their home, it was considered that improvement of the road would be a benefit to Fort Bragg as well as to the town, greatly simplifying commuting along the 26-mile stretch.

## More Street Signs Needed For Mail Delivery Service

More street markers will be needed before Southern Pines can get full approval of mail delivery service, said Postal Inspector J. H. Risley of Raleigh following a survey made here last week.

It was in West Southern Pines he found the markers most conspicuous by their absence. While a marker need not be placed on every corner, they should be located every two or three blocks at least, the inspector declared, before a mail route can be established. He said many towns are now using the small cement markers with the street name lettered down two sides, as more permanent and less expensive than the metal posts and signs.

In other respects, Inspector Risley declared, the town lives well up to requirements, and he will recommend the establishment of four postal routes—one in the business section (for twice-a-day

## Hot Weather Is First Good Break For Peach Crop

Maybe the hot dry weather has burned you up, but it has been welcome to one important part of our population—the peach growers, who have found it splendid shipping weather for their finest fruit.

This week the beautiful Elbertas were rolling to market, reaching their destination in prime condition.

It was the first break for the peach growers in a long time, as they have tried desperately to salvage something from a crop mortally hurt by early freezes. J. Hawley Poole, owner of extensive orchards in Moore and Hoke counties, this week revised his early estimate of about a 50 per cent crop, down to an average 30 per cent. While some few orchards are producing well, others are almost bare, he said.

Wet weather earlier this month caused much spoilage of the fruit on the trucks, as it turned mushy before reaching the markets. Prices, while good, have not been high enough to offset the great losses of fruit. They were looking up this week, rising from \$2 to \$3 a bushel on shipments to chain stores, with the prospect that they would reach \$5 by the end of the week—but by then the peak will be past and only a week or two will remain to try to make any money.

"It's been pretty heartbreaking," said Mr. Poole. Estimate of the National Peach Council is a total of 750,000 bushels for the Sandhills, which normally produce well over 2,000,000. "The time it makes itself evident, long and serious treatment is often required.

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## Peach Queen — Pretty As A Peach



Janet Menzel, 17-year-old Southern Pines beauty, who won the title of Peach Queen over 18 contestants at the Rockingham Peach Festival last Wednesday, shows that radiant smile as she admires her trophy. For her prize, Janet and a companion will attend the Orange Festival at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in August, and will carry a basket of Sandhills peaches to the Mayor of Fort Lauderdale. She will have a week of gaiety there and at Miami—then it's back to her studies for Janet, who will go to Woman's college, Greensboro, in September.

(Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

## Local Men Take Trip To Pay Tribute To Bill Sharpe As Friend of Resorts

### TOLAR ON JOB

It was no ordinary patrolman who stepped from an unmarked black sedan in Carthage last Friday, accosted two truck drivers at the traffic light and handed them tickets for speeding.

It was Commander Tony Tolar, head of the state highway patrol, implementing his own directive to the patrolmen to crack down on all speeders, especially truck and bus drivers, concerning whom there had been many complaints. On his way from Raleigh to Asheville, passing through Carthage he spotted the two peach trucks careening along at too fast a pace and nabbed them when they stopped for the light.

He did not have to appear in recorder's court Monday to testify against the drivers, Woodrow Reynolds and Morris Dewit of Ellerbe, for both pleaded guilty.

## Alpert Appointed To Succeed Moger On Pinebluff Board

Walter Alpert, proprietor of the Beauty Rest cafe and cabin camp at Pinebluff, was unanimously elected Monday night by Pinebluff's town board as a new town commissioner to replace George W. Moger, who resigned from the board to accept a business position in Camden, S. C.

Several citizens of Pinebluff were supported for the vacated office, and the election of Mr. Alpert, who has never sought public office, came as something of a surprise. However, the general reaction of Pinebluff's citizens has been favorable, it is reported.

"Walt Alpert is the kind of man we're glad to have on the board," announced Mayor Eutice H. Mills in announcing the appointment. "He has stood back of every effort to improve the town, he is intelligent and well liked and honest, and he will support Pinebluff's present program of advancement and good feeling."

Mr. Alpert came to Pinebluff four years ago, after serving in the Army Air Corps during the war. He is a native of New York state, and is married and the father of a son and a daughter. He is first vice president of the Pinebluff Lions club.

### State Publicist Tops In Job He's Quitting, Delegations Declare

A delegation making the long trip to Morehead City this week, to make testimonial in behalf of Bill Sharpe at his final meeting with his employers, the State Board of Conservation and Development, consisted of Mayor C. N. Page, representing the town of Southern Pines; Herbert N. Cameron, Chamber of Commerce; John Pottle, resort hotels, and Albert S. Tufts, Pinehurst, Inc.

They were among several delegations from resort towns appearing at a business meeting of the board Tuesday morning to express their appreciation for the services of State Advertising Bureau Director Sharpe.

They followed delegations from Wilmington and Asheville, and in brief speeches made by Mayor Page and Mr. Tufts vigorously echoed their sentiments that Bill Sharpe has "really put the North Carolina tourist and resort industry on the map." The benefits of his cooperation, energy, imagination, wide contacts and lively writing talents have been of inestimable benefit to the state as a whole as well as its resort industry.

## Forest Utilization, Original Growth Impress Student Group Visiting Here

Forty students of the forestry division of the University of West Virginia, visiting Weymouth Estate on a field training tour Wednesday morning, expressed themselves as deeply impressed by the fine stands of virgin timber seen there, with many trees 100 or more years old.

The young men, who were from five states, said that they had seldom seen such growth, as in most of the places where they live the forests have been timbered over until no original stand remains except, perhaps, in the heart of the inaccessible mountains.

They were particularly impressed with the longleaf pine, which they had never seen before, and interested in its utilization, present and potential.

### Traylor Is Guide

Don Traylor, resident forester at Weymouth, served as their guide in a long tramp through the woods, stopping here and there while he indicated various types of trees, showed where thinning

## Tobacco Prices Seen At Better Than \$50 For Tuesday Opening

### Mattocks Picked For All-Stars

Gary Mattocks, triple-threat athletic star and 1949 graduate of the Southern Pines High school, has been selected as a member of an all-star basketball team of the eastern conference, which will meet a Western Conference all-star team in a demonstration game at the North Carolina Coaches' clinic August 10.

The information was received this week by Philip J. Weaver, Southern Pines superintendent, and will be officially announced shortly, as soon as both teams are made up.

The game will be a highlight of

the clinic of the N. C. Coaches' association, to be held for the first time at Guilford college and Greensboro the week of August 8 and planned as an annual affair. Players for the 12-man all-star teams are being chosen from all over the state on the basis of their recent cage performance.

Mattocks has played basketball, football and baseball with distinction throughout his high school career. Last year he was chosen captain of the varsity basketball team.

He will enter Greenbriar Military school on a scholarship in September.

### Carolinans Growers Will Hold Meeting At Florence Today

Two tobacco experts predicted Wednesday that North and South Carolina Border Belt growers will average over \$50 a hundred pounds when their sales begin next Tuesday.

This is well above the \$46.70 average price reported for 1949's first day sales in the Georgia-Florida belt Tuesday. Last year's first-day average for this belt was \$53.20.

Fred Royster of Henderson, president of the Bright Belt Warehouse association, estimated that the opening average on the border markets would be from \$50 to \$53 per hundred.

Following this prediction, Royster announced that tobacco warehousemen of the North and South Carolina Border belts will meet today (Friday) at Florence, S. C.

Stressing that it's urgently necessary that all warehousemen attend," Royster said they then would have an opportunity to sign contracts with the Flue-Cured Stabilization corporation. This organization buys tobacco under the government price support program.

W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist for the N. C. Department of Agriculture, based his estimate of Border Belt prices on the fact that tobacco in the belt generally brings from \$4 to \$5 a hundred more than in the Georgia-Florida.

Weather conditions, he added, may make the U. S. Department of Agriculture reduce its estimate on the size of the 1949 flue-cured crop.

Hot, dry weather in the Middle and Old Belts has caused much of the tobacco to ripen prematurely, he pointed out. Reports from there indicate flue-cured production may not reach the 1,155,000,000 pounds predicted on July 1.

Royster remarked that reports had come to him that buyers for the Imperial Tobacco company, a British firm, were buying on the Georgia-Florida markets Wednesday.

He said "I think that is a good sign," adding that Imperial buyers did not enter that market at the beginning of the season last year. A shortage in dollar exchange has forced Britain, usually the best export customer in flue-cured tobacco, to curtail its purchases.

## Hit-Run Car Is Found In Woods; Two Are Arrested

A hit-run accident occurring Sunday about 3 p. m., two miles beyond Eastwood on the Pinehurst-West End road caused serious injuries to a Negro woman, Mary Wilson, of Eastwood, and brought about the arrest Monday night of two young men, Raymond Ritter and Roy Edward Frye, of West End, Rt. 1.

Two others are being sought in connection with the accident and the subsequent flight and hiding of the hit-run car, according to the investigating highway patrol.

Ritter, charged with careless and reckless driving and hit-run accident involving personal injury, was jailed at Carthage in default of bond. Frye, charged with aiding and abetting in hit-run, was freed on bond.

According to the highway patrol report, James Wilson, of Eastwood, driving a 1937 Ford, endeavored without success to dodge an approaching car which zig-zagged across the road.

The weaving vehicle struck the Wilson car, which contained three passengers besides the driver, and caused it to overturn. Leaving the scene immediately, it vanished in the direction of West End.

Mary Wilson, mother of James, was taken to Moore County hospital suffering with a broken arm and injuries to her chest and back. Others in the car were not hurt to any extent.

With a description of the car, and the information that it contained several white boys as passengers, the highway patrol instituted a dragnet of county roads and early Monday morning found the hit-run vehicle hidden in the woods several miles from the accident scene.

## County Tennis Tournament Aug. 8-12; Match With Raleigh Will Climax Week

### Reviving Interest Seen In Full Week Of Sport Ahead

The week of Monday, August 8, will be Tennis Week in Southern Pines, with the First Annual Moore County Tennis tournament scheduled from Monday through Friday, and a match between a Southern Pines team and a team from the Raleigh Tennis club set for Saturday evening, August 13.

The tournament will be open only to bona fide Moore County players (male), according to the announcement by Tom White, Chamber of Commerce manager, who is handling the events on request of the local players. All events will be held on the lighted municipal courts, starting at 8 o'clock. Singles will open Monday evening, with finals held Thursday, and doubles on Tuesday evening, with finals on Friday. Each player will pay an entry fee \$1, to defray costs and provide player will pay an entry fee of trophies for each event.

Deadline for entrance in the singles tournament will be 1 p. m. Monday, August 8, and tournament drawings will be made at the Chamber of Commerce office at the Belvedere hotel at 2.

Those interested in entering the tournament are asked to contact Manager White.

Members of the local team who have challenged the Raleigh players, and who will also play in the county tournament, are Angelo Montesanti, Jr., Harry Lee Brown, Francis de Costa and A. C. Dawson, Jr.

Their interest and that of several others here has brought about considerable more tennis playing this summer than has been seen for some years past, and it is anticipated that the scheduling of an annual tournament will keep the interest going for the future. Much good tennis was played in Southern Pines in former years, but lapsed during the war, the disappointment not only

of those who like to play but also the many who like to watch. The local courts are said to be in excellent condition now.

## PGA DATE CHANGED

November 28, not November 6 as previously announced, will be the date for the opening of the annual PGA meeting at the Mid Pines, according to announcement by Bob Harlow, publisher of Golf World at Pinehurst. The change was necessitated on account of a conflict with the reservations previously made at the Mid Pines.

The official meeting of officers and delegates will continue from Monday through Thursday. Clinics and social events will keep many of the group here Friday and Saturday also. The annual meeting is one at which national golf policies are set.

Arrangements were perfected after guarantee of a \$1,000 subsidy made up by Richard Tufts, of Pinehurst, the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, Frank Cosgrove of the Mid Pines, and the Highland Pines Inn, to cover extra expense arising from having the meeting here instead of Chicago.

## More Enlistments In National Guard Unit Are Noted

Five more men were sworn into the fast-growing National Guard unit now being organized here, it was learned this week, making an even dozen as a good start toward the minimum of 30 needed for federal approval.

Several more have fulfilled all requirements and are awaiting the return of the commanding officer, Capt. Clifford Carpenter, from a business trip in order to be sworn in.

The five added to seven announced by Captain Carpenter last week are Marshall Francis Palmer and Melvin Cushman, of Southern Pines; William Robert Knowlton, West End; Wilbur Louis Edwards, Vass, and Bill Harding Smith, Pinehurst.

Edwards is a veteran National Guardsman, having served previously in two units. Cushman, radio engineer at Station WEBB, is entered as a corporal and will be placed in communications job.

A table is set up at the post office each Saturday morning to give information and secure applications for enlistment in the new anti-aircraft battery for the Sandhills, which will be headquartered here. John H. Stephenson will have charge of the table tomorrow, in the absence of Captain Carpenter. Both veterans and non-veterans are eligible for enlistment, with federal drill pay and other benefits. Age limits are 17 to 55, though men 36 and older must have had previous military or National Guard experience.

Enlistment has been under way two weeks. Inspection for federal approval must be held within six weeks. Much interest has been shown and no difficulty is anticipated in securing the required number of men.

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