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Hospital Campaign Set-Up Perfected As Drive Starts

Southern Pines Unit Is First To Report On Four Block Canvases

"This hospital is built by all the people of Moore County to serve all the people of Moore County and it is here and now dedicated to the County and its citizens forever and ever. We bid it God-speed on its errand of mercy into the future."

These words, engraved on the corner-stone of the Moore County Hospital, appear as a fitting slogan for the campaign now under way to raise money to add to the building. The chairman of the drive, General Ira T. Wyche, in his latest "Report to the County," stresses this theme as he pleads for complete citizen participation in the current effort.

"If every citizen will help," General Wyche said, "he will be justifying the words written on the original cornerstone. Complete county coverage is my aim in this campaign," said the chairman.

Southern Pines Ahead

General Wyche, in the first tabulation of the current drive, reported that Southern Pines, the last area to designate a chairman, was the first to report any material gain. This referred to only one section of the many into which the town had been divided in the house-to-house canvases under the chairmanship of Mr. J. C. Barron. And this particular section, reporting a "take" of more than \$800 for the blocks included, was only a partial report with many not yet called on.

From now on, General Wyche said, it was expected that a weekly progress report from all sections of the county could be published.

Included in the chairman's notes was a letter from Congressman Charles B. Deane, adding

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Miss Swisher Is Winner in High School Contest

Dorothy Ann Swisher, 17-year-old high school junior, won the title of Miss Southern Pines in a beauty and popularity contest enthusiastically waged at the Southern Pines High school last week.

Besides the title, Miss Swisher wins the honor of representing the school and community at the Carolinas Christmas festival to be held at Charlotte November 16. Girls from some three dozen communities of North and South Carolina, chosen by contests held in their home towns, will be honored at the event, which will include a parade and grand ball attended by civic leaders and notables of stage, screen, radio and the press. Climax will be the selection and crowning of Queen Christmas.

In the local contest, which ended Wednesday at noon, Miss Swisher won in a walk, with more than twice the number of votes of her nearest competitor. Her votes totaled 13,505. Betty Jean Hurst had 6,271 and Nancy Nall 1,100. Also nominated were Mickey Nicholson and Catherine Hussey.

The three leaders all had campaign managers who set up effective organizations, collecting votes all over town at one cent each. Nominations cost \$1—the entire proceeds of \$200 going to finance the Junior-Senior prom next spring, highlight of the upper-classmen's social activities for the year.

Ann Carter was the efficient manager of the winning campaign, with class managers also hard at work for their favorite.

"Miss Southern Pines" is the daughter of Dr. O. J. Swisher, Jr., director industrial hygiene with the state health department at Raleigh, and Mrs. Ruth W. Swisher of Southern Pines, member of the high school faculty.

Besides being charming and popular she stands high in scholarship, is vice president of the Student Council and treasurer of the Beta club.

Freed by Operation from Long Exile



Winfield S. Thomas, of Carthage, Rt. 2, with his grandchildren Edward, Margaret and Carol Swaggerty. (Photo by Mac)

"Unsung Hero," No Longer a Typhoid Carrier, Is Making Plans for Future

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting and banquet of the Moore district, Boy Scouts of America, will be held Tuesday, November 1, at 7:30 p. m. at the Carthage hotel, said District Chairman W. D. Campbell this week.

Fred Dixon, of Raleigh, Occaneechee Council commissioner, will be the principal speaker. Annual reports of district committee chairmen will be heard, along with a general review of the year's activities and setting of next year's goals. Officers for the coming year will be elected.

Most of the district's 200 volunteer adult leaders are expected to attend.

\$4,200 Sought in One-Week Drive for Moore Scouts

Work Starts Monday: 550 Boys Now in County Program

A one-week drive for \$4,200, this year's quota for Moore county, will be conducted beginning next Monday to finance the Boy Scout organization in the county during the next 12 months.

A. L. Burney, of Southern Pines, is campaign chairman.

The county campaign represents the county's participation in that of the 11-county Occaneechee Council for a total of \$71,536. The quota includes Moore's share in the general expenses of the Council, the council camp near Wake Forest, council campfires and other events, as well as the few expenses inevitably encountered by the county organization despite its wholly volunteer set-up.

Boy Scouting has won a high place of esteem in Moore over a span of years starting before World War I. There was a lapse of a few years in the 30s when leadership failed and the organization lagged. Following its reorganization, however, it has gone ahead along a consistent path of progress and growth. It is now firmly established and generally recognized as a potent force for good in the building of boys into worthy men.

550 Scouts in County

At present, according to District Chairman W. D. Campbell of Southern Pines, there are approximately 550 Scouts in the county, including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Senior Scouts, white and Negro. Leadership for these boys in five Cub packs, 11 Boy Scout troops and four Senior Scout outfits comprises approximately 200 volunteer adult leaders, a slightly higher proportion of leaders to boys than most districts can boast.

Besides the Council executive and assistant at Raleigh, only one

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Operation at Moore County Hospital Is Successful

By Valerie Nicholson

Release from more than a decade of isolation as a typhoid carrier has made no immediate difference in the life of Winfield S. Thomas, of Carthage, Rt. 2. Last week, for the third successive week since an operation at the Moore County hospital to bring an end to this rare, dread condition, cultures showed up negative and the doctors told Mr. Thomas he was free to go where he pleased, whenever he wanted. But when interviewed at his daughter's home Monday he hadn't been anywhere, yet. "I never was much of a hand for going around," he said.

Yet he was mighty happy, as he sat on the porch of the cottage home with his grandchildren grouped around him. He had some plans, too. Said he might be getting

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Carter's Warehouse Is Total Loss In Aberdeen Midnight Blaze; Man Burned

The fire siren sounding at 3:30 a. m. Tuesday summoned local volunteer firemen to join those of Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Pinebluff in a hopeless fight against flames which completely destroyed Carter's Tobacco warehouse at Aberdeen.

By the time the Southern Pines truck arrived at the scene with seven firemen, within a few minutes of the sounding of the SOS, the huge brick warehouse, Aberdeen's largest, was a mass of fire. From that time on, efforts were largely confined to protection of the Gulf Refining company across the highway, whose 250,000-gallon storage tank presented a serious threat of explosion. The fact that the night was perfectly windless helped firemen in preventing the spread of the fire, said Resident Fireman Frank H. Kaylor.

Jack Teal, of Greenville, a Negro employee, who was sleeping in the warehouse, was severely burned before being awakened by the fire.

The local fire fighters stayed on the scene until almost 6 o'clock, by which time the flames had died down though they were not fully out.

\$50,000 Loss

Some tobacco was destroyed with the warehouse, and loss was estimated at something over \$50,000, said to have been mostly covered by insurance.

Origin of the fire was not immediately determined, and some reported their belief that it might have been of incendiary origin, an angle police were said to be checking thoroughly.

Assistant Police Chief Bob Pugh of Aberdeen said he was near the warehouse on a routine cruise when the fire started about

FOR MERCHANTS

The Southern Pines Merchants association, completing its first year this month, will hold its annual meeting with election of officers at the Church of Wide Fellowship next Thursday at 8 p. m. Walter E. Blue, president, said he is urging not only that each member attend, but that he also bring a non-member merchant so that information concerning the organizations work may go out to all. "We are aiming for 100 per cent merchant membership," he said. "That is the only way we can do our best job for retail business here."

A report will be made on the year's activities, with emphasis on the Credit Rating bureau, main project of the organization. A guest speaker may be secured.

Carolina Hotel Opening Marks 50th Anniversary

Cotton Manufacturers, Broadcasters Hold Meetings This Week

The great Carolina hotel at Pinehurst threw open its doors this week for its 50th season, with the two-day meeting of the N. C. Manufacturers association as the opening event Thursday and Friday.

On Sunday, the N. C. Association of Broadcasters and the S. C. Broadcasters association will hold a joint meeting at the Carolina, through arrangements made by Jack S. Younts, NCAB secretary and general manager of WEEB of Southern Pines.

The Holly Inn and Pinehurst Country club opened October 1, and with the opening of the Berkshire, The Manor and the Pine Crest in a few days the famous resort of Pinehurst will be in full swing, with meetings, sports events, social events and other highlights calendared from now until mid-May.

The Cotton Manufacturers' meeting opened with registration Thursday morning, with golf and other recreation in the afternoon and a directors' meeting last night. Today business sessions will center around noted figures of the textile world as leaders and speakers, treating on vital phases

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Fullenwider Is Named President of Local Chamber

Clean-up Week Is First Project of New Directors

Harry Fullenwider, local attorney, was elected president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce at the first meeting of the new board of directors Tuesday night, with W. L. Baker, merchant, as vice president.

No secretary or treasurer was elected as Col. P. G. Sherman, manager, will handle both these jobs. John C. Parrish was chosen to replace Roy Grinnell on the board, as Mr. Grinnell resigned on account of the press of duties.

Hoke Pollock, retiring president, was at the meeting and on request of the directors offered advice in connection with the setting up of a budget and holding of this year's membership drive, which has already started with the sending of bills to old members reminding them that a new year has begun. Active recruitment of new members will be held within a short time. President Fullenwider appointed W. Lamont Brown chairman of the budget committee, assisted by W. L. Baker, Virgil Clark and E. Nolley Jackson, with himself as an ex officio member.

Clean-up Week

The Chamber's first project of the new year, Clean-up Week, to be held next week in cooperation

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Sandpipers Elect Robert Page, 3rd

Robert N. Page, 3rd, Aberdeen attorney, Monday night was elected president of the Sandpipers, the men's golfing organization, at its annual meeting held at the Pine Needles Club. Francis Stubbs of Southern Pines was elected vice president and Elmer E. Davis of Southern Pines was reelected secretary-treasurer.

Robert N. Page, Jr., of Aberdeen, and George Pottle, past president, were elected directors. John Pottle, Russ Birch and Dick Sugg were appointed as members of the tournament committee. Francis Stubbs, Roy Grinnell and Will Wiggs will head the committee on entertainment.

The club voted to play their tournament again this season over the Pine Needles course in Knollwood.

A group of officers from Fort Bragg attended the dinner and plans were formulated for a number of matches to be played over the course here and at Fort Bragg. About 30 were present.

Clean-up Week Ahead

Next week will be Clean-up Week in Southern Pines through cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce, the town board and all right-thinking citizens who want to start off the season spick and span.

The announcement came jointly this week from Mayor C. N. Page and Chamber President Harry Fullenwider asking the assistance of every man, woman and child.

The Town has pledged full cooperation in lending all necessary trucks, and picking up anything and everything the citizens want to dispose of: attic and basement trash, leaves, grass rakings, dead branches, shrub prunings, old newspapers—all that stuff that accumulates and makes you wonder how in the world you're going to get rid of it. Howard F. Burns, street superintendent, says trucks will be out on all regular collection days—Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday on the east side of town, Wednesday and Friday on the west. However, if you have much trash to dispose of in between, phone him at 6491 and he will see that it is picked up. Containers aren't necessary—for next week only.

Don't leave everything till Saturday, as the town crews get half holiday then. If too much is left for the weekend, they will have to work overtime or leave trash over Sunday which it is not desired to do.

However, the other days should be ample for every family to get at those long-postponed clean-up jobs, and help every home present a shining face. That goes for business places too.

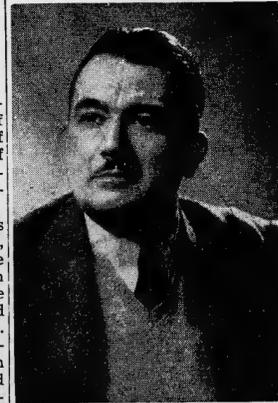
While containers will not be needed for trash, leaves, rakings, etc., they should still be used for garbage in the regular fashion.

You don't have to throw out everything you don't want. While you're going through your closets, trunks and stored household articles—don't forget, there might be things the Red Cross can use.

And the library wants those old magazines.

Principals Asked To Check All Bus Routes

AUTHOR



M. W. WELLMAN

Wellman Book on General Hampton Is Off the Press

Biography Climaxes 12 Years' Research; Scribners, Publisher

"Giant In Gray," biography of Wade Hampton, of which Manly Wade Wellman of Pinebluff is the author, was published by Scribners last week as one of the outstanding books on their fall list.

The book represents some 12 years of research by the well-known author and former newspaperman, during which he went to many original sources, visited places figuring in the great Confederate's life story, talked with persons — relatives and others — who passed on to him many intimate details, and brought to light much new material.

The result is a life-size portrait and absorbing narrative of the life of one of the south's greatest men, one who has not before been extensively written up. In fact, the need for a definitive biography, stressed by Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman in conference with Wellman on the subject, spurred him on in the task which constantly assumed greater proportions.

A Handsome Book

Scribners have done handsomely by the book in all its physical details. Real artistry has been used in the makeup throughout, to make its reading and possession a material as well as mental pleasure.

The author himself calls the book the climax of his writing career. He has previously written for publication many articles, short stories, also juveniles—two of which won Junior Literary Guild awards in the years 1947 and 1948. This is his first work of historical significance.

Parts of it relate interestingly to Moore county, scene of some of the Civil War action in the book. The cavalry battle of March 10, 1865, on the Neill S. Blue farm in southern Moore is described in detail.

Local Credits

Among the credits are listed the names of the Rev. F. Craig-hill Brown, formerly of Southern Pines, a connection of the Hampton family, and Mrs. Katharine S. McColl, Southern Pines, whose father "rode with Wade Hampton in war and supported his political efforts in peace."

The book is dedicated to the author's young son Wade, and credit is also given his wife Frances, who "continuously and tirelessly" (Continued on Page 5)

Four New Buses Helped Overloading Situation in Moore

A thorough check of all school bus routes by district principals and superintendents, for possible hazards to school buses on their morning and afternoon rounds, was asked by H. Lee Thomas, county school superintendent, this week.

He asked in a letter for a report on all places needing repair, defective bridges, narrow bridges, overhanging tree branches, tall bushes and weeds.

"We do not want even a threat of such an accident as occurred in Nash county last week, costing the lives of seven schoolchildren," said Mr. Thomas. He said he felt that most of the bus routes are in pretty good repair, and gave figures to show that only 500 miles of the 3,003 covered daily by buses of the county are unimproved.

The routes go over 1,623 miles of improved road, and 880 miles of hardsurface.

A detailed report on all bus routes was given by the principals and superintendents last May. (Continued on Page 5)

Newest Unit of National Guard Activated Here

The newest unit of the N. C. National Guard received approval Friday night following formal inspection by military and State Guard officials, for activation as Battery D, 130th AAAA Battalion of the 30th division, NC NG.

Conducting the inspection, during which each one spoke words of welcome to the new unit as a part of the state and Federal home defense set-up were Col. R. F. Perry, commander of the North Carolina military district; Maj. Gen. John H. Manning, commander of the 30th division; Col. H. H. Harris, division instructor; Col. Lee C. Bizell, senior instructor, NC NG, and Lieut. Col. C. B. Shimer, G-3 Plans and Training, 30th division. All are from Raleigh.

Assisting with the inspection were Lieut. S. C. Morris, Raleigh, division adjutant; Col. William Lamont and Maj. T. B. Lester, commander and executive assistant of the 130th battalion, with headquarters at Raeford; and Maj. L. M. Kirby, of Raeford, regular Army instructor in anti-aircraft on assignment to the battalion.

Mayor C. N. Page of Southern Pines was also present for the inspection of the 33 men (out of 38) and two officers, Capt. Clifford A. Carpenter, commanding, and Second Lieut. C. S. Patch, Jr., platoon leader, at present forming the battery personnel. Also inspected were the records, drill hall, strong room and equipment site.

Names on the unit roster represent eight Moore county towns. The Belvedere Hotel garage has been remodeled to form drill hall and offices. The strong room has been constructed on an equipment site two blocks away, loaned by the town. The Town of Southern Pines furnished funds to help the new unit measure up to specifications in these regards.

Training drills will be held each Friday at 7:30 p. m. Major Kirby will be present to give instruction at the first regular drill this week. Weapons, uniforms and other equipment are to be issued by the Army shortly.

Deane Back from Eastern Inspection Trip, Says Uncle Sam Must Tighten Up

Representative C. B. Deane, of North Carolina, who returned to the capital Monday after a 40-day, 30,761-mile airplane trip to the Far East, said that the United States is the victim of "poor planning," particularly by its military authorities, in that part of the world.

He proposed that President Truman establish a highly-respected board of authorities—somewhat comparable to the

Hoover Commission on reorganization of the executive branches of the Federal government—to survey the situation and work out overall programs for both economic and military development of the Far East.

Not Enough Emphasis

"We are not placing enough emphasis on that part of the world," he told reporters. "Russia is gaining control of China" (Continued on Page 5)