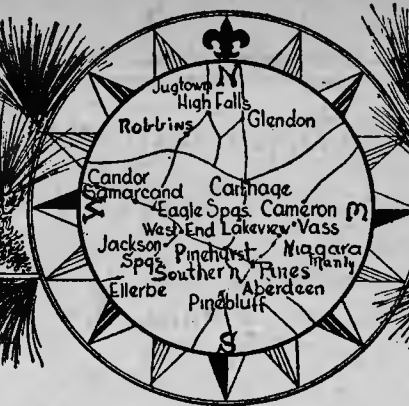




THE PILOT



MC Hospital Board Elects Officers at Annual Meeting

Committees Report Drs. Peck and Hollister Describe Needs

The directors of the Moore County Hospital, at their annual meeting Monday night, voted to continue under the same leadership for the coming year, reelecting Wilbur H. Currie president, Richard S. Tufts, first vice-president, Norris Hodgkins, second vice-president, and Paul Dana, secretary-treasurer. No new members were elected to the board.

Mr. Currie, while accepting with gracious thanks this evidence of the confidence of his colleagues, made it clear in his address to the board that this would be his last term in office. "I would not be willing to serve again now," he said, "were it not that our campaign for funds to build the new wing is lagging seriously and the plans we have made together are not yet completed. I feel that it would not be fair to drop this responsibility on another man's shoulders at this time."

Long Discussion

The report of the nominating committee, read by the chairman, (Continued on page 5)

Three Scouts Will Win Eagle Badges At Court of Honor

Three boys will receive their Eagle badges at the December court of honor for the Moore District, BSA, it was announced this week by A. L. Burney, advancement chairman.

They are David Bailey, Southern Pines; Samuel Poole, West End; and Jimmy Smith, Pinebluff.

All other Eagle scouts of the county are asked to be present, to take part in the solemn Eagle ceremony by which this highest of rank awards is made.

The court of honor will be held at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church here at 7:30 p. m. Monday. Scout leaders, parents and friends are expected to attend, Mr. Burney said. He issued a special invitation to the many in Southern Pines who may never have seen a Boy Scout court of honor before. An exceptionally large number of advancements will be made Monday night, in addition to the Eagle badges, and there will be special music and program features in token of the Christmas season.

Campbell Is Awarded Builders Cup at Sandhills Kiwanis Banquet, Mid Pines

W. D. (Bill) Campbell was awarded the Builders cup of the Sandhills Kiwanis club last Friday night, to the surprise of very few people—except Bill.

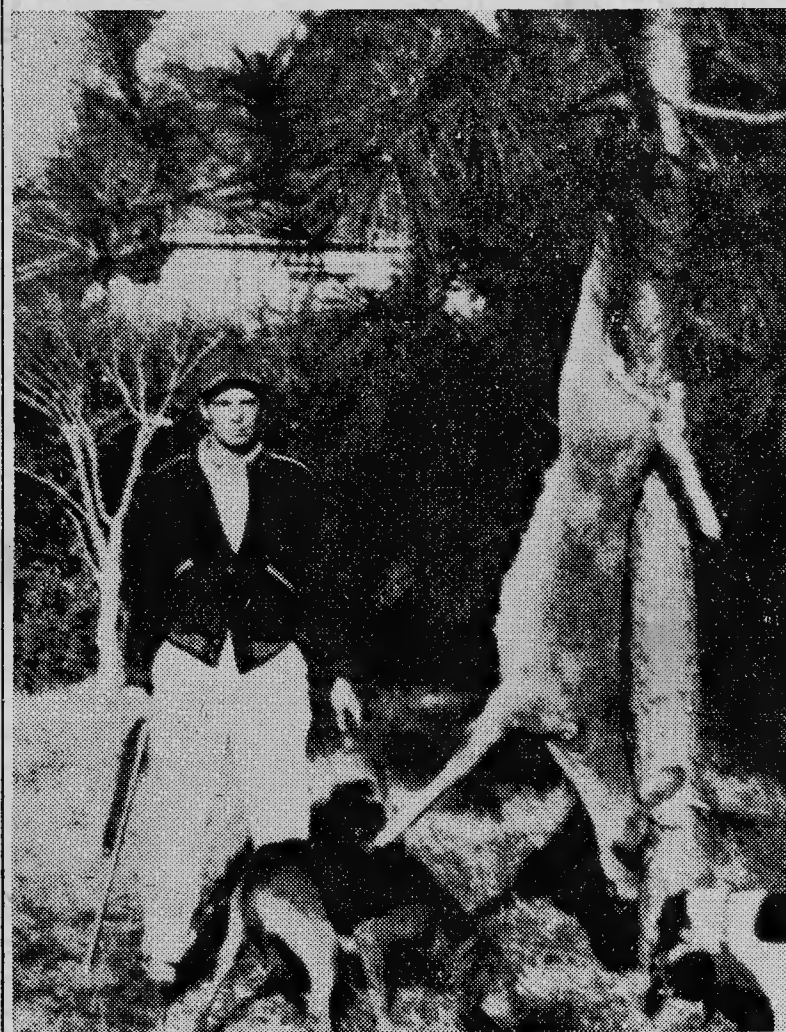
In making the presentation at the annual Ladies' Night and banquet held at the Mid Pines club, one of the most brilliant events of the season with some 150 persons present, E. C. Stevens stressed the fact that the cup, an annual award, was given "for outstanding personal service, without thought or hope of personal gain, contributing during the past year to the upbuilding of the Sandhills."

Bill Campbell, he said, had won the treasured trophy by virtue of his service to Moore county's youth.

Though he has from time to time taken part in various community and county activities, and in quiet ways has helped many splendid causes, Bill Campbell has devoted his personal energies chiefly to scouting. A retired Army major who has lived in many places, he entered the district scouting program soon after moving to Southern Pines five years ago. He had been an Eagle Scout as a boy in California. His faithful service to scouting last year won him its equivalent in adult scouting, highest BSA award, the Silver Beaver.

His service to the district was

Deer Hunter Gets His Buck



Here's Roscoe Gentry with a fine specimen of what the deer hunters are after these days, in one of the busiest hunting seasons the Sandhills has had in years.

Warden Woodrow McDonald issues warning: one a day, two a season—that's the limit. Two, even one, like the big fellow above should make any hunter happy. And, there is a further warning: hunting hereabouts is by permit only, with those hunting without authority liable to arrest for trespassing.

The kill shown above was made in the Carrol's Branch country north of Young's Road, owned by Ozzelle Moss and the Boyd brothers. It is in charge of Hunter Babe McCrimmon, who, with Alec Fields, former game warden, accompanied Gentry on his hunt.

General of Air Force Vandenberg Is Surprise Visitor To His Parents Here

ART EXHIBIT

In celebration of Christmas, the Fine Arts Room of the Southern Pines Library will open this year, with an exhibition of reproductions of paintings of the Madonna and Child, and nativity scenes. The prints are after the great masters of Italian, Flemish and German painting and are a loan from the Metropolitan Museum of Art of New York.

The exhibit will open Monday, besides featuring the pictures, the Fine Arts Room will be decorated for Christmas and special books of the season will be on display.

Returns to Familiar Scene of His Youth

General of the Air Force Hoyt S. Vandenberg was a Southern Pines visitor Monday, flying in to pay a surprise visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Vandenberg, who are spending the winter here.

Landing at Knollwood airport in a B-17 at 2:15 p. m., the Air Chief of Staff had a taxi called, Joe Hatch, cabman, had the honor of driving the distinguished-looking gentleman in the new sky-blue Air Force uniform into town and to Mrs. Perham's Connalescent home, where his mother is recuperating from an illness of last winter.

Though he had recently written them he was "trying to find a hole in his schedule" to permit a visit, they had a real surprise. He stayed almost two hours. His parents accompanied him back to the airport, with a nurse driving the car, and the big Army plane took off at 4:15.

General Vandenberg was wearing one of his many decorations. However, his uniform was topped off with a visored cap brilliant with gold braid, which he discreetly took off as he drove through town.

On Familiar Ground

If passersby had happened to glance into the taxi, many of them would have recognized an old friend, Mr. and Mrs. Vandenberg and their sons Hoyt and Shedd spent several winters here in former years. They were here in 1917, when Hoyt received the appointment to West Point which was to start off one of the most brilliant careers in the history of the Army Air Force.

That was the winter they rented (Continued on page 5)

\$125 REWARD

Rewards totaling \$125 have been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party, or parties, who cut awnings here during November, according to Police Chief C. E. Newton.

Rewards offered are as follows: Sandhills Awning shop, T. T. Ward, manager. \$50; police department, \$50; Patch's, Inc., Charles S. Patch, manager, \$25.

Town Sparkles For Christmas

The Christmas spirit came sparkling into Southern Pines this week. People said they had never seen the town look so pretty.

Colored lights shine along two blocks of North Broad street, the first such street decorations since before the war, put up by the Chamber of Commerce.

A 50-foot magnolia, "the Rotary tree," beside the railroad at Pennsylvania and Broad, glitters with lights from the lowest to the top-most branches. At the post office, floodlights illumine the tall twin holly, loaded with scarlet berries that glow in the light. Silvered pine trees ornament the light poles throughout the shopping district.

Store windows all over town are bright with tinsel, snow, Christmas trees, Santa Clauses

and a world of entrancing gifts.

A joyous crowd was on hand to greet Santa Claus on his visit to town last Saturday morning, when he whirled in with police escort, alighted in front of the bank for a visit with the youngsters and whirled off again, as fat and jolly and red-nosed as tradition required.

On Saturday, and every day since, Christmas carols have sounded over the town, through mechanical arrangements set up by the WEEB staff. Jack S. Younts is Chamber of Commerce Christmas effects chairman, and he has been assisted by many of the Chamber membership and others.

Harry Fullenwider, Chamber president and Rotarian, personally climbed the magnolia tree to (Continued on page 5)

Sacred Concerts at Three Churches On Sunday Welcome Christmas Week

Choral programs in local churches Sunday afternoon and evening will mark with due solemnity the start of Christmas week. The story of the Savior's coming will be told in songs loved throughout the ages. The public is invited to all the events.

Presbyterian Church

At Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church a Christmas service will be held at 3:30 p. m., with music by the junior choir, directed by Mrs. Ralph Chandler, Jr., also by the senior choir and the combined choirs. Mrs. Joe Steed will sing a solo, and Misses Patricia Kirk and Edna Lou Bailey will sing a duet. Dr. T. E. Davis will read the Christmas story as told in Scripture, and carols will be sung by the entire assembly.

Baptist Church

At 8 o'clock Sunday evening, the combined choirs of the First Baptist church will present a program of sacred music of the season. The junior, youth and adult choirs will all take part. Mrs. C. R. Mills will be at the console, John Beasley, Jr., at the piano and the pastor, Dr. William

C. Holland, will be the narrator. Soloists will be Mrs. T. K. Gunter, Jr., Joseph Cameron, Miss Grace DuPre and Miss Sylvia McLeod. Charles Baker, Alex Fields and Wayne Davenport will sing as a trio in the junior choir's rendition of "The Three Kings."

Wide Fellowship

An augmented choir of 60 voices will present a special Christmas cantata, "The Story of Christmas," by Stults Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the Church of Wide Fellowship.

Mrs. Dorothy Choate, Mrs. Bryan Poe, Miss Alice Tate, Wesley Stoltz and Tom Cordon will be the soloists.

"The Story of Christmas" presents, in their logical order, the leading events in the story of the birth of Christ. It has to do with the Old Testament prophecies of the coming of the Savior, the fulfillment of these prophecies, the song of the angels, the visit and adoration of the shepherds, and the journey of the wise men guided by the star.

The cantata is directed by Mrs. L. D. McDonald, church organist and choir director.

WELCOME!

Gen. and Mrs. George C. Marshall are expected to arrive today (Friday) by air to spend Christmas at their home, Liscombe Lodge, at Pinehurst.

General Marshall, who was recently made national president of the American Red Cross by appointment of President Truman, has recently completed an air tour of the country in which he visited leading chapters, met other Red Cross officials and discussed Red Cross policies and plans.

Train Schedule, Mail Closings Are Slightly Changed

Changes in the Seaboard train schedule for Southern Pines with the addition of a new mail train (No. 5 southbound, No. 6 northbound) have caused some minor changes in the mail closing schedule at the Southern Pines post office.

The final mail closing, 9 p. m., remains unchanged, said A. Garland Pierce, postmaster.

Mail (and passenger) trains now stop at Southern Pines on the following schedule: southbound, 6:52 a. m., 8:24 p. m., 10:46 p. m. Northbound, 6:21 a. m., 10:08 a. m., 7:25 p. m., 11:42 p. m.

Mail closings have been adjusted as follows: for southbound mail, 5:30 p. m., 9 p. m. For northbound mail, 9:30 a. m., 8:30 p. m., 9 p. m.

Mail closes for Pinehurst at 8:30 a. m., for Pinehurst and Aberdeen 2:15 p. m., for direct airmail both east and west (by Piedmont Airline), 2:15 p. m. The morning flight is no longer serviced by this post office.

The addition of the 11:42 p. m. northbound train means that, for the first time in some months, mail dropped in the slot (or box) by 9 p. m. or put on the train by the sender can be delivered at northern points during business hours the next day.

Opportunities Offered To Share Christmas With Those in Need

Madigan Is Council's Coordinator For Welfare Department, Local Agencies

Many needy families in the Southern Pines area, listed on rolls of the county welfare department, will have Christmas baskets and other seasonal cheer through the Council of Social Agencies' annual program.

Don Madigan, chairman of the project, said that the work is being done mainly through coordination of the Christmas-sharing activities of several local agencies, to see that all are remembered, and the gifts and foods equably distributed.

The Elks club, the VFW and auxiliary, the Southern Pines school and several churches are some of the agencies with local programs of giving this year.

Persons wishing to contribute may call Col. Madigan, who can tell them what is needed and through what agency it may be given. Cash, food and clothing, as always, top the list.

Countywide

ELKS PARTY

The Elks' annual Santa Claus party will be held Wednesday from 2 to 5 p. m. at the Elks lodge on South May street. All Sandhills children are invited, said Jim Cole, chairman, and must have their parents along. Each boy and girl will have a chance to tell Santa his Christmas wish, and will receive a gift, candy and fruit.

By special arrangements made by the Elks, Santa will receive letters addressed to P. O. Box 546, Southern Pines, it was learned this week. Boys and girls writing Santa to tell him what they want should sign their names and addresses, to be sure of everything getting where it ought to go.

No written invitation is necessary for the Christmas party, but anyone who knows someone who would like a special invitation from Santa's headquarters should drop a line to P. O. Box 546.

Alumni-High Game Set for Dec. 30 in New Gymnasium

The new Southern Pines school gymnasium, which has been under construction since last spring, will be opened to the public for the first time with the playing of the High School-Alumni game Friday evening, December 30.

Work has been rushed on the building during the past few weeks to get it in shape for opening, and though it will not be actually completed at that time, word from the contractors is to the effect that it will be able to accommodate the game and spectators on the assigned date.

Formal opening of the building will be held later, according to Supt. P. J. Weaver, probably at the same time as that of the auditorium, which is also nearing the final construction stages.

Letters have been sent from the school to all alumni, inviting them to return for the December 30 event, which will mark resumption of a hallowed tradition here. For some years the yearly contest between students and alumni has been one of the high marks (Continued on page 5)

Double Win Is Opener for Basketball Season—Girls No Longer "Doormats"

Southern Pines high school basketball teams went down to Hamlet Wednesday night for the double-header tilt with the boys and girls teams of that class A circuit, and when the games were over the Blue and White representatives had taken both games. It was the opener of the 1949-50 season for both schools, and while the outcome was highly pleasing to Coach Dawson, of the boys' team, Coach Sawyer was "tickled pink" as her girls won 31 to 9.

While it may not be strictly accurate to say of the girls basketball team, that "coming events cast their shadows before," there is evidence of some shade, and that the doormat days for the Blue and White girls in Moore county are destined to end. Not this year, for Miss Sawyer has said that she will build for the future—but she's building, and Wednesday night showed it.

At times the girls clicked as a unit, at other times they bogged down, and greenness and inexperience cropped out, but they are offensive-minded, they wanted to score against Hamlet, and score they did. Although Hamlet's guards were frequently out of position, part of the time they were faked out by the fast-breaking Southern Pines forwards, particularly Guin, pint sized sister of Ruth Guin, Blue and White star of past years. The guarding of Southern Pines was effective (Continued on page 5)