

Members of Southern Pines High school graduating class: first row, from left, Barbara Ann Carter, Julie Catherine Hussey, Deirdre ... (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

## Paratroop Will Head Friday Parade

Company Will ... With Band. VFW Event

Grand Parade of the 21st State VFW encampment held here at 10 a. m. ... headed by C Company 504th Airborne Infantry famous band, with jet and several squadrons of planes from Pope AFB fly-head.

Parade will form at the school marching along ... to Connecticut avenue ... to West Broad. ... to New York avenue and at the town park.

Officers of C Company made during World War 2. The of the war across Europe ... starting at Sicily and Sal- took part in amphibious ... at Anzio, then in Septem- parachuted into Holland ... was instantly engaged ... erate combat. The day ... a jump into Holland Pvt. Towle was killed in hero- which made C Company ... name of a Medal of Hon- in its World War 2 rec-

of the officers ... and men ped make this proud rec- still in the company, with personnel made up largely who formerly served in branches—Air Force, Navy ...

## Weaver Addresses Graduating Class; School Auditorium Dedicated To Him

### DROUGHT BROKEN?

Showers Monday night and Tuesday dropped as the quality of mercy on the parched earth and thirsty crops.

Even more was needed, however, after seven rainless weeks which included the hottest early-June week end on record. Temperatures Saturday and Sunday touched 100. How much the showers helped remained to be seen. Earlier this week E. H. Garrison, Jr., county farm agent, said, "The crops are standing up remarkably well but they can't do so much longer. Tobacco is holding its own. Cotton is all right—this is 'cotton weather.' Grain and corn are suffering severely. Gardens and pastures are about burned up."

## Sandhill Firemen Will Have Gala Meet Wednesday

The Southern Pines volunteer fire department expects to be represented at the annual meeting of the Sandhill Firemen's association, an all-day affair to be held Wednesday at Pinebluff, with boxing and wrestling at Aberdeen that night.

Resident Fireman Frank H. Kaylor said they have hopes of getting up a contest team to enter the traditional speed events, in which Southern Pines usually comes out a winner. Last year the local department took one first and one second place in the hotly contested water and chemical races.

This year's meeting is a special one, marking a silver anniversary. The association was formed 25 years ago, at Pinebluff. Southern Pines, Pinebluff, Aberdeen, Pinehurst, Carthage and Hamlet departments formed the total membership. Today the member departments number 41 all over central and eastern North Carolina. Honoring the occasion, the Pinebluff hosts have planned a program filled with business, pleasure, instruction and competition. Following registration between 9 and 10 a. m., the business session will start at 10 and is expected to continue into the afternoon. Pinebluff Mayor E. H. Mills will give a welcome. Later, the firemen will hear an address by Waldo C. Cheek of Raleigh, State Insurance Commissioner. Election of officers will be held.

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## Dr. Herr Presents Bronze Plaque From School Board

Philip J. Weaver, former superintendent of Southern Pines schools, honored the high school by a return visit Tuesday night as commencement speaker, and was in turn honored by hearing that the auditorium was to be dedicated to him.

The dedication took place at once, in an informal speech of tribute by School Board Chairman Dr. G. G. Herr, and the affixing of a handsome bronze plaque in the lobby by the time the program closed. Implicit in the dedication was the christening of the beautiful building, completed in May 1950, as "Weaver auditorium."

The announcement brought a wave of enthusiastic applause as Mr. Weaver hesitated, too emotionally overcome for a moment or two to speak. Then he said, "Mrs. Weaver and I thought no town could ever do more than has already been done for us here. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts—thank you."

The auditorium and its companion building, the gymnasium, were completed as the fruition of much patient work on the part of Mr. Weaver and his associates over a period of years. They stand today as two of the finest, most modern buildings in any small school plant in the country.

The commencement exercises were lifted far above routine, not only by the surprise dedication but by the nature of his speech to the graduates—an intimate talk by a friend of long standing. The class of 1951 entered school as first graders in 1939, the year he became superintendent. Though few of the original class remain, the reunion spirit was strong throughout the exercises and brought tears of emotion to many an eye.

Some of the seniors, as they marched out to the solemn recessional, were frankly sobbing. Invocation was asked by the Rev. C. V. Covell and benediction was by Father Peter M. Denges. Dr. Herr presented the speaker and afterward N. L. Hodgkins, of the school board, awarded the diplomas to each graduate in turn, along with a red rose from a bowl given by Southern Pines Florist.

Mr. Hodgkins noted that this class had a special distinction, in being the last under Mr. Weaver's superintendency (he left April 1, to become assistant superintendent in Greensboro) and the first under that of A. C. Dawson, Jr. In token of this fact the two men stood side by side, each to give his

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## Co-Op Will Make First Shipment To Georgia Monday

The first shipment of gum from the newly chartered Carolina Naval Stores Cooperative, Inc., of Moore county will be made Monday afternoon, when 50 60-gallon drums will be loaded onto a truck at the temporary collection station on Weymouth Estate, headed for Helena, Ga.

Pending the construction of its own turpentine distillery at Aberdeen, possibly next year, the Cooperative has contracted to sell its gum to the Peninsula-Lurton company at Helena, one of the world's largest turpentine processors, said James Boyd, president, of Southern Pines.

Tests of the Moore County gum run by Peninsula-Lurton brought the verdict that "it is the finest quality we have seen in 20 years." It will be handled separately at their plant, to observe whether its superiority holds up all through the processing, in which case the Moore County producers may expect somewhat higher than current market prices.

Mr. Boyd expects to make the trip to Georgia with the gum. James Fulk, of Carthage, Co-op secretary-treasurer, has already been down to inspect the plant and complete the contract negotiations.

Prospects are seen as good for continued growth of the Cooperative, and the infant naval stores industry starting up under its auspices in this longleaf pine area. The Cooperative, first in the State, is expected to be the nu-

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## VFW Registration Headquarters

The John Boyd Post home on West New York avenue, recently remodeled and improved at a cost of more than \$5,000, is serving as registration and hospitality headquarters for the State VFW encampment this week end. It was bought by the local post in December 1948, and opened April 9, 1949, with a dedication by Gen. George C. Marshall.

## Planning Survey Completed Here; Publication Begins

### Student Planners Will Issue Summary In Book Form

The survey of the town, carried on during the past two and a half months by two graduate students of the University of North Carolina, has been completed and the results will be made known by instalments in The Pilot beginning this week (see Page 13).

The text, running to some 17,000 words, has been prepared by the survey team, John R. Hampton of Leaksville and Seward Weber of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., students in Carolina's department of regional and city planning. The survey was part of the field work for their course, and presentation of their findings in booklet form is part of the requirements for their master's degree. The service was rendered the Town on payment of the students' expenses while here, and the town board has also agreed to pay for several hundred of the booklets for distribution to interested persons.

The Pilot is rendering a service to the Town and the students, as

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## AAU Boxing Bouts At Memorial Park 8:30 Tonight

An AAU-sponsored boxing match of 10 bouts, to be held at Memorial field here at 8:30 tonight (Friday) will be a feature of the State VFW encampment.

The event is open to the public, according to Don Smith, chairman, who said that some of the state's ablest fighters will take part. These will include at least seven Golden Gloves champions. Cedric Foster, MBS network commentator, will be master of ceremonies.

Opponents will be the Berryhill team from Charlotte, which as the Charlotte YMCA team won the Golden Gloves tournament last year, and a composite team composed of topnotch fighters from Fayetteville, Raleigh, Burlington, and Durham. Weights run from 104 to 170 pounds.

On the 10-man Charlotte team will be Raymond Short, Ronald Short and Robert Scruggs, who fought here three years ago under VFW auspices. Other members are Murice Treadway, Jack Gilbert, Jerry Spurlin, Bobby Spears, Ben Gregory and Joe Coble, with one more to be added.

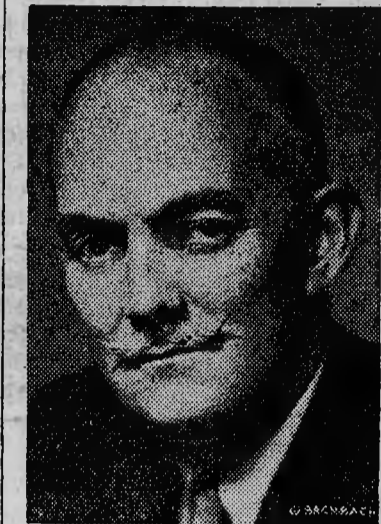
From Fayetteville will come Bruce Peele, 1950 Carolinas novice welterweight champion; Clyde Carter, open welterweight champion, and Crow Peele, 1951 open light heavyweight champion. Others on the composite team will be Billy Roy, Glenn Ivey, Henry Taylor, Bobby Swain, Gene Crawford, Lawrence Biby, Jerry Loy and Benny Denton.

AAU judges will be provided, and other AAU officials will be present from High Point. Don Smith, of the John Boyd post, VFW, will be referee.

The feature bouts will be preceded by a "Battle Royal" of five small colored lads.

## 1,500 VFW Members Converging Here For Annual Encampment

### VISITOR



CEDRIC FOSTER

## Cedric Foster Broadcasts Here While VFW Guest

### Addresses Kiwanis; Will Be Saturday Banquet Speaker

Cedric Foster, famed MBS network news commentator and former World War 2 correspondent in the Pacific theater, is a guest in Southern Pines during the four days of the 21st State VFW encampment.

Arriving Thursday morning, Mr. Foster was the speaker at a special luncheon meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis club that day, to which the Southern Pines Rotary club membership was also invited.

Recently returned from Iran, Mr. Foster outlined to them the present situation in that country. On Thursday and today (Friday) his five-day-a-week noon broadcast heard over hundreds of stations of the Mutual Broadcasting system, was scheduled to originate through facilities of Station WEEB here.

Saturday night, he will be the banquet speaker for the VFW encampment, at the cafeteria at Weaver auditorium.

The veterans have arranged a busy schedule for him. He will be a judge at the beauty contest at 3 p. m. today, and master of ceremonies at the boxing matches at Memorial field tonight.

His appearance here was arranged by Jack S. Younts, of the John Boyd post, VFW, president of the Sandhills Community Broadcasters, Inc.

## Cameron Girls Seriously Injured In Saturday Crash

Norma Taylor, 17, and Rosie Mae Whitaker, 19, of Cameron are patients in the Lee County hospital, with reported serious injuries sustained in an accident near Cameron about 1 a. m. Saturday.

The driver of the car in which they were passengers, Elworth Odell Blakeley, 24, of Sanford Rt. 8, had lesser injuries and was said to have been released from the hospital after two or three days' observation.

Five Negroes, occupants of a '41 Ford struck by Blakeley's '49 Packard, escaped with a bad shaking up. Ernest Harrington was the driver.

According to the investigating State Highway patrolman, both cars were entering Cameron on Highway 27, the Fort Bragg road. As Harrington made a right turn off the highway, Blakeley's car, just behind it, went out of control as brakes were applied. The back end of the Packard swung around, describing two complete circles in the road, hitting first the Ford, then a maple tree across the road, finally stopping in a wheat field.

The Packard was almost completely demolished. Only minor damage was done to the Ford. No indictment has been made, the patrolman said, pending completion of his investigation.

## Town Flies Flags In Welcome To Friendly Invasion

An amphibious wave of veterans of all armed service branches started moving in on Southern Pines Thursday morning. The community gave every sign of peaceful, even pleased, surrender, and had hung out flags on all downtown streets in welcome to its conquerors.

A full-fledged invasion was in the offing as members of 200 VFW posts converged here from all over the state in their 21st Annual Encampment. The convention will last through four busy days and nights, until Sunday noon.

The State Auxiliary is also convening at this time.

Thursday was "Cootie day" and by 11 a. m. 65 members of the VFW fun organization, wearing their distinctive little red caps, had registered at the John Boyd Post home, with five "Cootie-ettes." The first contingent went immediately to the Fort Bragg Station hospital to put on informal entertainment for the patients. About twice that number were expected by 2 p. m., hour of the

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## Two Local Girls In VFW Beauty Pageant Today

Two Southern Pines girls, one from Troy, one from Wilmington and two from Hendersonville were among the contestants announced Thursday for the state VFW beauty pageant and contest, to be held at Weaver auditorium at 3 p. m. today (Friday). Names are being withheld until the contest, said John Mare, chairman.

The winner will receive a three-day whirl of glamor and good times in New York City August 22-25, when she will compete with other state winners in the national VFW contest. Her sponsoring post will win an award of \$100.

In addition to the trip, the John Boyd post of Southern Pines will set the beauty queen up to the party outfit of her dreams—a Ceil Chapman original "five-o'clock frock" and hat by Mr. John, formerly of John-Frederic. On her arrival in New York she will select her desired colors and fabrics, with counsel from Virginia Pope, fashion editor of the New York Times. Arrangements for this were made by Chairman Mare on a trip to New York City last week.

The young ladies, all single, age limits 18 to 30, will parade in evening gowns and also, for the judges, in bathing suits. Cedric Foster, famous MBS network commentator, will be a judge.

A main requirement for contestants is that they be related to a member of the VFW or auxiliary.

## WATER SHORTAGE

Aberdeen is suffering from a water shortage.

Notices to consumers from the Aberdeen town board this week requested that voluntary rationing be initiated, with suspension of car washing, watering lawns, etc. The notices reported that, "due to the large increase in consumption industrially as well as domestically, there is not enough water to take care of immediate needs."

Another Moore town, Carthage, has suffered such a shortage periodically for several years. A new system is now being built designed to eliminate this trouble.

Citizens here have no such worries. Read in The Pilot next week the story of Southern Pines' water plant, recently doubled in size at a cost of \$255,000, and equipped to pump as much as 2,000,000 gallons a day through an ever expanding network of water mains.