

## Welcome To 82nd Airborne

Fort Bragg and the Sandhills communities killed the fatted calf this week, welcoming the 82nd Airborne Division home from Texas after a 10 weeks' absence.

Streaming across the state in four huge convoys, the men received a rousing welcome on the post Wednesday afternoon, and most of them were soon clasped in the arms of waiting wives, children and mothers.

Early units arrived last week, some coming in every day, but the main body of troops was not due until Thursday of this week. Making excellent time on their 1,500-mile journey, they lopped 24 hours off their schedule, a fact of which Fort Bragg had only a few hours' notice. The word got around as if by magic, and when the first convoy units reached the reservation at 2 p. m. they were greeted by a joyous host of waving, cheering loved ones.

They also received a rousing welcome from their commanding general, Maj. Gen. Charles W. Canham, who had been with them on Exercise Long Horn in Texas and beat them home by only a

few hours. To stirring music by the 82nd Airborne band the Artillery units, first to arrive, passed in review down the main street of the Division area.

The streams of vehicles, converging on the post from Raeford, Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Cameron, poured in all afternoon and evening. Thursday was to be devoted to unpacking, cleaning and storing equipment, after which it would be "home, sweet home" for the thousands with homes to go to on the post and in nearby Sandhills towns.

On the way home the division split at Greenville, S. C., into four columns, each consisting of about 550 vehicles carrying 3,500 men and taking an hour to pass a given point. They were routed home by different ways so as to disperse the traffic interference.

Two convoys came up US Highway 1, one turning at Aberdeen and entering the post along the Plank Road. The other came through Southern Pines, along May street and east on Connecticut Avenue extension and the newly surfaced Fort Bragg road, completed since their departure.

## West Southern Pines Finishes Drive For School Bus — \$4,400 Cash In Hand

The community and school of West Southern Pines this week marked a proud achievement.

Five weeks after they started their school activities bus campaign in earnest, they had the cash in hand—\$4,387.47.

While some voluntary gifts were included from both white and Negro friends, most of the money resulted from benefit events held by the school, by each

grade and sponsored by community groups. Basketball games, dances, raffles, cake sales, a popularity contest, musical programs, plays and other events have kept the community humming, and brought practically every resident, old and young, into the act.

"We are very proud of the wonderful support we have had from everyone," said J. W. Moore, principal, this week. "It came from everyone's working together — which means we have gained in many ways besides money."

## Cars Damaged, Several Hurt In Three Accidents

Three accidents near here Sunday and Monday just missed being horrible tragedies for the seven persons concerned, none of whom is reported to have been seriously injured. All, however, were badly shaken up, bruised and in some cases lacerated. Property damage in regard to the four vehicles was described by the investigating patrolman as high. Two cars and a panel truck were badly smashed up and a fourth car described as "practically demolished."

Don Smith and Milton Kaylor, both of Southern Pines, received emergency treatment at Moore County hospital and were later released after Smith's panel truck, driven by Smith with Kaylor as passenger, somersaulted off the highway and down an embankment below Aberdeen. The accident took place at the junction of NC 15 and 211. Coming from Raeford to Aberdeen, the truck apparently cut too short on the curve, the patrolman said. He indicted Smith for careless and reckless driving.

A car driven by Edward Stevens of Greenwuch, Conn., who is visiting in Pinehurst, containing Mrs. James W. Tufts and Mrs. W. H. Wright of Pinehurst as passengers was in collision with a car driven by Donald Frye of Ador in Pinebluff Monday shortly after noon. Mrs. Wright was thrown from Stevens' car and badly bruised and shaken up. The two women were given first aid at Moore County hospital, while Frye was taken to St. Joseph of the Pines. The accident took place at the Methodist church corner, described by the patrolman as "a bad intersection" with considerable

Chief source of funds was the grade contest at the school. Each grade, with grade mother and teacher working like beavers along with the kids, raised money any way it could, keeping the total a surprise until this week.

Amounts raised by the school grades ranged from \$49.50 to \$540, with about \$250 the average. No amount was too small to be counted in the total. One grade noted as a donor, "Salesman, 25 cents" — a casual dropper-in who came to sell something and found himself donating to the fund.

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## Rod And Gun Club Organized Here; Matches Planned

The Moore County Rod and Gun club, recently organized and headquartered at present in Sotuhern Pines, is seeking new members with interest in marksmanship, sportsmanship and firearms in general.

The membership now stands at 22, representing Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Carthage. Meetings are being held the first and third Tuesday nights of each month in the Belvedere Hotel clubroom. Officers are: Ray K. Backlund, president; Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher, vice-president; Bill Nugent, secretary-treasurer; Vic Granger, executive officer; Gene McDonald, instructor.

The club is in process of affiliation with the National Rifle association of Washington, D. C., and plans are under way to build range facilities, with prospects of eventually sponsoring matches, both large bore and small bore, competing with other clubs.

Arrangements have been made with Boy Scout leaders to work with Boy Scouts on winning their marksmanship merit badges, which they have hitherto been unable to earn in this county.

Anyone interested in joining the club, or wanting more information about it, may contact any of the officers listed above, or come to the next meeting Tuesday evening, May 6.

## POPPY DAY

Wear a bright new poppy Saturday, honoring the men who have died for our country, and helping those who are ill and disabled as the result of war.

The American Legion Auxiliary will again sponsor this traditional event, selling the gray flowers downtown to aid their welfare fund. The poppies are made by disabled veterans, who thereby earn a little money of their own.

Reminders have been placed in many store windows in the form of posters made by the schoolchildren in the annual Poppy Day contest.

Remember... Buy a Poppy!

## Burning Permits Revoked As Many Forest Fires Rage

### Swampy Blazes Create Problems For Firefighters

All burning permits stand revoked in Moore county and no more will be issued until there is a general rain, said battle-weary Forest Ranger E. W. Davis this week following "the worst short spell for forest fires I've ever seen in my life."

Tinder-dry woods are causing hazardous conditions all over central and southeastern North Carolina. Moore county, with its thousands of acres of hardwoods and highly inflammable pines, has been almost continuously aflame in one part or another since last Friday.

Friday through Tuesday "reportable" forest fires totaled nine, with countless spot fires, not reported because quickly extinguish, occurring day and night. Several of the "reportable" fires occurred in swamps, breaking out again and again over two or three days.

Largest and most menacing of the fires raged Saturday afternoon over some 600 acres from the edge of Taylortown almost to Pinehurst. It caught shortly after 12 noon from a brush fire started by a 17-year-old youth near his home in Taylortown and was not considered under control until

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## Weathervane Play At Country Club This Weekend

The Southern Pines Country club is having three days of blind-bogey tournaments this weekend as its participation in the nationwide Weathervane Tournaments for the cerebral palsy fund.

Thursday was the first day, and Saturday and Sunday will be the second and third.

For a minimum entry fee, golfers may play any or all of the three days—paying the fee for each day. At the end of the three days all daily scores will be put together for the drawing.

Trophy will be the silver Hammer cup, of which 500 have been donated by Alvin Handmacher of New York, founder of the women's cross-country Weathervane tournaments, as an inspiration for the benefit events. The trophy is a replica of the Weathervane cup.

All local golf clubs are participating, in response to the appeal by Bob Harlow of Pinehurst, editor of Golf World. Mr. Harlow is national chairman for the campaign by which funds are being raised to aid victims of cerebral palsy. All proceeds of the tournaments, with no deductions, go to the fund.

Three other clubs of the area held events during April, for a total of almost \$500.

## Pre-School Clinic Slated Thursday

The annual pre-school clinic, for all children who will enter school next fall, will be held at the Southern Pines elementary school Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m.

Parents are asked to accompany their children to the clinic, and if there are any who cannot bring their children at that time they are asked to notify the school so that an accurate count may be made of the upcoming first-graders.

At the clinic, which will be held in the first grade rooms, a doctor and public health nurse will check each child's nose, eyes, throat, heart, lungs, etc. If defects are found the doctor will inform the parent, who may then take the child to the physician of her choice for remedial treatment.

The parent will also be informed as to what immunization shots are necessary for the child before entering school. These will be given on the spot if the parent requests it, or the child may go to the family physician.

All children who will be six years old on or before next October 1 should be brought to the clinic, said Supt. A. C. Dawson.



CAPT. LEROY ANDERSON, now stationed at Fort Bragg, composer of "Blue Tango," "Jazz Pizzicato," "Sleigh Ride" and other favorites. (Photo by Redmond Tyler)

## Composer Will Direct His Own Works At N. C. Symphony Concert Tonight

A noted composer, discovered in the guise of a captain of Army Intelligence at nearby Fort Bragg, will conduct five of his own works at the concert of the full N. C. Symphony Orchestra to be held at Weaver auditorium tonight (Friday) at 8:30 o'clock.

Capt. Leroy Anderson will appear on invitation of Dr. Benjamin Swalin, orchestra director, and Voit Gilmore, president of the Sandhills Music association, conducting "The Syncopated Clock," "A Trumpeter's Lullaby," "Plunk, Plunk, Plunk," "The Waltzing Cat" and "Sleigh Ride." All of these and others of Anderson's works have long been favorites on the symphony's repertoire.

Anderson, who is 44 years old, presents the unusual picture of a serious musician and concert composer who has unexpectedly, while in the prime of life, scaled

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**PROGRAM**

In addition to the five pieces to be conducted by Composer Leroy Anderson, the N. C. Symphony Orchestra will offer three special numbers at its concert tonight (Friday) under the baton of Director Benjamin Swalin.

These are the Overture from Donna Diana, by Reznicek; Brahms Symphony No. IV, Opus 98; and Spanish Capriccio, by Rimsky-Korsakov. Tickets may be obtained at the Barnum Realty office, or at the auditorium tonight.

This afternoon the Symphony will give its traditional free schoolchildren's concert, for which school buses will bring youngsters from all over the county.

## Letter From A Soldier

There's been a good deal of talk about young people lately, and a lot of questions asked... When the following letter came to The Pilot, it seemed to contain the answers. We thought it rated a special place in the paper.

It is from a mother most of you know—and a boy known to all the young folks here, now in uniform away from home. Names are withheld, as the boy wasn't writing for publication:

To the Pilot:

I have tried for several weeks to find some answer to the letter of the person who so belittled our teen agers. They may seem frivolous to an outsider who doesn't really know young people, but when they are called on you will find them ready to assume responsibility. When I received this letter from my son, who is now a member of the armed services, but two years ago was a teen-ager in Southern Pines, I knew I had a reply to "Believer in Democracy":

Dear Mother:

As usual I sure did enjoy your nice letter. I'm sorry I don't have the time to write as often as before but I know you understand. Our training is being stepped up more every day.

I really wish you wouldn't worry about me so much. I'll be all right anywhere I'm sent you and Dad are the finest parents anyone could ask for. You couldn't have been better to us than you were. You've worked hard and tried to give us everything. So you see, it isn't right for you to worry so. Please don't misunderstand me, for if I had my way we'd all live just as we were for the rest of our lives. But things just don't go like that. I'm not conceited nor do I consider myself anywhere near perfect, but I wouldn't want for a minute to have been brought up any other way than the way I was. Thanks a million! So please,

Mother, don't worry. If we, Bud and I, have to go into combat, it's our time to suffer. It's only right that we should pay our price to the boys who died all over the world in the last war in order to give us the swell life we have lived. Just think, if we win this fight, other kids will be able to live and enjoy their young lives as we have. Did you ever stop to think of the swell lives we have had since the last war was over? And have you thought that if those boys hadn't gone to fight and some to die, we wouldn't have had those swell times. I've lived as great a life as anyone and it's only right that I pay for it, and meanwhile make it possible for someone else to have a chance at living a wonderful, free life as I did. I know you will understand how I feel. This business isn't all wrong, and if we have to be placed in danger and unpleasant conditions, it's only right.

It's true that the people at home, all over the U. S., need to be awakened to the fact that there is a war on. When we read of the things happening in the cities, strikes, etc. we can't feel that the people are behind us. It certainly lowers the morale.

It took a lot out of me to leave Southern Pines, my family and friends. I like to think that is what I am fighting for, and may be some day I can go back to stay and we can all be together again.

Give my love to all the family, I miss you.

(Name withheld on request)

## Campaigning Starts As Contests Develop For House, Solicitor

Contests for two major offices developed in the closing hours of the filing period—a two-way race for Moore representative to the General Assembly, and a three-way one for county solicitor, subject to the May 31 Democratic primary.

Filing for the House nomination against the incumbent, H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, was Courtney A. (Tony) Huntley, whose mail address is Aberdeen. Actually, he lives between Aberdeen and Southern Pines.

Filing for nomination as county solicitor were W. Harry Fullenwider and Robert N. Page III.

W. Lamont Brown had already filed when it was announced the incumbent, W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst, would not be a candidate for reelection.

This made both contests 100 per cent Southern Pines and Aberdeen which is already making it tough on their friends in the Sandhills as campaigning started in earnest this week.

**Political Newcomers**

Mr. Brown and Mr. Fullenwider are Southern Pines attorneys, while Mr. Page's shingle is hung out in his home town of Aberdeen. The first two have never before offered for elective office. Mr. Page was a candidate for the House in 1950.

Mr. Huntley is also a newcomer to the political scene. In offering for the House against the veteran Representative H. Clifton Blue, he says he is riding no issues and carrying no man's banner, but only wants to represent "the good people of Moore county."

## Republicans File For Senator And County Offices

Moore County Republicans have filed a seven-man ticket of candidates for county offices in next November's election.

Filing time for Republican candidates ended Saturday — same date as the end of filing for candidates in the Democratic primary to be held May 31. No Republican primary is held, however.

Sam C. Riddle, chairman of the Moore county board of elections, listed the Republican candidates as follows:

For State Senator—A. H. Trotter of Robbins.

For State House—W. Clement Barrett of Carthage.

For Coroner—Dr. W. N. McDuffie of Robbins.

For county commissioner — Baxter Paschal, Carthage, District 1 (Carthage township); J. B. Hammond, Robbins, District 2 (Bensalem and Sheffield townships); Charlie W. Holder, District 3 (Deep River and Ritters townships); and R. J. Marion, Cameron, District 4 (Greenwood and McNeill townships).

There is no candidate for District 5 (Sandhill and Mineral Springs townships).

In the Democratic primary, there is no candidate for State Senator from Moore county this year, in accordance with a rotation agreement among the four counties of the 12th district, Moore, Harnett, Hoke and Randolph. This rotation agreement is a party arrangement and does not apply to Republican candidates, Mr. Riddle explained.

Other offices for which the Moore Republicans did not file include judge of recorders court, solicitor of recorders court and county surveyor.

He was born in Aberdeen in 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Huntley, who now live in Southern Pines. He became interested in government, he says, when he served from 1935 to 1941 as a page in the State Senate. From 1937 to 1941 he was chief page. During this time he graduated from the Aberdeen High school and entered the University of North Carolina, to which he returned after three and a half years Navy service to win his degree in political science. With his brother W. T. Huntley, Jr., of Southern Pines he is owner-manager of the Starview Drive-in theatre.

Mr. Blue, who is editor and publisher of the Sandhill Citizen at Aberdeen, was first elected to the House in 1944 and has been reelected for every term since that time. He served a large part of his political apprenticeship in the Young Democratic club and, working up through various county offices, became state YDC president in 1949. He is secretary of the State Democratic Executive committee.

The full records of all contestants for these offices will appear in The Pilot for voter comparison at a later date, when all have made their pictures available.

The races for House and solicitor make three contests on the rather abbreviated slate which comes up for nomination in May. J. L. McGraw is opposing T. R. Phillips, incumbent, for a seat on the county board of education. Election to school board membership is actually a recommendation by the voters, as appointment is made according to this recommendation by the State Board of Education.

**Unopposed**

Other incumbents of the county board also filed: J. A. Culbertson, Robbins, chairman; T. L. Blue, Carthage Rt. 3; G. H. Purvis, Highfalls, and Jere McKeithen, Aberdeen.

Filing for county commissioner were four incumbents: G. M. Cameron, Pinehurst; L. R. Reynolds, Leaman; J. M. Currie, Carthage, and J. M. Pleasant, Southern Pines, also T. R. Monroe of Robbins replacing W. J. Dunlap, also of Robbins.

Also filing, and unopposed for reelection: J. Vance Rowe, Aberdeen and Southern Pines, for judge of recorders court, and Ralph G. Steed, of Robbins, for coroner.

Wide open is the office county surveyor, for which no one has offered. R. L. Frye of Carthage, incumbent, declined to run.

## Civic Club Will Retain Building, Make Floor Safe

Members of the Southern Pines Civic club in business session Monday voted by an overwhelming majority for the club to retain its organization and building, turning down the proposition that the building be deeded to the Town as a community center.

A report was made, however, on plans already under way within the club by which the building's scope of usefulness to the community may be widened. These plans provide for the necessary financing to repair the floor and make it safe for dancing after which it will be made available to parents for parties for their young folks.

In the annual election, Miss Florence Campbell was returned to the office of president. Others elected were Mrs. Virgil P. Clark, first vice-president; Mrs. R. L. Chandler, Sr., second vice-president; Mrs. D. Wade Stevick, third vice-president; Mrs. Edward T. Tague, treasurer; Mrs. H. W. Allen, recording secretary, Miss Ida Merriam, corresponding secretary.

Directors were named as follows: Mrs. Minnie Austin, Mrs. Gordon Clark, Miss Louise Fitch, Miss Louise Haynes, Mrs. Frank Hale, Mrs. Neil M. McKeithen, Miss Norma Shiring.

Appreciation and thanks were given to Mrs. W. E. Cox for her management of the Friday teas, and to Miss Norma Shiring and Miss Grace E. Thwing, retiring treasurer and secretary respectively, for their faithful and efficient service.

## ANY OLD CARDS?

To those who are closing their homes or apartments and going north... The Red Cross will be most grateful if you will bring those old decks of cards to the chapter office!

Cards are in great demand, and short supply, at both the Veterans hospital at Fayetteville and the Fort Bragg Station hospital. Any brought to the Red Cross office will be taken to these hospitals, to add enjoyment to the patients' recreation hours.