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Greek Air Force Officers Study USAF Lessons

Cameras Record Week's Program For M-G-M And TV

The USAF Air-Ground Operations school at Highland Pine Inn had unusual guests last week and the movie and television cameramen were there to record all their doings.

Distinguished visitors included three Greek officers, leading members of the Royal Hellenic Air Force, on a special NATC training mission to learn USAF operation procedures.

They were Air Marshal Elias Koutsoukos, Maj. George Pattas, and Lieut. Theodoros Michael. They were accompanied by Maj. Emanuel N. Stevens as U. S. Air Force escort officer. They took the complete five-day indoctrination course, attending all classes, and also went on a tour of Fort Bragg and Pope AFB, to inspect equipment.

For the Friday afternoon graduation exercise, Brig. Gen. William M. Gross staged a special outdoor ceremony in their honor.

During all this time their constant companions were movie cameras. On duty at the school were a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer newsreel crew, also a Telenev crew making a film for TV broadcast.

The TV picture has probably gone on the air by now, though The Pilot was unable to learn about this. The newsreel should reach local theatres within a short time.

Special Events Mark Scout Week For Boys, Leaders

Youthful and adult members of the Boy Scout program here will unite in the observance of Boy Scout Week, February 7-14.

Boy Scouts, Explorers and Cub Scouts will wear their uniforms all next week, in token of the 43d anniversary of the program in America.

Sunday will be Boy Scout Sunday. Churches sponsoring troops or packs will give special emphasis to scouting at the morning service. Scouts and their leaders will attend in a body.

Scout units will hold special events during the week, inviting their families as special guests.

A local highlight will be the Blue and Gold banquet of the local Cub Scout pack, a thriving organization of 62 boys in eight dens, sponsored by the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church. The banquet will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the church, followed by a pack meeting, with renewal of the charter and the presentation of achievement awards. Capt. Paul Ward is cubmaster.

Recognition Dinner

Thursday will be the night of the annual Recognition dinner of the Oconeechee Council, to be held at Lenoir Hall of the University in Chapel Hill. More than 400 scouts from the Council's 12 districts are expected to attend. A large delegation will be present to represent Moore county, which has won the attendance trophy four times in a row. The trophy goes to the largest group, traveling the greatest number of miles, to get to the dinner.

Members of the council executive board from the Sandhills expected to attend the dinner are W. D. Campbell of Southern Pines, who is also chairman of Region Six and a member of the national executive committee; W. Lamont Brown and Paul C. Butler of Southern Pines, and Hubert McCaskill, Moore district chairman, of Pinehurst.

Kiwanis Program

The Sandhills Kiwanis club will have a special program Wednesday at its luncheon meeting at the Hollywood hotel. Spurgeon Gaskin, of Raleigh, Oconeechee Council executive, will be the speaker. Invited as guests will be all district officials and chairmen, and unit leaders of Moore. Arthur Welch, of Southern Pines, will be in charge of the program.

Pinebluff Receives CP&L Contest Check, Certificate



A proud moment in the history of the Town of Pinebluff: Mayor E. H. Mills in behalf of the town receives a certificate of merit and check for \$100 from W. Ward Hill of Southern Pines, local manager of the Carolina Power & Light company.

Looking on are members of the steering committee and project chairmen who worked together to win for Pinebluff honorable mention in the CP&L's first annual "Finer Carolina" contest. They are, from left, Roy Wallace, W. K.

Carpenter, Jr., K. G. Deaton, Martin Parrish, E. C. Palmer, C. C. Parker, James Parrish, Harvey Lathan, Gordon Keith, Fire Chief N. L. Van Boskerck, Mrs. John Morgan, Mrs. Roy Griffin, Mrs. C. C. Parker, Mrs. N. L. Van Boskerck, Mrs. Leon I. Wylie, Mrs. Adelaide Schnell, town clerk, Mrs. Julia Mangum, Mrs. Constance Foster, Mrs. Timothy Cleary, E. H. Foster, J. Douglas David, Mr. Hill, Mayor Mills.

C. C. Parker, Lathan and Keith are the town commissioners.

Fort Bragg Road Nearing Completion Will Be Scenic Route To Army Line

FIRST ABSENCE

Moore County commissioners, called on to appoint a substitute judge of recorders court Monday for the first time in 18 years, directed that a letter be sent to Juddge J. Vance Rowe expressing their sympathy in his suffering as a victim of the flu, also their appreciation of his fine record of service.

It was the first time since Judge Rowe was first elected in 1934 that he had had to be absent on account of illness. The commissioners appointed Former County Solicitor W. A. Leland McKeithen to carry on as judge pro tem.

Hunting Folks Are Gathering For Trials And Ball

As the season swings into the good hunting month of February, Sandhills hotels and stables are filling up with the Two-legs and the Four-legs, come to take part in the sport provided by the Moore County Hounds.

Most distinguished arrivals are Sir Clifford and Lady Sifton of Ottawa, who came Monday to stay with the Fred McBrides. Sir Clifford is an enthusiastic hound man and has ridden to hounds with his famous hunting family, in Canada, for many years, as well as with most of the American packs.

Back again, also from Canada, are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cardy, now in residence once more at Vernon Valley Farm. With a barnful of horses, all are glad to exchange snow and frozen ground for Moore county sand.

William O'Brien of Bayonne, N. J., is here again, staying at the Southland; also Mrs. Richard Storey of Ipswich, Mass. They have vanned their horses down and expect to hunt regularly as well as show in the Hunter Trials scheduled for February 18.

Arriving Tuesday night were two more sportsmen who are putting in their annual six weeks or so with the local pack: James McKinnon of Elmira, N. Y., and Ted Baldwin of Westchester, Pa. Mr. Baldwin judged last year's trials and is expected to have one or two entries in this year's event.

Hunter Trials Shaping Up

Given the informality of the Trials it is seldom that entries are known far in advance, however prospects are extremely good, according to Mrs. W. O. Moss, secretary of the hunt and in charge of entries. All local stables are expected to have a full contingent of hunters ready for the event, these to include the well-known ribbon-winners from the Vernon Valley Farms. (Continued on page 8)

Tag Sales Here

Pass \$100,000

In Final Rush

The paved highway from the Sandhills to Fort Bragg is well on its way towards completion. With the opening up and leveling of the roadbed, this last link with the post awaits only the top surface of paving to take its place in the new road system of the state.

It will be a credit to that system and to those responsible for its construction. Running through some of the finest scenery hereabouts, it is bordered by big pines; dogwoods and redbuds grow profusely along its route. Great care has been taken to preserve the trees and beautify the roadside, the timber crews and construction gangs clearing up all debris as they went along, burying roots and tops in a big clay pit near the road.

The wide dirt surface has been laid and finished with the exception of the final quarter mile. Here, from its intersection with Indiana avenue, which occurs near the road leading to Paint Hill Farm, the new highway dips down the hill to Bethesda Road and crews are still at work leveling off, a last job expected to be finished within the next two weeks, if the good weather holds.

All but this is passable, but there will be a considerable lapse of time before the next and final step: application of the top dressing of pavement. R. G. Poindexter. (Continued on page 8)

NY Baseball Club May Come Here For April Training

A likelihood was seen this week that a northern baseball club will come to Southern Pines for April training.

Tony Lupien, general manager of the Corning, N. Y., club, wrote to the Belvedere Hotel management to ask if facilities were available, and expressing a desire to return to Southern Pines.

Mr. Lupien was formerly, manager of a Class D team of the Detroit Tigers which trained here in the spring of 1951.

After contracting Mayor C. N. Page and, through him, Supt. A. C. Dawson, Miss Helen Reed of the Belvedere was able to send Mr. Lupien their assurance of cooperation with information that arrangements can be made for the club to use the athletic field and lockers.

The Chamber of Commerce is also extending cooperation, and is writing Mr. Lupien to that effect.

Thirty young men will be housed at the Belvedere, and be boarded at Holiday's Coffee Shop from April 12 through April 28.

Two teams trained here during April of 1950 and 1951, secured through combined efforts of the Town and the Chamber of Commerce, with cooperation of the school.

Huntley Passes District Test For Morehead Prize

State's Outstanding Youths Compete For UNC Scholarships

William T. Huntley III, 17-year-old senior at Southern Pines High school, has come out on top in two eliminations, and is well on the way toward securing one of the coveted scholarships of the John Motley Morehead Foundation.

Henry L. Graves, Morehead Foundation chairman for Moore county, said that young Huntley, selected from among 26 applicants from high schools in the county, came successfully through the interview held Monday for the district at Chapel Hill. District 2 includes some 15 counties in Central North Carolina.

Next step on the march toward the scholarship at the University of North Carolina, estimated at \$1,500 a year for four years, is an interview for district candidates with the Central Scholarship committee March 2 or 3.

Mr. Graves accompanied Bill to Chapel Hill for the district test Monday, and expressed confidence this week that he would emerge as a state winner. "But, whether he gets it or not, we know we have a winner in Bill," he said. "He meets every requirement and deserves full honor on his achievement."

The scholarships are new this year, established by John Motley Morehead to develop young leadership in the State. Promising high school youths from all counties are to be offered the scholarships annually, on recommendation of the county chairman and his committee. All-round merit in leadership, scholarship and physical vigor is the main requirement. Financial need is not considered.

Bill was chosen as Southern Pines' candidate by a committee of three teachers. He transferred from the Chapel Hill High school three years ago, and has consistently stood in the top quarter of his class, while playing varsity football, basketball and baseball. (Continued on page 8)

Eviction Notice May Clear Way For Patch Building

Western Union has been served with a notice of eviction from the little frame building which has been its Southern Pines home for the past 25 years.

A hearing will be held sometime Friday before Justice D. E. Bailey as to why the utility has not moved to other quarters, as ordered through condemnation procedure January 8. The date of February 1 was set at that time, by the city building inspector, as the deadline for the move.

District Supervisor E. C. McBroome, who has been here off and on in the intervening weeks, said that several places were under consideration, but no plans had been completed this week.

In the meantime, Patch's Department store next door is chewing its fingernails, waiting to get the rickety little building pulled down and move ahead with expansion plans. Both buildings are owned by Patch's, Inc., which served the eviction notice this week.

Earl B. Owen, general manager of the department store, said that the local firm of Hayes and Marshall, Architects, has been engaged to make the plans for the new construction which will almost double the size of the store. They will also supervise the work, it gets under way.

The store is to be completely modernized, as well as enlarged, with air-conditioning throughout, an elevator and numerous other improvements. It has been hoped to complete the program in time for a "grand opening" at the start of the fall season, Mr. Owen said. If there is much more delay, though, this will hardly be possible.

The new construction will completely cover the site where the Western Union building now stands. Patch's is advertising this week for bids to tear down the 50-year-old frame structure.

Townpeople Will View New Community Center At Open House Tuesday

Evening Event Will Inaugurate Recreation Facility



James B. Swett, Civil Engineer, Passes Suddenly

James B. Swett, 68, consulting engineer, died at his home on Pine Grove road Saturday evening after a short illness.

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Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Emmanuel Episcopal church, conducted by the Rev. C. V. Covell, rector, assisted by the Rev. Gray Temple of Rocky Mount. Burial was in the family plot in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Pallbearers were Garland Pierce, Harry J. Menzel, N. L. Hodgkins, Norris Hodgkins, Jr., W. E. Cox, Jr. and L. T. Avery. (Continued on page 8)

SVA Scholarship Drive Offers Help In Nurse Shortage

The Sandhill Veterans association, continuing with its project of alleviating the nurse shortage, this week opened its seventh annual campaign in Moore county.

Through the campaign, accomplished entirely by mail solicitation, a nurse training scholarship will be provided a worthy Moore County girl, who will then return to Moore to practice her profession.

All of the campaigns of the past have been successful, beginning with the first in 1947. One scholarship has been awarded every year except in 1950, when there were two. The results are apparent in three fine young nurses, now graduated and at work, with four girls still in training.

Shortage Is Crucial

Thomas Howerton, administrator of the Moore County hospital, said this week, "I know of no need more vital, and no project carried on by a lay organization which better serves the hospitals of the State. Our nurse shortage of the past few years, far from improving, has become crucial." The opening of many new hospitals, including large government facilities, has rendered the situation desperate, he said.

Mr. Howerton happens to be a member of the Sandhills Veterans association, and is working wholeheartedly to put the campaign across. The group numbers less than two dozen young men, all veterans of World War 2. It is strictly local, with no national tie-in, and every dime taken in is employed for the campaign objective. Amounts reached in previous years have averaged approximately \$1,000, the sum required to pay all incidental costs for one girl in a three-year nurse training course.

Voit Gilmore is president of the SVA this year, and E. J. Austin heads the scholarship drive. Don Traylor is treasurer while Tom (Continued on Page 14)

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Starting Monday, the center will be available for meetings and parties, through arrangements to be made by local groups or individuals with Mrs. McNeill. Nominal fees will be in order for utilities, cleaning-up, etc. This applies also to the outdoor cooking facilities in the grove.

Mr. Ligon and his committee, which includes John Pottle and Mrs. John S. Ruggles, will meet today (Friday) for final planning and to formulate tentative regulations for use of the center by the public. These will be posted on the wall, for the townsfolk to read Tuesday night.

Aberdeen Firm Robbed Of Safe; Reward Offered

Thieves broke into the Aberdeen Supply Co., at Aberdeen sometime last Saturday night, and made off with the entire office safe and its contents.

Cash and checks in the safe amounted to \$545, it was estimated by R. E. Oldham, co-owner and manager of the feed, seed and farm supply business. Payment has been stopped on the checks.

The safe also contained many papers important in the conduct of the business.

Mr. Oldham this week announced the posting of a reward leading to recovery of the safe and papers. He expressed the belief that the robbers were interested only in the cash, and might throw away or hide the safe and papers somewhere in the vicinity.

Investigating the robbery, are Deputy Sheriff A. F. Dees, Aberdeen Police Chief Archie Phillips and the SBI. According to these officers, the work was that of professionals and similar to other robberies recently committed about the state.

The break-in was discovered by J. F. Holyfield, who operates a small grist mill in the rear of the building. The thieves were evidently unfamiliar with the layout and broke into his place first, believing it connected with the other building. When they found it didn't, they broke out again and got into the neighboring structure through a window, later unlocking the back door from the inside.

Tire marks showed where a truck or other vehicle had been backed up to the door.