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## MUCH INTEREST SHOWN

### Dr. Malcolm Kemp To Head Newly Formed County Mental Health Assn.

An interested gathering, obviously eager both to learn and to act, attended the organization meeting of the Moore County Mental Health association, held Monday at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Southern Pines.

Some 75 persons attended, rated "excellent" in view of cold, wet weather and several conflicts. Before the close of the evening, about 30 had added their names to the 47 already listed as dues-paid members.

Following the open meeting, at which Dr. Charles R. Vernon, of the psychiatric staff at Chapel Hill, was the provocative guest speaker, the membership remained for presentation of a slate of officers, who were unanimously elected.

These were Dr. Malcolm D. Kemp, Southern Pines and Pinebluff, president; Rev. F. Eugene Deese, Aberdeen, first vice-president, also in charge of programs; Harry Fullenwider, Southern Pines, second vice-president, also in charge of membership; secretary, Mrs. Edith McLeod, Carthage; treasurer, John F. Hunnehan, Southern Pines; and other members of the board, L. M. Johnson, Aberdeen; Dr. Emily S. Tufts, Pinehurst, and Rev. Martin Caldwell, Southern Pines.

Dr. R. M. McMillan, temporary chairman of the group during the groundwork-laying period, presided until election of a president. Dr. C. K. Ligon of the host church asked an invocation.

Dr. Vernon, the guest speaker, whose topic had been announced as "The Community's Responsibility in Mental Health," said that instead he would talk on "Changing Attitudes" in the community, and everywhere. He traced attitudes toward mental illness through several eras—the ancient Greeks, with their broadmindedness; the Middle Ages, and their "evil spirits"; a more recent period when mental illness was looked on as a shame and disgrace; and today, when the enlightened recognize it as "the illness of civilization."

The complexities of modern society provide fertile soil for the growth of the frustrations and anxieties which all of us support, and cope with, in some degree, but which in many cause mental and emotional ills.

As to the cause and cure, Dr. Vernon said simply, "I don't have those answers." The scientific frontier is pushing forward slowly, but as is usual with new con-

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### WSP OVER TOP IN MOD DRIVE

For the second straight year West Southern Pines has contributed double its quota in the annual March of Dimes campaign.

J. C. Hasty, in his second year as drive chairman for the community, said he was "elated" at the response to the drive. West Southern Pines' quota was \$100. Total raised, \$200.09.

Contributions were as follows: West Southern Pines school, \$50; First Baptist Church, \$15; Free Will Baptist Church, \$11.47; Bible Church of God, \$2.77; St. James Lutheran Church, \$9; Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, \$8.20; Refuge Church of God, \$13.50; Trinity A. M. E. Zion Church, \$48.84; Church of God in Christ, \$15.05; coin banks, \$16.26; and individual donations, \$10.20.

### Suicide Attempt Brings Tragedy To Farm Family

Still clinging to life by a thread, John Baptist Comer, 38, lies in a coma in Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, following a suicide attempt Saturday night, February 21.

Comer, who lived with his wife and family of seven children in a house he rents from R. P. Beasley of Vass, on Route 1 between Skyline and Lakeview, shot himself in his home late Saturday night in a fit of despondency over his inability to get work. The near-fatal shot entered the brain but did not penetrate a vital area. Medical opinion was that complete recovery was unlikely and survival itself uncertain; he remains in critical condition.

Reconstruction of the event shows that Comer had been in low spirits for months. A skilled carpenter, he was laid off last Christmas from the job in Greensboro to which he had been commuting during the week. He had tried in vain to find work in Florida, in South Carolina, at Ft. Bragg, and locally.

Said Mrs. Comer: "Everywhere he went, seems like it was the same thing. They'd tell him: 'the weather's been so bad we had to quit; come back next week,' so he'd wait a while longer, and all that time nothing coming in and we couldn't be paying up some of the debts we still owed from the year he tried raising tobacco. But he wouldn't ever take help. The neighbors, they offered it: food and things; they knew we were having it hard, but he wouldn't take anything."

Saturday night, Comer was out late and "talked wild when he came in." His wife got up and

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### Walter Davenport, Famed Journalist, Moves To Sandhills

#### Buys Home In Pinebluff For Semi-Retirement

Walter Davenport, one of the nation's top journalists and associate editor-columnist of Collier's Magazine until it ceased publication recently, has purchased a home in Pinebluff where he and Mrs. Davenport will become "semi-retired."

The home, "Cedarcote," was sold by Cad Benedict, executor of the estate of his mother, Mrs. Mary C. Benedict, who died last September. It was built about 40 years ago by Mrs. J. A. Cadwalader of Titusville, Pa., Mrs. Benedict's mother, and was used by her as a winter home until her death in 1936. The house has been occupied since as the permanent home of Mrs. Benedict.

Mrs. Davenport, in The Pilot office this week, said that "Mr. Davenport and the furniture" would arrive from Winstead, Conn., their former home, about March 25. "We expect then to make it our full-time home," she added.

Mr. Davenport, who conducted the wonderfully humorous "48 States of Mind" column in Collier's, got his start in the magazine field in 1923 as a co-founder of Liberty Magazine. He has

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### Movies To Film Steeplechase

The 10th annual Stoneybrook Steeplechase, scheduled for the Stoneybrook Stable track March 23, will be shot in full color by a crew from Movietone-News, it has been learned here. The film will be distributed over the entire country.

According to Chris Wood, Jr., of the United Hunts Racing Association, which sanctions the local steeplechase, the scenes will culminate a color film dealing with steeplechase racing in this country which has been two years in the making.

Preceding the filming of the actual races, the crew will shoot scenes of the Moore County Hounds in the field and various phases of training activities at Walsh's farm.



Earlier portions of the film, which were made at Belmont Park in New York, show F. D. "Dookey" Adams of Southern Pines winning the Temple G w a t h m e y

Steeplechase on Mrs. Ogden Phipps' "Ancestor." A highlight of the United Hunts at Belmont Park Meeting, the \$50,000 added steeplechase was the final victory for Adams. Rated by experts as the country's top steeplechase rider, he retired to enter the Jockey Club's school for racing officials and eventually serve in this division of thoroughbred racing.

### Burke Davis, Author And Columnist, To Address Historical Association

Burke Davis, author and newspaperman, will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Moore County Historical Association scheduled for eight o'clock Monday night, March 11.

The county group will meet in the Southern Pines Library, under the chairmanship of Sheriff Charles J. McDonald, president of the association.

The visiting writer, who is from Greensboro, is the author of two outstanding biographies of Southern generals; Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee, the "Grey Fox" of the book of that title which was a best seller for many months following publication more than a year ago.

Davis is also known throughout the state for his daily column, "Raleigh Notebook," which appears in the Greensboro Daily News, for which he is a staff writer. Covering in trenchant style the doings and deliberations of the politicians in that capital city, Davis's running-fire — also termed "sneak attack" — has, it is reported, caused many a legislator to beat a hasty retreat from indefensible positions.

The writer and his wife, Evangeline, editor of the Daily News' Sunday book column, live, with

### Weimar Jones To Address League Of Women Voters

Weimar Jones, one of the state's leading newspapermen, will speak on the need for reapportionment of seats in the legislature at the next meeting of the League of Women Voters, tomorrow (Friday) night at the Civic Club. The time is 8:15.

Jones, editor of the Franklin Press, has been in the news himself recently as author of a controversial minority report to the study of reapportionment.

The public is cordially invited to the meeting.

### Episcopal Laymen To Hold Statewide Meet Here In '58

The 1958 convention of the Episcopal Laymen's Society will be held in Southern Pines, it was decided at the conclusion of the annual meeting in Charlotte this past weekend.

The convention will attract about 300 laymen from all over North Carolina.

The invitation to hold the next convention here was extended by a delegation from Emmanuel Church Sunday and was unanimously accepted. This will be the first time that the diocesan-wide convention has been held in the church here.

Attending the meeting Sunday from Southern Pines were R. F. Hoke Pollock, Burton Q. Perham, Robert V. Lamb, Larry Lysterly and William Shore.

### Council To Hear Guy Phillips On School Board Plan

#### Coming Here Tuesday Night For Meeting

Guy B. Phillips, executive secretary of the State School Board Association, will meet with the Southern Pines Town Council Tuesday night to further discuss the various types of school boards currently in existence in North Carolina.

Council, which has directed much of its attention recently to the method of selection for future school boards, is trying to put a proposed new charter into final shape in time to have it presented to the General Assembly. Unofficially, they are working towards an April 1 deadline.

Mr. Phillips has already conferred with the Council through a lengthy letter, which was published in full in last week's Pilot, in which he outlined the various types of school boards and their advantages and disadvantages.

Council is trying to determine which type board — appointive, elective or a combination of both — would be most suitable for Southern Pines. At present the board is composed of five members, appointed by the Council. The proposed charter would make the board an appointive one with seven members.

Other items are on the agenda for the meeting, which will be held in the library at 8 p.m., though the school board discussion is expected to take up most of the time.

### CONCERT

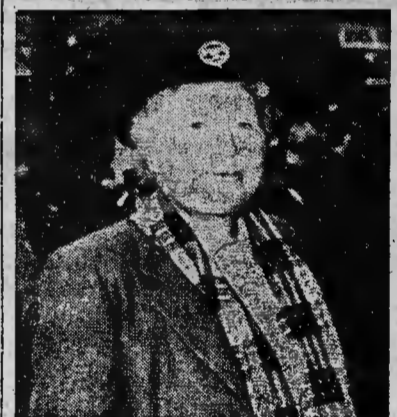
The University of North Carolina String Quartet will offer a varied concert in Weaver Auditorium tonight, beginning at 8:30. This is the third in the series of concerts under the sponsorship of the Sandhills Music Association. Tickets may be purchased at the door for the performance.

### Dame Flora MacLeod Plans Visit To Area; To Lunch With Governor

Dame Flora MacLeod of Scotland, who has visited this area many times in the past, will be here again this weekend as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen.

Dame MacLeod will address the MacLeod clan in Dillon Saturday and will come here afterwards. Nothing is on her schedule for Sunday, but on Monday she, the Johnsons and H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen will have dinner at the Governor's mansion in Raleigh.

She will also be presented to the General Assembly Monday.



DAME FLORA MacLEOD

### Pilot Takes Trip To Find Out How "Welfare" Helps Children

By KATHARINE BOYD  
Said Dr. Ellen Winston, speaking to a joint meeting of the Kiwanis and Junior Women's Clubs at the Mid Pines Club recently: "We of the North Carolina Department of Public Welfare consider that our most important service is the work done for children."

Afterwards you asked her: Why most important? "I couldn't honestly say: because there are more of these cases," she said, "and yet, if you studied the welfare case load you might come to that conclusion. The problems involving children come into many more cases than are listed under the classification of Aid To Dependent Children, or ADC, as it's called."

The State Superintendent of Public Welfare thought a moment: "The real reason," she said, "why we consider the services for children the most important of any rendered by our state and county departments is because these are essentially services of prevention. If the children can be reached—if you can get hold of them, take them out of bad environments, build them up, help them to better lives, then half the battle is won—more than half. Eventually all welfare problems would be drastically reduced."

"You might say such preventive work for children is good economy, mightn't you? A way

to reduce welfare costs?" She smiled: "You might," she said. "Of course, it's true. And you might say a lot of other things, too... such as that it's good fun—or just good, period."

What is Local Picture? What is the Welfare Department of Moore County doing about its services for children?

It is doing a lot and wishing that it could do more. In fact there is a good deal of desperation in the eagerness with which the department is looking forward to the return of a former field worker, Mrs. Ola King, from her year's training as child welfare worker, to resume her position in this new capacity. Then, it is believed, the local department will be able to give the preventive help that can be so effective, as well as carry on more ably all the services for children. The range of services is wide: from ADC, in which, through federal-state-county grants home care is assured in case of the death, absence or incapacity of a parent; foster care when the children must be removed from undesirable environments, and all the work entailed in cooperation with the county Department of Public Health in referrals for mental and physical tests, crippled children work and so on.

You decide it's about time to take a look-see, and call up Mrs. Walter B. Cole, the superintendent of the Moore County Public Welfare Department in Carthage. (Continued on page 18)

## PINEHURST FORUM

### High Army Official To Discuss Mid-East Problem Next Thursday

Lieutenant General Clyde D. Eddleman, Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, will speak at the Pinehurst Forum next Thursday (March 14) on "The United States and Collective Security."

Special emphasis will be placed on the current Middle East situation by Gen. Eddleman, who has been close to the planning during the recent critical months.

A native of Orange, Texas, Gen. Eddleman is a graduate of West Point and one of the Army's outstanding planning specialists. He worked his way through the ranks, but rose rapidly when this country entered World War 2. He served with the Sixth Army during the South Pacific campaigns and was later assigned to occupation forces in Japan.

Among his other assignments have been chief of the Plans Division of the Army, a member of the Armed Forces Staff College, and commanding officer of the Army War College.

He has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the



GEN. EDDLEMAN

Phillipine Distinguished Service Star.

His talk, the seventh in the current series of guest lecturers and musical artists for the Forum, will be preceded by the weekly buffet supper in the Country Club dining room, for which advance table reservations are required.

### Broilers And Layers Worth \$8 Million Yearly To County

Chickens are big business in Moore County.

Though 1956 statistics are not available, the county had estimated gross receipts of six to eight million dollars from the poultry industry and ranked third in the state broiler and egg production.

The gross receipts figures may, however, be misleading. Poultry operators—there are some 1,000 broiler producers in the county and an undetermined number of egg producers—were lucky last year if they broke even in a market that fluctuated erratically or, as one producer put it, "not up and down, just down."

To understand the industry with its complex "vertical plan" arrangement, 50-50 tenant-landowner plan and several others would require a great deal of hard study and months of field work. It is not so difficult, however, to understand that Moore County farmers who depend on poultry for a livelihood are afraid something is happening to the lush days during World War 2 when chicken prices were high and so were bank accounts.

The industry got its start in the county just as the war broke out. Some attribute the sudden



QUALITY BIRDS is the yardstick of Dave Drexel, who operates Whitehall Poultry Company in Southern Pines. Drexel has developed his flock, considered one of the finest in the state, by using new methods and keeping up

with the programs suggested by poultry specialists. He is one of the few operators who allows his flock to go on the "range," believing it makes for a better egg.

growth to the extremely heavy demand that lay ahead; others say it was the climate; still others lay the growth to the fact that Moore County is composed primarily of small farms and

producing broilers and eggs does not take much land. They point out, for instance, that it takes two and one-quarter pounds of feed to put a pound of weight on a broiler as against

four pounds of feed to put a pound on a hog. In one chicken house a farmer can keep as many as 10,000 broilers; it would take considerably more space than a (Continued on page 17)