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General Menoher, Member of Council, Dies At His Home Here Early Today



GENERAL MENOHER

Funeral To Be At Fort Myer, Va., With Burial At Arlington

Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher, 65, retired U. S. Army officer and prominent Southern Pines citizen, died at his home in Knollwood of a cerebral hemorrhage early this (Thursday) morning.

He was a member of the Southern Pines town council and had been prominent in civic and charitable activities since his retirement from active Army duty in May, 1952. He has made his home here since his retirement.

No funeral service will be held in Southern Pines. The body was taken to Fort Bragg this morning. Military rites will be conducted at the chapel of Fort Myer, Va., at 2 p.m. Monday, and burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

General Menoher was elected to the town council in May, 1957, and was named mayor pro-tem. He had first run for the office in 1955.

In his years of active Army duty, General Menoher had served in Europe during World War 2 and in Korea during the hostilities there. He was commanding general at Fort Bragg for a time in 1945-46 and was deputy post commander there at the time of his retirement.

General Menoher took a special interest in Boy Scout activities and served as Moore District chairman for several years—the top post in Scouting in the county. He was disaster chairman for the Moore County Red Cross chapter and held posts in the Moore Civil Defense organization. He was fond of hunting and fishing and engaged in these sports frequently in past years.

Recently, General Menoher had cut down on his activities, for physical reasons, but maintained his active interest in his work with the town council. He attended Tuesday night's regular council meeting.

General Menoher was born in Fort Monroe, Va., November 14, 1892, the son of Maj. Gen. C. T. Menoher, commanding general of the 42nd (Rainbow) Division during World War 1. He graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point June 12, 1915 and was appointed a second lieutenant of cavalry. President Eisenhower, General Mark Clark, now head of The Citadel at Charleston, S. C., and other distinguished military men were members of this class and General Menoher had

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SCOUTS PARADE—Units in last Saturday's parade here in observance of National Boy Scout Week looked like this as they marched down Broad St., to the music of the Southern Pines and West Southern Pines High School bands. In the top photo, Vass Troop 810 with flag flying,

is followed by the large Aberdeen Troop 68. Lower photo shows Explorers and Scouts from Pinehurst Troop 120, followed by the smartly turned out Jackson Hamlet Explorer Post 83, whose 28 members appeared in full uniform to furnish one of the best appearing units of the parade. —Pilot photos

Telephone Rate Increase To Be Asked By United

Vern E. Larson, vice president, and E. W. Small, commercial superintendent, of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc., announced this week that their firm is petitioning the North Carolina Utilities Commission for an increase in local service telephone rates. The Utilities Commission has jurisdiction and control over the local and long distance telephone rates charged by the companies operating in this State.

The United Company is filing its petition within the next week or ten days; it is expected that the Commission accountants will check the company's books whereupon a hearing will be set. The company is petitioning the Utilities Commission for an additional \$277,000 per year, which after State 6% gross receipts tax and State and Federal income taxes will net the company \$125,000.

Larson stated that the requested increase in local service rates will be only the second state-wide rate increase since 1930. An increase in rates of \$50,000 per year was made effective in 1951, but subsequently in 1955, a decrease in rates of \$50,000 per year was made through a rate reduction. Because there were more telephones in use in 1955 than in 1951, (Continued on Page 8)

Bond Election For Center Set For March 15

The town council put the final touches on the \$100,000 municipal center bond election Tuesday night, setting the date for Saturday, March 15, and naming Mrs. Frank Kaylor, Sr., as registrar and Mrs. Gertrude Stevenson and Joe Garzik as judges of election.

Registration books will open February 21 and close February 28 and challenge day will be March 1.

To be voted on is the issuance of \$100,000 in bonds for completing the municipal center building, including jail cells and fire department wing. Total cost of the structure is expected to be around \$200,000.

The council's action followed approval of all details of the project. (Continued on page 8)

Northern Lights Put On Display

A spectacular display of the aurora borealis (northern lights) was seen here Monday night, with the lights assuming an unusual deep red color and extending over a wide area of the horizon in the north and rising to great heights in the sky.

County Forest Ranger Travis Wicker said he received many calls from persons who thought the red light in the sky must be a huge forest fire. He said he checked all towers in the area before assuring himself that the display was not caused by fire. The northern lights are believed to result from collisions of charged particles from the sun with gasses of the upper atmosphere. A broad band of greenish light underlay the red display, along the horizon.

Attorney To Address League Women Voters

The State Judiciary will be the subject for discussion at a meeting of the Southern Pines chapter of the League of Women Voters, to be held at Weymouth, the home of Mrs. James Boyd, at 10 a. m. Tuesday, February 18.

E. O. Brogren, Jr., attorney, will speak to the group on the section of the State Constitution dealing with the Judiciary. All interested persons are invited to attend.

EDWIN GILL WILL SPEAK ON TUESDAY

Meeting in the Southern Pines Library at 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 18, the Moore County Historical Association will hear Edwin Gill, State treasurer and vice-president of the State Art Society, speak on the North Carolina art gallery, a project in which he has taken a special interest. He will show slides in connection with the work of the Art Commission. The public is invited to attend.

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Hunter Trials Set Saturday

ENTERED AGAIN—Miss Jean Cochrane of Fairfield, Conn., is pictured with her eight-year-old bay gelding, Gala Pennant, as she received a trophy from Mrs. Michael Walsh, the donor, when Gala Pennant was judged champion of the 1957 Hunter Trials of the Moore County Hounds. Gala Pennant, as well as other outstanding horses that won last year, is entered in the 1958 Hunter Trials, to be run on the course at Scott's Corners out Youngs Road Saturday afternoon of this week, starting at 2 p.m. The Hunt Ball and Dinner will follow at the Mid Pines Club Saturday night. Parking spaces and tickets may be obtained from Mrs. W. O. Moss or Mrs. D. W. Winkelman. Saturday's event will be the 26th annual Hunter Trials held here and is attracting perhaps the most outstanding field of horses in its existence, entered in five classes.

Gordon Cameron Won't Run For Commissioner

Chairman of Board Makes Announcement

Another major county office was thrown open for a contest in the Democratic primary in May, when Gordon M. Cameron of Pinehurst, chairman of the board of county commissioners, announced today that he will not be a candidate.

Mr. Cameron, who is serving his 13th two-year term on the board, made his announcement in a letter to the county's newspapers. His present term runs to the first Monday in December of this year.

Rumors that the veteran board chairman might withdraw from the commissioners' race have

been heard around the county within the past week. Some observers noted the close friendship and long association between Mr. Cameron and Sheriff C. J. McDonald who announced last week that he would not be a candidate in the primary. There is speculation that the sheriff's action may have been influential on Mr. Cameron in making his decision.

Sheriff McDonald has held his office nearly 30 years and for eight years previously had been superintendent of county road work.

The two men served in the Army together in World War 1, it was recalled, and have been close friends through the years. Mr. Cameron's letter follows:

"I would like through your paper to announce that I will not be a Candidate in the May Primary for nomination of County Commissioner to represent Moore County from District Number Five, which comprises Sandhills and Mineral Springs Townships.

"The people of Moore County have elected me to serve them for thirteen consecutive terms and I greatly appreciate the confidence and honor they bestowed upon me.

"In making this decision, I am aware of the fine fellowship that has existed between all of the Commissioners, and the many courtesies and associations that are extended to a member of the Board. These things I am going to miss.

"To the Heads of the Departments and their assistants that make up the County Government, I would like to express my appreciation for the cooperation they have given the Board of Commissioners, and commend them for their loyalty and honesty to the taxpayers whom they serve.

"Thanking every one for allowing me to serve you over a quarter of a century, I am

Most sincerely,
GORDON M. CAMERON"

Heart Fund Tag Day Saturday

With members of the Junior Woman's Club in charge, tag day for the Moore County Heart Fund drive will be conducted in Southern Pines all day Saturday. Club members will sell heart pins on the streets of the business section throughout the day.

Mrs. O. Leon Seymour of Southern Pines, chairman of the Moore County Heart Fund committee, urges a prompt and generous response to the campaign extending through this month over the county.

Chairmen for county communities are: Aberdeen, Mrs. Frank Mizell; Carthage, Mrs. Gaither Edwards; Robbins, Mrs. John Frye; and West End, Mrs. Robert Youngblood.

Persons living elsewhere in the county can give by sending contributions to Mrs. Garland McPherson, treasurer, Southern Pines, or to any postmaster, marked for the Heart Fund.

The county fund is associated with the State and American Heart Associations which are seeking to alleviate the toll of heart disease through research, education and community service.

PIANIST TO GIVE CONCERT FRIDAY

A varied program from Mozart, Beethoven, Ravel, Bartok and Chopin will be played by Jeaneane Dowis, pianist, at Weaver Auditorium Friday night in a concert presented by the Sandhills Music Association.

Season and individual performance tickets are available at Barnum Realty Co. or at the box office.

There will be a special buffet dinner before the concert at the Hollywood Hotel.

Widely acclaimed after performances over the nation, Miss Dowis has played with several symphony orchestras. She is a graduate of the Juilliard School and completed a successful tour of Europe last year.

Developments In Lace Plant Plan Show Progress

While no announcement of a final commitment has been made as to the construction of a \$351,000 manufacturing plant here by Mozur Laces, Inc., two new developments in the project point to assurance that the project will go through as planned.

R. S. Ewing, president of the Southern Pines Development Corporation, the group that has been handling negotiations with the Mozur firm, said that decision has been made by the company to move its headquarters offices here from Trenton, N. J. This, he said, will increase the size and cost of the building, but the increased portion will be financed by the company.

To Use Carriage Plant

Also, Mr. Ewing said, the Mozur company plans to rent the former Tyson and Jones factory building at Carthage, for use in a training program for employees while the plant here is under construction.

It is understood that some machinery will be moved into the building, but the instruction will be largely in "lace stripping," a skilled technique that does not require much machinery. The building will offer a place for storage of machinery for the new

General Menoher — An Editorial

The news of General Pearson Menoher's sudden death last night is a great shock to this community.

Coming here directly from a command post at Fort Bragg, he had taken up immediately, with hardly a moment of rest or relaxation, the responsibilities of leadership in the civilian community of his choice. There was hardly an organization contributing to the welfare of the people in which he did not take an active interest: from Boy Scouts to Red Cross to Civilian Defense and many more.

Tragically short as it was, his civilian career was a demonstration that the Army schools its men in response to the call of duty. Though his health, since arduous service in Korea from which he was invalided home, had been poor, he was unsparing of his strength and energy in his service of leadership, in his attention to his duties as town councilman.

This town must be proud that General Menoher chose to live here; it must ever be grateful for his interest and his service.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP FUND DRIVE LAUNCHED

Town Library, Not Yet Publicly Supported, Needs Funds Now To Continue In Successful Operation

By KATHARINE BOYD

Not long ago a newcomer to Moore County walked up to the librarian at the desk of the Southern Pines-Moore County Library and asked a question. The conversation went something, (if not altogether) like this:

Newcomer to Librarian: "This is a lovely building."

Librarian, hopefully: "We think so."

Newcomer: "And you seem to have a lot of books."

Librarian: "Oh yes, we really have. But, of course..."

Newcomer: "I just ran in to pick up that last Goudge book."

Librarian: "Well, actually..."

Newcomer: "You know, on the best seller list. Or is it out?"

Librarian: "It's not out. The fact is, we haven't ordered it yet."

Newcomer: "Not ordered it?"

But why not?"

Librarian: "No more money."

Surprising?

Here's the story:

The Southern Pines Library has been called "the most attractive small library in North Carolina and one of the most attractive in the nation."

The remark, made officially by a member of the National Library service, has been echoed frequently during the years. However, perhaps the most potent testimony to the local library's importance came from the Moore County Industrial Development Committee, which listed the library as one of the most important assets the county and Southern Pines possessed in the attraction of industry, as well as individuals, to this area.

Perhaps this whole thing links in with the sudden current discovery of the value of education: A sign of the good community is a good library; without a good library available there can be no education.

The Southern Pines Library,

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