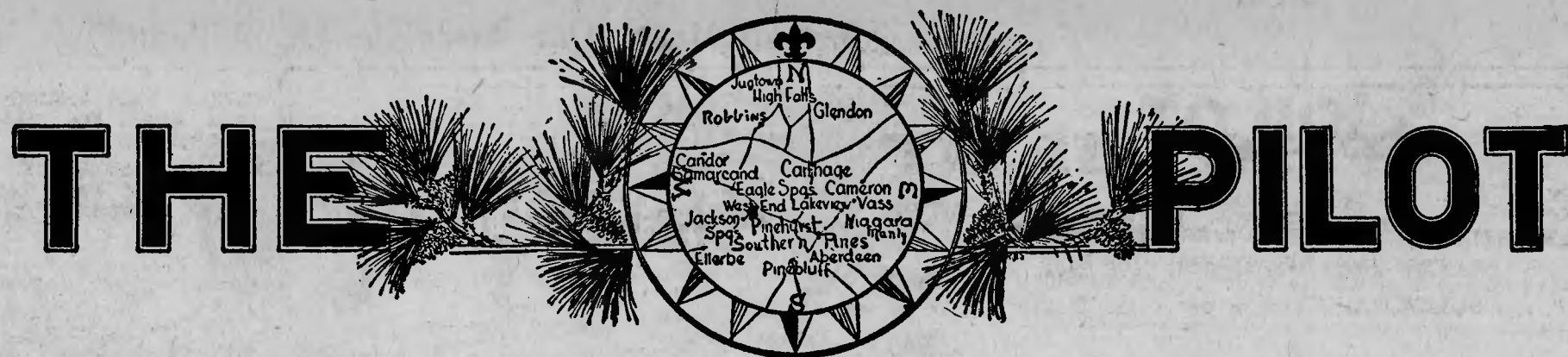


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A local man
had a reunion this week with other veterans of aviation service in World War I. Details on page 18.

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Trimble Not to Be Sold

EWING RESIGNS TRIMBLE POST

Robert S. Ewing, vice president in charge of sales for Trimble Products, Inc., has announced his resignation, effective July 1.

The local man, a member of the town council and former mayor, said that he will devote all of his time and interest to "the development and progress of The Moore County News and The Pinehurst Outlook." He is publisher of both the weekly newspapers and vice president of the Moore County News Publishing Co.

Mr. Ewing has been with Trimble since October, 1959.

Area to Observe July 4; Closing Plans Announced

Southern Pines and other Moore County communities will have a general holiday Tuesday of next week, July 4, with some business and other establishments planning to close two days, Monday and Tuesday.

The local post office will be on holiday schedule Tuesday, with windows closed and no home delivery but mails received and dispatched as usual.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Co. and other banks of the county will be closed Tuesday, as will ABC stores in Southern Pines and Pinehurst and the courthouse at Carthage.

Southern Pines town offices will be closed two days, Monday and Tuesday.

Most local offices and businesses will be closed on the 4th, with some planning to take a two-day holiday, Monday and Tuesday.

The Pilot office will be closed Tuesday. For this reason, the deadline on receiving photos for publication next week will be moved up to 5:30 p. m. Monday. Correspondents are asked to have their copy in by Monday if possible, and advertisers are asked to have copy in as early as possible next week.

OPEN HOUSE

A new "Medallion Home" here will be open to the public this week-end. See details on pages 18 and 19.

Recreation Schedule

Schedules for the municipal recreation program have been announced as follows by Bill Megginson, director:

EAST SOUTHERN PINES

Swimming
9-10:30 a. m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Leave from Memorial Field for Aberdeen Lake at 9 a. m. No fee charged. Swimming instruction Monday and Friday. "Swim-all" Wednesday.

Tennis

Instruction at the municipal courts Tuesday and Thursday, 9-10:30 a. m.

Playgrounds

Monday through Friday, 9 a. m. to noon, 2 to 5 p. m.

For ages 6 through 10 at town hall park. For ages 11 and over, at Memorial Field.

Night Games

Monday, 6:30, Little League. Tuesday, 7:30, Adult softball. Wednesday, 5:00, Girls' softball. Thursday, 7:30, Adult softball. Friday, 6:30, Little League. Saturday, 2 p. m., Midget League.

WEST SOUTHERN PINES

J. C. Hasty, Director

Daily, Monday through Friday
Activities at school, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. (sports, music, games, handicrafts; story hour 11 a. m. to noon)

Baseball, softball, tennis, after 4 p. m. at park, corner Iowa Ave. and Stephens St.

Negotiations for the sale of Trimble Products, Inc., of Southern Pines, to Strolee, Inc., of Los Angeles, have been terminated, according to William J. Donovan, president of Trimble.

Inability to reach mutually satisfactory financial terms was cited as the reason for the break-off of negotiations.

It had been announced two weeks ago that the boards of directors of the two companies had approved all of the basic details of the proposed transaction. However, the purchase of the local firm by the California company had not been announced as a completed deal.

Revelation of termination of negotiations came after Mr. Donovan's return from a conference with Strolee officials.

First public news of the proposed purchase came when Mr. Donovan outlined the plans to members of the Southern Pines Industrial Committee, of which he is a member, two weeks ago.

Both companies manufacture metal and plastic products—largely non-competitive—for the care and recreation of infants and children.

Trimble Products, Inc., which moved here from Rochester, N. Y., in 1959, is this community's largest industry. The company employs about 150 persons at periods of peak production.

Highway Patrol to Be out in Force On 4-Day Holiday

Members of the State Highway Patrol stationed in Moore County will join other patrolmen throughout the state in an all-out attempt to prevent traffic accidents over the long July 4 week-end.

The state will count its highway holiday fatality and accident toll from 6 p. m. Friday through midnight Tuesday, a period of 102 hours.

Sgt. J. S. Jones of Siler City, who is in charge of Highway Patrol operations in Moore, Lee and Chatham Counties, said that patrolmen in this area "will be out in full force" during the holiday period.

Traffic—composed largely of vacationers bound home or to resort areas—is expected to reach a peak Friday night and remain heavy during the holiday period, Sgt. Jones said. Traffic is expected to be very heavy on the afternoon and night of July 4.

Southbound traffic in this area is expected to be particularly heavy on Highways 1 and 15 and also on 211, the route that much traffic from the Piedmont area follows to beach resorts in North and South Carolina, Sgt. Jones noted.

Jaycees Plan Project

Southern Pines Jaycees will again conduct a highway safety project from 2 to 5 p. m. July 4, on No. 1 highway, north, just north of the parkway entrance. Bill Blue is chairman of the project, in which the Jaycees, wives of the Jaycees, will also take part.

The Jaycees will not stop traffic, but will have cold soft drinks and State traffic safety pamphlets available for motorists who do stop. Cpl. Moricle of the State Highway Patrol district office at Siler City will be present.

The N. C. State Motor Club of Charlotte predicts that at least 21 persons will die in traffic accidents on North Carolina highways during the four-day Fourth of July weekend.

North Carolina's July Fourth traffic toll for last year's three-day weekend.

(Continued on page 8)

Film on Communism To Be Seen Friday

"Communism on the map," a film depicting the spread of Communism throughout the world will be shown free of charge at the VFW post home on N. W. Broad St., at 8 p. m. Friday. The public is invited.

The showing, which will last about an hour, is sponsored by the local VFW and American Legion posts and their Auxiliaries.



DESTRUCTION—Practically nothing remained of a flourishing field of tobacco in the Bensalem community in western Moore County after hail on Monday ripped the leaves from the plants and pounded them into the ground, even destroying the stems. Leon Boone, owner of the field which was not insured against hail, is at left in background, surveying the devastation, with J. Shelton Thomas, a neighbor. Randall Boone, six years old, is examining remains of the tobacco he helped to plant. (V. Nicholson photo)

HUGE HAILSTONES FALL

Storm Destroys Crops

Thousands of dollars' damage to tobacco, wheat and corn crops was done Monday by huge hailstones which pelted down on the Bensalem area, then skipped over to several farms between Carthage and Glendon.

The 15-minute storm, occurring about noon, cut a two-mile swath on the Bensalem road, battering out windows, damaging roofs and denting cars and trucks with its fury.

The storm was one of several which hop-skipped about the State that day, striking out of dense black clouds. An earlier report that a tornado had hit Highfalls caused an investigation by the State Highway Patrol, but proved to be unfounded. Two hours later, the hail storm broke with unprecedented fury just a few miles away.

At Leon Boone's home on the Bensalem Road, five windows—all those on the west side of his farmhouse—were torn out and all, holes were knocked in his roof and the asbestos siding of his home was pockmarked all over the west side. In rain continuing intermittently during the day, neighbors gathered at Boone's house to patch the holes with tin so the family would have some protection.

Boone said the hailstones ranged from golfball-size on up, with "plenty of them as big as my fist," and that a tobacco barn in which he took shelter during the storm "shook all over." His tobacco, three weeks from barning, was beaten to rags.

J. Shelton Thomas, manager of the Carolina Lace Plant, Inc., at Robbins, who raises corn and livestock up the road from Boone, came home soon after the storm. (Continued on Page 8)

New Emergency Rooms Given to Local Hospital

A larger emergency section has been completed at St. Joseph's Hospital. The new installation, donated by Mrs. George Matheson of Southern Pines, consists of three examining rooms, two drug rooms and a large adjoining hallway and waiting room.

The hospital's maintenance and construction staff, under Bob Harrison, did all the structural work. Specialized work was let to various contractors.

Dr. Francis L. Owens, chief of staff at St. Joseph's, said of the new emergency section, "I'm delighted with it. It is 100 per cent more efficient and equips us now to handle just about any major disaster or accident."

The added room and the closeness of the waiting room, he explained, make easier the handling of multiple-injury accidents. Most accidents result in injuries to more than one person, he pointed out.

The three examining rooms are ceramic-tiled, for eye appeal and (Continued on Page 16)

TRIAL SET IN SEPTEMBER

Innes Arrested for Embezzlement

Roderick M. Innes, 49, former cashier of the Carolina Bank at Pinehurst, whose resignation was announced by the bank in May, was arrested Tuesday on embezzlement charges, by an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The warrant charged him specifically with making false entries and embezzling or misappropriating \$2,000 from the account of a customer of the bank during March of this year and converting the money to his own use, these being violations of the Federal Reserve Act.

He waived hearing before U. S.

Commissioner J. A. Lang at Carthage and was released under \$2,000 bond for trial at the September 11 term of Middle District court at Rockingham.

Innes, a native of Scotland and longtime civic leader in the Sandhills, had been associated with the bank since 1949 until his resignation May 5. He is a former U. S. Army officer, is married and has two children.

He had been employed by the Carolina Bank before entering military service in World War II. After leaving the Army, he worked for a time with the Sandhill Furniture Co. at West End, returning to the bank in 1949.

Final Appeal for Battleship Fund Made by Younts

With the July 1 campaign deadline two days away, Moore County has met about 80 per cent of its \$2,500 quota in the \$250,000 statewide drive for funds to save the battleship North Carolina.

Jack S. Younts, a member of the State battleship commission, today urged that all Moore residents expecting to contribute to the fund send in their gifts at once. Checks should be made out to "U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship Fund" and can be sent to Col. Don Madigan, local chairman, or directly to the Battleship Commission in care of the Governor's Office at Raleigh where they will be credited to Moore County.

Persons who contribute \$100 or more will receive commissions as admirals in the North Carolina Navy. Contributions of \$5 or more entitle donors to free admission tickets to board the battleship at the permanent location to which it will be brought in Wilmington.

Gifts to the U.S.S. North Carolina Fund are tax deductible, by rulings of federal and North Carolina revenue officials.

Moore Co. Golf Tourney Begins

Qualifying rounds for the annual Moore County Golf Tournament began this week at the Southern Pines Country Club, to run through July 9. Heavy rains over the tough, 35-36 par 71 course prevented qualifying early in the week.

Peter Tufts of Pinehurst is the defending champion and is expected to be on hand for the tournament. He is exempt from qualifying.

Last year the tournament was held at Pinehurst. Dr. Boyd Starnes was the medalist with a par 71 over the number one course.

Following qualification, the low 16 scorers will make up the championship flight. The remainder will be bracketed in other flights.

The first round will be from July 10 to 16; second July 17 to 23; and the championship or finals in each flight will be played July 24 through 30.

An entry fee of \$3 will cover expenses. USGA rules will be in effect. Harry Davis of Carthage is chairman of this year's tournament. Trophies will be given in each flight.

66-Room Holiday Inn Motel, With Restaurant, Will Be Constructed

Construction is expected to begin soon on a 66-room Holiday Inn motel, with adjacent restaurant seating more than 100 persons, and a swimming pool, at the site of the present Southern Pines Restaurant and cottages, on No. 1 highway, south.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Simpson of Sanford, owners of the property and proprietors of the restaurant and cottages now located there, said that an agreement has been reached that a Holiday Inn franchise will be signed soon, covering the motel and restaurant that they will build.

Cost of the entire project, they said, will be "very close to a half million dollars."

The Simpsons will build the new facilities to plans drawn by Grover P. Snow, Raleigh architect. Wynn Construction Co. of Richmond, Va., will be the contractor, with much of the work to be offered to local subcontractors on a competitive basis.

A Holiday Inn franchise means that the Simpsons will have the

use of the Holiday Inn name which is now borne by nearly 200 motels and restaurants in 37 states. The franchise also means that the new facilities must meet certain construction and other specifications of the Holiday Inn firm whose headquarters is at Memphis, Tenn.

Completion is expected in six to seven months, perhaps sooner, Mr. Simpson said. "I am ready now to take reservations for January 15," he stated.

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