

"Operation Talent Pool"

The North Carolina Press Association has announced "Operation Talent Pool" aimed at retired people with newspaper experience who might like the idea of working parttime.

NCPA President C. M. Ogle said, "There are people all over the state with varied experience in journalism and the graphic arts who are in good health and are finding time on their hands they would like to put to productive and profitable use."

"North Carolina's newspapers could very well offer them work opportunities to suit their retirement schedules."

The N. C. Press Association office in Morganton, with Secretary J. D. Fitz in charge, will serve as clearing house for information about these experienced persons, their fields, the time they would

like to work and their locations.

The information will be gathered and sent to newspapers all over North Carolina so that individual publishers can make their own contacts with these people. "Operation Talent Pool" should result in at least a partial alleviation of the help shortage existing in the newspaper industry in North Carolina, Ogle said.

Publishers in various parts of the state indicate a shortage of young people coming into journalism because of the Viet Nam war. In addition some journeymen are taking advantage of the provisions of the new G. I. bill, leaving their jobs in order to continue their education.

Faced with this staffing problem, the board of directors of the press association recently voted to institute the

project to match the industry's need with the availability of a sizeable number of retired people with newspaper experience residing in all parts of North Carolina.

Some of the retired people consider themselves victimized by mandatory retirement at age 65 and believe they can provide considerable useful talent if they only had the opportunity.

It is believed that this is the first industry-wide hunt for parttime employees, and press association officials believe it will prove fruitful.

"There are few publishers in North Carolina," continued President Ogle, "who don't need the services of these people in all departments of their operation, including business office, advertising, news and circulation departments, and in their composing and press rooms."

Many retired people eager for parttime work, he added, probably are not aware that so many opportunities exist.

Seven Paths

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wood and sons, Mike and Keith, toured western North Carolina and parts of Tennessee during the week-end.

Mr. Donnie Nelms spent the week-end with his parents; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nelms, Stanley and Gail. He attends East Carolina College in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fisher visited Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Fisher, and Carolyn on Sunday before Dan reported for Military duty on Monday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Moore and other family members.

Mrs. Jenny Fulghum of Littleton visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Moore last week.

Among our known sick are Mrs. Emma Moore, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Moore, V. O. Brubaker and Miss Maude Collie. Get well wishes are extended to each.

Mrs. Lizzie Sykes is in Norfolk, Va. spending some time with two daughters and their families; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Creekmore and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hunt.

Attend Phi Beta Kappa

Among those attending the Phi Beta Kappa Association Banquet held in Raleigh Monday night were Mrs. Wilbur Jolly and Mrs. Rena Bland from the Louisburg High School; Mr. Charles Yarborough and Mr. Roland Horne from Louisburg College.

Students from High School Beta Club and Honor Societies in the Wake County area were special guests. Representing Peace Junior College was Miss Claudia Speed of Louisburg, president of the National Honor Society at Peace Junior College where she is a senior. Miss Speed is the daughter of Rep. and

Mrs. James Speed. Speaker for the occasion was Mr. Virginius Dabney, a Pulitzer prize winner and editor of the Richmond Dispatch. About one hundred Phi Beta Kappa members were in attendance.

In Service

FT. JACKSON, S. C. (AHTNC) - Army Private Calvin R. Burnette, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Burnette, Route 4, Louisburg, N. C., completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training October 7 at Ft. Jackson, S. C. He received specialized instruction in small unit tactics and in firing such weapons as the M-14 rifle, the M-60 machine gun and the 3.5-inch rocket launcher.

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