

### Marine Recruiter Seeking Men For Special Platoon

Master Sergeant Vernon Hammons, Southern Pines Marine Recruiter, told the Pilot last week he is seeking men from the Southern Pines area to join the U. S. Marines with the Cape Fear Platoon which is currently being formed.

"One of the best advantages of this special platoon," Hammons said, "is that friends can join together, serve during recruit training together, and come home on leave together."

Hammons, a 16-year veteran Marine paratrooper, said that the Cape Fear Platoon will be composed of men from Southeastern North Carolina. This will include men from Southern Pines and Moore County.

"I want mentally and physically qualified men between the ages of 17 and 28 to serve in the Cape Fear Marines," Hammons said. "The platoon will not leave for training until about June 14, but I am accepting applications now."

High school students were reminded that they can sign up now as the platoon will not leave until about three weeks after graduation. He said that members of football and basketball teams who join together can serve as a special squad in the Cape Fear Platoon.

According to Sgt. Hammons, men interested in serving with the Cape Fear Platoon can join

### Retarded Child Aid Organization Slates Meeting

The annual state meeting of the North Carolina Association of Parents and Friends of Mentally Retarded Children will be held in Fayetteville Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, it was announced today by Mrs. S. J. Thomasson, Jr., publicity chairman. A dinner meeting for state and district officers will be held in the Prince Charles Hotel Saturday at 6:30 p. m.

The Sunday sessions will begin at 1 o'clock with an open house at the Fayetteville School for Exceptional Children, and will be followed by the main meeting at 2 o'clock in the school auditorium on Fort Bragg Road.

Dr. Herbert Koepf-Baker, head of the special educational department of Western Carolina College, will be principal speaker. All parents and friends of handicapped children are cordially invited to attend.

For two, three or four years. Those interested in joining the Cape Fear Marines, should contact Sergeant Hammons at the Post Office building in Fayetteville.

It was pointed out that all the advantages, such as attending specialist schools, opportunity for travel and adventure, and the chance for continuing education through correspondence courses, will be granted for men who join under the Marine's two-year service plan.

### Reports From Cancer Society's Drive Encouraging, Says Moore Chairman

Reports from the American Cancer Society's Moore County campaign, which has been organized in every community in the county, are fairly encouraging, says Dr. William Nicol of Carthage, county chairman of the drive this year.

The chairman expressed appreciation for the generosity shown so far and urged that all persons intending to give turn over their contributions to the local chairman as soon as possible.

Quota for the county is \$3,400, divided as follows, with each community chairman also listed:

Southern Pines, Mrs. J. S. Milliken, \$700; Pinehurst, Mrs. W. D. Hyatt, \$600; Aberdeen, Mrs. S. L. Windham, \$350; Carthage, Dave Ginsberg, \$400; West End, Clyde Auman, \$100; Vass, Mrs. J. A. Hudson, \$100; Cameron, Mary Thomas and Rachael Phillips, \$50; Robbins, Mrs. Alexander, \$400; Pinebluff, Mrs. Wade Tyner, \$50; Glendon, Mrs. Eugene Warren and Mrs. Miller Tillman, \$15; Eastwood, Mrs. Sam Boggs, \$25; Highfalls, Mrs. J. C. Russell, \$50; Eureka, Mrs. Lingerfelt, \$15; Eagle Springs, Mrs. John Monroe, \$35; Jackson Springs, Mrs. Elmer T. Blue, \$25; Seagrove, Mrs. Ben Owen, \$30; Hillcrest, Miss Grace Tilman, \$15; Bensalem, Mrs. W. W. McInnis, \$15; Lakeview, Mrs. Alton Matthews and Mrs. Ben Gullidge, \$50;

Roseland, Mrs. Wilbur Layton, \$10; Howard's Mill, Mrs. Johnny Howard, \$10; Calvary, Mrs. Willie Myrick and Mrs. E. T. Finchum, \$10; Garner's Store, Mrs. Doris Garner, \$10; White Hill, Mrs. G. P. Jones, \$15; Manly, Mrs. J. B. Cameron and Mrs. Etta Richardson, \$25; and Samarcand Manor, Mrs. Reva Mitchell, \$15. Expect Best Response

J. Glenn Critchfield of High Point, state campaign chairman, said recently: "The entire State, and almost every community, is participating

in the educational, fund-raising drive. We are anticipating the greatest response in the 15-year history of cancer control in North Carolina."

Funds will go toward support of the national cancer research program, education of the public and assistance with professional education projects, and service to cancer patients.

**Prospects Brighter**

"This year, more than ever before, we are encouraged by the prospects in cancer research. Nearly one-third of the funds raised in North Carolina will go toward the support of valid research which we hope will soon provide the answers to the cancer riddle. It is interesting to note that some of the most important cancer research in the nation today is being done in North Carolina, and that this state will receive more research funds from our national organization than we actually raise for research in the State. At Duke, Wake Forest, and the University of North Carolina, as well as in such medical centers as Charlotte, pioneering cancer research is in progress," Critchfield commented.

The first state office of the American Cancer Society, N. C. Division, was opened at Mount Airy in 1941. The first campaign netted \$4,544.18. Last year the crusade returns amounted to over \$341,000.

**Centers Established**  
By 1946, the Society had helped establish the Division of Cancer Control in the N. C. State Board of Health by donating a \$25,000 grant-in-aid. In 1948 the system of free cancer detection centers was initiated in the State, supported by the State Board of Health, and sponsored by local and State medical societies and local units of the American Cancer Society.

In 1952, the North Carolina Cancer Institute, a nursing home for needy patients in the terminal stages of cancer, was opened at

Lumberton, financially supported by the State Division of the cancer society. The home serves patients from all counties of the State, without regard to race or economic status.

Last year, state headquarters of the Society were moved to Ral-

leigh. Dr. John Robert Kernodle of Burlington is the president of the N. C. Division, and Mrs. Donald S. Stone is executive director.

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