

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT FILLING STATION AND BUS STATION IN TOWN OF SOUTHERN PINES.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held in the public library in the Town of Southern Pines at 8:00 o'clock p. m. on the 27th day of December, 1956 in connection with petition for permission to construct a filling station and bus station at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Leake Street in the Town of Southern Pines, on that particular property more particularly described as follows:

Being lots Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16 in Block L and 6 as shown on map of Town of Southern Pines, Moore County, North Carolina, which map is duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Moore County.

All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at said public hearing and in case of a protest against the granting of such consent to construct said filling station and bus station on said property signed by the owners of 20% or more either of the lots included in the same block as the proposed site of said filling station, or those directly opposite thereto extending 400 feet from the street frontage of such proposed site of said filling station, in any direction of the street adjacent to such proposed site of said filling station, such consent shall not be given except by favorable vote of three fourths of all the members of the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines.

This 11th day of December, 1956.
(S) LOUIS SCHEIPERS, Jr. Clerk, Town of Southern Pines

SANDHILL CERAMICS

Three Local Residents Do Well In Venture That Started As Hobby; Shop Now Open To Show Wares

Here's a situation that would cause envy in almost anyone.

Suppose, for a minute, you have a hobby, get requests to turn it into a business, which you do, then discover all of a sudden that wholesaling has taken the fun out of the hobby.

What would you do?

The situation did happen and the three people who were directly involved did the only thing left open to them: they went into the retailing business, where they can make their products unhampered by the peering eyes of the wholesaler who is constantly saying: "Sure, it's pretty, but will it sell?"

The three are Marion de Costa, Don Moore and Mildred Gruebl, who have more fun than most people and, better still, manage to make a little money out of it.

They have joined to form Sandhill Ceramics and show off their wares at the Craft Shop, recently opened in the Woodlyn Motor Court between Aberdeen and Southern Pines.

"We started this hobby simply as a means of self-expression," Moore says, "and never had any idea it would grow the way it has. We get stumped when trying to explain it."

All three have diverse backgrounds: Moore teaches art in the Southern Pines school system and serves as principal of the elementary school; Mrs. de Costa, a student of New York art schools, has had several exhibits in the Southern Pines Art Gal-



FETTLING, the process of removing blemishes on mold-formed pottery, is a job that requires the able hands of all three partners in Sandhill Ceramics, newest craft in this area. Pictured here, left to right, are Miss Mildred Gruebl, Mrs. Marion de Costa, and Don Moore, who operate the hobby turned business. (Pilot photo)

ery and has sold many portraits and landscapes; Miss Gruebl, who has designed jewelry, is a commercial artist.

The talents fit nicely together. Moore first got the other two interested in ceramics after a visit to Western North Carolina a couple of years back. While there he visited a ceramics shop near Asheville and asked a few questions. It was on that meager background that he decided that making ceramics might be just the thing to have fun with. He later interested Mrs. de Costa and Miss Gruebl and they ordered some of the basic needs for turning out the various pots and

vases they had in mind. Space was set up in the rear of the de Costa home on US Highway 1 South of Southern Pines. Since that beginning Mr. de Costa, whose workshop was commandeered for the venture, has moved again and is being slowly pressured into giving up more space.

Moore says: "You take a thing like this where you can mold what you want and paint it the way you think is best and it's a lot of fun. While learning we did have a lot of fun, even though we made more than the normal share of mistakes. "But after a while we found

ourselves with no place to put all the things we made and it was inevitable that we start looking for ways to dispose of them. Selling to gift shops seemed like a good idea."

Mrs. de Costa and Miss Gruebl loaded up the car on numerous occasions and headed for the mountains and the gift shops there; they returned with nothing but orders for more.

The hobby, it seemed, was turning into a business. The three craftsmen turned to taking wholesale orders for their wares. They also exhibited in gift shows and found their products

were enjoying a mild success. But worrying about production scheduling, bookkeeping and other things that go along with being in the wholesale business (Continued on Page 20)

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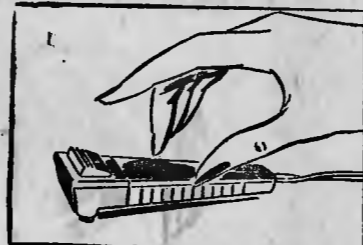
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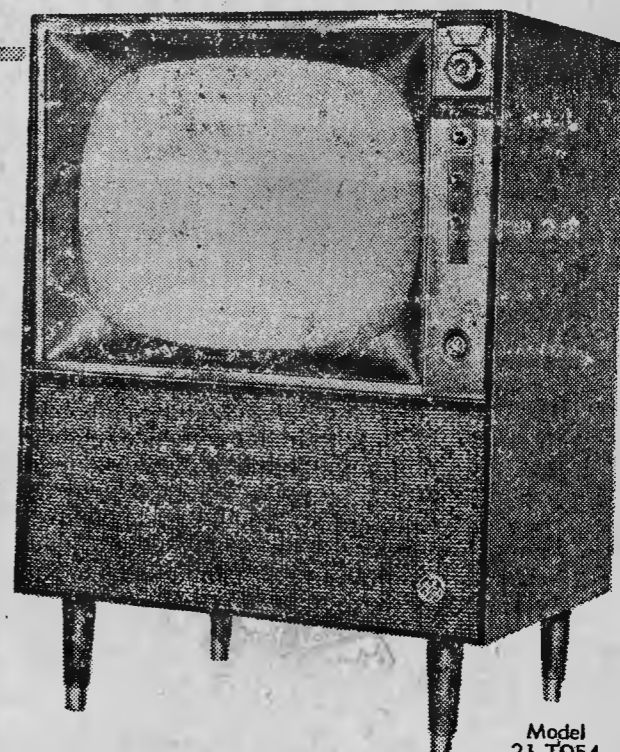
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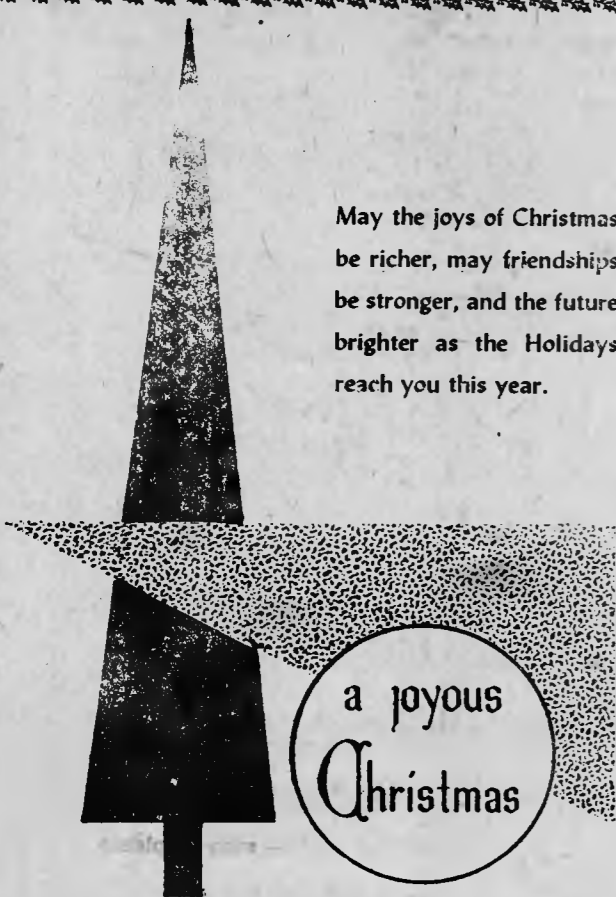
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