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We heartily agree with Bob Baker, who handles public relations for the Belk store here, in his high regard for New Bern's Pilot Club. These business and professional women, 27 in number, have demonstrated that you don't have to be the biggest organization in town to wield great influence for good.

Membership is restricted to two in each occupational category, but there's nothing restricted about the group's goals, and more importantly, its accomplishments. The only fault we find with the club is failure to blow its own horn as loudly as it should.

Modesty is commendable, but we're inclined to think that these Pilot gals ought to take heed of the Biblical admonition against hiding your light under a bushel. Even so, they've kindled so much illumination in the community that the heaviest fog couldn't hide it.

Baker was guest speaker Monday night, at the club's monthly meeting. A stickler for facts he did considerable research on the organization's aims and local achievements, so he wouldn't be at a loss for words (imagine that) when he got on his feet.

He learned so much that his planned theme of presenting a favorable image through unselfish consideration for others melted away somewhat into an outright hymn of praise. A discerning guy, Bob realized that the members were already doing, in many respects, what he intended advocating.

In the past, and in the future, Pilot activities include sponsoring two girls for the Salvation Army's summer camp, birthday cards to all patients at the Williams-West and Neuse Forest Convalescent Homes, and assistance to the Mental Health Association's program for "stay at home" children.

They find joy in Operation Santa Claus, sending gifts to Cherry hospital and Caswell Center, are keenly interested in the New Eyes for the Needy project, provide club scholarships for deserving students, contribute to CARE, investigate blind corners in the interest of safety and notify City Hall of their findings. In turn, they have pledged to work with the New Bern police department in the promotion of bicycle safety.

Further proof that the Pilot club is no place for the lazy to find a setting for idleness are plans for sponsoring one performance of "Androcles And The Lion" by the Dixle Theatre of Greensboro, and an Easter Party for children at the Day Care Center.

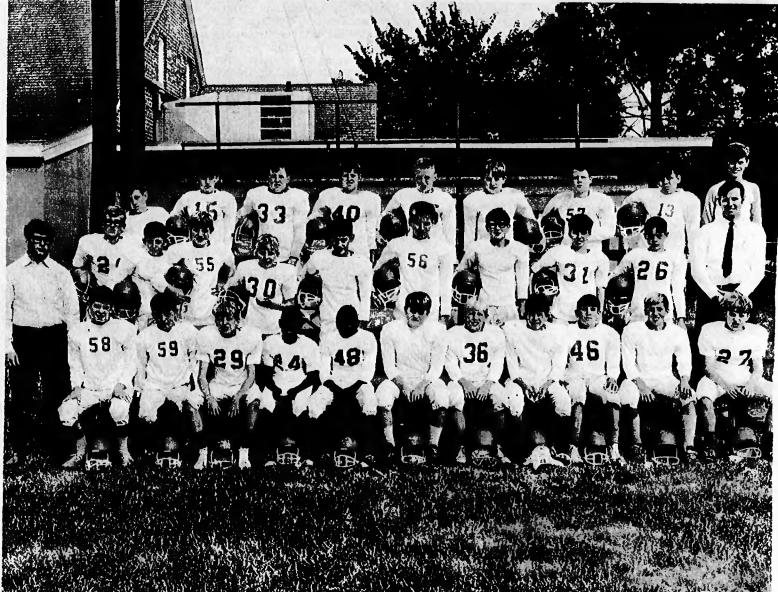
The club will make a contribution this year to the local department of public welfare, to provide gifts for children in boarding homes who are not remembered with presents from their own families. It will make a contribution to the Mental

Health Center for equipment.

Pilot members aren't ashamed of being patriotic. Activities for the year include a
Buy A Flag, Fly a Flag promotion in the community, and
sponsoring of a Patriotic Poster contest in the fifth and

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AT IT AGAIN—They play for keeps in the New Bern Recreation Department's Midget League, and seen here are two of the teams providing the excitement. In the white jerseys are the Lions, coached by Jim Ross and Howard Carrier, Jr., and sharing our front page are the Rams, coached by Roy Whitford, Buck

Jones, and Ike Riggs. Before the other ball clubs in the loop get hot under the collar, we hasten to inform them that The Mirror is going to run their pictures, too. And you midget cheerleaders, we haven't overlooked you.—Photos by Chick Natella.