

Heavy Losses Force Closing Of Amerotron

No Demand For Products, Top Official Says

The closing down "after processing stock on hand" of the Amerotron textile plant in Aberdeen was announced to a group of Aberdeen business and civic leaders by Robert L. Huffines, president of Amerotron Corp. at a meeting Monday.

The action, Huffines told the group at the noon meeting, was necessary to overcome heavy losses suffered by the company in recent months. Huffines said the plant had been losing between \$100,000 and \$180,000 per month for several months.

Employees at the plant, numbering between 500 and 550, learned the news at 2 p. m.

R. M. Cushman, executive vice-president, told *The Pilot* Tuesday that present plans call for retaining the entire accounting department of Amerotron Corporation's far-flung plants at the Aberdeen location. Others will also be retained, Cushman added, and would continue to operate the central office of Amerotron until the building is sold to another concern.

"Actually," he said, "the number of employees in the departments that will remain here is about 100-150. If the present building that houses the offices is not sold along with the rest of the plant, we expect to remain in it. If it is sold, we will build another in this locality."

Huffines coupled his announcement with a statement that all the opening, picking, carding, drawing, roving, spinning and winding equipment of Aberdeen will be promptly transferred to the Red Springs plant, which will be in addition to the equipment already there.

"First priority on all newly created jobs in the Red Springs plant as a result of establishing this carding and spinning operation there will be given present Aberdeen employees," he said.

Cushman estimated that there would be in the neighborhood of 300 jobs available at the Red Springs plant.

Huffines statement said that provisions for additional housing at Red Springs had been made, and added that the sale of the Aberdeen plant.

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Lloyd Clark Named Precinct Chairman Succeeding Hill

Lloyd T. Clark, former mayor of Southern Pines and long prominent in Democratic Party circles in this area, has been elected new chairman of the Southern Pines precinct committee.

He succeeds W. Ward Hill, who resigned for health reasons.

Ervin Coming
Since Clark's selection as chairman of the committee he has succeeded in obtaining Senator Sam Ervin as speaker for a rally which will be held October 30 at the school cafeteria here. The appearance of Senator Ervin is considered a tremendous feather in the committee's collective cap, since he has been in constant demand for speaking engagements at many other rallies throughout the state.

Clark's election came at a meeting of the precinct committee last week which was marked by several changes in the makeup of the committee.

Mrs. Ruth B. Swisher, vice chairman, offered to resign in view of rumors that she planned to vote for President Eisenhower this fall. She denied the rumors and was persuaded by other members of the committee to stay on.

W. B. Holliday also tendered his resignation, because of pressure of business, but it was put off until a later date.

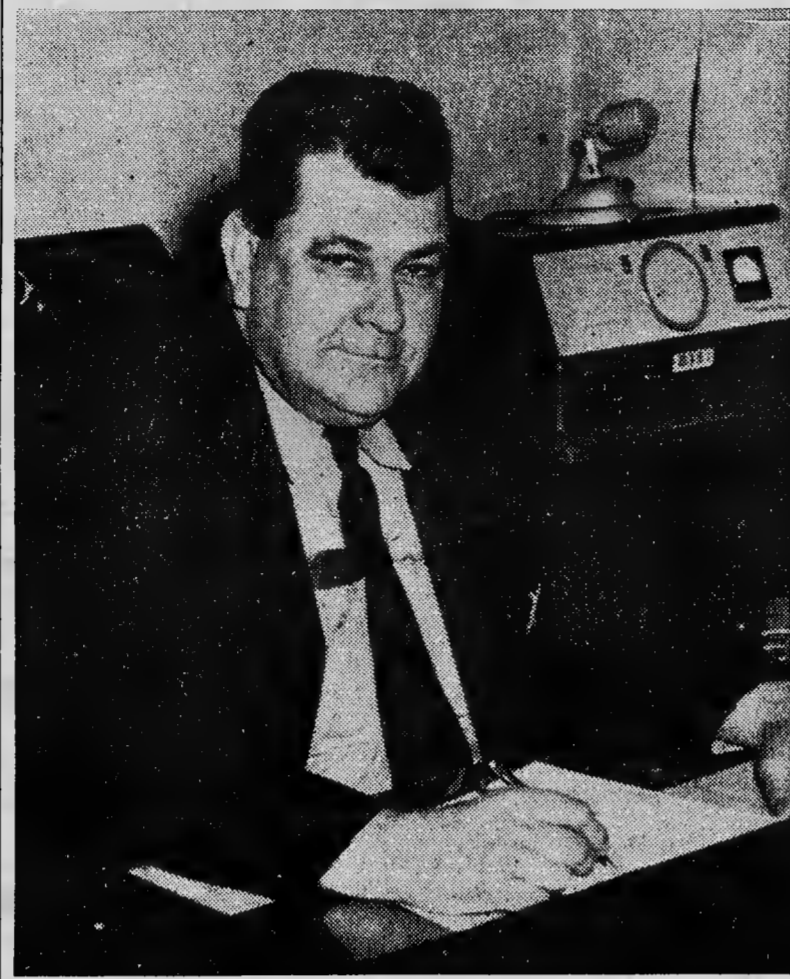
One other change was made in the committee, L. F. Garvin, who has recently moved to Florida, was replaced by Joe C. Ervin.

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POLIO REPORTED

The county's second polio case of the year, a three-year old Negro boy of Taylor-town, Pinehurst, was reported today by Paul Butler, chairman of the county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The young boy, son of Mrs. Betty Washington, has been taken to the Medical Center at Chapel Hill where he is receiving treatment.



CHIEF NEWTON

CONGRATULATIONS!

Chief Newton Will Observe 25 Years On Local Police Force This Saturday

Chief C. E. Newton this week rounds out 25 years of service with the Southern Pines police department—and has probably been too busy even to remember the date.

Others, though, remember that it was October 7, 1931, that he joined the force. He was made Chief of Police in January, 1940.

This record is notable in that, in a profession of many occupational hazards, few chiefs of police can be found who have spent a quarter of a century with the same department; also in that it is even rarer for this to have been spent in his home town.

On top of that, Southern Pines can boast a Chief who has completed this period of service with the high esteem of his fellow citizens, as well as of other law enforcement officers and court officials of the county and of the State.

He is currently serving as President of the Moore County Law Enforcement Officers Association, succeeding Sheriff C. J. McDonald, who was the first president of this organization. He is recognized throughout the State as a skilled investigator and thoroughgoing officer who has never lost sight of the problems of the policeman on the beat.

Few cases remain unsolved on his books. While there have been some extraordinary cases for him to handle—as is natural in a somewhat extraordinary town—his record of crime prevention is also splendid in that Southern Pines can boast of an extremely low crime rate.

He is known to Carthage as one of the most thorough officers bringing cases into court there. Solicitor W. Lamont Brown said this week, "He is the only officer who has never lost a case, during my service with the court. When he brings in a case you can be sure everything you need is there."

In the interest of a surprise recognition of Chief Newton, *The Pilot* made no special survey for "quotes." However, a random downtown sampling has indicated unreserved approval on the part of businessmen and others of the way Chief Newton conducts police affairs in town, and the protection which is accorded them.

"He is the finest!"—"He is fair, shows no favoritism!"—"He does his duty, that always comes first!"—"He has done so much good that a lot of people know nothing about!"—These were some of the sample quotations.

His work with young people, especially boys caught in wrongdoing, has won deep heartfelt praise from parents. One mother

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HARD CHORE for judges will be to make a selection from the above candidates for "Beauty Queen" of the annual Homecoming festivities of Southern Pines High School tomorrow (Friday) night. The three, representing different classes in the high school, will vie for the honor at the football game tomorrow night when Southern Pines meets Clayton. One will be crowned at halftime. Pictured, left to right, are Lin Holder, representing the sophomore class, who will be escorted by James Humphrey; Jo Anne Goodwin, junior class, escorted by Philip Guin; and Patti Hobbs, senior class, escorted by Howard Morgan. Mary Jane Deadwyler, representing the freshman class, could not be present when picture was made. She will be escorted by David Prim. (Emerson Humphrey photo)

Homecoming Celebration Set Friday; Queens, Bands, Prizes On Program

The Southern Pines Blue Knights will play their annual Homecoming game tomorrow night when they meet Clayton, a team that Coach Irie Leonard expects to furnish the stiffest competition his charges have had all season.

The Knights, sporting three straight wins, all by large margins, have had two full weeks of rest and are expected to be in full strength for the game.

In preparation for the event, sponsored annually by the Southern Pines Rotary Club, a number of stores in the business area have been decorating their windows with attractive window displays, and three girls have been selected to compete for "Beauty Queen" honors. One of the three will be crowned at half-time festivities.

Also scheduled for half-time is the awarding of a number of prizes for lucky ticket holders, and a program by the Southern Pines High School band and choral group.

Last year the Knights defeated Clayton for the Eastern championship of six-man football, and most observers think, have an excellent chance of defeating them again this year.

The Knights are presently rated the top six-man team in the state.

Library Sets New Hours For Winter Starting At Once

The Moore County library in Southern Pines is now on its regular winter schedule, Mrs. Stanley Lambourne, librarian, told *The Pilot* this morning.

Closed on Wednesday afternoon through the summer months, the library will now remain open on Wednesday afternoons during the fall and winter.

The present schedule: Monday through Friday—open from 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., and from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Saturday—open 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., and from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Carousel Entries 'Pouring In' With Five Weeks Left

Entries for the annual Golf Carousel "poured in" one day this week, Bob Dunn and Charlie Clapp, co-chairmen of the reservations and invitations committee said.

"We had ten from one man alone in Massachusetts; others have been coming from up and down the Eastern seaboard, and many people have indicated they would play who have not as yet sent in their entry blank," they said.

The entry list, with still five weeks to go before the tournament is played November 8-11, is way ahead of what it was last year at this time.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors this year, have mailed approximately 6,000 invitations to date.

Council Votes Acceptance Of Original Town Building Plan

Improvement Program At Country Club Nearing Completion; \$18,000 Expended

A major improvement program at the Southern Pines Country Club, first since the Elks Home of Southern Pines, Inc. assumed operation of the club in 1951, is well underway and should be completed within 60 days, Bob Strouse, club president, said this morning.

Centered around the golfing facilities, the improvement program is costing approximately \$18,000. The major portion of work has been the installation of a new watering system and the enlarging and reshaping of a number of greens.

"Within two months," Strouse said, "the course, already in good shape, will be in an excellent condition. For the past five months we have been working on the fairways, fertilizing and aerating them. We have also enlarged a number of greens that had been considered fairly small and reshaped a number of others to make them more attractive from a golfer's standpoint."

A new watering system, complete to every tee and green on the course, has been installed and outlets have been provided to all fairways. Installation of pumps will complete that phase of the work.

In the club's overall improvement plan it had also been decided to build a number of women's tees, several of which are now nearing completion.

The parking lot has also been revised, and is now equipped to handle more than twice the number of cars prior to the enlarging work.

Strouse said that a dirt road (Continued on Page 5)

The design of the new town hall building, which calls for contemporary architecture, has been accepted by a unanimous vote of the Town Council.

The vote was taken at a special meeting of Council Monday and concluded six months of deliberations by Council and Thomas T. Hayes, Southern Pines architect who designed the building.

The design, which was considered by many to be too radical a departure from the Colonial type architecture prevalent in many of the town's buildings, calls for two courtyards and the use of textured materials, such as colonial brick and wooden panelling.

In a prepared release this morning the Council said that certain facts should be told all townspeople in connection with the decision.

A part of the release follows: Many Hearings

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"The floor plan will best serve the public by such modern conveniences as a drive-in window for payment of bills, adequate areas for driver license examinations, etc.

"The building is designed to serve Town needs for the foreseeable future and can always be enlarged more practically and at less expense than any other architectural style.

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Chub Seawell Blasts President

Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., Carthage attorney and Republican candidate for Governor of North Carolina in 1952, got off a letter this week to President Eisenhower in which he castigated the President, the Republican Party and several of its top members, and had words of praise for Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic Party's candidate.

The letter, which is printed here, is another in a series of what the popular attorney calls "missiles to Washington." Previously, he has fired off letters to Attorney General Herbert Brownell, one of which received nationwide publicity, and to several others on President Eisenhower's staff.

The Letter
Dear Cousin Dwight D.:— Don't show this letter to Jim

Hagerty or any of the operators of the Nylon Curtain. They don't understand the South, the customs and friendliness of the South, and calling you "cousin" might seem irreverent and sacrilegious. They consider all in the South as narrow-minded, provincial nationalists, more in love with the Suwanee River than the Suez Canal, and therefore unfit to aid in the building of the new modernistic Tower of Babel.

Since, however, all indicators point to your reelection as President, I desire to warn you of the dangers of Dewey-ism. Dewey-ism is the same thing as in-the-bag-ism, skimmed over with holier-than-thou-ism.

You are not running this time against Adlai Trumanson, but against Adlai Stevenson, who is (Continued on Page 5)



FIFTEEN TREES, located on the north side of West Pennsylvania Ave., between Leak and Saylor streets, were the subject of a recommendation made by the Southern Pines Town Council to the State Highway Commission this week. Council, at the request of local garden clubs, has suggested that no sidewalk be built where the trees now stand, as was originally scheduled in the Highway Commission's plans. The cars are sitting about three feet from where the curbing would be built. (Pilot photo)

No Action Yet On Pennsylvania Ave. Trees; Garden Clubs Ask Retention

Following up last week's story on the tree retention study made by local garden clubs and individual citizens to preserve as many as possible of the trees along Pennsylvania Avenue, in the contemplated widening of this street, this newspaper reports that, to date, no direct action has been taken to proceed with the work. However, the town council will recommend to the state engineers that the sidewalk stretch along the north side of the avenue, between Leak and Saylor streets, be omitted from their plans. This will save the row of large cedars and pines in this block.

This decision was made following the recent visit to the site and study of the townspeople's proposal, made by the entire council.

According to a letter received by the mayor from R. G. Poindexter, state division engineer, this alternative is agreeable to the state, although Mr. Poindexter pointed out that it does represent a deviation from usual plans and has the disadvantage of losing a walkway along one side of a main artery connecting the town with the new bypass.

With Mr. Johnson, engineer in charge of the road construction, away in Raleigh this week, work on the street is not expected to get under way for at least another week, Mr. Poindexter stated.

Unanimous Vote Gives Go Ahead For Modern Plan

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American Legion To Install New Officers Tomorrow

A. R. McDaniel will be installed as the new commander of Sandhills Legion Post 134 at ceremonies tomorrow (Friday) night.

The installment, at which a number of others will also take office, will be conducted by General R. B. Hill, beginning at 8 p. m. at the Legion Hall on Maine avenue.

The new officers, in addition to McDaniel, are A. G. Bower and Edwin L. Finch, vice-commanders; L. L. Woolley, adjutant; Edward Cox, finance officer; the Rev. Cheves K. Ligon, chaplain; W. Thomas Wilson, sergeant at arms; Col. F. M. Dwight, historian; and D. D. S. Cameron, service officer.

Committee chairmen to be inducted are Karl Klabbatz, membership; J. T. Overton, rehabilitation; Dr. P. J. Chester, child welfare; Chan N. Page, athletics; Dr. George G. Heinitch, Americanism; Jerry V. Healy, Boys State; John D. McConnell, public relations; Howard Butler, oratorical contests; Dan R. McNeill, guardianship; Henry L. Graves, memorial services; and E. B. McDonald, Boy Scouts.

All officers and members of the women's auxiliary will attend the ceremonies as guests; other veterans have also been invited to attend.

E. B. McDonald is retiring commander.