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COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY

Processing Of Area Industry Data To Get Under Way; Plan Brochure

Mayors or delegates from every community in Moore County have been invited to a meeting here Monday to start processing data for a brochure that is being prepared in an attempt to lure more industry into this area.

The invitations were made by Mayor Voit Gilmore and John Ostram, who is chairman of a six-man committee that has been assembling the data.

Meeting at radio station WEEB at 5 p.m., the group will be joined by Al Grant of the Department of Conservation and Development and others interested in the movement.

Ostram said this morning that William Burroughs, comptroller of Amerotron Corp. in Aberdeen, has extended the use of his staff to help with technical material and that he and others would be at the meeting.

The committee has been working for about three weeks assembling the data from various government offices in Raleigh and Washington, as well as Southern Pines and Carthage. They have reported to Ostram informally that the picture for obtaining industry is bright and that a brochure containing the necessary information should be the first order of business.

Grant had suggested such a procedure when he visited here early in September to help advise the group as to the best and most effective procedures to take.

A. PAUL KITCHIN

A. Paul Kitchin To Address Democrats

A. Paul Kitchin, Democratic nominee for Congress from the 8th North Carolina district, will address a Democratic rally at West End Monday.

Kitchin, who defeated C. B. Deane of Rockingham in the May primary, has been appearing at a number of raillies throughout the district and has scheduled a talk at Aberdeen next Saturday, October 20, to help wind up his activities before the November elections.

The rally at West End is one of a series planned by the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee, headed by W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, in an effort to get out a big Democratic vote November 6.

Brown said the rallies so far have been "tremendously effective" and noted with approval that more people are attending at each one. He said that Kitchin's appearance at West End would probably produce a full house.

Bach Program To Be Presented By Airborne Group

A chamber music ensemble from the 82nd Airborne Division band of Fort Bragg will present a concert, "Bach Brandenburg Concertos" at the Church of Wide Fellowship Wednesday night at 8:15.

Roger Gibbs, choir director at the church, said the music ensemble would consist of organ, piano, flute, violin and trumpet. He said that no admission to the program would be charged but that proceeds from donations would go for the fund for a new organ in the church.

Request For Negro Policeman Turned Down By Council

Citing a fixed budget as something that simply cannot be tampered with, the Southern Pines Town Council once again turned down a request for a Negro policeman to patrol in West Southern Pines.

The action was taken at the council's regular monthly meeting at the library Tuesday night.

T. T. Morse, who has made several requests for the addition of a Negro to the police force, said the problem in West Southern Pines is becoming "acute" and termed the employment of a Negro policeman "a necessity if we are to give real and full police protection to the entire town."

He said the present police force is doing an excellent job, calling specific attention to West Southern Pines, but said that a Negro on the force would be of tremendous advantage in doing some things that the force is not presently equipped to do.

He cited the recent roundup of 52 bootleggers, the great majority of them Negroes, as "inside" work by Negro agents and said the roundup would have been impossible had it not been for such

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JohnPonzerNamed Lt. Governor Of District Kiwanis

John L. Ponzer of Southern Pines, president of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, was elected lieutenant governor of the Fourth Division, Carolinas District of Kiwanis International, at the district's annual convention in Charleston, S. C., on Tuesday.

The division includes 11 clubs.

A report on the convention was given at the Sandhills' club's meeting on Wednesday by one of its delegates, James D. Hobbs, of Southern Pines. Others from the local club attending were Dr. C. C. McLean, Edward L. Kitchins and Ponzer, of Southern Pines, and Lawrence Johnson of Aberdeen.

In addition to honoring Ponzer, the convention named Southern Pines as the site for the district organizational conference which will bring the new District Governor, M. E. Gambrell of Hendersonville, other district officers and the lieutenant governors of the ten divisions in the two Carolinas here Nov. 15.

Registration Books Open Saturday For General Elections

Registration for the general elections in November will begin Saturday and will continue for the next two Saturdays, it was announced this morning by Mrs. Frank Kaylor, registrar in the Southern Pines precinct.

Mrs. Kaylor has the books at the fire station on New Hampshire Avenue. Following the last day of registration, October 27, the next Saturday has been established as challenge day. The general elections will be held Tuesday, November 6.

State Democratic headquarters and Republican officials in the state have urged that as many voters as is humanly possible should register for the election.

Hundreds of young people, they reminded, have reached the age of 21 in the past few months, or will be before the election, and are thus eligible to register.

Eligible people who have lived in the Southern Pines precinct for 30 days may register, and those who have lived in the state for the past year may also register and vote.

The registration books are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

HOMECOMING QUEEN isn't a title that is easy to get. When pretty Jo Anne Goodwin was crowned Friday night between halves of the Southern Pines-Clayton football game, there was a thunderous roar of approval from the audience. But, to prove that the other three candidates had been well chosen, students also gave them ovations. Here Arden Fobes, queen last year, crowns Miss Goodwin after the judges had finally made their selection. The new queen represented the junior class.

(Emerson Humphrey photo)

C&D Board Invited To Meet Here In 1957; Presented With Local Orchids

Southern Pines got in its bid for the semi-annual meeting of the North Carolina State Department of Conservation and Development at a meeting in Winston-Salem this week.

Mayor Voit Gilmore, accompanied by a dellegation, attended the C&D meeting with the express purpose of inviting the group to meet here in the fall of 1957. The department holds two meetings a year, both in different towns in the state. It is considered quite an honor to host the meetings and they generally produce some spirited rivalry between towns.

Miss Dorothy Swisher accompanied Gilmore to Winston-Salem and presented each of the members' wives with an orchid provided by Carolina Orchids of Southern Pines.

One that caused a great deal of excitement was a new breed recently developed by Mrs. Hazel Bridges, operator of the greenhouses, which she has named the "Martha Hodges" in honor of the Governor's wife. Mrs. Hodges was reported thrilled and very excited.

The group withheld any decision on the meeting, which was also bid for by three other towns though they were not represented, until the January meeting in Raleigh.

Mayor Gilmore also extended an invitation to each member to play golf on the three courses here as guests of the managements.

Republicans Meet, Form Citizens For Eisenhower Group

Republicans in Southern Pines got together last Thursday night and formally organized for this year's campaign to re-elect a Republican leadership in Washington.

The group, calling itself "Citizens for Eisenhower," named Robert S. Ewing as chairman; Mrs. Katherine N. McColl co-chairman; Mrs. M. Grover, secretary; and Mrs. Raye DeBerry treasurer.

Harry Pethick was named to head up the membership and liason committee and George H. Leonard, Jr., the finance committee.

Temporary headquarters of the group was the Southland Hotel. But starting yesterday (Wednesday) a mobile unit started operation along Broad Street from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. on weekdays, and from 8 a. m. to 2 p. m. on Saturdays.

The unit, officials of the group said, would be made available for use in other Moore County communities requesting it.

Mrs. Andrew M. Jamison heads a group manning the unit, which is distributing campaign buttons and literature, and is answering questions about registration and voting procedures.

Book Consultant To Address PTA

Miss Julia Teasley, reading consultant for Scott-Foresman Textbook Company, will speak to the Southern Pines Parent-Teachers Association Tuesday, October 23, at 8 p.m. in Weaver auditorium.

In making the announcement Dr. Charles Phillips, president of the PTA, said that Miss Teasley would explain the methods of teaching reading in the schools of today.

A writer of textbooks, Miss Teasley has been particularly concerned with the reading aspect of public school education.

All parents who have children in primary grades, and others, of course, are invited to the meeting.

Amerotron Shutdown Pondered As 75 Robbins Workers Let Go

Mill Employing 600 To Remain Open, However

Will the town of Robbins take back its old name. That's what Robbins people are wondering.

And Moore County people, many of whom never reconciled to the loss of the old name, are wondering, too, in view of the news out of Robbins this week.

The tricot mill, smallest segment of the Robbins Amerotron plant, is scheduled for closing.

In confirming the fact to The Pilot Frank R. Gramelsbach, in charge of public relations for Amerotron, Inc., stated that, while no public announcement had been made, "because this is such a small part of the Amerotron operations," the employees of the plant had been notified.

The work on hand will be completed, said Mr. Gramelsabch, "and then the mill will close." He believed this would be in about two weeks.

Seventy-five employees will lose their jobs, in the closing of the tricot operation, Mr. Gramelsbach said. It is understood that the former manager, Sheldon Thomas, resigned in September. Asked if any effort was being made to absorb the workers into the rest of the plant, Mr. Gramelsbach said it was believed that plans were being discussed by the townspeople of Robbins, to bring in another project. This could include, he thought, purchase of the machinery of the tricot plant, which will be placed on sale when the mill closes.

Mr. Gramelsbach stated definitely that there was no thought of any change or reduction in the rest of the Robbins plant, where some 600 are employed. It will continue at full pitch with its output of fancy filaments and synthetic goods, which now form the major part of the whole Amerotron operation in Moore County.

With the closing of the Aberdeen mill, the Robbins mill is the sole Amerotron industry operating in the county. Headquarters of the firm still maintains offices in Aberdeen.

Bad management. Tax write-offs. Neglect of markets. Those words have swirled around in many heads as Sandhills people had a full week to study and try to analyze for themselves the reasons for the shutdown of Amerotron Corporation's plant in Aberdeen, a move that came suddenly and threw some 500 people out of work.

Or was it just plain tough going in the textile business generally?

Whatever it was, most people in this area talked of little else during the past few days. The shutdown, which Amerotron officials have announced as only four or five weeks off, was going ahead. Nothing has been forthcoming from mill officials since the announcement was made Monday of last week. Aberdeen officials, plainly worried but a bit optimistic, too, at maybe getting a more stable industry to locate there, have had little to say.

The management of Amerotron said last week that the closing was a planned operation to recover losses and help the business, a business, they said, that has helped this county.

Here's how it looks to:

News and Observer

Jim Chaney, staff writer for the Raleigh News and Observer, visited the Sandhills earlier this week collecting material for a series of stories on the immediate and long range effects of the shutdown. In his articles he has pointed to bad management and a neglect in developing markets as the reasons for the shutdown. His articles, according to many people, have been "rough" but giving a true representation of the overall picture of the textile operation in Aberdeen.

In an article this morning Chaney said that William P. Saunders, who built the Aberdeen plant when he controlled Robbins Mills, may have pulled a "monstrous boner" by putting up the $2 million plus plant which apparently could not profitably be converted to some other type operation.

And he said that Amerotron officials have indicated "though unintentionally, that (its management) was so blind as to buy a plant which it could not use for more than nine months and cannot convert."

He traced the history of Aberdeen's industrial economy and it was notable that such economy had been on the ups and downs since it started.

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Fired Without Reason Amerotron Official Charges

"Big Business" isn't always right.

Amerotron Corporation and American Woolen, defendants in an arbitration suit in which breach of contract was pled, have been ordered to pay the plaintiff $107,291 in damages, in an action that has been terminated in New York.

Following is the notice detailing the process, as published by the New York Daily News of October 9.

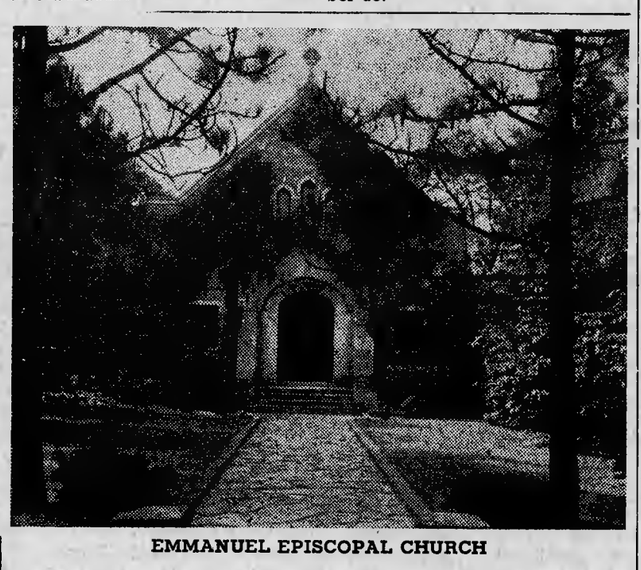
"George Bienstock, former Amerotron employee, filed a motion in Supreme Court to confirm an arbitration award in his favor for $107,291 against Amerotron Corp. and American Woolen Co., both of 1407 Broadway. Mr. Bienstock asked for judgment for that sum against both defendants, pursuant to award.

"Papers state Mr. Bienstock is a stylist and merchandiser of men's wear fabrics. He states he entered into a five-year contract with American Woolen Sept. 17, 1954, providing for an annual salary of $50,000, plus $10,000 expenses.

"Mr. Bienstock explained that shortly after he entered the employment of American Woolen, that firm merged with Textron, Inc., and Robbins Mills, Inc. The consolidated corporation became Amerotron, he charges.

"On Sept. 30, 1955, it is charged, Mr. Bienstock was discharged without cause by Robert L. Huffines, Jr., president of Amerotron, and Ely R. Calloway, an administrative assistant. He points out that it was not until last March 1 that he was able to obtain his present employment with Forstmann, Inc.

"Hearing on application to confirm the award was set for October 15."



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Emmanuel Church To Observe 65th Anniversary With Services Sunday

Emmanuel Episcopal Church will celebrate its sixty-fifth anniversary this Sunday when the Right Rev. Edwin A. Penick, Bishop of North Carolina, will conduct the regular 11 a. m. service and confirm a class of young people and adults.

The church, which now has the largest congregation in its history, was started without the benefit of a regular minister. The Rev. Robert M. Thorne became the first minister in 1891. Since his ministry, there have been six rectors and possibly more.

In compiling a brief history of the church this week, the Rev. Martin Caldwell, who came to the parish on Easter Day of this year, discovered that parish registers between 1905 and 1920 have been destroyed.

Known rectors, however, are Dr. John Hartley, 1921-1923; C. P. Holbrook, 1924-1926; Alaric James Drew, 1926-1930; Francis Craighill Brown, 1930-1949; Charles van Orden Covell, 1949-1955; and Mr. Caldwell.

The present building was started in 1924, the cornerstone was laid in 1925, and the first services held in 1926.

The official name of the church then and now is the Sandhills Parish Church. It has one of the largest parishes east of the Mississippi, covering a broad territory

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Advertising Funds Matched, Advisory Committee Named

A five member committee to administer a $4,500 promotion and advertising budget for Southern Pines was appointed by the Town Council at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

The committee, which will officially be known as the Southern Pines Advertising Advisory Committee, was set up as an aftermath to the recent raising of $2,000 by the hotel, business and other professional interests in Southern Pines as a matching fund for $2,000 appropriated by the Council last Spring.

On the committee are Harry Pethick, representing the Council; Robert Strousse, representing the golf courses; J. T. "Red" Overton, representing business interests in town; Jerry Healy, representing real estate dealers; and George Pottle, representing the hotel group.

Tom Cunningham, city manager, was named an ex-officio member of the committee.

The Council noted that an appropriation of $500 made each year for promotion and advertising would be added to the special $2,000 appropriation, which was made contingent on business interests in the town raising a similar amount.

Pottle, owner-manager of the Hollywood Hotel, said the various people contacted had given willingly and were pleased with the prospects of Southern Pines being advertised and promoted as the "Mid-South Resort."

Pottle said it was hoped that the committee could get an advertising agency, or perhaps two, to come to this area and help work out an effective promotion campaign with the funds available.

He said it was probably too late for any fall promotion but added that now is the time to start planning for the spring season.