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PRICE TEN CENTS

Amerotron Will Build Office Near Aberdeen

To Take About Four Months To Complete

Robert M. Cushman, Executive Vice-president of the Amerotron Mills announced today that a new office building containing approximately 20,000 square feet of floor space would be built in Aberdeen with work on it scheduled to start immediately.

The new building, a one-story structure, will be 220 feet by 75 feet and will be located on a tract of land 419 by 415 feet containing over four acres and situated on the Pinehurst highway No. 211 between the Aberdeen Hosiery Mill and the present Amerotron plant.

The land is owned by Curtis Lawhon but an option to buy it is being exercised. The building will be constructed by the Daniel Construction Company of Greenville, S. C.

At present the central offices of the Amerotron Plant for its nine mills located in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia are located in the huge Amerotron plant building in Aberdeen. With the Aberdeen plant having been closed down and the machinery now being moved out, the building has for several weeks been on the market for sale. Hoping for an early sale, Amerotron is looking to the future and to have its separate office building ready when the plant building is sold.

Cushman said this morning the new building would be ready for occupancy within four months.

He also said that Forrest Lockey, 8th division highway commissioner, was the driving force in helping to secure the new building for Aberdeen. Also cooperating were Mayor E. M. Medlin and the Town Commissioners, N. A. Pleasants, Ralph Leach, Jr., M. B. Pleasants, G. D. Anderson and John Greer. W. P. Saunders, Director of the Dept. of Conservation and Development and former president of Robbins Mills, now a part of Amerotron, assisted in securing the new building for Aberdeen.

There are now employed in the central offices of the Amerotron Mills in Aberdeen between 100 and 125 men and women. It is the central manufacturing, accounting and staff headquarters for Amerotron's nine mills located as follows: Robbins, Red Springs and the Louise plant in Charlotte all in North Carolina; Williamsburg Rayon Plant and

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Radio Station To Have Full Slate Of Holiday Music

A musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" will be one of the highlights of radio station WEEB's Christmas programs.

This melodious and spirited adaptation, called "The Stingiest Man in Town," will be heard Sunday afternoon, December 23, at 3:30. The production cast is headed by Basil Rathbone, Vic Damone, Johnny Desmond, The Four Lads, Patrice Munsel and Robert Weede. Written especially for "The Alcoa Hour," it is rated as one of the finest adaptations of the Dickens classic story.

Among other special Christmas programs which will be presented by WEEB are the Boys Town Choir, which will be heard Sunday, December 23, at 3:00, and "The Messiah," which will be heard Monday afternoon, December 24, at 3:00.

A complete listing of all the special Christmas programs to be heard over WEEB during the holiday period is given below.

Sunday Afternoon
The Madrigal Singers, 2:00; The Elks Christmas Party, 2:30; Boys' Town Choir, 3:00; The Stingiest Man in Town, 3:30; Adventures in Christmas Tree Grove, 4:30.

Monday Afternoon
The Other Wise Man, 2:00; The Messiah, 3:00; Adventures in Christmas Tree Grove, 4:30; Twas the Night Before Christmas, 4:55.

Tuesday
The Story of the Enchanted Nutcracker, 8:30 am; Christmas Carillons, 10:30 am; The Christmas Story, 11:00 am; Queen Elizabeth's Christmas Message, 11:25 am; The Nativity by Edwin C. Hill, 12:15 pm; Holiday Album of Music, 1:15 pm; The Christmas Concert, 1:30 pm; The Story of the Carols, 3:00 pm; Sweet Singing in the Choir, 4:00 pm.

LICENSE TAGS
Motorists anxious to buy 1957 license plates were reminded today by Mrs. S. D. Fobes, who manages the license bureau here, that the plates will not go on sale until January 2.

CLOSING
The library will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, library officials said this morning. Other closings include the post office, closed Tuesday only, most businesses and business offices, and Town offices, which close at noon Monday and reopen Wednesday morning.

Woman Robbed At Point Of Knife At Store In Putnam

Moore County law enforcement officers are working around the clock in efforts to make positive identification of a man who robbed a 70-year-old woman store keeper Tuesday.

Mrs. Martha Stutts, who operates a small store near her home in Putnam, a small community in the northern section of the county, was held up at the point of a butcher knife by a man about 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. She did not recognize, entered the store and asked for some merchandise. He informed her he had only a \$10 bill, she told the officers, and when she went to the money box to get change, he picked up the knife, used to cut cheese and held it on her, demanding money.

He made away with some \$300 in cash and an undetermined amount in checks.

Another person was waiting outside the store in a car, Mrs. Stutts told officers.

The robbery was not reported to the sheriff's office until some 40 minutes after it occurred, which made it difficult for officers to begin a search.

Deputy D. B. Cranford is investigating the case, assisted by Deputy A. W. Lambert and an SBI agent.

Mrs. Stutts is one of the most respected women in her community and many people there are muttering strong sentiments about the robber.

Girl Scouts Will Hold Christmas Program In Park

Members of the various Girl Scout troops in Southern Pines will light a giant Christmas tree in the Town Park tonight at 7:30, a program to which the general public has been invited.

The tree, located near Ashe St. and New York Ave., has been decorated with ornaments made by the Girl Scouts, and has lights and wiring donated by Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Winkelman of Lake Lawn Farm.

Following the lighting Christmas carols will be sung.

All local troops, which have a combined membership of some 125, will participate.

PINEHURST FORUM
"The Musical Portraits," New England trio that combines opera with musical comedy, will appear at the Pinehurst Country Club tonight at 8:45 as the second program of the Pinehurst Forum.

Wide Variety Of Events Planned For Next Week; Cold Weather Perks Sales



METHODIST CHILDREN'S CHOIR SING "STAR IN THE EAST"

WORD FROM HUNGARY

Letter Reveals Conditions That Refugees Face In Hungary Today

Christmas Cards bring news of friends near and far: they bring greetings and good wishes. Sometimes they bring messages poignant and compelling.

Below, we print a letter received

P. O. HOURS

The post office will be open all day Saturday and Monday, Garland Pierce, postmaster, said this morning.

He also said that deliveries of all Christmas mail, including parcel post, that was received prior to 8 p.m. Monday night, would be accomplished.

Perishables will, of course, be delivered when they arrive.

The post office will be closed Christmas Day and no mail, except special delivery and perishables, will be delivered.

The Railway Express office has also announced it will make Sunday deliveries.

ed on the back of a card, dealing with the refugee situation in Hungary. Because this is a subject close to many hearts today, and because this is Christmas, we print it, believing that many will find it interesting, as painting an intimate picture of what is going on in Vienna. We also print the address of the Americans who are doing the work described, in the thought that some may be impelled by this story to communicate or answer the appeal the letter implies.

The card and enclosure from Vienna, came from Mrs. William Landon, (Hotel Fairfax, Washington, D. C.) who is a close friend of the Pilot's editor and publisher. She spent a winter here some years ago, as some may recall. It is her son who wrote the letter quoted below.

The young Landons—son "Rob" and daughter-in-law, Christina—are living in Vienna, where Rob, now a distinguished musical scholar, and organizer of the Haydn society—he has discovered some never-before-known Haydn works—is carrying on his research under what must be pretty difficult circumstances.

Mrs. Landon wrote: "Robin and Christa work 12 to 18 hours a day for the refugees in Vienna. Many nights Christa sews, Rob says, until 2:00 a.m. 'refitting' clothes for families. They have one or two with them constantly—unknown refugees—and every day or so they stand in line with them to help them get visas for the U. S. You remember, Rob

ANY NEWS?

Christmas is the time when the cards come pouring in from far and near.

Sometimes you hear from old friends who take this time as their yearly contact with other old friends. Sometimes they are people who used to live here and are thinking once again of their former home.

Next week we hope to print a few of these messages from former residents of these parts. If any readers have received similar words of greeting and reminiscence—and we're sure they have—we urge them to put the cards in an envelope and send them this way.

This kind of news is good news for everybody!

Children To Give Original Christmas Pageant Sunday

"Star of the East" was the name of the carol these youngsters, members of the children's choir at the First Methodist Church, were singing when they were photographed earlier this week at a rehearsal for a Christmas pageant they will present Sunday night at 7:30.

Directed by Mrs. James Caldwell, the children will appear in the original pageant as a part of the church's annual observance of Christmas.

Pictured, but in no definite order, are Richard Caldwell, George Watson, Sally Springer, Jeannie Baldwin, Jimmy Baldwin, Susan Franklin, David Baldwin, Tim Calcutt, Bobby Hiatt, Glenda Maness, and Jack Caldwell.

Cub Scouts Plan Observance Of Old European Custom

Though some variations are planned, members of Cub Pack 73 will observe a Christmas custom tomorrow night that dates back several centuries and is traditional in many European homes.

Known as "fixing a layette for the Christ child," the custom is being revived here by Mrs. B. A. Morgan, who grew up in Europe and frankly thinks that children are missing the true meaning of the Christmas season.

Members of the pack—there will be between 65 and 70 of them taking part—have been busy the past few weeks making gifts which they will take to the Presbyterian Church tomorrow night for the program. Mrs. Morgan has a crib which will be used as a receptacle for the gifts.

One of the den mothers of the pack, Mrs. Morgan has given this brief explanation of the custom and how it is observed:

"In Europe families live much closer together, in the physical sense of the word, than they do here. As the Christmas season approaches all members of the family, uncles, aunts, grandparents, brothers, sisters, and many other relatives, get together and talk about the many wonders of the season.

"The grandmother has, in the meantime, gathered the female children and instructed them in the arts of sewing or something else that would help them make

Elks, VFW To Hold Parties Sunday PM

Special church services and Christmas parties by civic organizations, together with last minute shopping, were occupying the minds of almost every citizen of Southern Pines this morning as the holiday loomed a short four days away.

With a tinge of cold weather moving in Wednesday night, hopes for a "white Christmas" went soaring but weather predictions haven't indicated any snow in this area at least for the next 10 days.

Merchants found this week that shoppers had turned out in larger and larger numbers to buy that last minute gift; sales were up after a slow beginning. Some storekeepers said that the unseasonably hot weather, which has been in the 70's every day except two in December, had kept many shoppers home.

Post office mailings reached an all-time high as the peak of outgoing cards was reached earlier this week. Postmaster Garland Pierce said that the record for single mail cancellations in a day was probably reached Monday.

All in all, the season was shaping up as one of the best yet. Here is a summary of many of the church events planned, though not a complete one.

Baptist
At the Baptist Church the Cherub and Carol choruses will hold a Christmas party Friday night at 7:30 at the church. At the Sunday services three choirs—cherub, carol and the regular church choir—will render special Christmas music as a part of the special observance.

At 7:30 Sunday night members of the church will present "Why the Chimes Rang" in pantomime, with some 15 children plus the choir taking part.

Monday night at 8 p.m. the annual candle lighting service will be held and will feature special music and scripture readings dealing with "The Christmas Story." The service will culminate with an observance of The Lord's Supper.

Methodist
The regular Christmas party for children was held at the church last night.

At regular services Sunday special Christmas music will be rendered by the church choir. The annual candle lighting service will be held Sunday night at 7:30 with children in the church school and members of the adult choir presenting a pantomime of "The Christmas Story."

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LIGHTING AWARD

Announcement of the winner of the first annual Junior Chamber of Commerce outdoor Christmas lighting prize will be made in The Pilot next Thursday. Committee members are busy judging outside decorations at present and urge everyone to keep their lights on through Monday night. Cash awards will be presented to the winners.

Shaw House Will Reopen New Years Day For Season

The Shaw House tea room will re-open for the season on New Year's Day, it has been announced by the Moore County Historical Association, sponsors of the restored landmark.

Mrs. Joe Miles will be in charge. Several hostesses from the Historical Association will serve various tours of duty during the hours the tea room is open. Flower arrangements will be furnished by the Southern Pines Garden Club.

After New Years Day, the tea room will be open for lunch and tea every day, with suppers served by appointment. In addition to old southern dishes traditional served there, Mrs. Miles will make a specialty of pizza.

The tea room is operated for the benefit of Association projects.

Tony Parker Presented James Milliken Award By VFW



TONY PARKER, All-State back on the mythical six man football team for two years running, was awarded the James S. Milliken Award for being the most valuable player on the 1956 squad at the annual banquet held at the Country

Club last night. Ernest Klabbatz, commander of the VFW post here, donors of the award, is pictured making the presentation.

(Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Tony Parker, two-time member of the All-State six man football team, was named winner of the James Milliken Award for being the most valuable player on the team during the past season at the annual Elks Club football banquet last night.

Parker, who played in the backfield for the Blue Knights, was also named permanent captain by his teammates prior to the banquet last night that attracted a large turnout at the Country Club.

Parker was presented the award by Ernest Klabbatz, commander of the John Boyd Post, VFW.

At the program a number of other awards, including stars and letters, were presented to members of the 1956 squad. Elmer Barber, freshman coach at Wake Forest, and Jim Duncan, ex-Wake Forest and New York Giants football star, were principal speakers.

Stars were presented to Tony Parker, Lynn van Benschoten, Kenneth Creech, Billy Hamel, Roger Verhoff, Bobby Parker, Donald Walter, Charles Watkins and James Bowers.

Letters were presented to James Morrison, John van Benschoten, Bob McIntosh, Sammy Self, Bobby Watkins, and Kenny Holliday, Jr., manager.

The team was recognized as being county champions, district

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