

STATE TRAVEL COUNCIL

Statewide Promotion Group Names Voit Gilmore As New President



MR. GILMORE

with increasing frequency in recent months to fill statewide offices, was elected to head the organization for a one-year term. The Travel Council is composed of fifty directors, representing a broad cross-section of the travel industry in the state.

The meeting in Raleigh today is, according to Gilmore, to develop what he calls a "realistic approach to the problem of coordinating promotion of one of the State's major industries."

The Council has adopted a plan which calls for supplementing and supporting established promotional agencies, governmental and private, rather than launch an independent campaign. Every community in the state benefits from the travel industry, the Council thinks, and it is for that reason that the approach this year will be of a state-wide nature.

Southern Pines' travelling mayor, Voit Gilmore, was in Raleigh today meeting with officers and directors of the Travel Council of North Carolina, an organization to which he was recently elected president.

Gilmore, who is being called on

CITES NEEDS TO COUNTY GROUP

Industry Looking For Areas That Show Desire For It, Speaker Says

Electronics and industrial research—two of the nation's newest type industries—were recommended as "extremely desirable" to members of the Moore County Industrial Development Committee Monday afternoon by a prominent duPont official.

Homer H. Ewing, a senior engineer and member of duPont's development department, spoke to the group, which filled the studio at station WEEB. He had been invited here to outline a program for obtaining new industry and answer any questions that might arise by his son, Robert S. Ewing of Southern Pines, a member of the committee.

Also attending the meeting were Les Branson and Walter Harper, staff members of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development, a state agency charged with, among other things, developing a strong program of luring new industry to the state. Al Grant, former resident of Southern Pines and C&D's chief development engineer, was unable to attend.

Dan Stewart, of the area and industrial development department of Carolina Power and Light Company, and John Ponzer, of Southern Pines, industrial engineer with CP&L, were also present.

Mr. Ewing, who has been with duPont for some 30 years, has been responsible for many of the giant firm's plant locations. He told the group Monday that he could speak only from experience but that all industry, large or small, had certain basic requirements to be met and that they should become thoroughly familiar to the county development committee.

The first thing that expanding industries look for, he pointed out, is the desire within a community for industry and the acceptance of it. He listed other things, not necessarily in order of importance, as taxes, availability of a steady supply of good water, community facilities, schools, churches, housing, and recreation.

"All of these things are important," he said, "though we in duPont have never found a community that possesses everything. Some problems in a community can naturally be overcome. Others, we find that we can live with."

In response to a question by a committee member, Mr. Ewing said that no duPont plant is being constructed today without proper facilities for waste disposal, both in the water and in the air. He said the company had

Booklet Describing County's Industry Potential On Press

An attractive brochure, containing facts about each of the larger communities in Moore County and aimed at enticing new industry to the area, will be ready for distribution in two or three weeks, members of the Moore Industrial Development Committee were told Monday.

The booklet, preparation of which has been under the general supervision of John Ostrom, chairman of the committee, and Robert S. Ewing, of Southern Pines, a member, is in the hands of a Raleigh printing firm. Some 500 copies will be printed and made available to industries throughout the county looking for new plant sites, Ewing said.

Announcement of the publication of the booklet was coupled with the release—finally—of the "angel" who paid for the printing, the Carolina Bank, which has branches in Aberdeen, Carthage, Vass and Pinehurst.

Rod Ennis, cashier of the bank, was at the meeting and was instructed to convey the thanks of the committee to his board of directors.

Jack Younts, president of WEEB and a member of the committee, said it was significant that the booklet, which will cost between \$1,500 and \$1,800, is a "county-wide fact sheet financed by a county-wide bank."

He praised the efforts of Ewing in compiling much of the booklet and getting it into the hands of the printer.

Hunter Trials Set Saturday

With some 50 horses entered and the course in excellent condition, the annual Hunter Trials this Saturday is expected to be the best ever, according to Mrs. Ozell Moss, secretary of the sponsoring Moore County Hounds.

The colorful event, which has gained a national reputation in its more than 20 years existence, will be held at Scott's Corner at 2 p. m. Saturday.

Mrs. Moss said that a large number of the entries are from out of town and that the quality of the entry list was "excellent—as good as we've ever dreamed of having." She said the trials would last probably until 5 p. m. and would consist of five different type events.



THE LITTLE SINGERS OF PARIS

MUSIC ASSN. CONCERT

Famed Boys Choir Will Appear At Weaver Auditorium Monday Night

County Basketball Starts Friday At Carthage High Gym

The Robbins High School boys' basketball team and the Aberdeen High School girls, winners of the regular season county basketball races, were seeded No. 1 in their respective divisions as coaches and principals met Saturday morning to draw up final tournament pairings.

The tournament, scheduled to get underway tomorrow (Friday) night at the gym in Carthage, will last through Saturday, February 23 when championship finals are scheduled.

In the boys' division Robbins has an 18-1 record, far superior to second place Pinehurst and Southern Pines, both with 10-3 records. Robbins, accordingly, has been established as the heavy favorite to win the tournament.

In the girls' division Aberdeen finished the season with a 17-1 record, with Carthage and Robbins drawing the No. 2 and No. 3 spots. The race is up in the air, though most coaches favor Aberdeen to win the crown.

The first game for Southern Pines is tomorrow night when the girls meet Vass-Lakeview. The boys do not play until Wednesday night when they meet the winner of the Carthage-High Falls game.

Trophies will be awarded, the all-county teams will be announced and sportsmanship awards will be made following the boys' championship game on the final night of the tourney.

Here is the complete schedule of the tournament:

Friday, February 15
6:30—Farm Life vs West End girls.

7:30—Farm Life vs Westmoore boys.

9:00—Southern Pines vs Vass-Lakeview girls.

Saturday, February 16
6:30—Aberdeen vs Vass-Lakeview boys.

7:30—Cameron vs Pinehurst girls.

9:00—West End vs Cameron boys.

Monday, February 18
6:30—Highfalls vs Westmoore girls.

7:30—Carthage vs Highfalls boys.

9:00—Farm Life-West End winner vs Cameron-Pinehurst winner girls.

Tuesday, February 19
6:30—West End-Cameron winner.

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The Little Singers of Paris, one of the most famous boy choirs of all time, will present a richly varied concert Monday at 8:30 p. m. at Weaver Auditorium.

This will be the season's second presentation of the Sandhills Music Association. Both single tickets and season tickets are still available at the Barnum Realty Co. in Southern Pines, or may be purchased at the door, said Dr. Fred W. Langner, president.

The Little Singers' current U.S. tour of 10 weeks, which will take them from New York to San Francisco by April 10, marks the 50th anniversary of their founding. For half a century they have spread their message of friendship and fellowship through song, maintaining a home in Paris for underprivileged children with the proceeds.

The choral group came into being in 1907 through the interest of a handful of Parisian students in great music of the past, especially liturgical music. In 1924 Monsignor Fernand Maillet became director of the Little Singers, as he still is. Their repertoire has been greatly expanded, including not only the great liturgical music of the 16th century, but original music especially for this group; music of the Renaissance; gay folk songs and madrigals of France; carols and folk music of many lands and songs of contemporary composers.

Their generous program for Monday night includes the following:

I. Exsultate Deo (five parts) by Palestrina (Italian 16th Century); Introit from the Requiem Mass for the Kings of France, by E. du Caurroy (French 16th Century); Cantata of the Two Cities, by Darius Milhaud; Un Flambeau, French carol arr. by M. Perissas; (Continued on Page 8)

Former Robbins Police Chief Is New ABC Officer

Wilson F. Thrower, former police chief in Robbins, has been employed as an ABC enforcement officer succeeding John K. Sharpe, who resigned several weeks ago to join the Southern Pines police force.

Thrower was sworn in Monday morning and immediately assumed his duties, with particular emphasis on the Robbins area.

He came to Robbins last July as head of the police department from St. Stephen, S. C., where he had served as assistant chief of police for nine years. He had also been a county constable in South Carolina.

A veteran of World War 2, the new officer served in the Navy on both stateside and foreign duty. Eight months of his service time was with the military police. He received four ratings and the Presidential Citation.

In announcing his new appointment C. A. McCallum, chief enforcement officer for the Moore ABC Board, said his experience would prove invaluable.

"He has completed a prescribed course in fingerprint classification under the direction of the FBI and has had other basic courses in criminal investigation, all of which the department can use to great advantage," he said. Thrower's family will continue to live in Robbins.

Urge Precinct Line Be Same As Town's School District

Committee Makes Report After Year Of Study

A recommendation to establish a new outside boundary line for the Southern Pines precinct, to coincide with the present school district line, was made by the precinct study committee to Town Council Tuesday night.

The recommendation, which was presented to Council by Ward Hill, co-chairman of the committee, was made after "months of tedious study and countless meetings," Hill said, "and represents, in our opinion, the only intelligent approach to a problem that has been on our hands for many years."

Actually, Hill pointed out, the recommendation was being made for the Council's consideration and transmittal to the County Board of Elections, which has to approve any such changes. He also reminded Council that the State Board of Elections must also approve the new lines before they could go into effect.

If the various boards approve the recommendations, the study committee said it would recommend that Southern Pines should then be divided into two or more precincts for more effective organization in election procedures. "Actually," Hill said, "the Southern Pines precinct as we now know it has a registration of 2890. If the new lines are established as we recommend, we estimate an additional 350 voters would be on the books in the precinct."

He said that the major problem now existing is the fairly large number of people who live in Southern Pines yet, because of conflicting lines, must vote in Aberdeen in elections other than those of purely Southern Pines nature.

He did not say just how many voters fell into that category, but others have estimated that it is several hundred.

Hill said that the committee had learned in its study that the State Board of Elections thought a good voting precinct should not contain more than five to seven hundred voters.

It was suggested by one person attending the meeting that under those considerations perhaps Southern Pines should eventually be divided into three or more precincts, but the committee said it would recommend no division until the outside lines had been clearly established.

Many people, Hill reminded the Council, had been voting for years "purely by custom" at their respective precincts.

"There was no clear line and often, when the time came to register, a citizen would merely ask his neighbor where he was supposed to go and that was the place he went."

Adding to the problems of the study committee was the fact that

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School Board Becomes Live Issue In Town's Proposed New Charter

Highfalls Man Is Nominated To Fill Vacant School Job

Rowland Upchurch, Highfalls store operator and a member of the Highfalls district school committee, was nominated by the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee last Friday to fill a vacant spot on the county Board of Education.

The vacancy was caused by the death of George H. Purvis last month.

The committee's nomination must be acted on by the General Assembly but committee officials said they foresaw smooth sailing for the appointment.

Upchurch was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Purvis, which runs to April 1. The committee also nominated him for a regular two-year term (Continued on Page 8)

Tank Company To Hold Open House In Recruit Drive

Captain William J. Wilson, commander of Moore County's National Guard tank company, this week issued an invitation to all interested citizens of the county to visit the armory on Morganton Road near Southern Pines this Sunday, February 17, during the regularly scheduled all-day drill period.

Captain Wilson explained that the invitation was for any interested citizens, but especially for those parents whose sons were approaching military age. Members of the unit will be on hand to answer questions about the unit and about the National Guard as a means of fulfilling a military service obligation.

The public is invited to watch Guardsmen during an ordinary training session, including small arms instruction, tank gunnery training and radio communications practice.

Orders published this week announced the promotion of Donald R. Haney, of Southern Pines, to the rank of Specialist Third Class. Six new members were enrolled in the local unit during the week as a result of the current recruiting effort. These men are Sergeant Allen L. Walters of Carthage, and Privates Dickey N. Dunn, Aberdeen; L. D. Jones, Jr., Southern Pines; William E. MacDonald, Southern Pines; Robert G. Richardson, Eagle Springs; and Neill W. Cameron of Cameron.

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What Kind Of Job Does 'The Welfare' Do? (II)

You read the accounts of the refugees of Hungary and saw pictures of huddled family groups, standing before a rude shelter. The walls behind them are rough, the panes of the only visible window broken. And then your mind came closer: to a Moore County scene and a rough cabin. Only blackness through the gaping door, whose base is far above the sill. Several panes of the window are cracked; a tattered thin old man stands by the door. And you think: misery is misery.

But then, suddenly: but why HERE? This is Moore County, North Carolina, U. S. A. There is no fear here, no home in flames. Why HERE should there be any misery? Especially now in a time of great prosperity.

Fabulous fortunes are being made; money seems a plentiful commodity. Hardly a week passes when some possessor of a phenomenal memory, or a bit of luck, doesn't show up on the TVs

of the nation, smilingly accepting a check for \$64,000 or \$100,000. Why then, is there talk about "misery"? About the needy, about welfare work?

The fact is, the prosperity of the nation, if true prosperity it is, hasn't seeped down. "The poor always ye have with you," at least some of them. But, actually, they aren't just "the poor." They're people; people who have had hard luck. That's the case with most.

Last week you went on a trip into Moore County with one of the case workers of the county department of Public Welfare. You saw some of these people, and you found out a lot about how the department works. You found out about the three main funds: ADC, (up to 18 years, AT PD (18 to 65) and OAA (65 and on). These are funds in which the county pays from one-sixth to one-eighth of the cost, and the state and federal government carry the main burden. Of the 10 cases visited that

The method of selecting the Southern Pines school board has apparently become a live issue.

Opinions as to the selection—whether appointive or elective, or a combination of both—were expressed at a public meeting of Town Council Tuesday night, a meeting which shattered all recent records for citizen attendance. There were close to 75 people crowded into the library with the majority of them apparently there to give their views on the proposed new charter, particularly the section that deals with the school board selection.

Under the charter, which was drawn up by a committee of three at the direction of the Council, the school board would be a seven-member body and would be appointed by the Council. At present the board is composed of five members who are appointed for two-year terms by Council.

The new setup calls for staggered terms of all members so that there would always be some members who are familiar with past actions of the board.

A. C. Dawson, superintendent of the Southern Pines school system, quoted from a dissertation recently prepared by a teacher getting a doctorate at the University of North Carolina, which, among other things, classified each town in the state as to the type board it had and the number of members.

Fifty-four per cent of the city school boards in the state at present are appointed, Dawson said. The rest are elected, except one, which is both.

He said there seemed to be no set standards for selecting boards and that the choice is with the individual community. He pointed out, however, that all county school boards are elective, with the voters merely making the nomination and the final election falling to the General Assembly.

There seemed to be a wide acceptance at the meeting for a proposal advanced in an editorial in last week's Pilot which would make the board a combination elective-appointive body. A number of citizens, several of whom had been at an earlier public hearing on the matter, said the proposal was the best they had heard yet and said they were heartily in favor of it.

W. Lamont Brown, town attorney, and one of the drafters of the new charter, said he felt such a combination board would promote dignity and, eventually, cause the board to lose much of its control of the schools here. He said he was speaking as a private citizen and in no official capacity.

Apparently in answer to a question asked by the Rev. J. R. Funderburke, one of the Negro leaders in the community, who had suggested that an appointive body was not a "representative" one, Brown said that he felt all segments of the population had been represented.

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Emergency Aid

The "Outside Poor Fund," or General Assistance Fund, as its official title is, is the county appropriation set aside every year for various purposes having to do with Welfare work. These include supplementary payments for the children in foster homes and the aged in convalescent boarding homes, including clothes and food; also emergency aid of food orders, clothes, medicine, to meet sudden needs such as those illustrated in this article.

(Ed. Note: Whereas, as indicated, the General Assistance Fund had been used up as of Feb. 1—earlier than usual—the Moore County Commissioners have now

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