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Financing For Lace Plant Is Being Sought

N. C. Business Fund Reported Now In Picture

Officers and directors of the Southern Pines Development Corporation met this morning to discuss further plans for constructing a building here for Mozur Laces, Inc., of Trenton, N. J.

While no report of action was made, except the statement by several of the officers and directors that progress was being made, it was learned that the local group is now attempting to obtain a first mortgage loan for the building from the North Carolina business development fund, a state-sponsored loan source.

More than \$175,000 has been pledged by residents of this area for second mortgage financing by issue of stock and bonds, leaving some \$200,000 required by the local group from a first mortgage source.

Apparently efforts to obtain first mortgage financing through other sources have not been successful, though this fact was not officially confirmed today.

Several officers and directors of the Sandhill Development Corporation appeared optimistic today, however, and said that progress is being made.

Robert S. Ewing, president of the new corporation, was out of town today. The corporation, formed some time ago in connection with another enterprise, has been reactivated to handle financing and direct construction of the building for Mozur Laces, Inc., a company that has two plants in Tennessee and has indicated it would like to locate a lace plant here.

Site of the plant, on which an option has been obtained, is about 15 acres of Sandhill Lumber Company land, east of the No. 1 highway, north of the Midland Road intersection.

Sunday Was Big Day For Kiddies

Sunday was a big day for Santa in Southern Pines. And for the kiddies who met him and took part in other holiday jollity at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post home or at the Elks celebration at the Southern Pines Country Club.

There was fun for all and Christmas goodies for all at both places. Strangely enough, Santa appeared at both places, too, at the same time: the kind of thing that sets a child to wondering about this Santa business.

But most of them were having too much fun to wonder. It was enough that Santa was where THEY were.

The VFW party included rides around the block on one of the town fire trucks.

Confused? So Are We!

Kind of confusing—this business of publishing Thursday's paper on Monday: for readers and for us here at The Pilot, too.

So, when you read "today," in this Pilot dated Thursday up above, remember it may mean Monday, because that's "today" for us—today.

It's all part of this week with Christmas on Wednesday. We thought everybody would rather have this paper before the holiday. And, coming out today (Monday), that gives us a couple more days of vacation.

So, from all of us at The Pilot to all of you—Merry Christmas. Also, of course, just to keep things complicated, Happy New Year, as we won't have another paper until after 1958 begins.

Next week, we'll publish on Thursday, but be closed Wednesday, New Year's Day.



SANDHILLS ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION—composed of Voit Gilmore, left, and Vance Derby—studies map of Antarctica for which they left a day or so later. Gilmore holds some gifts presented them by admiring friends—in right

hand, a tiny penguin; in left, "soil samples from South Pole for advance geological studies"—i.e., a tray of ice cubes sent by Dr. R. B. Warlick. Gilmore and Derby won't need the ice cubes. Ice at South Pole is 9,000 feet deep.

(Photo by V. Nicholson)

Local Men Leave For Antarctica

South Pole Is Goal Of Correspondents' Air-Sea Adventure

As the old gentleman from the North Pole steers his reindeer in this direction, two local residents are heading the other way as fast as they can, by more modern modes of conveyance.

Voit Gilmore and Vance Derby are on their way to the South Pole, of all places. And if you think that's an easy place to get to, just try buying a ticket there. You can't.

Already wearing their coveralls and parkas as a luggage lightening measure, they took off Sunday morning for New York City and Idlewild Airport, to soar off that afternoon for Lisbon and the continent of Africa.

To Board Transport

Over the Sahara to Leopoldville, then to Cape Town by Christmas Day is the immediate aim. A couple of days enjoying midsummer there, then they become guests of the U. S. government as they board a Navy transport.

Cub Scouts of Pack 73 will go carolling tonight (Monday), pausing to sing traditional Christmas songs at the Anchorage Convalescent Home on Massachusetts Ave., and the Pinehurst Convalescent Home, as well as at private homes.

All six "dens" of the pack will be out with their den mothers and many of the Cub's parents. They will distribute small gifts at both the convalescent homes.

port for the land where it's always winter.

Fifteen days by sea on an ever-colder ocean will bring them to Ellsworth Station, gateway to the Antarctic, whence their government-assigned Priority II rating, with rank equivalent to lieutenant commander, will secure them passage on any ship or plane heading to the South Pole or tangential areas.

Accredited as correspondents for various North Carolina newspapers and radio stations, the two Carolina journalism graduates will observe Navy operations being conducted as part of the International Geophysical Year. Gilmore is a veteran of Navy service and Derby served in the Coast Guard.

This is a time when numerous scientific projects and surveys are taking place, and the participating countries are eager to get their stories before the world.

It's an opportunity of a lifetime, and once the local men knew of it, they made in a few days arrangements normally taking several weeks.

First clearance had to be secured at home, for two wives and a total of seven youngsters will be welcoming Santa without Daddy.

Four little Gilmores, three little Derbys gave assent, provided Daddy will bring back a penguin. For Mrs. Gilmore and Mrs. Derby the prospect brightened as they made plans to meet their husbands in South America some six or eight weeks hence.

Gilmore, Southern Pines businessman and former mayor, with many talents of which newswriting is just one, is representing the Raleigh News and Observer, Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel and the Charlotte Observer. Derby, who is news editor of The Pilot, is also representing the Asheville Citizen-Times, the Greensboro Daily News and Radio Station WPTF.

Gilmore, chairman of the Governor's Anti-Litterbug campaign, denied he was going to the South Pole to scatter anti-litterbug literature. And, president of the North Carolina Travel Council, he denied also that he is traveling to the South Pole to prove that "North Carolina accommodations

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Chamber Elects 8 New Directors For Coming Year

Christmas Lights Draw Praise But Must Be Paid For

Eight new directors were named by the Chamber of Commerce in a meeting held Friday.

Elected were: C. H. Bowman, Mrs. Karl Bridges, Ward Hill, Vance Derby, Mrs. J. N. Steed, Mrs. J. T. Marley, Johnnie A. Hall and Mrs. John S. Ruggles.

As there was a tie in the voting, eight directors were named, instead of the customary seven.

Holdover directors are: Mrs. Graham Culbreth, Dr. L. M. Daniels, A. L. Foiley, Mrs. B. N. Harrington, L. D. McDonald, Newland Phillips, George Pottle and Joseph I. Scott.

New and old directors will meet Tuesday, January 7, for their first meeting of the new year. Chamber officers will be elected at that time.

Other Business

Three local representatives were named for the U. S. No. 1 Highway Association, which has hitherto had one representative. They are Voit Gilmore, for hotels and motels; Virgil Clark, for service stations and garages; and Earl Hubbard, for downtown businesses.

Plans call for a brief campaign for No. 1 Highway Association memberships, conducted by these three representatives, with the hope that the campaign can be wound up soon after it is begun, rather than extend over some time, as it has in the past.

The No. 1 Association promotes the use of No. 1 highway throughout its length, distributing maps and other information in travel centers.

The Chamber discussed a letter, appearing in The Pilot, from a visitor who expressed surprise that palmists were permitted to operate establishments in this area. Members decided to call the problem to the attention of law-enforcement officers for any action that might be taken under existing legislation governing operation of fortune tellers.

Miss Kitty Wiley reported many favorable comments on the wreath-type Christmas decorations.

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Volume Of Mail Sets New All-Time Record

Parcels To Be Delivered On Christmas

CLOSINGS

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company will be closed Wednesday for Christmas and also Wednesday of next week, New Year's Day.

Town offices will close at noon, Tuesday, and remain closed through Christmas Day on Wednesday. Next week, they'll close on Wednesday, New Year's Day.

The post office will close windows on Christmas and New Year's. No home delivery those days, either, except for special delivery and parcels on Christmas Day.

County offices in the court house at Carthage will close at noon Tuesday and remain closed until Friday, December 27. Next week, county offices will be closed on Wednesday, New Year's Day.

The Pilot is publishing today (Monday) and is closing Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, will be open Friday and closed Saturday. Next week, we'll be closed only on Wednesday (New Year's Day) and will publish on Thursday as usual. The Southern Pines Library will close Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

License Plates To Go On Sale

Thursday, Jan. 2

New State license tags for automobiles and Southern Pines town license tags will go on sale at the Chamber of Commerce office on Pennsylvania Ave., Thursday morning of next week, January 2, Mrs. S. D. Fobes, Chamber of Commerce secretary, said today.

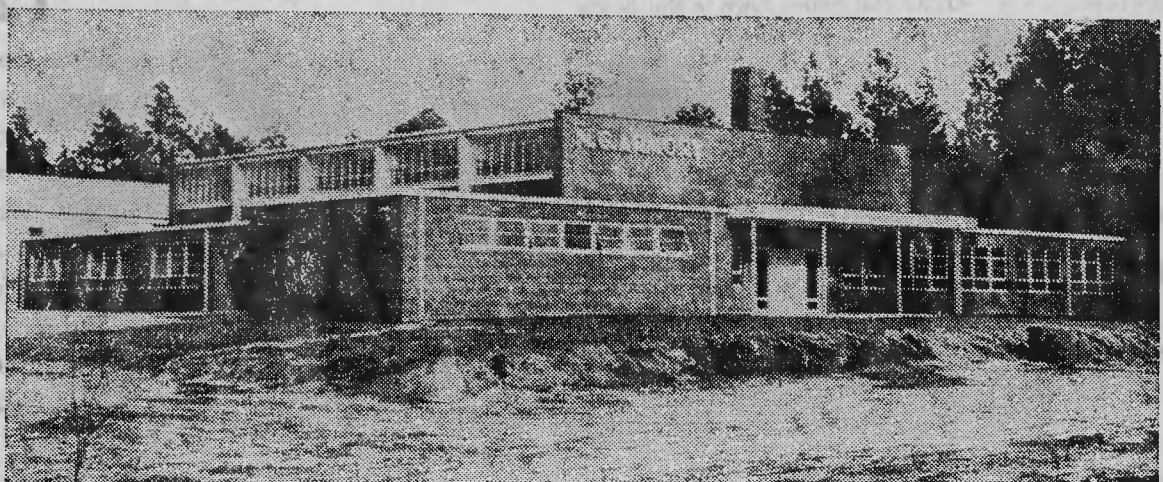
The license bureau will be open daily, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the exception of Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, Mrs. Fobes said. The 4 p.m. closing is necessary because of the many reports that have to be made out for each day's business, she explained. She will have less assistance at the license bureau than in former years, she said, with no counter help, and so will close the bureau from noon to 1 p.m., each day.

Mrs. Fobes reminded all persons who expect to purchase State License tags that they will be required to present the "FS-1" certificate of insurance showing that they have purchased the liability insurance required under a new North Carolina law, before they can be issued license plates.

Services Held For George Sherrerd III

A memorial service for George Sherrerd III, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Donald Sherrerd of Linden Road, Pinehurst was held at the Pinehurst Community Church Friday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Roscoe Prince, pastor.

The young man was killed in an automobile racing accident in California December 7.



NEW ARMORY—Formal dedication of the new National Guard Armory on Morganston Road is expected some time in the near future. The armory is the home of Company D, 130th Tank Battalion, commanded by Capt. William J. Wilson, and was built by P. E. Ingle Construction Co. of Burlington. Several civic and social functions have been held there since its completion. In addition to its 60 by 90 feet

drill hall, the armory has four offices, a day room and library, rifle range, supply room, vault for arms and ammunition, classroom, kitchen, boiler room, locker room and toilet facilities. It provides for Southern Pines a much-needed large meeting place and is available for public use when not required for military purposes.

The 1957 Christmas season has set an "all-time record" in volume of mail in Southern Pines, according to Postmaster Max Rush.

About 150,000 pieces of first-class outgoing mail had been worked at the local office through Saturday, he said, and some 850 sacks of outgoing parcel post.

By the end of last week, the end of the rush had been reached, so far as outgoing mail was concerned—but incoming cards and packages, also running in the heaviest volume veteran post office workers could remember, kept personnel at the office busy. The holiday mail was handled with a minimum of confusion, Rush said, and with less help than the postoffice has had before.

Regular mail deliveries are continuing until Christmas Day. Special delivery mail and Christmas parcels will be delivered on Christmas Day.

Donald G. Case Dies; Headed Planning Board

Donald Gregg Case of 545 Morganton Road, retired engineer who has been a prominent citizen of Southern Pines since he came here to make his home in 1919, died this (Monday) morning at the Pinehurst Convalescent Home.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Thursday at the Powell Funeral Chapel. The Rev. Cheves Ligon, pastor of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Case was a member, will officiate.

Surviving are his wife, who was the former Florence Boyce; a son, Donald Gregg Case, Jr., of Marietta, Ga.; three granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

Mr. Case's chief civic interest here was the Planning Board, formerly called the Zoning Board, which he headed as chairman for a total of six years, resigning only recently because of ill health. He was chiefly responsible for the zoning ordinance now in effect in Southern Pines, giving this and other related matters long and careful study. Through his work with this board and as a citizen, he was interested in the beautification of Southern Pines.

Mr. Case had designed several attractive homes for friends.

Born in Troy Pa., he moved to Cortland, N. Y., with his family when a small boy. He was graduated from Cornell University, in 1907 and went into business with his father in operation of a chain of department stores.

In 1914, Mr. Case moved to Elmira, N. Y., where he was vice-president and general manager of the American La France Fire Engine Company. In 1932 he became a partner in a New York engineering firm, Singmaster and Breyer. With offices in New York City, he lived at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., until his retirement in 1949 when he moved to Southern Pines.

Christmas Cards On Exhibit In Library

A special exhibition of Christmas cards—old, new, unusual, original and interesting—went up today (Monday) in the Southern Pines Library art gallery, to remain until after New Year's. The display includes a special collection of Madonna cards of unusual interest. The public is invited to see them all in the library gallery.

MERRY CHRISTMAS