

Did you ever see it rain frogs? That's the way it looked to one Vass resident last week. See "Grains of Sand," page 2.

THE PILOT

Dr. P. R. Brown
superintendent of Morrison
Training School, died Sunday.
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VOIT GILMORE

Newton Fund to Provide Awards For Achievement

With nearly \$1,500 in its account, the Newton Memorial Fund Committee met Wednesday morning at town hall and decided to allot \$1,000 of the fund for two \$100 annual achievement awards to seniors in the local high schools, for the next five years.

A \$100 award would go each year to the senior in the East Southern Pines and in the West Southern Pines High Schools who had shown most effort and overcome handicaps to achieve graduation.

On recommendation of Police Chief Earl Seawell, a member of the committee, the group abandoned tentative plans to assign income from the fund's principal to the police department to help young people in trouble with the law or in danger of getting in trouble, for lack of small financial assistance in some way. Chief Seawell said that help for these purposes is usually available.

Newton Portrait To be Presented

A life-size head-and-shoulders oil portrait of the late Police Chief C. E. Newton will be formally presented to the town council at the council's July meeting.

The portrait, painted by Milton ("Weiss") Kaylor of Southern Pines soon after Chief Newton was fatally shot March 3, will be hung in the council chamber, the large assembly room in the town hall which also serves as the municipal courtroom.

Presented by the artist to the Town, the portrait was viewed by the Newton Memorial Fund Committee, meeting at the town hall Wednesday morning. The committee voted to pay for a suitable frame for it and to schedule a presentation to the council, with the artist present, at the next regular meeting of the council July 11.

Employers Urged List Labor Needs

Employers in Moore and Lee Counties were urged this week to list job openings with the Sanford office of the N. C. Employment Security Commission.

L. Garland Scott, manager, said that 1,200 people in the two counties—the area served by the office—are seeking work through the office, many of them well qualified. Several hundred young people entered the labor market, seeking permanent employment, at the end of the school year, he noted.

"This represents a pool of labor from which most any employer can fill his requirements," Mr. Scott said. "A concerted effort by employers who need additional workers would mean prompt employment for hundreds now without work, with consequent increased purchasing power in the area."

The E. S. C. office is at 219 S. Steele St., Sanford, telephone 775-2241.

It is expected that Voit Gilmore will shortly be appointed by President Kennedy director of the newly created federal Office of International Travel.

Final release of the information has been awaiting the passage by the Senate and House of the bill creating the new government service and, with this action now taken by both houses, it is fully expected that the new appointment, which is said to have been long in the cards, will be announced shortly.

As director of the new U. S. agency, Gilmore will have sub-cabinet status. Plans call for the establishment of offices of the agency in all parts of the overseas world, as well as in the Americas, to acquaint foreigners with the attractions of travel here and help smooth the traveler's way.

The basic aim, according to Gilmore, is two-fold: to increase nation-to-nation friendship and understanding and to bring more foreign capital to this country through promotion of tourism, with all its advantageous side-effects.

Gilmore, who came down from Washington yesterday, dropped into the Jefferson Inn where the Sandhills Kiwanis Club members were meeting, to greet his UNC classmate, University Secretary Fred Weaver, who was the speaker. The Southern Pines man is attending the meeting in Raleigh of the state Presbyterian Synod and dedication of the new headquarters building, to take place today.

Gilmore has been mayor of this community and is a member of the State Board of Conservation and Development. He is a former president of the North Carolina Travel Council and has won wide recognition for civic, business and church activities in town, county and state.

The Office of International Travel would be in the Department of Commerce which is headed by Secretary Luther H. Hodges, former governor of North Carolina, with whom Mr. Gilmore has worked closely in this state.

Phone Company at Pinebluff Sold; Employees Kept

The Pinebluff Telephone Company has been bought by the North Carolina Telephone Company, it was announced this week.

Linn D. Garibaldi, president of the purchasing firm, said that the two employees of the former Pinebluff Telephone Co.—Mrs. Dorothy L. Short, office secretary, and Earl Collins, maintenance superintendent—will continue their association with the company under the new ownership.

Pinebluff Telephone Company stock which was bought by the purchaser was owned by Mrs. A. G. Wallace, president of the firm; her son-in-law, V. M. Geisler, who was vice-president; and E. H. Mills, mayor of Pinebluff, who was secretary and treasurer and active manager. Mrs. Wallace and Geisler, who is in Army service, were not active in the firm.

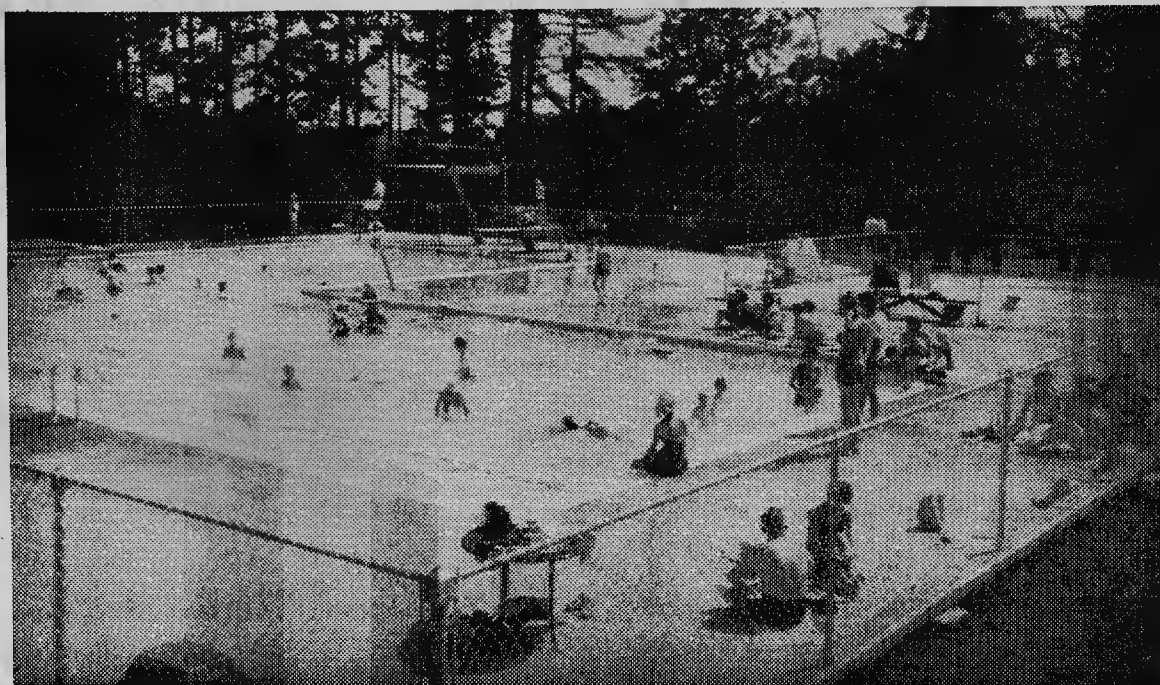
Mr. Mills said this week that his association with the company was terminated by the sale. He said he had no definite plans for.

Jaycees to Wash Cars Saturdays June 17, 24

Members of the Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce will wash cars on two Saturdays, June 17 and 24, for benefit of their playground equipment fund and other civic work.

George Hodgkins, chairman for the project, said the young businessmen will do the washing at Bowden's Service Station, corner of N. E. Broad St. and Connecticut Ave., from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Persons who would like to have their cars picked up, washed and delivered back to them should call OX2-6765. Or the cars may be brought to the service station.



POPULAR!—This was the scene as the Elks swimming pool at the Country Club was opened Sunday. The weather obliged by providing a scorching day. The L-shaped pool and paved deck area are entirely enclosed by the fence.

In left background is the deep-water diving area. At far right corner is a kiddies' wading pool. Strict regulations are maintained and even exuberant youngsters are observing them well, it is reported. (Humphrey photo)

Officials Explain Operation of New Elks Swim Pool

The policy for operating the new swimming pool at the Southern Pines Country Club was explained this week by Elks and Country Club officials.

The pool was built at a cost of about \$45,000 by the Elks Home of Southern Pines, Inc., and BPOE Lodge No. 1692 primarily as a service for Elks and Country Club members, but officials said that it was not the thought of the Elks to close it to others, especially children, who were not already members of the organizations. The Country Club and golf course, while a separate organization, are owned by the Elks.

However, it was pointed out, persons who wish to use the swimming pool or have members of their families use it, must be members in good standing of the Elks Lodge or the Country Club. Membership in both groups are limited and must be approved by the organizations.

Country Club membership costs \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family but—it was stressed—

Lutheran Church Being Organized

A United Lutheran Church in Southern Pines is being officially organized, it was announced this week by Jack D. Deal, summer student pastor who is conducting services and doing organizing work here.

Mr. Deal said that the United Lutheran Church of America is ready to back the new venture. It is still possible to become a charter member of the congregation, he said. Interested persons are asked to call him at telephone 695-6394.

Sunday School is held each Sunday morning at 10 a. m. and in worship service at 11 a. m., in the Civic Club building, corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and Ashe St. Visitors are welcome.

Municipal Recreation Program Begins Today

The Southern Pines municipal recreation program opened today, under direction of Bill Megginson of the local school faculty and coaching staff, providing a wide variety of activities Monday through Friday of each week.

J. C. Hasty is in charge of the program in West Southern Pines. In East Southern Pines, there will be two playground areas.

Miss Patti Hobbs, 1961 education graduate of Auburn University, will be in charge of the area for younger children (under 10 years of age, but not under school age) at the town park, behind the municipal building. It is emphasized that supervision cannot be furnished for children under school age (6). Games, storytelling and other activities are on the program.

At Memorial Field, High School Coach John Williams will be in

BY TOWN COUNCIL

Rainey Named Manager

Francis F. (Bud) Rainey was named by the town council Tuesday night to succeed Louis Scheipers, Jr., as town manager. Mr. Scheipers left June 1 to become city manager of Greenville.

Mr. Rainey has been acting manager since June 1. He has been with the town since May, 1958, serving as tax collector and assistant to the manager, following 24 years of Army service. Now 44, he enlisted in the Army at 17 and retired as a major, spending most of a distinguished military career in Airborne units.

While the council had received several other applications for the post, members agreed that Mr. Rainey was the top choice. He was asked to leave the room while the decision was made.

As a paratrooper, the new manager made more than 400 jumps, including three jumps in combat, serving in the European Theatre in World War II and in Korea. He holds the Silver Star for gallantry in action, the purple heart for war wounds and several other decorations. His Army assignments included various positions of leadership, up to battalion commander.

Like other military men who now live in this area, Mr. Rainey, a native of Chicago, first became acquainted with the Sandhills



F. F. (BUD) RAINEY

while stationed at Fort Bragg. It was in this way also that he met his wife, the former Patricia Ray, daughter of Mrs. Norfleet Ray and the late Mr. Ray, of Pinehurst.

The Rainey family has three children, Kathleen, 14, Michael, 10, and Patrick, three. In 1959, they built a home on Valley Road. They are members of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church and Bud is an Elk, a Mason and a member of the American Legion.

OPENS NEW OFFICE

Dr. R. J. Dougherty has moved his office in Vass from the Dr. Rosser building to a new building near the Vass Barber Shop.

The new building, recently completed, is of brick veneer construction and includes waiting rooms, two examining rooms, two baths, laboratory, a consultation room and nurse's station. It is electrically heated and cooled. The builder was Grady Edmonds of Cameron.

Open house will be held from 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday June 18.

Trimble Products Sold To California Company; Work Here to Continue

The purchase of Trimble Products, Inc., of Southern Pines, by Strolee of California, of Los Angeles, was announced yesterday—effective June 30 and subject to audit, approval of stockholders and applicable government regulations.

The announcement came from C. T. De Puy of Rochester, N. Y., chairman of the board of Trimble Products, and Paul C. Smith, president of Strolee, who said that "all of the basic details" had been approved by their boards.

After the purchase, the local company—which is this communi-

ty's largest industry—will be known as the Trimble Division of Strolee of California. Both the companies manufacture products for the care and recreation of infants and children and intend to combine and jointly manufacture their two lines. All Trimble executive and manufacturing personnel will be retained, Mr. Smith said.

The forthcoming transaction was outlined yesterday by William J. Donovan, Trimble president, at a meeting of the Southern Pines Industrial Committee of which Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., is chairman, and Mr. Donovan a member.

"For this community as a whole, it certainly is a worthwhile move and can mean nothing but good," Mr. Donovan told the committee.

Strolee products, including strollers, high chairs, "jumpers," and "walkers," are "a natural complement to the Trimble line," Mr. Donovan said. Trimble manufactures play yards for toddlers, infant bath sets and various items of children's play equipment. Metal and plastic components are used in the lines of both companies.

Plans call for Trimble to manufacture items of the Strolee line for Eastern distribution, while the Los Angeles plants of Strolee will make Trimble products for Western distribution. Mr. Donovan said. All the plants would also of course continue producing their present lines.

The local executive implied that this would mean an increase of production at the local plant, pointing out that Western distribution of Trimble items now amounts to a small percentage of total production here, as compared to a considerably higher percentage of Strolee's production that is distributed in the East. All of this production will eventually be done here, he noted.

Mr. Smith's comment in yesterday's announcement was: "This acquisition will almost double our present volume and offer a line of juvenile metal products which will probably be the most complete in the industry."

Mr. Donovan told the industrial committee that the change will enable the plant here to "stabilize the employment picture," saying that Trimble Products has had to go on four-day weeks on occasion in the past year because of fluctuations in the market, but that the manufacture of an additional line of products should help eliminate this.

Trimble has been employing about 150 persons at peak periods of production.

The annual volume of business of Trimble and Strolee is approximately equal, Mr. Donovan told the committee.

Trimble, a 49-year-old leading manufacturer in the field, which moved here from Rochester, N. Y., has an annual volume in excess of \$2 million.

Strolee was incorporated in 1952 and has grown rapidly.

"It is a highly successful company with an aggressive advertising program," Mr. Donovan said, pointing out that the combined firm should be able to effect economies in advertising, displays at furniture markets and in other ways.

Mr. Donovan said that the change will probably mean eventual expansion of the present Trimble plant north of Midland Rd., off Yadkin Rd., a building completed in 1959 and having approximately 64,000 square feet of floor space in its manufacturing area. A good market for juvenile products is expected by the trade in the next few years.

Handling of Strolee products will begin here by the local plant's taking in shipments of completed items for distribution in the East, then moving to work with semi-finished parts for Strolee products and finally handling the complete manufacturing process here, Mr. Donovan said.

Attending the meeting of the Industrial Committee were Chairman Hodgkins, D. A. (June) Blue, Jr., Ward Hill, Harry Fullenwider, Alvin Folley and Mr. Donovan.

Request to Zone, Annex O'Neil Land Tabled by Council

Following a public hearing at the town hall Tuesday night, the council voted to table Tom O'Neil's application for annexation of about 90 acres of property to the town and a companion measure, the Planning Board's recommendation for zoning the property, if annexed.

The property is bounded by Midland, Pee Dee and Fairway Roads and W. Pennsylvania Ave. extension, and includes Mr. O'Neil's Little Nine golf course and Wedge Inn restaurant.

The council's action in tabling means that the proposals can be revived for action by a two-thirds vote of the council and can be approved, so far as the zoning is concerned, by a four-fifths vote of the council.

The four-fifths vote is necessary because more than 20 percent of contiguous property owners filed objections to the zoning plan which would have placed the Wedge Inn-Little 9 and a large additional portion of the tract in Residence III zone, which permits hotels, motels, residences, restaurants and hospitals, but no other business, and would have placed the tract at the corner of Midland and Pee Dee Roads in a Business I zone which permits business of most types, but no service stations or manufacturing plants.

A delegation of more than a dozen residents of Knollwood appeared to protest the zoning plan, most of the spokesmen saying there was no objection to the annexation but only to the business zoning of the corner tract.

A formal objection was filed in a letter from the Knollwood Improvement Association, signed by Mrs. David B. Little of Midland Road, secretary, recommending.

BANK TO CLOSE AT NOON, WEDNESDAYS

Beginning Wednesday, June 21, and continuing each Wednesday through August, the Citizens Bank and Trust Company will close at noon, it was announced by the bank today.

Peerman will assist Mr. Hasty

Activities there are centered at the school, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and after 4 p. m. at the park at the corner of Iowa Ave. and Stephens St., where baseball, softball and tennis are played.

The daily program calls for: 10 to 11 a. m.—softball, croquet, music, knitting, crocheting, arts and handicrafts.

11 to noon—Story hour and small boys' baseball, in addition to activities of the former hour. Noon to 2 p. m.—horseshoe pitching, shuffleboard, checkers, ping pong and also art, knitting and handicrafts.

2 to 4 p. m.—basketball, volleyball, shuffleboard and horseshoe pitching.

After 4 p. m.—Baseball, softball and tennis as listed, for older children and adults.

West Southern Pines

In West Southern Pines, Miss Cora Steele, Mrs. Emma Stubbs, Mrs. Edna Blalock and W. D.