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Efforts to Save Battleship Told; This County Helps

The state-wide campaign to save the battleship North Carolina and bring it to Wilmington as a permanent attraction and war memorial was outlined for the Sandhills Kiwanis Club Wednesday by Orville Campbell of Chapel Hill, vice-chairman of the commission in charge of the battleship project. Mr. Campbell is publisher of the Chapel Hill Weekly.

The speaker was introduced by Jack S. Younts, a member of the commission. The club was having its regular luncheon meeting at the Jefferson Inn.

Financial goal of the campaign is \$250,000, Mr. Campbell said, noting that it will cost \$50,000 to move the ship from Bayonne, N. J. where it is "in mothballs," \$85,000 to prepare the place to berth the ship at Wilmington, and \$115,000 to paint the ship and get it ready for exhibition.

It would take five men working a year to paint the ship, Mr. Campbell said, requiring 40,000 gallons of paint for the outside and the deck. The North Carolina is 738 feet long ("the length of two and a half football fields") and, when in operation, had a complement of 2,500 men. Built in 1939, the North Carolina had a distinguished World War II record, winning 13 battle stars and becoming known as the "showboat of the battleships."

Mr. Campbell said that the commission, which is headed by Hugh Morton of Wilmington, expects the North Carolina to become "an asset to the state" and a popular tourist attraction for Tar Heels and persons from out of the state.

He said that the battleship (Continued on page 5)

CHICKEN FRY TO BENEFIT FUND

Plans are being made to serve 2,000 persons Wednesday of next week, June 28, when an outdoor chicken fry at the Country Club will be sponsored by John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, for benefit of the state-wide fund to save the Battleship North Carolina. Col. Don Madigan, county chairman for the battleship fund, is also chairman for the Wednesday event.

VFW and Auxiliary members will be selling tickets around town Saturday and they will be available at the Country Club Wednesday, when half-chickens with trimmings will be served from 4 p. m. on. One thousand chickens are being purchased, allowing an exceptionally low price for the meal.

Rotary Officers To Be Installed; Helms to Speak

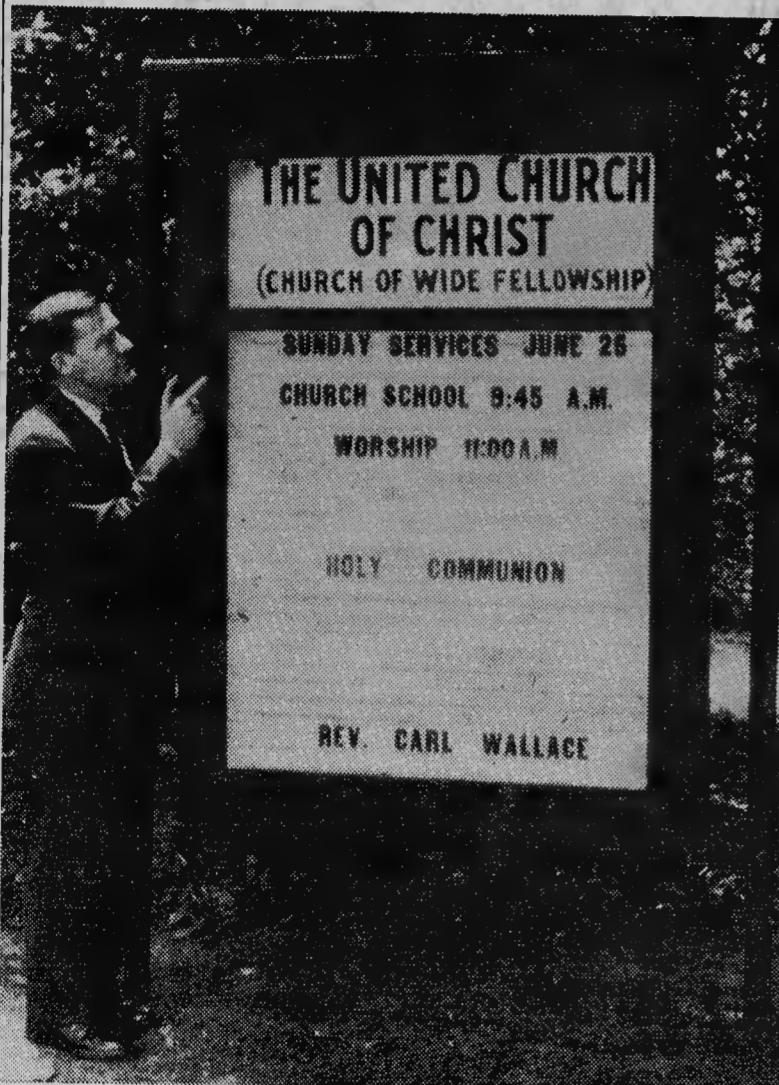
The annual ladies night banquet and installation of officers of the Southern Pines Rotary Club will be held at the Jefferson Inn, Thursday, June 29, at 7:15 p. m., it was announced this week by E. Earl Hubbard, president.

To be installed to succeed Mr. Hubbard in the presidency of the club for the coming year is Robert M. Leland.

Mrs. Carl Wallace will be installed to succeed Mrs. Garland Pierce as president of the Rotary Anns, the organization of wives of Rotarians.

Jesse Helms of Raleigh, television news commentator, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Carl Tyner of Leaksville, Rotary district governor-elect, will be present.

Other Rotary officers and directors to be installed are the Rev. Carl Wallace, vice-president; Marvin R. Cornell, secretary; L. D. McDonald, treasurer; and Mr. Hubbard, E. J. Austin, Hollie Sisk and Joseph I. Scott, directors.



NEW NAME—The Rev. Carl Wallace, pastor, points out the new name of his church here, on completion of a new church sign this week. (Humphrey photo)

Church Name Change Becomes Official

Seldom does a Church change its name, but that's what has happened to the former Church of Wide Fellowship (Congregational Christian) of Southern Pines, located at the corner of Bennett St. and New Hampshire Ave.

Officially, it's now The United Church of Christ (Church of Wide Fellowship). A new sign has been painted outside the church, completed this week, and new stationery has been printed.

Here is the background and the story of the change, as explained by the pastor, the Rev. Carl Wallace:

The Church of Wide Fellowship was organized in 1895 by Congregationalists and until 1927 was known as the First Congregational Church. The building of a new sanctuary at that time and the fact that the church was largely assuming a community responsibility, before the advent of several other denominations in Southern Pines, led to the title, "The Church of Wide Fellowship."

In 1931, the Congregational denomination merged with the Christian Church and the local denominational affiliation was changed to Congregational Christian. However, this did not change the local "Wide Fellowship" title.

Now, after several years of planning, the Congregational Christian denomination has merged with the Evangelical & Reformed Church to form The United Church of Christ, with two million members and over 8,000 churches.

Elks Pool Guards to Give Swimming Lessons

Gary Mattocks, chief life guard at the new Elks swimming pool at the Country Club, and Joe McDonald, assistant life guard, plan a series of swimming and life-saving classes to start Monday at the pool, to continue Monday through Friday, at 9 a. m. for several weeks. Classes, each to last three weeks, will begin Monday with instruction for beginners, then going to instruction for advanced beginners, intermediate swimmers and junior life savers.

The instruction will be given only to persons of families holding Elks or Country Club membership, who have also paid the special pool fees. There will be an extra fee for the instruction. The two life guards and Jene (Tink) Bowen, who has charge of the gate at the pool, are pictured on page 6.

Gilmore Expected Get New Federal Post Next Week

Final congressional action on the bill creating a new federal Office of International Travel (the agency has also been listed in news dispatches as the United States Travel Service) was taken in Washington yesterday, when the Senate approved a compromise bill by voice vote.

Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines is expected to be nominated by President Kennedy as director of the new agency that will have world-wide offices to promote travel to the United States. The nomination must be confirmed by the Senate. The President is expected to sign the bill and make the Gilmore nomination next week.

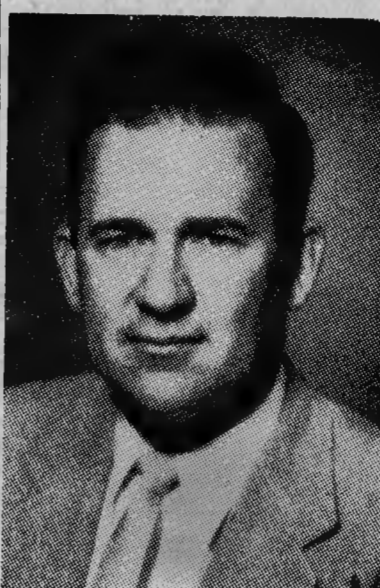
Mr. Gilmore, member of the N. C. Board of Conservation and Development and a former mayor of Southern Pines, was in New York today. He is expected here Saturday.

The local man's wife, Mrs. Kathy Gilmore, said today that she had no further information on what the schedule of action would be in Washington. She said that, after the appointment, the Gilmores have no plans to move away from Southern Pines. Presumably, Mr. Gilmore would do much traveling as director of the new agency.

The bill creates a new division in the Commerce Department which is headed by former N. C. Governor Luther H. Hodges as Secretary.

According to a news story in this morning's Raleigh News and Observer, the Gilmore post will pay \$19,000 per year. Expenditure of \$3 million is authorized the first year, this story said, and \$4.7 per year thereafter.

Senate supporters of the new program were quoted yesterday as calling it a "marvelous beginning." They said it recognizes that "travel is a two-way street." Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey urged states to tie in with the new travel service, to expand the program nation-wide.



DR. C. C. McLEAN

Dr. McLean Heads State Society of Veterinarians

Dr. C. C. McLean of Midland Road, partner with Dr. J. I. Neal in operation of the Sandhill Veterinary Hospital, is being elevated to the presidency of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association which is convening this week at Morehead City. He has been president-elect of the state-wide organization.

His wife, Mrs. Laura McLean, and their daughter, Martha, are with him at Morehead City. They are expected to return Friday. The convention opened Monday. Dr. McLean has been active on various committees of the association. He is a member of the Southern Pines city board of education and is active in civic and church work in the community.

Dr. Neal is a past president of the association. Dr. J. E. Currie, Jr., who is associated with the Sandhill Veterinary Hospital, attended a meeting of the South Carolina State Veterinary Medical Association at Columbia, Friday and Saturday of last week. The Sandhill Veterinary Hospital is located off Midland Road, between Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

Smith Named President of Realtors

Lt. Col. Francis M. Smith, owner of The Pines Realty Co. has been named president of the Southern Pines Board of Realtors for the coming year, succeeding George M. Leonard, Jr., of Resort Realty Co. The board met at the Barnum Realty and Insurance Co. offices.

Other new officers, elected with Colonel Smith at a meeting

held Monday, are Mrs. Julia Steed of Steed Realty Co., vice president, and Joseph I. Scott of Scott Realty, secretary-treasurer.

In addition to electing officers, the board heard a report from Mr. Scott on a meeting of the board of directors of the North Carolina Association of Realtors, which he attended in Chapel Hill last Wednesday.

Office of State Easter Seal Group May Move To Southern Pines Site

The board of directors of the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults, meeting here with Howard Johnson's Restaurant and Motor Lodge as its base of operations Saturday, viewed a site in Southern Pines which has been offered the organization for its State headquarters and took under advisement the proposal for such a move. Headquarters of the Society—whose work on behalf of handicapped persons is financed by the

annual Easter Seal sale throughout the state—is now at Chapel Hill. The executive board of the Society will meet June 30 to take up the proposed moving of the headquarters to Southern Pines, along with other recommendations made to the board Saturday.

Location of the proposed headquarters building site was not revealed, pending action by the executive board.

Town Officials to Attend Course in Municipal Work

Town and city governing officials from all corners of the state will gather at Chapel Hill's Joseph Palmer Knapp Building beginning Sunday for three days of discussions on how to govern their municipalities at the Institute of Government's 1961 School for Mayors and Councilmen.

Mayor John S. Ruggles said today that he and Councilman Morris Johnson plan to go to Chapel Hill Sunday, to attend the school, and that Councilman Felton Capel expects to join them on Monday. Other members of the council may go, he said, noting that he had not yet learned the plans of R. S. Ewing and J. D. Hobbs.

Following in the wake of recent municipal elections in most North Carolina communities, the 1961 edition of the school will offer for the benefit of new and old officials alike: (1) a review of their most important powers and duties, (2) an analysis of basic municipal procedures such as the preparation of the annual budget, (3) discussions of the major functions and problem areas of city government, and (4) a key to references, agencies and individuals who can be of assistance to local government officials in solving their individual problems.

One of the highlights of the three-day session will be the Councilmen's Clinic on the afternoon of June 27, open to all mayors and councilmen for questions concerning any aspect of city government. Providing the answers will be staff members of the Institute of Government and the North Carolina League of Municipalities, and other state and local officials.

The Society's Camp Development Committee, the planning body for the Easter Seal Camp for handicapped children to be built at a site north of Southern Pines, approved all plans for the camp as presented by the architect, E. J. Austin of Southern Pines, and made a recommendation for their approval to the Society's state board. Mrs. Graham Culbreth of Southern Pines is a member of the Camp Development committee and met with the group Saturday. She said that planning now looks toward the facility to be a year-around operation and that the name "Center" will probably be used for it, rather than "Camp."

J. Preston Wrenn of Charlotte, chairman of the Camp Development Committee, was here for the planning sessions.

Mrs. Culbreth said that the purchase of the camp or center site has been completed and that funds have been granted by the board to expand the lake there and put it in the condition needed for operation as a crippled children's center.

A similar camp for Negro children is conducted by the Society near Swansboro.

Margaret L. Moore and Bernie Passer, physical therapists with the State Society, met with the camp committee.

Members of the State Board meeting here included Dr. Edgar T. Thompson of Duke University, Durham, state president; W. D. Whitaker, Elon G. Borton, Egbert N. Peeler, Felix S. Barker of the State Department of Education at Raleigh, C. C. Mulholland of Durham, State Senator Robert B. Morgan of Lillington, the Society's legal advisor, Mrs. George Caffey of Tryon and Dr. John W. Bayliss who is a member of the Camp Development Committee, and Mr. Wrenn.

Albin Pikutis, executive secretary, of Chapel Hill, attended. He is in charge of the state office that would be moved to Southern Pines if the plan is approved by the Society's board of directors.

County Plans
Mrs. Culbreth, who is vice president and service chairman of the Moore County Society for Crippled Children and Adults (Easter Seal Society) said that the executive board met last Thursday night at the home of Mrs. William Wood of Pinebluff, president. Attending were Dr. Harold Peck, who, with Dr. Emily (Continued on page 8)

Woman Seriously Hurt When Car Overturns Here

Mrs. Emily Hearne, 54, of Carthage, Rt. 3, was seriously hurt Wednesday about 7:35 a. m. when her car skidded on a dirt road in the rain, hit a fence and overturned.

The accident happened at Mrs. Magruder Dent's pasture lot at the end of Fairway Drive in Kenwood, a short distance outside the city limits. Mrs. Hearne, wife of Reece Blaire Hearne, Jr., was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital. At the hospital today, she was reported in "satisfactory" condition, though with her pelvis fractured in three places.

Her 1953 four-door Chevrolet was "a total loss," said Patrolman R. R. Samuels, who investigated. The windshield was entirely broken out but he had not been able to determine whether or not she had been thrown through it. Because of Mrs. Hearne's condition, he said, he had been unable to question her as to how the accident happened.

Local Little League Baseball Program Booming

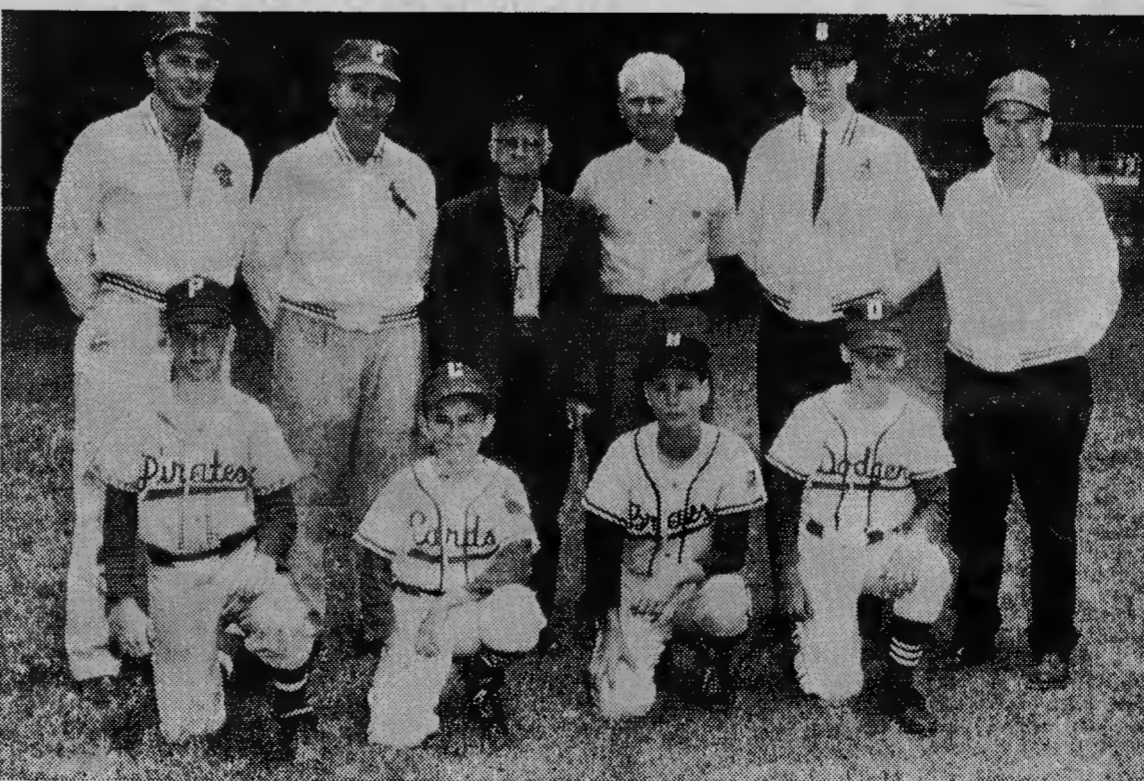
Any community activity that claims the interest of 106 boys—and through them the interest of hundreds of members of their families—deserves more than passing notice.

The Southern Pines Little League is such an activity. The boys and adults connected with the program want the public to know more about what they are doing. They also like to have people watch the games at Memorial Field, played each Monday and Friday, two games each night, the first starting at 6:30 p. m. And the program, while supported in part by the Town through its summer recreation program, is dependent on contributions from businesses and individuals to meet its full cost.

Most Little League programs over the nation do not offer as much opportunity for wide participation by boys as does the Southern Pines organization. And it's this policy of giving every boy who wants to play a chance to take part against competition at his own level of ability that gives the adults associated with the program here most satisfaction in what they are doing.

Eight Teams

The 106 boys in the Little League are divided into eight teams—four in the "Little League" and four in the "Minor League" which plays the part of "farm teams" from which boys move up



LITTLE LEAGUERS ALL—Success of the Southern Pines Little League baseball program depends on a combination of men and boys, as symbolized in this picture. Left to right: Eugene Sessoms, coach of the Pirates, kneeling; Joel Stutts, coach for the Cardinals, and John McLaughlin, Cardinal player, kneeling; C. L. Dutton who coached local Little League teams when Southern Pines had a single team in the

county league; Frank Buchan, Little League commissioner; Shirley Wooster, coach of the Braves, with Johnny Rowe of that team, kneeling; and James E. Pate, coach of the Dodgers, with Robin Grover, Dodger player, kneeling. All four of the players shown here are in their third year of organized baseball—two years with Little League and one year with the Midget League in 1959.

(Humphrey photo)

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