

Telephone Poles And Ecology

Ecology takes many turns and even telephone poles play a part in an unusual way, R. B. Moore, Southern Bell manager said.

Much of the Bell System's efforts in North Carolina are across the country are directed at phasing out telephone poles and replacing them with microwave and underground cable facilities.

In Utah's Escalante Desert the telephone company ran into some resistance, however, when dismantling an 18-mile route of poles. A wildlife bureau specialist explained that because of the lack of trees in the area, bald eagles, golden eagles, hawks and peregrine falcons have been building their nests on the crossbars

of the telephone poles for the past 40 years. The solution worked out by the Bell System and the bureau specialist leaves every tenth pole standing along the route, giving the birds a total of 45 poles for their nests. In addition, telephone men are adding wooden platforms to the crossbars of some of the poles to give the birds extra room.

"It's sort of ironic," said R. B. Moore, manager in Kings Mountain. "While one of our environmental goals is to eliminate telephone poles as quickly as we can, this is a case where the best things to do from an environmental standpoint is to keep some of the poles up."

"Now all the birds have to worry about are those irresponsible people who use bird's nesting on poles for target practice."

Local Guardsmen Sterchi's Names To Fort Bragg New President

RALEIGH—More than 1,800 North Carolina National Guardsmen of Non-Division Troop Command will trek to Fort Bragg this week-end for two weeks annual training.

Training for the Non-Division troops, under the command of Col. Robert A. Hughes of Parkton, this year includes taking Army Training Tests to determine combat readiness.

Governor Bob Scott plans to visit the troops on June 3. Units participating in this year's summer camp are 2d Battalion, 120th Infantry of Hickory, Statesville, Newton, Morganton, Lexington, Mount Airy, Elkin, and Mocksville; the 167th Military Police Battalion of Washington, Farmville, Greenville, and New Bern; Headquarters 690th Maintenance Battalion of Kinston; the 691st Maintenance Company of Benson, Dunn; the 694th Maintenance Company of Mount Olive, Fremont; and the 205th Medical Detachment (Dental Service) located at Raleigh-Durham Airport.

The Non-Division units will conclude their two weeks of training on Saturday, June 12, and depart Fort Bragg for their home stations.

Ronald D. Powell Aboard Landing Ship

(FHTNC)—Navy Chief Warrant Officer Ronald D. Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie H. Powell of 292 Fulton Road, Kings Mountain, N. C., is serving aboard the dock landing ship USS Point Defiance which participated in Operation "Keystone Robin" which carried more than 1,600 Marines and 740,000 cubic feet of equipment out of Vietnam during the sixth increment of troop redeployment.

At Danang, the loading was coordinated among Army, Navy and Marine Corps men who worked continuously for 24 hours a day as ships moored to the pier, loaded, and left within 10 to 12 hours.

The 1,600 Marines boarding the amphibious ships were from the First Marine Division. Off-loading points for cargo and personnel included San Diego, Long Beach, Calif., Pearl Harbor and Okinawa.

Cancer Gift Living Memorial

RALEIGH—A memorial gift to the American Cancer Society is a living memorial—a thoughtful gift and a tribute to someone loved.

Memorial funds are used to support the Society's fight against cancer through coordinated programs of research, education, and service. Contributions support cancer research in hospitals, laboratories and clinics. They provide fellowships for doctors and scientists and provide education to alert the public to cancer's early symptoms and urge prompt diagnosis and treatment. Memorial gifts make possible service needed for patients stricken with cancer.

George Dedmon's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for George B. Dedmon, 68, of Shelby, brother of Miss Matilda Dedmon of Kings Mountain, were held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 from Ross Grove Baptist church, interment following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Dedmon died of cancer Monday morning in Cleveland Memorial hospital. He had been critically ill for six months.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late James Monroe and Florence Botts Dedmon. He was employed as sales manager for Sterchi Furniture Store in Shelby until two years ago.

A 1924 graduate of Shelby high school, he was a star pitcher under Coach Casey Morris and won the O. Max Gardner scholarship to N. C. State College. He was All-state end for his team. He was an avid sports fan and gardener.

Surviving besides his sister here are his wife, Mrs. Sallie Wacaster Dedmon; one daughter, Mrs. Edward Payne of Wilmington, Del.; two brothers, Alonzo and Spurgeon Dedmon of Shelby; and four sisters, Mrs. Brad, Dover of Grover, Mrs. Kathleen Allen, Mrs. Dock Glascoe and Mrs. D. C. Pruett, all of Shelby.

Rev. Curtis Bundy officiated at the final rites.

Society, and a memorial card is sent to the family of the deceased, with the name of the person honored and the name of the group or individual donor. These contributions may be in any amount and are tax deductible. The American Cancer Society is grateful to families, individuals and groups who are using this practical means of assisting the Society in expanding a counter attack on cancer. Memorial funds should be sent to the Memorial Chairman in the local unit of the American Cancer Society.

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Dixon Revival Services Continue

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Rev. Mr. Moss, a Kings Mountain native and former missionary to Brazil, is filling the pulpit at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Mr. Moss is pastor of Bethel and Scherer Memorial Presbyterian churches of Clover, S. C.

C. A. Terrell, veteran Sterchi official, was elected president and was also named to the board of directors. John P. Hart was elected as a new member of the board of directors.

Terrell, age 51, a veteran of 29 years of service, has been vice president and general merchandise manager since last June. Prior to his election as vice president he was regional manager of the company's stores in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Middle Tennessee. He started with the company as an assistant store manager, regional manager, vice president and now has been elevated to the office of president and director. His long and wide experience with the company identifies him favorably with the industry.

Hart is vice president of Multimedia Broadcasting Company, operators of radio and television stations in Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. He is also president of WORK, Inc., a radio station in Morristown, Tennessee, and local manager of WEIR radio and television in Knoxville, Tennessee. Recently Mr. Hart was elected president of the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to the two new members named to the board, the stockholders re-elected as board members F. Curtis Allen, O. C. Bowden, J. P. Childress, S. Frank Fowler, John L. Greer, W. E. Haase, Edwin C. Huster, C. E. Rutherford, Gilbert Sterchi and James G. Sterchi III.

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