

# THE PILOT



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Aberdeen Devilettes



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S. Pines Blue Knights  
(Humphrey Photos)

**TONIGHT'S THE BIG NIGHT!**

## Over 1,000 Expected To See S. Pines-Aberdeen Contests

More than 1,000 highly partisan fans are expected to pour into the Southern Pines big gym to-night (Friday) to witness a renewal of the most colorful, if not the oldest, basketball series in North Carolina, between Southern Pines and Aberdeen.

The Aberdeen boys' and girls' teams are favored, but the odds

have dropped rapidly this week, and it is a hardy soul indeed, with more sentiment than judgment, who will give or take points. The outcome of both games may well rest on the shoulders of Lady Luck. Two weeks ago it was Aberdeen by 15 points.

Southern Pines' running roughshod over Pinehurst last week sent the Blue Knight stock skyrocketing. Particularly when Aberdeen barely squeaked by the same Pinehurst by a one point margin.

**Started Slowly**

Coach Dub Leonard's Blue Knight squad started rather slowly but have been coming along. Their 6-1 record is not quite as good as the 8-1 record of Aberdeen, who is undefeated in the county, but the only conference defeat charged to the Blue Knights is an early season loss to Carthage.

Coach Hugh Bowman of Aberdeen will send onto the local court a veteran team—one with poise and more than an experience advantage. The Red Devils have that—3 seniors and 2 juniors will start—but they also have a terrific height advantage. Their

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## National Guard Rated 'Excellent' After Inspection

Highlights of recent National Guard weekly drills were the promotion of three enlisted men, and the announcement this week of the rating of Excellent attained by the unit on its annual general inspection.

Capt. William J. Wilson, company commander, announced the promotion to corporal of Pfc. Donald T. Cheatham, of Southern Pines, in recognition of his outstanding training record, including recent active duty training at The Artillery School, Fort Bliss, Texas, and his demonstrated leadership ability and interest in the unit. Promoted to private first class rank were Privates James Lee Alexander of Carthage, and Frank W. Price, Jr., of Aberdeen.

Captain Wilson said this week that he was pleased with the results so far in the recruiting drive inaugurated during the first week of January. Guardsmen enlisted since the start of the drive are: Corporal Ray Kirby Schilling, Privates Winford Allen Cox, Richard Louis Kobleur, Jr., Richard J. Parsley, and Joe Frank Diggs, all of Southern Pines; and Privates George Edward Cheatham and Willard R. Dunlop, of Pine-

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## STOREY TROPHY TO BE GIVEN MONDAY

The Storey Memorial Trophy, given annually to a Moore County Boy Scout troop for general excellence during the past year's activities, will be awarded at a court of honor program to be held by troops of the county at the Community Church in Pinehurst at 7:30 p. m. Monday. Merit badge and advancement awards will be made.

## Pair Confess To Robbing Several Places In Moore

### Stores, Stations Are Entered From Here To Cameron Along No. 1

Members of the sheriff's department, SEI and town police have been cooperating during the past week in investigating a series of minor break-ins that took place last week.

Five of the illegal entries took place Tuesday night and two more Thursday, while four Eagle Springs Negroes were arrested Sunday in connection with theft of two rifles from the J. C. Caldwell store at Eagle Springs January 9.

A Fort Bragg soldier, George Meleus, 22, of Twin Rocks, Pa., and a Sanford youth, Charles Lloyd, Jr., 17, admitted to officers in Lee County Tuesday that they were responsible for several Moore County break-ins, it was learned here Thursday. They were to be given a hearing before Magistrate Charles MacLeod in Carthage Thursday. Officers said that a total of about a dozen break-ins have been reported in Moore, some of which are listed in the accompanying story. The confessions followed identification of a pistol Meleus had as one stolen in Moore, officers said.

Deputy Sheriff A. F. Dees of Aberdeen listed the location goods taken and method of entry of the five Tuesday night break-ins as:

Lane's Garage on No. 1 highway south, just out of the Southern Pines town limits; set of mechanics' tools; forced a door.

John Lane's Gulf Service station near the garage; rifle and cigarettes; entered through window.

Hudson's Service Station, Vass; nothing reported missing; in through window.

Buddy McRae's store, Vass; (Continued on page 8)



**AWARD RECEIVED**—Brig. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins (center), commandant of the USAF Air-Ground Operations School in the Highland Pines Inn, and members of the transportation section at the school examine an Award for Safety presented to the school by Tactical Air Command, recognizing the school's having won the "Operations Impact" safety campaign in 1954, when its vehicles were involved in no accidents. In fact, General Jenkins reported this week, the transportation section has driven over 500,000 miles in 803 days without an accident. Left to right with General Jenkins are: T-Sgt. James R. Cloninger, T-Sgt. Milton Wilson, Capt. David L. Callaway, transportation officer, and S-Sgt. Magnor Aughtry. The "Operation Impact" campaign was conducted with cooperation of civilian police officers and civilian drivers throughout the Sandhills area last year. M-Sgt. Sylvain T. Barrett, who also assisted in supervision of the safety campaign, is not in the photo. The motor section daily operates four buses, four Air Force carry-alls, five staff cars and three trucks. Governors and turn signals were installed on all vehicles and there are daily inspections. (Air Force Photo)

## Stoneybrook Race Scheduled For Sat., March 19

Charles Stitzer of Southern Pines, executive secretary of the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association, said this week that the National Hunt Association, at its meeting in New York City last week, had given the first race of the Spring season to the local Association, setting it for Saturday, March 19.

Mr. Stitzer said that there would be a meeting of the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association at an early date. The March 19 event will be the seventh annual

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## Fred Weaver To Address P. T. A.

Fred Weaver, former Sandhills resident and now dean of student affairs at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, will speak on what young people lack scholastically and emotionally at college entrance, during the regular meeting of the Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association to be held in Weaver Auditorium at 8 p. m. Thursday of next week.

The program is designed to precede a panel discussion, with three teen-agers and three adults, that has been scheduled for the February meeting. The Rev. C. K. Ligon will conduct the devotional at next week's meeting.

## Leonard Elected C. of C. Head But Says Can't Serve

George H. Leonard, Jr., was elected president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night, but said later that he could not accept the job.

The new board of directors, installed at this week's meeting, unanimously elected Mr. Leonard, a holdover director from last year, in absentia. He returned that night from a trip out of town too late to attend the meeting.

Later, Mr. Leonard said he "deeply appreciated" the compliment, would like very much to serve but, as the owner of two businesses in the North, will have to spend much of his time there during the coming year. He said he felt, though, that this would not interfere with his continuing

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## Ground Broken For W. Southern Pines School

Residents of West Southern Pines joined with local school officials last Friday morning in ground-breaking ceremonies at the site of a four-classroom elementary school building which will be located south-west of the gymnasium on the West Southern Pines school grounds.

Preliminary work at the site was interrupted for the event and construction is proceeding immediately. The building, as explained Friday is the first unit in a proposed 15-classroom structure which will also contain a cafeteria. The unit now under construction will include the heating plant for the entire completed building. Cost is \$54,337.

**Band, Glee Club Perform**

On hand for the ceremonies were: the student body of the West Southern Pines School, with faculty members and Principal J. W. Moore, who presided at a public address system, the band, directed by J. C. Hasty, and the glee club, directed by R. T. Simmons.

Seated in a line of chairs facing the students were members of the Southern Pines board of school trustees: Dr. Vida McLeod, L. F. Garvin and John Howarth, chairman; Supt. A. C. Dawson the architects of the building, T. T. Hayes, Jr., and Thomas F. Marshall, of Southern Pines; the contractor, W. L. Jewell, of Sanford; and West Southern Pines school and civic leaders, including Mrs. Emma Stubbs, Mrs. Emma Brown, Mrs. O. J. Saunders, H. F. Faison and others.

**Pastors Take Part**

The Rev. T. L. Parsons gave an invocation that followed the national anthem at the beginning of the program and the Rev. G. D. McNeill delivered the closing prayer.

Two members of the school board were unable to attend—N. L. Hodgkins who is a patient at Moore County Hospital, and Harry Menzel. Both sent their greetings.

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**WIELDING THE SHOVEL**—Among West Southern Pines residents helping to break ground for a new elementary school building were Mrs. Emma Brown (top left); Larry Vowles (top right), kindergarten pupil, who is expected to enter the first grade in the new building this fall; H. F. Faison (lower left), president of the West Southern Pines PTA; and Mrs. Emma Stubbs (lower right) who turned the first shovel of earth in ceremonies Friday. West Southern Pines elementary school pupils watch from the background. Others taking a turn with the shovel were members of the Southern Pines board of school trustees, Supt. A. C. Dawson, the Rev. J. A. Williams, West Southern Pines minister and Thomas Ray, president of the West Southern Pines High School senior class. (Pilot Staff Photos)

## Sun Melts Snow Over This Area

### Cars Slither, Kids Have Fun While It Lasts

Clear skies and a warm sun on Thursday were rapidly dissolving a covering of snow that blanketed this area Tuesday night and Wednesday morning—the largest fall in several years. Official measurement for the snow fall at the Weather Bureau observation station near town hall was four inches.

A driving wind and rain Tuesday evening turned to ice and sleet during the night and Sandhills residents awoke to a covering of snow over ice that made driving hazardous—but no serious accidents were reported throughout this area.

Schools of the county system were closed Wednesday and pupils in Southern Pines were dismissed at noon. On Thursday Southern Pines and Aberdeen schools were open as usual, but others were closed, including Pinehurst schools, Notre Dame Academy and Our Lady of Victory School in West Southern Pines.

**Kids Have Fun**

Children getting an unexpected vacation had a field day in the rare snowfall which began to melt Wednesday afternoon as the temperature rose, giving it a consistency suitable for making snow men, many of which were fashioned here and elsewhere. Perhaps the largest and most impressive was one built off Pennsylvania Ave., near the Park View Hotel.

Many other children, victims of a current epidemic of measles, chicken pox and flu in this area, were unable to take advantage of the unusual chance to play in snow.

All highways in this area were clear by noon, although there was considerable slipping and sliding by cars earlier in the morning on highways or city streets on a grade.

Local police reported that Miss Claire Sylva, an employee of the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, required hospital treatment, with 14 stitches taken in facial cuts, after her 1949 Chevrolet left Pee Dee Road, striking two trees, about 250 yards north of the Midland Road intersection, at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday. Road conditions played a part in the accident.

Reported to local police, but not investigated by them, was an accident in which two other Carolina Hotel employees were involved when a 1954 Plymouth driven by Miss Barbara Lydnick, with Miss Ann Petro as passenger, collided with trees near the Pine Needles golf course. Both the occupants of the car were treated at St. Joseph's hospital, but the extent of their injuries was not known.

## Superior Court To Open Monday

A one-week term of Superior Court for criminal cases will open at Carthage Monday, with Judge Allen H. Gwyn presiding.

About two dozen cases are slated to go before the grand jury and the trial docket lists more than 70 other cases. The calendar schedules cases through Thursday.

Lonnie Mitchell, Niagara Negro who is accused of killing another Negro from that community, Onnie Davis, more than a year ago, is slated to be tried for murder.

## Dr. Grier Given Scouting Honor

Dr. J. C. Grier, Jr., of Pinehurst, was awarded the Silver Beaver award by the Oconeechee Boy Scout Council at its annual banquet, held last Thursday in Raleigh. Dr. Grier is Moore District Commissioner, and has been active in local Scouting since 1950.

Moore District won the attendance award, for the ninth consecutive year, with a total of 54 scouts present. It took second place for all Scouting activity in this 12-county Council during the year. A total of almost 500 adult leaders attended the event, held in the ballroom of the new State College Union Building.

Action was taken to provide Moore District with a full-time Scout Executive, as a result of the raising of over \$8,500 in Moore during the last fund drive. Jim Wilson of Southern Pines has served both Moore and Lee Districts, but as soon as Lee is provided for, Wilson will serve only Moore County troops.

Honor was paid to W. D. Campbell of Southern Pines, retiring Council president, by naming a



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recently-acquired area on the John H. Kerr Lake near Henderson as "The W. D. Campbell Explorer base" "for the use of the Boy Scouts . . . in recognition and appreciation of his devoted service." (Continued on page 8)