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## Peach Crop Wiped Out By 2 Freezing Nights

North Carolina's 1964 peach crop, along with that of nearly the entire South, was wiped out by freezing cold Sunday and Monday nights.

Hard hit in Moore County was the belt of orchards along its western edge—a portion of the "peach triangle" that includes parts of seven counties.

The Weather Bureau station at Radio Station WEEB on Midland Road listed 27 as low temperature for the night of Sunday-Monday and 17 as low for the Monday-Tuesday night.

"If any peaches are surviving in the Sandhills, they are few, and scattered, not anything like enough to call a cash crop," said A. N. Stutts of Shamrock Farms near Pinehurst, where some 300 acres or orchards were devastated.

T. Clyde Auman of West End, with 150 acres lost, said early this week that the extent of the damage couldn't actually be known for three or four days, when the killed blossoms would start falling off. However, the veteran grower, who is president-elect of the National Peach Council, said there is "practically no hope" of any peaches surviving.

Reports from Candor growers who also own orchards in Eastern South Carolina, were that there may be a possibility that some fruit may have survived there. But the speculation was not yet confirmed.

The disaster was startlingly similar to that of 1955, when, on March 27 and 28, the temperature dropped to 19 on one night, 21 on the next, after a spell of balmy weather. The result was a 100 per cent kill of the crop, the most complete known to the peach-growing industry in the Southeast. Nearly complete losses by freezing also took place in 1947 and 1950.

This time, it isn't quite so bad. Though the peaches themselves may be entirely lost, Stutts and Auman both said the trees were apparently not hurt. In 1955, some of the trees were killed and many were severely injured

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## Woods Fires Hit Area; Many Fight Blaze On Easter

A stubborn forest fire fed by high winds burned 80 to 100 acres of timberland south of Pinebluff Sunday, threatening numbers of outbuildings and several trailer homes. This was one of several woods fires occurring over the Easter weekend.

Members of the Forest Service, a half-dozen fire departments and the Clarendon Gardens fire truck fought the blaze for about eight hours.

Joining were a contingent of soldiers on maneuvers at Camp Mackall. An airplane being used in the exercise, Cherokee Trail II, did spotter service from above.

With the use of a loudspeaker, ground fighters were directed to places where new fires were springing up.

Major Gerald L. Sweeney of Hurlburt Field, Fla., was the pilot of the U-10 plane.

Forest Ranger Travis A. Wicker said several persons trying to "backfire" to save their property, in strong winds, got new fires started.

The fire was one of three which sprang up along the Seaboard Railroad track just after a southbound train had passed. Wicker

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## Lake To Campaign In Hoke April 9

Dr. I. Beverly Lake, candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, will campaign in Hoke County Thursday of next week, April 9, stopping in each precinct and coming close to the Moore County line.

He will be at Odom's Esso Station, in Buchan Precinct, at 9 a. m. This is six miles south of Aberdeen on US 15-501, and J. D. McMillan of Raeford, Dr. Lake's Hoke County manager, invites his Moore County friends to come over the line and greet the candidate.

His committee in this precinct is composed of J. D. Pickler, W. G. Rumfelt and Albert Kellis.

Dr. Lake will start his tour at the Hoke County courthouse in Raeford at 7:30 a.m.

## 8 Homes, Gardens On April 15 Tour

Preparations for the 16th annual House and Garden Tour, sponsored by the Southern Pines Garden Club on Wednesday, April 15, are continuing.

Eight homes and gardens chosen for their good taste, originality and charm, in and around Southern Pines and Pinehurst, have been chosen for the tour.

Full details will appear in next week's Pilot.

## 'Queen of Sandhills' To Be Chosen On April 10

The annual Queen of the Sandhills contest for Moore County high school girls and benefit dance, sponsored by the Pinehurst Volunteer Fire Department, will be held Friday night, April 10, it was announced this week.

Joe Harper and the Esquires, with Honey Lucas, vocalist, will play for the dancing at the Pinehurst Country Club. Further details will be announced next week.

### ITEMS OMITTED

Because of a small paper, this post-Easter week, a number of news items and photos had to be omitted from today's Pilot. Most of them will appear next week. The editors regret necessary omissions and shortening of other items to fit available space.

JOHNSON SWORN IN—W. Morris Johnson (with glasses) was sworn in Friday as acting postmaster here, succeeding J. W. Causey, right, who resigned. Administering the oath, at left, is Chief Postal Inspector C. W. Hubbard of Raleigh. In the background is Postal Inspector Orrell of Raleigh. Mr. Johnson resigned as manager of the Southern Pines Country Club and as mayor, to take the office. (Humphrey photo)

## Mrs. Liddell To Be Secretary For Camp Easter Here

Mrs. Mark Liddell of Southern Pines has been appointed area secretary for Moore and nearby counties by the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults, to coordinate Society activities, especially the Camp Easter-in-the-Pines project, it has been announced by Robert A. Lassiter of Chapel Hill, executive secretary. Her office will be located at Camp Easter-in-the-Pines near here, in the staff house. Her telephone numbers are 695-5122 or 695-5022. The mailing address of this new office is P. O. Box 962, Southern Pines.

Mrs. Liddell's primary responsibilities at this time the announcement said, include:

Act as liaison between the state office and local chapters and committees.

Supervise and coordinate the work of the "Rehab Shop," the proposed year-round training program for the handicapped.

Supervise the general management of the camp property as provided by Bob Paxton, caretaker.

Be responsible for all bills and budget of the year-round operations at the campsite.

Organize and coordinate in Moore County all fund-raising programs for the construction and operation of the camp.

The camp is now under construction, to open this summer for handicapped children from over the state.

JOHN M. BIGBEE

## Bigbee Promoted By Phone Co.

John M. Bigbee, assistant general manager and chief engineer of the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc., has been elected a vice president effective April 1, it was announced by E. W. Smail, president of the company, this week.

Mr. Bigbee is a member of the First Baptist Church and Elks Lodge in Southern Pines and a member of the Masonic Lodge in Beaufort, S. C. A native of South Carolina, he has been employed by United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc., since 1952. He will retain his present position as chief engineer along with his new duties.

He is married to the former Vesta Shaw of Fairfax, S. C. They have three children and live on Little Road in Southern Pines.

## Little League Try-Outs Will Be Held Saturday

Boys nine through 12 years are invited to try out for local Little League baseball teams, at the Little League park opposite the armory on Morganton Road, starting at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Southern Pines has a fully organized and supervised official Little League organization of which Dr. W. F. Hollister is president.

NEW MAYOR—Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., formerly mayor pro tem, was elected mayor of Southern Pines by other members of the council at a special meeting last Thursday afternoon, following the resignation of Mayor W. Morris Johnson to become acting postmaster here. Harry H. Pethick was elected to fill the vacancy on the five-member council. Election of a new mayor pro tem was deferred until the full board, including Mr. Pethick, meets. Other members of the council are Felton Capel, C. A. McLaughlin and Fred Pollard. The new mayor, 37, is serving his first term on the council. He is executive vice president of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company and has long been active in civic affairs.

### 69TH ANNIVERSARY

The 69th anniversary of its founding in April, 1895, will be observed at the 11 a.m. service Sunday by the United Church of Christ, reports the Rev. Carl Wallace, pastor.

### THEATRE MEETING SET

The Theatre-in-the-Pines, local amateur acting group, will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Southern Pines Country Club. Interested persons are invited.

## Taylor Chemical Co. Joins With Grower Service

Taylor Chemical Co., Inc. of Aberdeen, effective April 1, became the Taylor Chemical Division of Grower Service Corp. of Lansing, Mich., Jack M. Taylor, president, and manager, announced Wednesday.

There will be no change in management or personnel, Mr. Taylor stated, adding that "joining hands with Grower Service Corp. will make available greater basic research, additional technical service and a more complete line for agricultural chemicals for our customers."

New chemicals are being constantly developed to help farmers grow higher quality and larger yields of food and fiber, he noted.

Grower Service Corp., with vast resources in research and marketing, is a leader in this advance, Mr. Taylor said. Concentrated mainly in the midwest, it is, in its addition of the Taylor Chemical plant, making its initial expansion into the Southeast.

Taylor Chemical, founded at Aberdeen about 30 years ago, employs about 100 persons. Its products are sold throughout the southern states.

## Antiques Fair Termed Success

Last week's 7th annual Antiques Fair at the National Guard Armory was termed a success by Mrs. F. F. Rainey, executive director, who said that it netted about $2,000 for the sponsoring Moore County Historical Association.

The 26 dealers participating were a larger number than in any previous show and several indicated they would return next year, Mrs. Rainey said.

The door prize, given Friday night at the close of the show, was won by Mrs. Dan Assad.

## Stoneybrook Races Get Wide Attention; Events Planned By Committees

The Stoneybrook Hunt Race Meeting, to be held here Saturday April 11, annually brings thousands of visitors to Southern Pines and an unprecedented crowd is expected. Long considered a top sports and social event of the area, the 17th Stoneybrook this year has received nationwide publicity and recognition.

According to a recent issue of Life magazine which devoted its "Guide" page to featuring steeplechase circuits, "At the first sign of spring thaw, fanciers of that more stirring of horsy events—the steeplechase—come alive like the early blooming crocus. With picnic baskets, blankets, cameras and binoculars they do a kind of steeplechase of their own, flocking across country to the scenes of their favorite meets."

Quoting from the same page in Life, "Southern Pines is the winter home of some 300 racers and jumpers and the site of the Stoneybrook Racing Association program April 11. There are 22 timber fences to be leaped over in the three-mile Sandhills Cup race and 15 hurdles in the two-mile Stoneybrook. There is also a shorter hurdle race for maidens and two flat races."

Stoneybrook also was given publicity in an article in the travel section of a Sunday New York Times, and is listed as one of the most important events of the spring season in The Chronicle and other magazines devoted to horse activities.

**Plans Complete**

According to Donald D. Kennedy, chairman of the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association's executive committee, the committees in charge of activities for the weekend report plans are complete.

Michael G. Walsh, famed horseman and trainer and owner of Stoneybrook Farm, says that the track is in excellent condition, with new brush and timber fences.

Serving on the executive committee with Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Walsh are Henry C. Flory, William M. Frantz, James W. Tufts,

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BY TELEPHONE FIRM

## Extended Area Service Slated For West End

Clarence Beasley, manager of Central Telephone Company's Troy, Biscoe-Star, Candor, Mount Gilead and West End exchanges, announced this week that a proposal for extended area service has been approved by majority vote of West End subscribers.

This extended area service permits customers to dial their own calls without a toll charge from West End exchange into the Troy, Biscoe-Star, Candor and Mount Gilead exchanges. The same free service is provided from the four Montgomery County exchanges into West End.

Extended Area Service will enable about 300 West End exchange telephone users to reach the approximately 4,100 telephones in the Troy, Candor, Biscoe-Star and Mount Gilead exchanges on a local call basis.

It is expected that the new service will be put into effect by the end of 1964, the announcement said.

Elsewhere in Moore County, extended area service is furnished by United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc., to the Southern Pines-Pinehurst- Aberdeen area.

### 865 GET VACCINE

A total of 865 persons got their Type I Sabin oral polio vaccine at the "make-up" clinic held Saturday in the Health Center at Carthage for those who had missed the March 22 county - wide "feeding." Next county - wide clinics, for Sabin vaccine protecting against another type of polio, will be held Sunday afternoon, April 19.

## RACE CHAIRMAN TO APPEAR, TV

**Stoneybrook Steeplechase Chairman Donald D. Kennedy will appear in a television interview, about the April 11 races, at 3:30 p.m. Saturday on Channel 11, Durham.**

**In another steeplechase interview, Mr. Kennedy appeared last week with Ray Reeves, on Channel 5, Raleigh.**

**News coverage of the races, by press and TV reporters and photographers, is expected to be extensive.**

## Extensive Remodeling Undertaken At St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital

Remodeling under way at St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital will give the building a new entrance, new driveway and parking areas, a unique first floor chapel and numerous other conveniences and improvements, costing nearly $200,000, according to Sister M. Virginia, hospital administrator.

Among the improvements will be the piping of oxygen to each room.

The main entrance will be moved to the opposite side of the building from where it now is, to the actual front side, with terrace, overlooking the front lawn. The driveway will be relocated to that side, with appropriate parking areas nearby.

The circular chamber now used as entrance hall and waiting room, some 60 feet in diameter, will be made into a chapel, planned by Benzinger Brothers, noted chapel designers of New York City. The present porch and porte-cochere of stone and brick will be enclosed to provide a chaplain's quarters. Chapel and chaplain are now on the fifth floor.

Rugs and wooden flooring are being taken up on the entire first floor and terrazzo floors being laid. Offices on that floor will be rearranged anad brought together for greater economy of space, leaving a spacious area for the new entrance hall.

The remodeling began on the second floor, which now has a terrazzo floor, with terrazzo baseboard, throughout, with doors widened so beds can be moved in and out of each room. One patient room at the elevator has been eliminated to provide a nursing station or chartroom, also a waiting room, open to the cor-

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LOCAL SERVICEMAN WRITES EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT OF DISASTER

## *Sandhills Area Families Safe After Earthquake In Alaska*

Sandhills relatives of three young families living in the Anchorage, Alaska, area have been informed that they are safe and well, after the devastating Good Friday earthquake.

Heard from by telephone calls or letters, or both, in the past several days were:

The Rev. Lewis Hodgkins, rector of an Episcopal church in Anchorage and son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins of Southern Pines, whose wife and young daughter were also reported well.

Mrs. Michael Niewald, the former Susan McKenzie, daughter of Mrs. Thom McKenzie of Pinehurst. Mr. Niewald, a salesman for a business machines company, and their two children are also safe.

T-Sgt. James V. Hatch, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Hatch of Southern Pines, at Elmendorf Air Force Base, near Anchorage, with his wife and two children — all safe.

Not reported to The Pilot as heard from locally and not mentioned in any communication from the three families listed are the B. A. Morgan family who left Southern Pines in August, 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan and their five children had lived here for several years, in the old Grover house on E. Indiana Ave. extension. They were active in Boy Scouting and other youth activities. Mr. Morgan, a Reserve lieutenant-colonel who worked as a Civil Service equipment specialist at Fort Bragg, was to be assigned to similar duties in Alaska. Their mail address there was Route 5, Anchorage.

If anyone in this area has heard from the Morgan family, The Pilot asks that this newspaper please be notified.

Letters have been received directly by The Pilot from the Rev. Mr. Hodgkins and Sergeant Hatch. The Hodgkins letter came in this morning, too late for inclusion in today's Pilot. Following is an eye-witness account of the quake, as told by Sergeant Hatch:

By JIM HATCH

It was about 5:35 p. m., AST, on March 27th. I had just come in from work, changed into my bathrobe and settled down in my living room to read the evening paper. My daughter was sitting on the adjoining couch and my son across the room. My wife was busying herself in the kitchen with a meal we would never eat.

The first tremor, a mild one, caused no undue alarm, as this area receives them quite frequently. But this one didn't slow down—it just got worse. The building we live in, an eight-apartment, two-story structure began to shift from side to side. I got to my feet and staggered towards the kitchen where my wife was, but I saw her staggering crazily towards me, horror in her eyes. I fell in front of the chair in which my son was sitting. He had begun to cry as lamps, glasses, flower pots and our supper began to crash to the floor. My wife remained standing and braced herself against the large mirror hanging over our television set. I screamed at her and asked her if the stove was off and she shook her head, no.

During this time, I prayed as I never had before. My thoughts were jumbled. I knew we had to get out of the building but then I remembered movies of earthquakes and how the ground opened into large chasms. I got to my feet and managed to maneuver around the remains of a lamp and looked out our window. I don't know what I expected to see, but what I did see scared me even more. My car, a full-size family

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## THE WEATHER

Maximum and minimum temperatures for each day of the past week were recorded as follows at the U. S. Weather Bureau observation station at the W E E B studios on Midland Road.

| | Max. | Min. |
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| March 26 | 72 | 48 |
| March 27 | 65 | 30 |
| March 28 | 71 | 35 |
| March 29 | 65 | 41 |
| March 30 | 42 | 27 |
| March 31 | 50 | 17 |
| April 1 | 53 | 27 |