

# The Pinehurst Page

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## TEERING OFF \* WITH deNISSOFF

**Crackle, Seethe and Spit**  
Nowhere is the effort to update the language of journalism more evident, it seems to us, than in the "culture sections" of the Sunday press. Movie, music, television and theatre reviewers seem to be tailoring their copy to fit the violence of the media they must judge, and as a result, the reviews crackle, seethe and spit, often delivering metaphoric shockers that are like sharp stabs in the ribs.

This is all designed, we suppose to sell newspapers, and certainly it is an exciting trend.

Even so, we were somewhat surprised Sunday to find Dick Banks, the Charlotte Observer music critic, in his coverage of the annual Metropolitan Opera Week in Atlanta, comparing the performances of somewhat old-fashioned and tradition-loaded operas of the Met's repertory to football games where you root for your favorites and want to kill the others.

Undoubtedly this is good. Surely Met Opera Impresario Rudolph Bing has worked hard at updating the repertory, cutting out, often ruthlessly, the dead wood in both operas performed and stars performing, and maybe the

sports page approach to a review carries this healthful modernizing treatment a little further.

Certain it is that the make-up, with photos and cutlines was arresting, and we devoured every word of the Banks' electric word pictures.

**Open Letter**  
... To the kind friends who so graciously loaned us their attractive and comfortable cottage on the South Carolina coast during our vacation last week... Please don't think we're not grateful. The fault is undoubtedly "not in our stars, but in ourselves..."

We have always harbored the quaint notion that a stay at the shore should be, above all things, relaxing, as the endless motion of the waters and the constantly shifting tides, the salt air and warm sunshine should lead to a relaxing of tensions, frustrations, and all other tiresome things from which you hope to escape at the sea.

This mad dream of relaxation disappears when you take two boys, one six and one 14, along with you. Not that they aren't model youngsters, especially if they belong to you. (They even did most of the cooking, washing up and house cleaning.) It's just, you understand, that they, like the ocean, are in constant motion.

So instead of stretching out on the hot sands soaking up sunburn, you find yourself sitting bolt upright, stomach churning like the waves, watching two boys make like porpoises and wondering if those heads will ever reappear above the combers where they are rolling, diving, and generally disporting themselves, on an average of 16 out of the 24 hours.

En route home, after 48 lively hours, while we stopped briefly to change from driver's to passenger's seat, a state patrol car, cruising along at a reckless 15 mph, pulled up alongside our car and the patrolman sympathetically enquired, "Lady, are you broke down?"

While assuring him that we weren't, we inwardly admitted that this was a most acute observation of our condition.

## Sandhill Skeet Championships Set For Weekend

The Pinehurst Gun Club will host the two-day Sandhill Skeet Championships Saturday and Sunday, May 23-24.

An afternoon practice session at 1 p. m. Friday, May 22, kicks off the 1964 event.

With four championship events on the program, the annual shoot will open 9:30 Saturday morning with Sub-Small Gauge (410) followed immediately by Small Gauge (28), both 50-target events.

Saturday afternoon is given over to 20-Gauge, beginning at 1 p. m. The All-Gauge (All-Bore) starts Sunday, May 24, at 9 a. m.

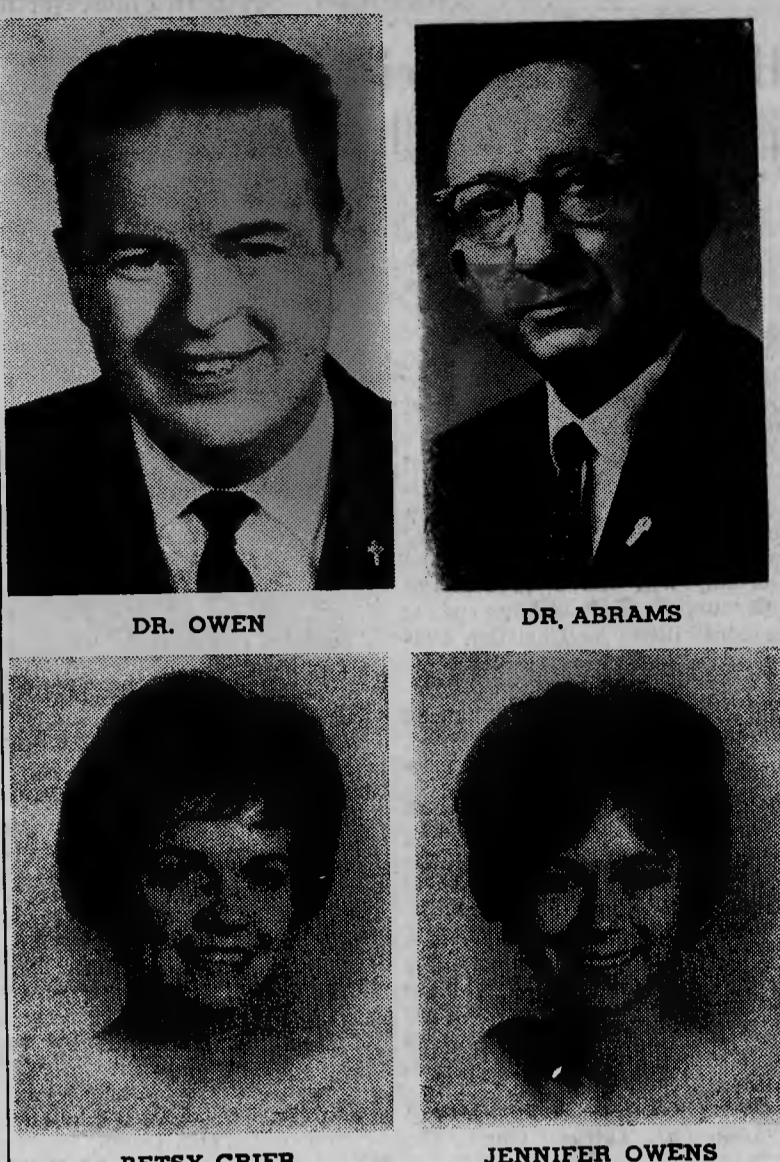
Both 20-Gauge and All-Gauge are 100-target events, with all championships shot off in 25-bird strings, others to be decided on long run.

In addition to the championships, a High Over-All Award will be presented for the combined high score on the 300 targets of the program.

For the convenience of shooters, starting times will be used for the concluding All-Gauge event. This meet will be conducted according to standard National Skeet Shooting Association regulations, with Camp Lejeune Marines as official referees.

Shooters, their families and friends will be entertained at the Gun Club immediately following Saturday's shooting.

Headquarters for the Sandhill Skeet Championships will be Pinehurst's Holly Inn.



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BETSY GRIER JENNIFER OWENS

## Largest Class In Pinehurst School's History To Receive Diplomas May 28

Forty-two seniors, the largest number in the history of the Pinehurst High School, will receive their diplomas at commencement exercises to be held Thursday, May 28, in the school auditorium.

Dr. Amos Abrams, editor of the North Carolina Education Association magazine, will be the principal speaker on the commencement program, which begins at 8 p. m.

The valedictory address will be given by Betsy Grier and Jennifer Owens will deliver the salutatory address. These girls last summer received appointments to the Governor's School for superior and gifted students, and, according to Pinehurst School superintendent Lewis S. Cannon, they have had outstanding academic and extra-curricular records.

Both are children of local physicians—Betsy's parents are Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Grier, Jr. and Jennifer is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Francis L. Owens.

Guest minister at the baccalaureate exercises, to be held Sunday, May 24 at 8 p. m. at the Pinehurst Community Church, will be the Rev. J. Mallow Owen. A graduate of Davidson College, who received a B. D. degree from Duke University, Dr. Owen founded "The Circuit Rider" television program on WRAL-TV Raleigh and still directs the program each Sunday afternoon.

The commencement speaker, Dr. Abrams, was chairman of the English Department of Appalachian State Teachers College for 14 years. He has held his present post as editor of the NCEA publications for the past 16 years. He received A. B. and M. A. degrees from Duke University and a Ph. D. degree from Cornell University.

Other special programs scheduled during the next two weeks include a recital to be given by Mrs. Clement Williams's piano students tomorrow, Friday, at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium and eighth grade promotion exercises, to take place next Friday, May 29, at 1:30 p. m. The Rev. Max A. Gilmore, pastor of Beulah Hill Baptist Church, will be the speaker.

Class night for the seniors was last Tuesday afternoon when class prophecies and gifts were made in a program titled "The Quest of the Golden Key."

The public is invited to all commencement programs.

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## MRS. WILLIAMS, COLONEL KNOPF, WED IN PINEHURST, SUMMER AT NANTUCKET

Mrs. Winthrop Williams and Col. Stacy Knopf (USA Ret.) were married April 18 in the Pinehurst Community Church with only members of the immediate families attending. The Rev. Roscoe Prince, pastor, officiated.

The bride, of Nantucket and Palm Beach, also maintains a home in Pinehurst. Her husband is from Camden, S. C., and Nantucket.

Mrs. Knopf, widow of Winthrop Williams of Palm Beach and Nantucket, has long been a summer resident of the Island. She recently gave the Main Street home of her late mother, Mrs. Charles Satler, to the Nantucket Historical Association. Mrs. Knopf spent the winter at the Ever-

## School Highlights

**BY LYNDA HINSON AND BETSY GRIER**  
**Beta Club Has Tea**  
The Beta Club today, Thursday, held a tea for students who had made outstanding grades during the year, and for the high school faculty.

An installation ceremony for next year's officers was conducted during the tea. Installed as president was Barbara Stutts; vice-president, Kaye Gilmore; secretary-treasurer, Debbie Prince. These capable officers were chosen by this year's Beta group several weeks ago.

**Sandspur**  
The final issue of the Sandspur was distributed Thursday by the freshmen. The group worked very hard on this publication and provided an excellent paper for the rest of the students.

**Typing Contest Results**  
Nelson Thomas received a letter from St. Andrews College last week with the final results of the typing contest which was held there last month.

Lynda Hinson, representative from Pinehurst's Typing II Class, was third. Jimmy Hussey, from Typing I, was sixth in his division. Both students came home with top honors in speed, however.

**Baccalaureate Sermon**  
Pinehurst High School's Baccalaureate Sermon will be this Sunday evening, May 24, at 8:00 at the Pinehurst Community Church.

The Glee Club has prepared two selections for the event, and the Pinettes will sing one number.

This is a very important occasion for the seniors and all friends of the graduates are invited to attend.

**Graduation**  
May 28, next Thursday, is the date of the Commencement Exercises at PHS. Dr. Amos Abrams will give the address to the seniors.

Betsy Grier, valedictorian of the class, will give the valedictory; Jennifer Owens will give the salutatory.

The number of births in hospitals declined last year from 3,908,121 to 3,857,626, reflecting a nationwide decline in the birth-rate.

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