

Groundhog

Day (he saw his shadow: more winter ahead) has come and gone—or has it? More on page 15.

THE PILOT

The Grand Jury made a full inspection of county buildings at last week's term of Superior Court. See page 13.

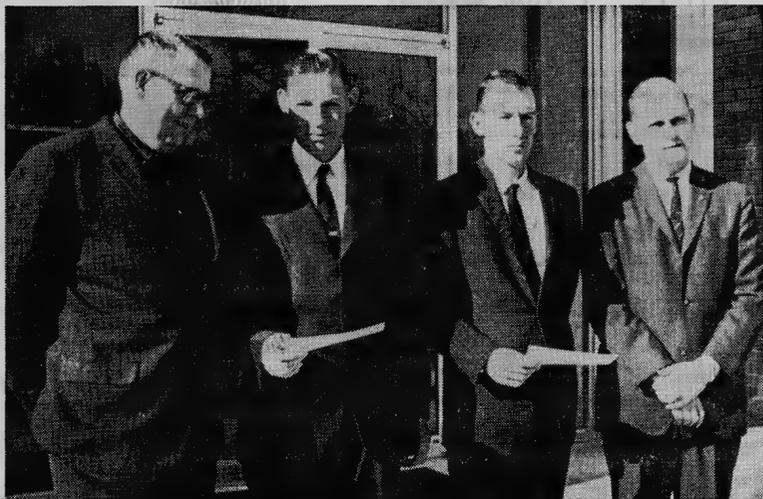
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Young Farmers Win Scholarships To Course

Two young Moore County farmers are at N. C. State in Raleigh, taking the Modern Farming short course—which began January 25 and runs through Friday—on scholarships given them through a program of the N. C. Bankers Association. They are Floyd Ernest Haywood of Route 1, Carthage (second from left) and Herbert Wayne Martin of Route 1, West End (second from right), pictured as each received a \$75 scholarship check from Samuel C. Harrison of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company here, who is this year's "county key banker"

representing the Southern National Bank and the Carolina Bank, as well as the Citizens Bank, in the scholarship program. At left is F. D. Allen, county extension chairman. The course is designed to help young farmers recognize and evaluate modern technology in farming and business and includes study of pesticide safety, agricultural finance, world trade, government in agriculture and the legislative process. The two scholarship winners were chosen by a county selection committee. (Moore County News photo)

IN ROUTE 2, ROBBINS HOME

Man Kills Wife As Children Watch, Says Shotgun Fired During Tussle

Virgil Deaton, 54, of Robbins, Route 2 is being held without bond in Moore County jail, awaiting a hearing in Moore Recorder's Court on a charge of murdering his wife.

Deaton, a former talc mine employee, admitted that he killed his wife, the former Emily Sheffield, with a 12-gauge single-bar-

rel shotgun blast about 11 p.m. Sunday at their home on a rural road, about three miles north of Robbins, according to investigating officers. He was quoted as saying that the gun went off accidentally as he was holding it, when his wife grabbed it and it fired as they tussled, while three of their children looked on.

Deaton told Robbins Police Chief D. B. Cranford, Deputy Sheriff I. D. Marley and Coroner W. K. Carpenter that they had been drinking beer, had gotten into an argument and his wife had "come at him" with a knife before he grabbed up the gun. The blast, fired at a distance of about six feet, made a wound about three inches below her right collar. (Continued on Page 8)

Four Members Of Ben Owen Family Injured In Wreck

Four members of the family of Ben Owen, widely known master potter of Seagrove, Route 2, in upper Moore County, were seriously injured early Saturday morning when their car skidded on an icy bridge in Chatham County during a snowstorm.

Mrs. Lucille Owen, 49; her son, Ben Wade Owen, Jr., 27, the driver; and her daughter, Mrs. Jane Bardot, 24, and Mrs. Bardot's 21-months-old son, James Bardot, Jr., of Boston, Mass., were taken to Chatham Hospital at Siler City where they remained as patients this week.

Mrs. Owen, her son and grandson were said at the hospital to be "getting along very well" but Mrs. Bardot continued in serious condition and might be removed to Duke Hospital, Durham, later in the week, it was reported.

Mrs. Bardot, the former Jane Harris Owen, and her son had been visiting her parents at their home on NC 705, north of Robbins, and were being driven to a plane to return home when the accident occurred two miles north of Bennett at about 6:50 a.m.

The car, which crashed into an abutment of the bridge, was rated a total loss. State Trooper Robert Russell, who investigated, attributed the accident to the weather, with no law violation indicated and no charges to be filed.

Ben Owen, former master potter of Jugtown, operates the Plank Road Pottery at his home.

Cameron Fire Dept. Sets Benefit Supper Saturday

The Cameron Rural Fire Department is sponsoring a ham and chicken supper, for benefit of the department, Saturday, February 6, at the Cameron School cafeteria, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The supper was announced by Lewis N. Cooper, secretary. The volunteer fire department, an officially organized and incorporated group, depends for much of its support on fund-raising events.

UNC GLEE CLUB TO SING FEB. 11

The Glee Club of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will appear at Weaver Auditorium here, Thursday, February 11, at 8:30 p.m., in a concert sponsored by the Sandhills Music Association.

A group of UNC alumni, with Paul Butler in charge, will entertain the young men of the glee club for dinner at Doug Kelly's Holiday Inn Restaurant, prior to the concert. The regular pre-concert dinner for members of the Music Association and others will be held in the Golden Door at Howard Johnson's Restaurant. Reservations should be made.

The glee club, which was well received at a Music Association concert here two years ago, will sing a variety of selections. It is expected to be particularly interesting to young people. Special student rates apply.

A WEEK OF EXTREMES IN MOORE COUNTY

Mercury Drops... Violence Flares... Death Strikes

The past week has been one of extremes in Moore County—in weather, human behavior and in the quirks of fate called accidents, resulting in violence, death, and tragedy of unprecedented concentration, according to recollection of The Pilot's editors.

As reports of these sad and shocking events flooded into this newspaper's office—any one of which would, in a normal week, be top-ranked front-page news—it became apparent that today's front page could not hold them all, if other worthy news were to be placed there, too.

In six days during which the mercury dropped four times into the temperature teens, with lows of 13 on Monday and Wednesday, and freezing rain and snow on Saturday, the following are the stories that came in—to be found on this page or elsewhere in today's Pilot:

In Southern Pines—A man was fatally stricken while driving his car on Vermont Ave. . . A pistol in the hand of a West Southern Pines youth shot and severely wounded a companion. . . A quarrel between two hotel cooks led to the severe wounding of one

of them by stabbing. In upper Moore County—A man and wife quarreled, tussled with a shotgun and the wife was shot and killed. . . A shift boss at the "talc mine" was accidentally electrocuted. . . A five-year-old Moore County child was killed in a head-on crash in Randolph County. . . Four members of the family of Ben Owen, widely known master potter, were injured in an auto accident, one of them seriously. . . Two Robbins men were hurt in a highway collision.

Elsewhere in the county—An escaped convicted felon, subject of one of the county's biggest manhunts, was captured hiding out in a house near Carthage. . . Two men froze to death over the frigid weekend, near here and near Pinehurst. . . A Route 3 Carthage man was hospitalized with painful injuries after his pickup truck overturned near Farm Life school. . . Break-ins, with an estimated \$1,000 loss at one location, took place between Southern Pines and Aberdeen and at Pinehurst.

SAFE THEFT CASE

Prison Sentences Appealed By Two Convicted Youths

Two young men convicted of stealing a safe from the Sandhills Electrical Supply Co. near Southern Pines January 3, drew stiff prison sentences in Moore County Superior Court last Thursday, and then gave notice, through counsel, of appeal to the State Supreme Court. They were being held in Moore County jail in default of \$10,000 appearance bond each.

Of three other youths charged in connection with the case, all of whom were witnesses for the State, one received a suspended prison sentence; prayer for judgment was continued for another, age 16; and the case of a third was continued to a future term of court, because his attorney was hospitalized with illness.

David W. Phillips, 19, of Carthage, Route 3, pleading not guilty, was sentenced to six to eight years for breaking and entering and three to five years for larceny of the safe and its contents, including \$125 in cash, and a number of tools, large and small, from the electrical firm located on US 15-501, between Southern Pines and Aberdeen.

Joel L. Phillips, 22, of Southern Pines, brother of David, also pleading not guilty, drew five to seven years for breaking and entering, and three to four years for larceny.

A jury found the brothers guilty. (Continued on Page 8)

Work Begins On Parking Lot At School Grounds

Off-street parking for about 30 cars will be provided by a lot now under construction off New York Ave., on the East Southern Pines School grounds.

Schools Supt. J. W. Jenkins said that the board of education received three bids on the work, awarding the contract to the low bidder, B. Q. Perham. To cost about \$7,000, the work includes some excavation at the edge of the elementary school playground, a masonry retaining wall with sloped bank and guard-rail above it, paving of the lot and construction of a landscaped central plot, where trees will be left standing and the monument stones listing the names of South- (Continued on page 5)

BOY SCOUT WEEK TO BE OBSERVED

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers and their adult leaders in Moore County will join millions of other boys and their leaders, across the nation, in observing Boy Scout Week, February 7-13, marking the 5th anniversary of the founding of the Scouting program.

Taking part, in Moore County, will be the youngsters and adults of two Scouting "districts," both associated with the Occaneechee Council. They are the Sandhills District which covers Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Pinebluff and adjacent areas, including a portion of Hoke County; and the Yadkin Trail District that includes the rest of Moore County.

The familiar 12-point "Scout Law" is featured in a display on page 9 of today's Pilot.

Commissioners Approve Sale Of \$2,560,000 In Moore Bonds For High Schools, Community College

The Moore County commissioners, in regular meeting Monday, adopted a resolution presented by M. G. Boyette, county attorney, authorizing the sale of the largest block of bonds in the history of the county—\$2,560,000 worth of community college and school construction bonds, part of the \$4 million bond issue voted

by the people in November, 1963, to build the Sandhills Community College plant and complete a high school school consolidation and expansion program.

Contracts for the college will soon be let. One of three planned consolidated high schools has been completed and is in use; another is under construction;

and plans for the third are awaiting results of a professional survey of all schools in the county for which the commissioners contracted last December.

Funds For Survey
On Monday, they authorized expenditure of \$1,500 from the contingency fund to pay the first bill of Education Research, Inc., for field work done in the survey, which will cost a total of \$3,500 and be completed February 15.

The survey may determine whether the consolidated school in the lower part of the county will merge two, three or four existing schools, depending on whether Southern Pines and Pinehurst city units join in. So far, they have objected, preferring to stick to their own merger plan, which the survey may or may not find to be the best interests of the students.

Five-Year School Plan
Jere McKeithen of Aberdeen, county board of education chairman, and Supt. of Schools Robert E. Lee presented a five-year plan of further needed school construction, with remodeling and renovation of existing buildings.

The commissioners approved a tax assessment of 70 cents per \$100 valuation for the new sanitary district established at Taylortown, a Negro community near Pinehurst, also a proposed first-year budget of \$2,000. Page and Neville, legal firm of Pinehurst, representing the district, said \$746 would be spent for street lights, \$600 for sanitary purposes, clean-up and maintenance, and \$654 for supplies, office expenses and miscellaneous overhead.

Road Matters
The meeting opened with an invocation by Commissioner J. M. Pleasants, W. S. Taylor was absent on an out-of-state trip, and Wiley Purvis left shortly after the afternoon session began, to attend a funeral. Present for the full day were Chairman John M. Currie, presiding, and Commissioners Pleasants and W. Lynn Martin. Several road requests were heard and were referred by Currie to the appropriate agency. (Continued on Page 8)

Spanish Teacher Will Speak To PTA Monday

The importance of a high school language program, with particular reference to the study of Spanish as relations between the U. S. and Latin America become closer and more frequent, will be discussed by Dr. Jose Infante, Spanish instructor at East Southern Pines High School, when the East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association meets in Weaver Auditorium, Monday, February 8, at 8 p.m.

Dr. Infante, who joined the local school's faculty last year, will also show a film on Venezuela. (Continued on Page 8)



REP. T. CLYDE AUMAN



SEN. VOIT GILMORE

Auman, Gilmore Start Assembly Term, Sharing Interest In Much Legislation

Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, 18th district Senator, and T. Clyde Auman of West End, Moore County representative, have gone to the General Assembly at Raleigh with many of the same things on their minds, for the benefit of this area and of the State.

Moore County also has representation in Robert B. Morgan of Harnett county, the other Senator from the 18th district composed of Moore, Lee, Hoke, Harnett and Randolph Counties. Sen. Morgan, a veteran legislator

whose home is at Lillington, was elected president pro tem of the Senate at a caucus held Tuesday night.

For both of the Moore County men, the General Assembly convening Wednesday is their first. However, both have wide experience in state and local service. Gilmore has also seen national service as the first director of the U. S. Travel Service; and Auman will be installed National Peach Council president at a meeting February 12-17 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Both said this week the matters foremost on their minds as legislators will include education, highway improvement, highway safety and conservation.

In addition, Rep. Auman, a farmer and peach grower, said agriculture will be a major interest of his, and Senator Gilmore added libraries as a main point for consideration. In the conservation field, the former C&D board member, who has long been interested in travel and tourism, said he plans to introduce legislation to give further protection for the State's natural resources, and to reserve more land for parks and recreation.

Both men stated their intention of being home on every possible weekend, and said they will be glad to see all constituents with legislative matters on their minds, at their homes or in Raleigh. (Continued on Page 8)

WOMAN COMPANION ARRESTED

Officers Capture Convicted Man Who Escaped Undetected From Courthouse

Henry T. Hoover, 20-year-old Negro who boldly walked out of the Moore County courthouse in Carthage, after being sentenced to prison in Superior Court, Tuesday of last week, was found by searching officers Monday afternoon, hiding in a house about five miles east of Carthage.

Acting on a tip, Chief Deputy Sheriff H. H. Grimm, with Deputy Ed Cockman and Constable L. F. Wood of Cameron, entered the house on US 15-501 and found Hoover hiding under a bed.

They also found, hiding behind a chimney in the attic, Fannie Mae Small, 20-year-old Negro woman who is believed to have been Hoover's companion during his flight from the law. The young woman, who was tried for forgery in a separate case at last week's court term, had been released on probation.

The two were returned to the courthouse and to the county jail, the man additionally charged with escape, a misdemeanor, and the girl with aiding and abetting in the escape of a felon, which is a felony charge.

The incident ended one of the

most intensive manhunts ever waged in this area, which in fact extended all the way to Rochester, N. Y., present home of Hoover, a native of Cameron. It began when he parted from his attorney following a conference, after drawing prison terms for auto larceny and two counts of breaking and entering. Instead of returning to the prisoners' dock, he walked down the steps to six days of freedom.

During the week, Moore County. (Continued on Page 8)

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.
January 28	55	17
January 29	62	30
January 30	34	23
January 31	31	19
February 1	47	13
February 2	40	32
February 3	44	13