



STONEBROOK—More than 35,000 are expected here Saturday for the 32nd running of the Stoneybrook Steeplechase Races at the Stoneybrook Farm track, shown above in an

aerial view. The Stoneybrook Races has become one of the major sporting and social events of the year in North Carolina and the Sandhills.

Stoneybrook Crowd To Set New Record

The largest crowd ever-over 35,000 people—are expected to attend the 32nd annual running of the Stoneybrook Races at the Stoneybrook Farm of Michael Walsh.

The Stoneybrook Races have become one of the top sporting and social events in the state and the Dixie Circuit of steeplechase races.

Total purses for the Stoneybrook event is \$28,500, one of the largest of the circuit.

Entries for the six races include some of the country's top horses and riders. Among the horses that are entered in the steeplechase events are Straight and True, Don Panta, Martie's Anger, Tall Award, Leaping Frog and Michael Walsh's Red Brick House.

The featured race is sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company and carries a \$15,000 purse.

Last year the races drew a crowd of 35,000. Even more are expected this year, said Frank Brawley, who makes many of the arrangements for the Stoneybrook Steeplechase. Due to changes in parking, more cars can park to watch the day's events.

The first show of the day will begin at noon, when the 82nd Airborne Division Band will perform. The band is composed of 40 enlisted members and one warrant officer, all selected on the basis of their musical background. A choral group from the band and a color guard will also entertain.

At 12:30, the "Golden Knights" parachuting team will jump from the skies in conjunction with the raising of the American flag on the racetrack grounds (Continued on Page 12-A)

\$2.2 Million Renovation Is Planned For Hospital

Moore Memorial Hospital's Radiology Department, which missed out in the recent \$16 million addition, will undergo a badly-needed renovation if state and federal approval is given to the formal application filed April 5.

The proposal calls for renovation of the existing department and replacement of radiographic x-ray equipment. Scheduled for completion in November, the project is expected to cost \$2,289,979.

J. Crenshaw Thompson, hospital administrator, filed a notice of intent to incur a capital expenditure, a step now required for all major hospital improvements.

'79 Peach Crop Looks Very Good

"It looks wonderful," says Clarence Black of the 1979 Sandhills peach crop.

Black, director of North Carolina State University's Sandhills Research Station near Jackson Springs, said the temperature dropped no lower than 36 degrees at the station during the weekend. It would have taken temperatures in the twenties, over a period of a few days, for damage to occur, he explained.

"We've got a pretty crop coming up," he said.

Black also said that the windy weather over the weekend had the beneficial effect of drying out the young peaches.

A full crop is expected, and this will require thinning, he said. Thinning by the grower is preferred to that thinning which occurs with frost damage.

The research director did have a word of caution, however; he feels no relief about frost damage until the weekend after Easter. Nature has a way of providing a cold spell during the Easter season, no matter how late it may come, he said. For this reason he won't breathe (Continued on Page 11-A)

Schools Hearing

A total of \$10 million in capital outlay for Moore County Schools will be discussed tonight (Wednesday) in a public hearing called by the county commissioners and the school board.

The hearing will begin at 7:30 in the courtroom.

The school board has requested \$10 million for capital improvements at school facilities throughout the county. At the top of the list is a new building for Cameron Elementary School, estimated to cost \$715,000. Other improvements are needed at Robbins, Elise, and Westmoore.

In addition to the need for these improvements, it is expected that much of the discussion will center on the means of funding: whether to call a bond issue referendum or to take the "pay as you go" route.

Town Is Given Tentative Approval For \$750,000 Community Project

Warmed by tentative federal approval, elated Southern Pines town officials are plunging into the details to polish off their final application for \$750,000 to launch the first year of a complex Community Development program.

The block grant will come from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Both Town Manager Mildred McDonald and Town Planner Marvin Collins are optimistic that the second year of their proposal will be funded, completing an overall bid for \$1.4 million to carry out multiple improvements in an 18-block section of West Southern Pines.

Final approval of the first phase is expected. All that remains to be done to attain that approval is a refinement of the

application, with more details filled in by the mid-July deadline. If all goes smoothly, the town should initiate the project by Oct. 1, according to Collins, who formulated the plan and prepared the application.

Featured in the proposal are housing rehabilitation, removal of dilapidated structures, improvements of streets, water lines, and sidewalks, along with land acquisition and redevelopment.

Park development will highlight the second year's work, if, as expected, the grant is renewed.

"We're mighty excited about it," said Mrs. McDonald last week shortly after the town learned the good news from the office of Congressman Bill Hefner. "If all goes well, we're in an excellent position for

renewal." She was advised that HUD is reluctant to commit funds for a second year until the department determines the results of the first phase.

Target area for the two-year project is bordered by U.S. 1 on the east, Glover and Carlisle streets on the west, (Continued on Page 12-A)

Old Terminal At Airport Will Be Demolished Soon

A contract to tear down the old airport building will be signed this week, according to Moore County Administrator W. Sidney Taylor, who is a member of the airport committee.

Taylor, who said the building is "eaten up with termites," reported that everything has been moved into the new terminal building or the hangars,

and as soon as the final lighting equipment is transferred, everything will be in readiness for the demolition contractor, Ernest Black, to begin work.

Among the items moved from the old building were transformers and an emergency Civil Defense hospital. Resort Aviation, which has a 30-year lease on the airport property, has already occupied the new terminal facility.

Under the proposed contract, Black will be paid a \$2000 fee to clear the old building from the site within 120 days. Black also gets to keep any salvageable materials, but he will forfeit part of the fee if the site is not cleared within 120 days.

The emergency hospital, provided some years ago through federal Civil Defense funding, is (Continued on Page 12-A)

Mary Stone Is Awarded 1979 Kiwanis Junior Builders Cup

The Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills awarded the Junior Builders Cup to Mary A. Stone on Friday night at the annual Piquet Music Festival held at the Pinehurst Middle School auditorium.

Mary is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. John D. Stone of Southern Pines and a senior at

Pinecrest High School.

Active in sports, Mary has participated in basketball and volleyball and served as co-captain of the Varsity Volleyball Team during her sophomore, junior and senior years and was named All-Conference this year.

She has also participated on the Varsity Softball Team and this

year was selected as the Most Improved Player on the Volleyball Team. She is on the track team and was selected the Shot-Put Intramural Silver Medalist.

She is currently the President of the Student Council at Pinecrest and has been a member for four years. She is a member of the Moore County Recreation Committee and a member of the Parent-Teacher Student Association.

Mary is also active in the Daughters of the American Revolution having served as Assistant Secretary, a member of the Nomination Committee and the Executive Committee. She received the Citizenship Award at Pinecrest and is a Red Cross Blood Drive Volunteer.

Mary belongs to the French Club and was selected Homecoming French Queen and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is currently serving as Vice President of the National Honor (Continued on Page 12-A)



WINNER—Mary A. Stone, a Pinecrest senior and daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. John Stone of Southern Pines, is presented the Kiwanis Club Junior Builders Award by Durward Grady, chairman of the committee.—(Photo by Emerson Humphrey).

THE PILOT LIGHT

LIQUOR BILL—A bill which would permit Pinehurst to vote on the sale of liquor-by-the-drink remained in the House ABC Committee this week.

Introduced by Rep. T. Clyde Auman of Moore County, House Bill 631 ran into opposition on the floor last week but Auman succeeded in getting it referred back to the same committee which had approved it earlier.

This week Auman said that it would remain there until questions raised about the measure were answered.

GUN BILL—Another bill by Rep. Auman which would place (Continued on Page 11-A)

limits on guns used in deer hunting in Sandhills and Mineral Springs townships also was being held in committee this week.

Auman had introduced the bill to prohibit the hunting of deer in these two townships by rifles of greater than .22 caliber and it was referred to the Wildlife Committee.

Several people who have written or called Auman about the bill have pointed out that high powered rifles fired in open country could endanger lives. People on golf courses would be vulnerable, as well as anyone out in the open.

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Do Patrolmen Go Easy On Women?

BY JENNIFER CALDWELL A little voice in the back of my mind told me I'd heard this one before. I was on my tardy way with a friend to Raleigh. We were due in fifty minutes. "You drive," he said. "They won't pull a girl."

Do highway patrol officers and policemen really ticket women less often? No, say officers in Moore County. In fact, said patrolman Russell Shepherd, "The high percentage of the

drivers I ticket are women."

Shepherd said men are usually arrested for drunk driving offenses, but women are often cited for normal traffic violations. He said "very few times do you get a woman to protest a traffic citation. They want to pay it off to keep their husbands from finding out or to hush it up. Men will fight it even if they're dead guilty."

Howard Higgins, another highway patrol officer, said,

"Men probably get more tickets" and that both men and women try to get out of them. He explained the feminine flattery toward police officers as such:

"The kind of people that are police officers to begin with kind of like to be looked at and admired. Sometimes when a young lady has something going for her and can say something to an officer just the right way or look at him a certain way he'll be a little more lenient.

"I've been on the patrol for six years and I'll listen to all the flattery then go ahead and write the ticket and listen to them change their tune.

"Women are basically more cautious drivers...sometimes to the point that they're dangerous. The last two fist fights I've been around were started by women."

Higgins said men tend to bribe more often and that he's often asked to see a driver's license (Continued on Page 11-A)

Sunrise Services Set At Sandhills

The area's first ecumenical Sunrise Service will be held on Easter morning at Sandhills Community College at 6 a.m.

The service will be held on the lawn at the rear of the Student Union Building. In the case of rain it will be moved inside of the Student Union.

The service is sponsored by the Sandhills college Campus Ministry and the Moore County Ministerial Association and will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. John K. Bergland, Associate Professor of Religion at Duke

University and a member of the faculty of Duke Divinity School. Julian Long, Jr., Choir director of Emmanuel Episcopal Church will direct a choir made of choir members from all the churches in the county.

Refreshments will be served before and after the service in the student cafeteria.

The collection will be donated to the Moore County Ministerial Association.

Beginning on Wednesday, Brownson Memorial Church will (Continued on Page 12-A)

Town Votes To Pay Debt Owed To Moore County

The Town of Southern Pines after months of discussion and argument voted to pay a debt service payment to Moore County after being in arrears for the past nine months.

Four of the Council members voted to pay the sum of \$58,265, which includes the current fee and sewer treatment costs.

The Council voted to pay this sum after the County Commissioners demonstrated how they devised the debt service fee. One Council member, Mike Smithson, thought the formula was unfair and voted against payment.

Mildred McDonald, Southern Pines Town Manager, said (Continued on Page 11-A)



QUIET BEFORE RACES—This quiet scene on Yadkin Road, with the Stoneybrook race track in the background, will be quite different on Saturday when thousands come here for the big event.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).