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**STEEPLECHASE WORKOUT**—M. G. "Mickey" Walsh, top-ranking trainer who owns Stoneybrook Farm where the Stoneybrook Hunt Races will be held March 17, is shown in a close-up at right clocking horses being galloped around the track by his daughters, Joan and Maureen. Another daughter, Audrey, will join her sisters in the ladies' race at Stoneybrook, and Mrs. Walsh will enter her timber and hurdle races in the races. (North Carolina News Bureau Photo)



## Officials Explain How Moore County Spends Its Money

**Financial Condition Sound, Credit Good, Says Board Chairman**

The business of collecting and spending tax money for Moore County was explained to members of the League of Women Voters in what proved to be one of the most interesting meetings the group has ever held at the Civic Club Tuesday night.

Gordon M. Cameron of Pinehurst, chairman of the county Board of Commissioners, and Mrs. Estelle Wiker, county tax supervisor and accountant, sketched to a small but enthusiastic audience the complete financial workings of county government. They followed a budget through from the original requests of department heads to its final adoption.

Mr. Cameron, long-time chairman of the five-man board, explained to the group just how the board is elected. He pointed out that every section of the county is represented on the board through a system whereby each of five county districts has one member. Four of the districts, he said, each include two townships, and a fifth district consists of a single township, Carthage.

He said the county is presently operating on a budget of \$1,106,284, based on a total valuation of slightly less than \$43,000,000.

"All the money we are in charge of budgeting does not come from ad valorem taxes," he said. "We receive certain sums from the state and federal governments, all of which is earmarked for specific purposes. The biggest slice of the tax dollar by far is the almost 69 cents spent for school operation."

"The next biggest part of the tax dollar is spent on the general fund, which is the administration of the county government, and includes a multitude of items. We (Continued on page 8)

## County's 7th Traffic Death Of Year Leads Long List Of Wrecks

**100 MPH Car Snaps 8-inch Pine At Stump**

A rash of highway accidents, one of them resulting in Moore County's seventh fatality of the year, have been reported since last Friday. There were 14 highway fatalities in the county last year, and two motor vehicle accidents deaths on private property.

Pvt. James A. Wright, 23, of Shelby, was fatally injured about 2:30 a. m. Tuesday when thrown from a car as it left the Vass-Carthage road and overturned several times.

Wright, who was stationed at Ft. Bragg, died about two hours after being admitted to St. Joseph's of the Pines Hospital.

Cpl. M. S. Parvin, who investigated the accident, said the driver, Harold Evans, 21, a Kentuckian, who is stationed at Ft. Bragg, fell asleep at the wheel. After the car had finally come to a stop, Evans, unhurt, made his way to a nearby home for help.

The accident took place near Farm Life school, about four miles from Carthage.

Evans is being held in Moore County jail in default of \$5,000 bond, pending hearings in Recorder's Court Saturday.

Cpl. Parvin also investigated what he termed "one of the worst accidents I've ever seen" shortly after midnight Sunday on the Pinehurst-airport road between NC 2 and the airport.

William Dudley, 34, of Sanford, was seriously injured and for several days was reported on the critical list at St. Joseph's Hospital.

According to Cpl. Parvin, the car was apparently running at a high speed, "conservatively estimated at 100 miles per hour," when Dudley, traveling alone, lost control on a curve, lost control and tore off into the woods. Parvin said the car hit a large pine tree, flew up into the air, and with its right bumper broke off an eight-inch pine and sent the stump of the tree flying 30 or 40 feet away. Before the car finally came to a standstill, it hit two more trees and wrapped itself around them.

Graydon Foushee of Sanford, who was first on the scene, said he had been with Dudley earlier in the evening at a ball game in Rockingham and at a dance at Pinehurst. He told Cpl. Parvin that he did not witness the accident, but came by shortly after it happened.

Patrolman H. A. Hight, Jr., reported two accidents he investigated over the weekend.

The first one was investigated Saturday night at 8 p. m. It occurred on the Lakeview-airport (Continued on page 8)

## Stoneybrook Race Meeting Will Open U. S. Steeplechasing Season March 17

The nation's hunt racing and steeplechasing season will open with the ninth annual Stoneybrook Hunt Race Meeting over the Stoneybrook course near Southern Pines on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

Hundreds of racing enthusiasts from all over the country are expected to attend the colorful event which begins at 2 p. m.

Charles W. Stitzer, Southern Pines hotelman and executive secretary of the Stoneybrook races, said today that members

## Dr. Langner Heads Music Assn.; Plans Made For Programs

Dr. Fred W. Langner was elected president of the Sandhills Music Association at a meeting held at the Library Monday evening.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Henry Page, Jr., treasurer, and Mrs. Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., secretary.

Conducted by the retiring president of the past two years, Lawrence McN. Johnson, who received a warm round of applause on his successful administration of the organization's affairs, the meeting concentrated on plans for the coming year.

The treasurer's report, read by Mrs. Hodgkins in the absence of Dr. Harrell Johnson, past treasurer, showed the organization has operated close to the margin financially with a budget stretched to the limit. General opinion was that the last concert, of the Wagner Chorale, to be held March 23, will bring in the funds needed to finish the year in the black.

Plans adopted for the new year included the decision to place a limit of four on the number of concerts and, if possible, to climax the series with the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra. It is hoped that it will be possible to bring back some of the best of the talent already heard here, in accord with the expressed wishes of many subscribers.

## COLLEGE PROPOSAL NOW AT STANDSTILL

No definite offer has been made by Southern Pines to Pineland College - Edwards Military Institute, in connection with the school's expressed interest in moving to Southern Pines. Mark J. King, Jr., president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, said today.

No specific information has been received from the jointly managed educational institutions in Sampson County, since W. J. Blanchard, president, visited Southern Pines last week.

"It's now a matter of waiting for any information they might want to give us," said Mr. King. "There is no definite commitment from them." Directors of the Chamber of Commerce discussed the proposal Tuesday night at their regular meeting.

## Easter Seal Sale To Begin; Benefit Events Announced

The annual Easter Seal sale of the Moore County Society for Crippled Children will start Saturday to run through the middle of April, it was announced this week by Miss Blanche Monroe of West End, county chairman of the sale.

He also reported that the course is in extremely good condition due to the recent rains. All the traditional color and excitement of timber and hurdle racing will be displayed in the program of eight races which will include races on the turf and on the flat track.

Feature event is the Sandhills Cup, about two and one-half miles over timber. Hurdle races, over obstacles of long-leaved pine, are the Stoneybrook Open and the Yaddin.

The traditional Pink Coat Race, for members of the Moore County Hounds, will start the activities at 2 p. m. In that race the riders will be attired in formal foxhunting wear and will compete over a two and one-quarter mile course over fences.

Other activities scheduled include a formal drag hunt by the Moore County Hounds at 10 a. m. the day of the races, a gymkhana and horse show at Lakelawn Farms the day before the races, and a subscription dinner and dance for owners, officers and members at the Pine Needes Club following the races.

A tea has also been scheduled for 6 p. m. Friday.

Mr. Stitzer announced today that the following stewards had (Continued on page 8)

## 28 Working Out For Baseball At Memorial Field

Some 28 Southern Pines High School baseball hopefuls, 10 of them lettermen, are working out daily at 4 p. m. at Memorial Field in preparation for a 13-game schedule which begins March 21.

Returning lettermen include Lynn Van Benschoten, John Van Benschoten, Tony Parker, Billy Hamel, George Reams, Johnny Watkins, Bobby Cline, Billy Cox, Roger Verhoeff and Kenneth Creech.

Newcomers who look promising are Everett Cushman, Hill Boswell, Ike Woodell, Thomas Vann, Bobby Parker, Dickie McInnis, Steve Smith, Dennis Morgan, Donald Walter and John McConnell.

The team, runners-up to Carthage in the county conference last year, will play two games each week through May 3. The county tournament will start the following week with preliminary games at different fields in the county. Semi-finals and finals are scheduled to be played here at night.

Coach Leonard pointed out that Wednesday games were scheduled so that as many people working in Southern Pines stores as possible could see the games. Beginning with the April 17 game with Vass-Lakeview the remaining games will be played at night on the local field.

## Hobby Exhibit To Be At Shaw House Friday, Saturday

More than a dozen collections of interesting hobbies will be on display at the Shaw House tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday as part of a Hobby Exhibit sponsored by the Moore County Historical Association.

The house will be open from noon to 6 p. m. both days.

According to Mrs. William Tufts of Pinehurst, general chairman, several hobbies have been added since last week, including a collection of 90 knives, a collection of miniature gardens, an exhibit of bells, and a collection of baskets made of Carolina jasmine.

Other exhibits include collections of quilts, hooked rugs, baskets, jewelry, carvings, dolls, elephants, old china, brass and copper, books, butterflies, carvings, ceramics, orchids, and paintings.

The log cabin adjacent to the house will also be used to house part of the exhibits.

Admission is \$1 for adults and 25 cents for children. Proceeds of the exhibit will be used for the benefit of the Shaw House.

## Kiwanis Gathering At Theatre Greet Charles W. Picquet For 80th Birthday

A birthday cake with candles ablaze, speeches, cheers, tears, a box picnic . . . this was not the usual Kiwanis weekly lunch, nor the usual scene in the Carolina Theatre where all this was taking place Wednesday.

The show inside was billed simply: "Charlie Picquet's 80th Birthday Party."

Gathered in the theatre to honor the owner and manager were all the Kiwanians who could get there, the wives of many of them, as well, and a goodly number of the Sandhills' leading citizens.

## Civil Court Terms Slated Next Week

Judge Frank Armstrong of Troy will preside over a one-week term of Civil Court beginning Monday, it has been announced.

Five cases were docketed for the term but two of them have been settled out of court. The other three are expected to take the entire week, except Monday when Judge Armstrong will hear the pre-trial calendar.

Two divorces are scheduled for the term, which will have a jury.

## Pancake Jamboree Set Here Friday

Tickets are available from all Rotarians and at the door for the Southern Pines Rotary Club's "pancake jamboree" — unique fund-raising project that will take place Friday at the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Wide Fellowship.

Rotarians and Rotary Anns will serve pancakes at a small charge per plate ("all you can eat") from 7 a. m. to 3 p. m. and local folks are urged to plan to eat breakfast or lunch out Friday.

Proceeds of the event will go to help Rotary charities and community service programs, including the annual Halloween carnival for children, the school band, a scholarship fund, basketball banquet and support of a Greek orphan (see photo elsewhere in today's Pilot).

## GAME DATE CHANGED

Date of the annual basketball game between Southern Pines High School teachers and parents in the PTA has been changed from March 15 to March 14. The change was made after a story on page 16 of today's Pilot had been printed. See that story for other details of the game.

## Delinquency To Be Discussed Monday

A panel discussion of the delinquency problem will be a feature of a Civic Club meeting at 3 p. m. Monday when the featured speaker will be Clinton W. Areson of Southern Pines.

Scheduled to take part in the discussion with Mr. Areson are Mrs. Howard Butler of Southern Pines and J. C. Phillips, principal of Westmore School in upper Moore County.

Mr. Areson's topic is: "I Lived Ten Years With Juvenile Delinquents." He was formerly superintendent of the largest New York State training school for boys and also has been chief probation officer for juvenile and domestic relations courts of New York City.

## STORE HOURS

Most Southern Pines retail establishments are remaining open on Wednesday afternoons during March and April. The stores usually close on those days but the new hours are being observed for the convenience of tourists and local shoppers.