

## Pinebluff Phone Company Has REA Loan Of \$32,000

**Will Increase Service Area By 44 Phones**

A \$32,000 loan to the Pinebluff Telephone Company has been approved by the Rural Electrification Administration, Congressman Paul Kitchin's office in Washington announced this week.

The loan will enable the company, which has patrons in Pinebluff, Hoffman, and several other smaller communities, to construct 15 miles of new lines and provide service to an additional 44 subscribers.

The company, which was reorganized last year, has moved into its new building on US Highway 1 in the middle of Pinebluff and completed installing new equipment.

The company is at present serving 330 customers, according to E. H. Mills, general manager and secretary-treasurer.

Previously, he said, the company had received loans from the REA of \$132,000 and \$29,000. The original loan was based on an REA survey which figured about 58 miles of line would need to be constructed to serve the company's proposed area. Later, the company hired an engineer and another survey indicated the area would require about 76 miles of lines.

Mills said that REA loans are made with the view of allowing companies five years for construction purposes and funds are drawn from the REA when needed.

He added that it would be perhaps two or three months before new construction of lines would begin.

## Telephone Rates Here Going Up With Next Bills

Telephone subscribers in Southern Pines will get larger bills next month.

Rate increases for United Telephone Company allowed recently by the State Utilities Commission average about 10 per cent.

Ed Smail, commercial superintendent of the company, said today that the increases became effective June 3 and will continue on all service after that date. Customers will receive their first new bills reflecting the higher rate about July 9, he said.

For Southern Pines customers, the new rates shape up this way: Business, one party, \$8.75 to \$9.75; two party, \$7.25 to \$8.50; four party, \$6.25 to \$7; rural, \$6 to \$3.60; and extensions, \$1.50 to \$1.75.

Residence, one party, \$4.75 to \$5.50; two party, \$4 to \$4.50; four party, \$3 to \$3.60; rural, \$3 to \$3.60; and extensions, \$1.00 to \$1.25.

Smail said that several other rate increases were allowed but were of a minor nature. Rates for switchboards will also go up.

## County Budget Ready Next Week

Moore County's budget for the coming fiscal year should be ready by next week, a member of the board said today.

The commissioners have been meeting often during the past two weeks, paring down requests from various agencies to equal the amount of funds available.

No definite announcement has been made but it is believed that the budget will provide funds for another welfare worker (whom the Welfare Department has made repeated requests for) and set up funds for the future construction of an agricultural building in Carthage.

The tax rate is expected to remain the same, \$1.35 per \$100 valuation.



**GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD**, considered tops in Boy Scouting, was awarded to Ronald Thompson, 14-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thompson of Pinebluff, at the regular morning services at Emmanuel Episcopal Church last Sunday. The award, held by only two other Scouts in the county, is attained by working with the church and related religious activities. Ronald is a member of Emmanuel Church and

one of its most active members. The photo shows the Rev. Martin Caldwell, rector, shaking hands with young Ronald after presenting him the award while looking on are, left to right, Dr. C. C. McLean, Moore County Scout Commissioner, H. Nolley Jackson, John Morgan, and Dr. William F. Hollister, vestrymen of the church, and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson. (Emerson Humphrey photo)

## Proposal Made To Increase Chamber Of Commerce Dues

A general membership meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday, July 1, in the town library to discuss far-reaching changes in the organization, President Joe Scott said this morning.

A general membership meeting is a rarity; generally, the Board of Directors and various committees are the only groups that meet on a regular basis. But the upcoming meeting, called following a Board of Directors meeting last Thursday, was necessitated because of new proposals concerning the Chamber set-up, Scott said.

Among the changes to be recommended to the members are:

Change the name of the organization to the Sandhills Chamber of Commerce.

Adoption of a new dues scale, running from \$25 to \$100.

Employment of a full time executive secretary who will specialize in convention work.

A special committee which made the recommendations said that under a "Sandhills Chamber of Commerce" organization, no definite boundaries would be prescribed, a move which conceivably would induce more out-of-town firms and individuals that benefit from Chamber work to join.

Under the new dues scale, the minimum payment would be \$25, that for individuals. Other recommended figures were \$50 for professionals, \$50 for businesses (Continued on page 8)

## Qualifying Rounds For Annual County Golf Tourney Set

Qualifying rounds for the annual Moore County Golf Tournament begin Sunday and last through July 5 at the Southern Pines Country Club, site of the tourney this year.

Match play will begin July 6, a Sunday, and conclude during the week.

Bill Woodard of Southern Pines is defending champion of the tournament, annually one of the biggest in the area.

Open to all residents of the county and to non-residents who maintain memberships at any of the golf clubs, the tournament will be played in flights of eight players each. The championship flight for the first day will consist of sixteen players, the eight losers to comprise the first flight for the remainder of the tournament.

Entry fee is \$3. All qualifying rounds will be 18 holes.

## Local Man's Rooster Is All Mixed Up; Hatched Six Chicks This Week

It's summertime, it's hot and muggy, and animals, like people, are doing odd things.

Take, for instance, the bluejay who was observed on Bennett Street by one of our elder citizens. The 'jay swooped down from a tree top, screaming as he went, and attacked a squirrel who was nonchalantly crossing the street.

Later in the day, the same fellow saw a towhee, also known as a chewink, furiously touse with a bluejay twice his size for about five minutes (and, he tells us, come out much the better).

And added to the odd doings, a nice dog owned by a local couple vacationing at the beach decided he didn't like one of the guests in the house. Tore two chunks out of her leg. And he's never even so much as looked angry at anyone before.

But... The oddest thing of all is a bantam rooster that has decided, for some unknown reason, to "set" some eggs, something he's done so successfully that as of yesterday there were six nice little biddies in the nest and three

more apparently ready to be born.

"Can't tell for the life of me whatever come over that rooster," Charlie Parker, its owner, said. "First thing I knew about all this was one day I saw him setting on a nest. Nothing in it so I let him set. Fool thing stayed almost two weeks.

"I'm a prudent man and hate to see time wasted, so I put nine eggs under him. Confidentially, I think he was the daddy of those eggs but I'm not too sure."

He continued: "Well, sir, he just sat there on those things, proud as a rooster ought to be, and he's never moved except to eat once a day."

Mr. Parker, who lives on West Vermont Ave., raises chickens and pheasants as a hobby and as a way to help with the weekly food bill.

"All my life," he says, "I've had chickens but I've never seen, or even heard of, a rooster setting a nest. To look at him sitting there you'd think he was a perfect specimen of a hen. I can't see a bit of difference between the way he sets and the way a hen would set."

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## Mozur Officials Now Negotiating With J. A. Jones

Negotiations for the Mozur lace plant continued this week, this time with a different contractor, J. A. Jones Construction Company of Charlotte.

Members of the local development committee, though discouraged at the present state of progress, said that some definite agreement should be reached between Jones officials and Mozur representatives within the next few days.

A Sanford firm and one from Smithfield were ruled out when it was determined neither could secure a construction loan. The Jones company, however, is one of the largest in the country and would have no trouble in that department.

Robert Ewing, chairman of the local committee, said that hopes were still high "and this thing, notwithstanding a couple of rumors, is still very much alive."

The Jones company has recently completed one of the South's major housing projects at Fort Bragg, and has engineered and built such other diverse projects as Navy yards, office buildings, colleges, and industrial plants.

## Bensalem Church Groundbreaking Ceremonies Slated

**To Be Held On Site of Old Church Destroyed By Fire**

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Bensalem Presbyterian Church of Eagle Springs will be held Sunday morning at the site of the old church.

The 100-year old church was completely destroyed by fire in March of this year. Since then the congregation has been making plans for a new building.

The Rev. Lacy McDuffie of Candor will preach the sermon Sunday morning. Services begin at 11 o'clock.

Conducting the service of dedication will be the Rev. Paul D. Buzard, the pastor, and he will be assisted by a former pastor, the Rev. Harvey A. McBeth of Eagle Springs. Also helping with the services will be the Rev. Grover Currie and the Rev. Alex M. McInnis, both of West End, and both former members of Bensalem Church.

Immediately after the ceremonies a picnic will be spread on tables under the old oak trees on the site.

Friends of the church have been invited to attend the service along with the congregation.

## Helicopter Crash Near Hoffman Injures 2 Soldiers

A two-passenger Army helicopter accidentally struck a telephone line near Hoffman yesterday morning (Wednesday) about 10 o'clock and injured both its occupants.

Details of the crash were skimpy but E. H. Mills, general manager of the Pinebluff Telephone Company, said it was his understanding that the two men were not seriously injured. He said their names were not available.

The accident occurred when the helicopter was coming down near the farm of Mrs. C. B. Carter about two miles east of Hoffman. "They apparently did not see the line," Mills said, "and I was told the 'copter was completely destroyed."

The telephone line was a single circuit and did not throw service in the entire area out, Mills added.

The soldiers were in the area on maneuvers. They were apparently checking to find a good site for large troop carrying 'copters to land to pick up other troops in the area.

## Statewide Jaycee Net Meet Begins Wednesday

**Insect Spraying To Be Conducted 3 Days Each Week**

Insect spraying schedules were announced today by Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr.

The truck will spray only on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays, he said, unless rain interrupts the schedule. In that event, the schedule will move up one day.

He said the truck would spray streets west of US Highway 1 (West Southern Pines and Knollwood) on Mondays; between the thruway and the Seaboard tracks Tuesdays; and east of the tracks on Wednesday. Each area will be sprayed weekly.

Generally speaking, it takes about five hours to complete the job, he said. Spraying begins on the prescribed days about 6 p.m.

## Driver Education Program In School Begins Next Week

Classroom instruction for the driver education program in East Southern Pines High School begins Monday, according to W. A. Leonard, the instructor.

Two hours of classroom instruction will be given daily, he said, with a tentative time set from 4 to 6 p.m.

A tentative date of July 7 has been set for the beginning of the program in West Southern Pines High School, McKinley Armstrong, a member of the school faculty and the instructor, said today. Definite times will be announced as early as possible.

For East Southern Pines those students who registered for the course before the end of school should enroll on June 23, Leonard said. If the class is found to be too large, he added, preference will be given to those who will reach their 16th birthday by September 1.

The Board of Education has approved the purchase of a car for use in the program and also approved a plan for the summer instruction. During the regular school term the classroom instruction for driver education will be carried on during the regular school day, and the "in the car" phase of the training will be carried on in the afternoon after the dismissal of students at the end of the regular school day.

Irie Leonard, W. A. Leonard, and Ralph Foushee are certified to teach the program. In West Southern Pines, Armstrong, William F. Monroe and J. C. Hasty are certified.

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## Daniel-Morris Exhibition To Highlight Event

Between 40 and 45 youngsters are expected here next week for the annual North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce Tennis Tournament.

The event is being sponsored by the local club and Bob Dunn, president, said most advance planning had been completed.

Entries have been received from throughout the state, according to Malcolm Clark, tournament director, four of them from Southern Pines.

The local entries are Kenny Little, George Little, John McMillan and Dick Thomason.

Other entries have been received from Charlotte, Asheville, Winston-Salem, Elkin, Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Durham, Burlington, Thomasville, Greensboro, Lexington, Goldsboro, and Wilmington.

Expected to be the front runners are Jack Hepting of Asheville, John Talley of Gastonia, and Chad Harris of Wilmington. Richard Helms of Goldsboro, one of the defending doubles champions, is also entered. His partner last year, Bill Moore, is too old this year, however, and cannot return.

The defending champion, Tommy Ricks of Durham, also is ineligible this year, Clark said.

Registration for the meet will be held Wednesday and match play gets underway on Thursday. Finals are scheduled Saturday afternoon. Both singles and doubles will be played.

Under state Jaycee rules, towns are permitted only four entries. Many clubs, which sponsor the boys, have entered the limit, Clark said, though many single entries are also on file.

As an "extra," the local club has arranged an exhibition match Friday night between Allen Morris of Charlotte and Sam Daniel of Leaksville. Morris is top ranked in the state, third in the South, and 16th in the nation. Daniel is a past champion of the Sandhills Invitational Tournament and a familiar figure to local tennis enthusiasts.

The public is, of course, invited to the exhibition as well as the regular tournament matches.

Dunn said that a banquet would be held Thursday night for all entries and members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and their wives. It will be outdoors at the Southern Pines Country Club.

One sad note crept into the picture this week: Billy Stone of Henderson, the state high school champion and an expected entry, wrote to say he could not make it because of his counselling job at a summer camp.

Dunn requested today that anyone with available housing for the players could contact him. So far, he said, rooms have been found for 22 of the players.

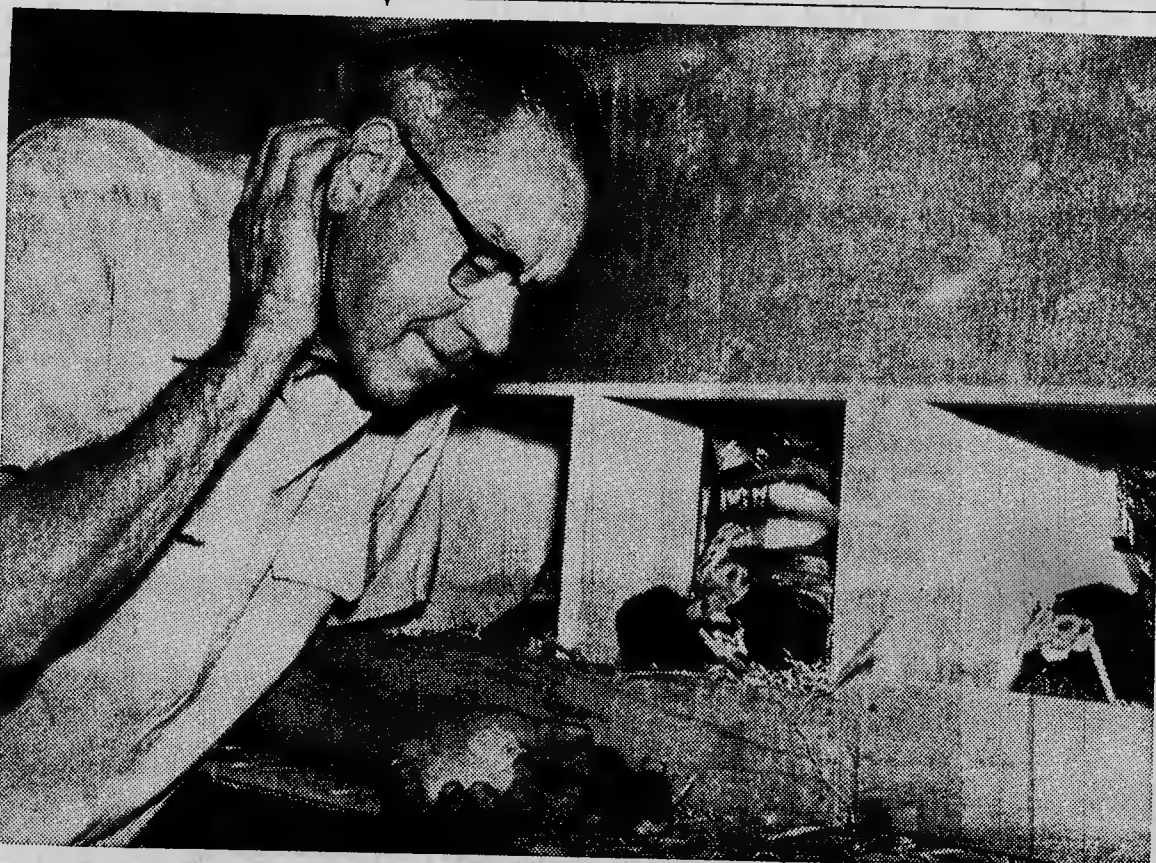
No eating arrangements are required, he said, as the players are having their meals in local restaurants.

This is the first year the tournament has been held in Southern Pines and the local club considers it the top project for the year. Members have been busy working on the benches on the Ashe Street side of the court, making them ready for the tournament. One section is being replaced completely and another section is being repaired. They will be ready for the matches, Dunn said.

## ART EXHIBIT

An exhibit of paintings by Ellen Maurice of Eagle Springs was hung in the Art Gallery at the library today and will remain throughout the summer.

The paints, mostly of ocean and mountain scenes, are in the main gallery.



**ODDEST OF THEM ALL**—Bantam roosters, which sometimes have a reputation for doing queer things, can't hold a light to one owned by Charles Parker of 335 West Vermont Avenue, shown here sitting on what remains of a nest

of nine eggs. Six have hatched and, as indicated by one in Mr. Parker's hand, are doing fine. Mr. Parker's other hand is in a characteristic pose for a man who says: "Queerest thing I've ever seen a rooster do."

(Emerson Humphrey photo)