

## Winter Hits Sandhills, Area's Schools Closed

Sleet and freezing rain continued to fall today on top of a light blanket of snow that covered the Sandhills last night. Sub-freezing temperatures prevailed.

Travel conditions were so bad this morning that the Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Moore County school systems called off school for the day.

Traffic was light in town and on the highways, and no serious accidents had been reported in the area up to noon today.

Service stations and garages did a brisk business in tire chains,

as no immediate relief in the icy conditions was apparent.

The snow and sleet climaxed a week of temperatures in which the low reading for each day never rose above freezing.

Record temperature of the week and of the winter so far was nine degrees above zero early Sunday morning, according to official Weather Bureau records maintained at the Radio Station WEEB studios on Midland Road.

A low of 16 was registered for both this morning and yesterday morning. Monday's low was 20 and last Saturday's 19.

## Mickey Walsh Is Leading Hunt Racing Trainer of 1960; T. Walsh Top Rider

Michael G. (Mickey) Walsh, owner of Stoneybrook Stables here, was the nation's leading hurdle and steeplechase trainer, in terms of money won by horses he saddled, according to figures released this week by the United Hunts Racing Association. Walsh-trained mounts won \$129,977 last year.

Also, Tommy Walsh, 20-year-old nephew of the leading trainer, was rated by the Association as the top rider of the sport, booting home 31 winners of the 138 he accepted during the year. The figure includes 29 victories over obstacles and two on the flat at hunt race meetings.

Running second to Mickey Walsh in money won by winners trained was D. M. (Mike) Smithwick, with \$101,609. Horses trained by Smithwick won more races than those trained by Walsh, but their earnings were not so high.

A Walsh-owned horse helped to boost the total in one of the greatest races of the circuit in 1960. Mrs. M. G. Walsh's Sky's Rhythm won the \$10,000 L. E. Stoddard, Jr., event at Belmont Park, defeating the highly favored Our Jeep. This stake is run on a one and seven-eighths mile hurdle course and is exclusively for three-year-olds.

At the same Belmont Park meeting, the local trainer saddled Nautilus, from the farm of Mrs. Lawrence W. Knapp, Jr., at Ligonier, Pa., to win the \$15,000 added New York Turf Writers Cup over hurdles.

Nautilus, a four-year-old, won five races in a row during the 1960 season and has been called "the chaser to watch in 1961."

Walsh-trained horses raced at nearly all of the hunt meetings and at all of the major courses where hurdle and steeplechase racing is fostered. Earnings on the flat of many winners he saddled are not included in the \$129,977 figure.

A Smithwick also was second to Tommy Walsh in the races-won category. A. P. (Paddy) Smithwick had 21 triumphs over jumps and five on the flat at hunt race meetings for a total of 26.

Benguala, of Mrs. Marion duPont Scott's Montpelier Stables, earned \$71,865 in 1960 to become steeplechase champion money winner; and that stable was tops in its class, with \$101,419 in winnings by horses racing under its colors last year. Benguala was the Temple Gwathmey Handicap winner at Belmont Park.

## Cerebral Palsy Drive Still on; Over \$900 Given

A little over \$900 toward a goal of \$1,500 in the Moore County United Cerebral Palsy drive was reported this week by Mrs. Paul B. Boroughs, Jr., of Southern Pines, county chairman for the community campaigns. Reports have not been received from several of the communities, she said.

Expressing her thanks to the more than 50 persons who helped with the campaign in Southern Pines, Mrs. Boroughs said that some areas of the town had not been covered in the house-to-house canvass and that anyone wishing to contribute can send a check made out to United Cerebral Palsy to her at 160 E. Massachusetts Ave.

Cerebral palsy funds go to aid victims of this affliction, which is caused by brain damage, and to research in its cause and alleviation.

## Theatre in the Pines Group Meets Tonight

Persons interested in any phase of theatrical work are invited to meet tonight (Thursday) in the courtroom of the town hall at 8 p. m. when the steering committee of The Theatre in the Pines will announce the name of the amateur drama group's next production to be presented in March.

## Girl Scout Event Set; Cookie Sale to Start

The annual dinner meeting, with installation of officers and recognition of service of adult leaders, of the Central Carolina Girl Scout Council—covering troops in Moore, Lee, Chatham and Harnett Counties—will be held Monday evening at the First Baptist Church in Sanford. The annual Girl Scout cookie sale, to provide better camping opportunities, will begin throughout the council Monday.

## HEMMER HONORED

John C. Hemmer of Pinehurst, well known photographer, last night was named "Lion of the Year" and presented the annual Achievement Award of the Pinehurst Lions Club, at a ladies night dinner at the Pinehurst Country Club.

## FORMERLY OF CHARLOTTE

## Lockermans Open New Optical Shop

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lockerman have opened an optical shop, Lockerman Dispensing Optician, at 117 W. Pennsylvania Ave. in the Pines Realty Building. The services offered, beside the filling of prescriptions and repairs to frames, include all types of visual aids, contact lenses, and special children's frames and equipment for infants.

Mr. Lockerman attended the public schools of Unadilla, Ga., and received his training in opticianry at the American Optical Co. in Macon, Ga. He subsequently worked as a dispensing optician in Richmond, Va., and in Lumberton. Since 1947 he has owned and conducted his own firm in Charlotte.

Mrs. Lockerman is the former Benita Bass of Milledgeville, Ga. She is a graduate of the Georgia State College for Women and Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn. She taught in the city schools of Charlotte for eight years and since 1956 has assisted Mr. Lockerman in the practice of optical dispensing.

Mr. Lockerman was certified by the Guild of Prescription Opticians of America in 1953 and is a member of the North Carolina Opticians' Society.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lockerman hold certifications from the Vaughn Contact Lens Company of Raleigh.

The Lockermans are living at 875 N. Leak St.



HONORED — W. P. Saunders, right, receives from Forrest Lockey of Aberdeen, chairman of a welcome-home committee, an engraved silver bowl recognizing Mr. Saunders' "outstanding and unselfish" service as director of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development from December 15, 1955, to January 9 of this year. In the background are Mr. Saunders' daughter, Mrs. Ralph Barnhardt, of Raeford, and her 11-year-old daughter, Elizabeth. (Hemmer photo)

## 225 ATTEND DINNER

## W. P. Saunders Receives Big Welcome By Friends

At a welcome-home surprise dinner in the Mid Pines Club Monday night, some 225 persons from all sections of Moore County and Hoke County gathered to welcome William P. Saunders back to permanent residence after more than five years as director of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development in Raleigh.

H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, Moore County representative in

## Podiatry Group To Convene Here From Five States

Members of the podiatry-chiroprody profession from the five states of the Eighth zone of the American Podiatry Association will gather here this weekend for the Fifth Mid-Winter Scientific Conclave of the North Carolina Podiatry Society.

Featured speaker will be Dr. John T. Sharp, professor of podopodiatry at Temple University College of Chiroprody for the past 20 years.

Dr. Calvin E. Eruce of Fayetteville is the convention chairman. Dr. D. W. Mann of Southern Pines is an active member of the Society.

the General Assembly, presided, praising Mr. Saunders' "magnificent record" as the C & D director and crediting that record as "enabling North Carolina to have a member in President Kennedy's cabinet"—referring to the appointment of former Gov. Luther H. Hodges as Secretary of Commerce.

The state's industrial development program, one of the feathers in the cap of the Hodges administration, was administered by the C & D Department which was headed by Mr. Saunders.

In his words of welcome to Mr. Saunders, who has a home here, Mr. Blue said, "We have no thought to welcome him back to a life of retirement. We'll grant him some fishing and golfing time, but will still look to him to help solve our daily problems and our problems of the 'New Frontier'."

Mr. Saunders, escorted to the Mid Pines Club by Forrest Lockey of Aberdeen, a longtime friend and a former member of the State Highway Commission, on another pretext, seemed genuinely surprised at the event.

"Nobody said a word," he noted with amazement, later.

Leading citizens of various areas of Moore County, who rose to pay tribute to Mr. Saunders in informal talks, as called on by

## Alleged 'Monkey Burglar' To Be Tried Next Week

A 19-year-old ex-convict, accused of being Aberdeen's "monkey burglar" of last summer and fall, faces trial at next week's term of Superior Court on 10 counts of breaking and entering and larceny at Aberdeen stores.

Of 24 warrants for which bills will go before the Grand Jury, 10 are against Eddie Lee Harrison of Addor, allegedly responsible for the forays which plagued Aberdeen police over a period of weeks.

Police Chief A. F. Dees said Harrison—whom he scaled a wall to catch in the act, the night of November 22—admitted to at least 16 such crimes. But, said the Chief, "we thought 10 warrants were enough."

Harrison allegedly scaled walls, clambered over rooftops and broke skylights and windows to enter the stores, where he hunted for cash. Failing to find any, he would take nothing, or pick up small objects which are easily carried off. Seven of these were transistor radios, stolen in three separate entries into the Brown's Auto Supply Store. None of the stolen merchandise was recovered.

Harrison is also charged with breaking into Burney Hardware three times, Aberdeen Hardware twice and McCrummen's Drug Store and McLean Furniture Store one time each. The warrants cover acts of the nights of August 23, August 28, September 8, September 17, November 1 and November 22.

Harrison had previously served a prison term for breaking and entering, for which he was apprehended by Dees who was at

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## Games Scheduled So Students Can Get Home Earlier

(Editorial, page 2)

Basketball games to be played by the East Southern Pines High School teams Friday night and on Friday night of next week will begin at 7 p. m., rather than 7:30, Glenn Cox, high school principal, said this week.

The advance in game time is an experiment, the principal said, to see if the earlier schedule will get students home earlier after the games. He said there had been complaints from parents that students returned too late after the double-header night games.

The boys' and girls' games this Friday night are with teams from Farm Life school and those next week are with Robbins.

The games Tuesday night of next week will be played away, so that the local school cannot regulate the starting time.

"The 7 p. m. starting time should get students home a half hour earlier," Mr. Cox said.

## North-South Service At Airport Assured; Will Start March 24

### BLOOD CAN BE GIVEN MONDAY

(More information in editorial, page 2)

A quota of 245 pints has been set for a blood collection to be made here Monday, (January 30) by a bloodmobile from the Red Cross center at Charlotte.

The collection will take place at St. Anthony's School from 11 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., said John F. Buchholz, chairman of the Moore County Red Cross blood program and also co-chairman, with D. A. (June) Blue, Jr., of the Monday collection.

Mr. Buchholz appealed for public cooperation, pointing out that blood given in various communities of Moore County makes it possible for the county's two hospitals to get blood of any type promptly from the Charlotte center.

A total of 1,250 pints of blood per year has been pledged from the county to meet the needs of both hospitals, he said, but actual collections run far behind the pledges.

## Robert MacDonald To Play Saturday In Piano Concert

Compositions of Mozart, Ravel, Beethoven, Chopin and Mousorgsky will be played by Robert MacDonald, concert pianist, in a recital at Weaver Auditorium Saturday night.

Starting at 8 p. m., the recital is sponsored by the Southern Pines Rotary Club, with proceeds to go to the club's civic service projects.

The Southern Pines audience will have a preview of a recital to be given by Mr. MacDonald on February 2 at the Carnegie Recital Hall in New York City. He comes to Southern Pines after several years of successful tours in Europe—where he studied and played professionally—and in the United States.

The Southern Pines concert was arranged by a personal friend of Mr. MacDonald, John McPhaul, who is a member of the Rotary Club here. In information sent to Mr. McPhaul by Mr. MacDonald, the pianist points out that Rotary is very active in the arts field, a fact recognized internationally.

The outstanding concert pianist of Vienna, where Mr. MacDonald lived for some time, is Paul Badura-Skoda who, he said, is an active member of the Rotary Club there. Mr. MacDonald also recalled that a friend of his was studying opera production in Vienna on a Rotary scholarship.

The pianist is the son of Mr. and Mrs. K. MacLaurin MacDonald of Dillon County, S. C., and a brother of Donald MacDonald of Charlotte who is known in this state as a newspaperman and head of the Clan Donald. The family is widely known and connected in central and Eastern North Carolina and Saturday

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## NO EXTENSION EXPECTED

## Tuesday To Be Tax-Listing Deadline

Tuesday, January 31, will be the final day for property owners to list real and personal property for 1961 county and town taxes, without incurring a penalty.

No extension of the listing period will be granted, said Mrs. Estelle Wicker of Carthage, county tax supervisor.

All real estate and personal property, including automobiles, must be listed. Listing with the county automatically lists the property for taxes by towns which use the same valuations.

In McNeill Township, persons living in Southern Pines should list with Mrs. Irene Mullinix at the Information Center. She will be there from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

A long-sought air service that will link the Southern Pines-Pinehurst Airport to Raleigh-Durham Airport, to begin March 24, was authorized this week when the Civil Aeronautics Board announced at Washington, D. C., that it had awarded to Piedmont Airlines a route formerly flown by Capital Airlines between Norfolk, Va., and Knoxville, Tenn.

The local airport, now served by Piedmont with east-west flights only to Fayetteville and Charlotte, had not been served by Capital, but the authorization to add Southern Pines-Pinehurst to the route was made by the CAB as result of strong requests for such service from this area, with the cooperation of Piedmont Airlines. Voit Gilmore, Southern Pines businessman and member of the N. C. Board of Conservation and Development, testified for need of the north-south service at a CAB hearing in Washington about a year ago.

Qualified

The new authorization is qualified to this extent:

1. For Southern Pines-Pinehurst, the service will remain seasonal—October 1 to April 30—although this is subject to revision if traffic warrants year-around service.

2. The entire route is authorized under the CAB's new "use it or lose it" rule, by which communities on the route must provide an average of five passengers per day during an 18-month period or lose the service.

Under the ruling, Piedmont is authorized to make three round-trip flights daily over the new route.

Mr. Gilmore said he had talked to Tom Davis of Winston-Salem, president of Piedmont, after the ruling, and that Mr. Davis said that at least two such flights could be assured to Southern Pines-Pinehurst.

Connection

Mr. Davis also said that the schedules would be set up so that a late afternoon flight north out of Pinehurst-Southern Pines would provide a fast, head-on connection with an Eastern Airlines flight to New York City, permitting visitors in the Sandhills to put in nearly a full day of recreation here and still be in New York the same night.

Mr. Gilmore said that Mr. Davis expressed no concern about the Sandhills not being able to provide the required volume of traffic.

The route runs Norfolk to Elizabeth City (temporarily suspended) to Rocky Mount, to Raleigh-Durham, splitting there and running to Southern Pines-Pinehurst to Charlotte or to Greensboro, Winston-Salem and to Charlotte—then to Hickory, Asheville and Knoxville.

## Farm Life First Over Quota in Dimes March

Farm Life community, with a quota of \$50, reported \$78 collected this week in the Moore County March of Dimes, first community in the county to top its quota, said Frank McCaskill, Moore drive chairman. Paul C. Butler, local chairman, reports about half of the \$1,750 quota in. Mr. McCaskill asks that all chairmen report if possible by February 1.



YOUNG MAN OF THE YEAR — David A. Drexel, second from right, holds the Distinguished Service Award of the Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce given annually to a "Young Man of the Year" who has been outstanding in community service during the previous year. Others in the photo, left to right: Dr. J. C. Currie, Jr., president of the Jaycees; W. Lamont Brown, who made the presentation, chairman of a committee of older citizens who made the selection from nominations by the public; and George Morrison who was in charge of arrangements for the "Bosses' Night" dinner at which the award was made, last week. Mr. Drexel was honored for his service to Boy Scouting, St. Joseph's Hospital and St. Anthony's Catholic Church and for other aspects of community service. (Humphrey photo)