

**Who's 'Poor Cliff'?**  
Moore County's representative in the General Assembly, soon to take his seat there, calls himself that as editor of a popular almanac. Details, page 9.

**Today's the day**  
The ground hog foretells the weather for the next six weeks: rough if he sees his shadow, fine if he doesn't. Meet Mr. Ground Hog face to face on page 8.

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## Plant Location Engineers To Be Entertained Here

Industrial plant location engineers from many sections of the nation will be entertained here with an expense-paid weekend, March 24-25, it was announced in Raleigh this week.

The weekend will be provided at state expense by the Department of Conservation and Development, to build good will for the state in connection with its industrial development program. Plans for the weekend have been approved by Hargrove Bowles, C & D director, and Gov. Terry Sanford.

Plant location engineers, who can be of assistance in helping the state acquire new industry, were entertained here last year by members of the C & D board with such success that a similar event was planned for this year, with the state, rather than C & D board members, paying the expenses.

The weekend set for the visit of the engineers will be one of the most event-filled of the Spring season in the Sandhills. The Stoneybrook Hunt Race Meeting will be held the 25th, Saturday. The Moore County Historical Association's Antique Show will run through the 24th, a day that also marks start of a new north-south air service at Southern Pines-Pinehurst airport.

## 136 Pints Given In Collection of Blood This Week

A collection of 136 pints of blood by an American Red Cross bloodmobile from the ARC center at Charlotte here on Monday was commended by officials of the Moore County Red Cross chapter.

Though the quota had been set at 245 pints, in an effort to make up a 120-pint deficit in local blood giving, the 136-pint collection surpasses the usual quota of 125 pints that has been set, but not reached, for former recent visits of the bloodmobile here.

The collection was conducted at St. Anthony's School. Appreciation was expressed by Red Cross officials to Mrs. Walter Coffin, who was in charge of the canteen, to Mrs. George Thompson and to other volunteers who helped in various ways.

Five of the Sisters at the school all coming in together, were among the donors. John Buchholz, county blood program chairman, and D. A. (June) Blue, Jr., were in charge of preparations for Monday's collection.

Under the program with which Moore County is cooperating, blood is donated during several visits of the bloodmobile to communities of the county each year, in return for which the county's two hospitals can obtain any type of blood quickly from the center in Charlotte.

Persons who give blood receive "credit cards" entitling any member of their family to free blood, if needed, during a six-month period.

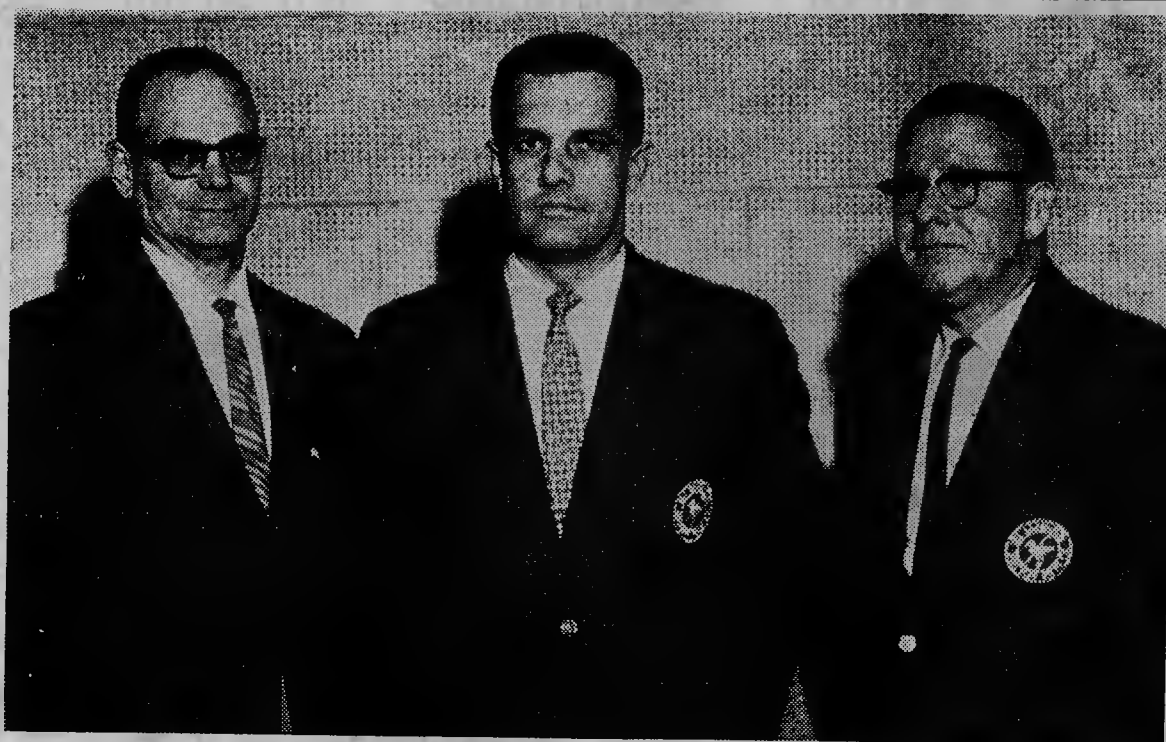
## Trial of Lawrence Opens at Carthage

The grand jury at the current term of Moore County Superior Court in Carthage found a true bill this week in the case of Joseph Bailey Lawrence, 29-year-old Southern Pines man charged with carnal knowledge of a 13-year-old local girl, and the case was called shortly before noon today.

Lawrence has denied the incident which is alleged to have occurred in an automobile at the Star View Drive-In Theatre on No. 1 highway south, December 19. He was arrested early in January, on complaint of the girl's mother, and has been in jail since then in default of bond.

Lawrence was conducting his own defense as the trial began.

**BULLETIN**  
A jury found Lawrence guilty as charged at 2:25 p.m. today. He was sentenced by the judge to not less than five nor more than seven years in State's prison.



OFFICERS — Hollie Sisk of West End, center, is the 1961 president of the Sandpipers, men's golfing organization at the Southern Pines Country Club. At right is Harry Chatfield, vice president, while Jack Reid, secretary and treasurer, is at left. Sisk and Chatfield wear the group's new blazer with "Sandpiper" insignia. (Humphrey photo)

## Vass Telephones To Shift to New System on Sunday

Sunday, February 5, at 2:01 a. m. will see Vass telephones shift to a modern new seven-digit numbering system. At the same time new dial telephone switching equipment will go into operation.

Vass will be one of the first exchanges in North Carolina to completely adopt the new numbering system. The seven-digit plan is gradually replacing older types of numbering throughout the nation.

The installation of new dial equipment has been necessary because of the growth in the area, according to Joe R. Kimball, district manager. The United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc., now has 323 telephones there, compared to 56 telephones in April of 1953 when the present equipment was placed into operation.

A new brick veneer concrete block building has been constructed to house the dial equipment. It is located behind the present telephone building. "A telephone directory including the new telephone numbers for Vass has already been issued," Mr. Kimball said. All of the Vass numbers will have a prefix of "245" followed by an additional 4 digits. All subscribers will be notified of their new numbers.

"Please do not use the Vass portion of this directory before 2:01 on February 5," Mr. Kimball cautioned.

## Outlook for Weather Bad

"Like kicking us when we're down..." That's the comment of one local resident this morning as he observed overcast skies, sub-freezing temperatures and predictions of snow tonight and tomorrow.

And the Sandhills has been "down" for the past week, starting with an ice and sleet storm a week ago, that closed the schools for two days and brought most local business to a standstill—not least of all the resort business which has suffered from departing guests and cancellations of reservations.

Last week's two-inch covering of sleet, hardened by partial thaws into solid ice, was slow in melting but had pretty well disappeared, except in protected areas, by last night.

Wednesday afternoon was mild, offering hope for an end to the cold spell, but a strong, cold wind arose in the night and the temperature has remained below freezing this morning.

Only consolation: up to noon today, it would have to be a very sensitive ground hog that could see his shadow—meaning according to the old legend, that he will stay out and enjoy good weather for the next six weeks, whatever it may be today.

## Sisk Heads Sandpipers, Men's Golfing Group; 3 Presented Life Memberships

Hollie Sisk was elected 1961 president of the Sandpipers, men's golfing organization at the Southern Pines Country Club, during the group's recent annual meeting at the club. He succeeds Dr. Boyd Starnes.

Other new officers elected are: vice president, Harry Chatfield, succeeding Jack Carter; and secretary-treasurer, Jack Reid who replaces Davis Worsham. Harry Davis was named tournament chairman and George Mulroy, handicap chairman.

Renamed to the board of governors were Bud Rainey and Will Wiggs. New members named to

## Hearing Set on Upping Pinebluff Telephone Rates

A hearing has been set for February 8 by the State Utilities Commission on an application by the Pinebluff Telephone Co. to increase its rates on business and residential telephone service.

The hearing will be held at 10 a. m. at the offices of the commission in Raleigh. Any person residing in the area served by the company may appear at that time in support of or in opposition to granting the application.

Increases are asked in every class of service except the charges for extension telephones which are \$1 per month for residence, and \$1.50 for business, service.

Here are the proposed increases in monthly rates:

One-party—business, from \$9 to \$12.50; residence, from \$5.50 to \$7.50.  
Two-party — business, from \$8.25 to \$10; residence, from \$4.75 to \$6.50.  
Four-party — business, from \$7.75 to \$8.50; residence, from \$4.25 to \$5.75.  
Multi-party — business, from \$6.50 to \$8.50; residence, from \$4.25 to \$6.

## TO HELP TRAIN NURSES

### SVA Launches Scholarship Drive

Nurse training scholarships for one or more Moore County girls to graduate from high schools of the county next Spring, will be provided for the 14th successive year by the Sandhills Veterans Association which will open its fund drive for the project Monday.

Letters explaining the project will go out then to hundreds of Moore County citizens. The contributions returned will determine how many scholarships will be given this year.

Robert S. Ewing is president of SVA, a limited-membership organization of World War II veterans whose chief project is the nurse scholarship drive. Barney Avery is the 1961 drive chairman. Persons not receiving appeal letters may send contributions to SVA, Box 894, Southern Pines.

Last year, two scholarships

the board are Harry Davis, Jack Carter and Dr. Boyd Starnes. The Sandpipers, an organization formed in 1927 to promote golf at the Southern Pines Country Club, was reorganized last year. During the past year, 72 members took part in various types of tournaments, although activities were somewhat curtailed by the closing of the No. 1 course for three months during the summer when all the greens were replanted in 328 Bermuda grass, several new traps were made, all tees lengthened and widened and the course generally beautified.

Mr. Davis, the 1961 tournament chairman, is planning a variety of interesting tournaments during the coming year. At the meeting, honorary life memberships in the Sandpipers were issued to J. C. Barron, Elmer Davis and Roy Grinnell, all charter members of the organization.

Any golfer in the area is invited to join the Sandpipers. Inquiries may be made of President Sisk or any member. The past board of governors has approved an official emblem and blazer for the club.

**Tournament Winners**  
Winners in the Sandpipers championship tournament, played last November were:

Group A—Davis Worsham, champion; Harry Chatfield, runner-up.  
Group B—George Mulroy, winner; Jim Besley, runner-up.  
Group C—Joe Steed, winner; Bill Bushby, runner-up.

**Auman Elected Head of Peach Growers' Society**  
T. Clyde Auman of West End was elected president of the North Carolina Mutual Peach Growers' Society at the annual meeting of the organization held Tuesday at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst.

Other officers elected were: Floyd Haywood, vice-president, and John Wyatt, secretary-treasurer, both of Candor.

## Vandals Smash Many Windows at West End School

Unknown vandals smashed 32 windows in the West End High School building last night, Deputy Sheriff J. A. Lawrence of Aberdeen said this morning.

The damage, estimated at \$150, was reported to Lawrence early today by Principal R. P. Johnson. Work on replacing the windows was begun at once.

With a strong wind blowing and the temperature at 22 degrees, students attended classes dressed in outdoor clothing this morning.

Windows were broken on all four sides of the building by cinder clinkers and bottles thrown through them and also apparently with a large stick that was found near the building, Deputy Lawrence said. Some of the clinkers were as big as coconuts, he reported. There was no evidence that the building had been entered.

So violent was the force used on the windows that the sash of one was broken, the deputy said.

Members of the county board of education, notified of the vandalism, were indignant. There are few clues, but the sheriff's department was pressing an investigation of all possible leads in the case today.

## Parking System Is Changed at Hunter Trials Feb. 18

Members of the Moore County Hounds are making preparations for the 29th annual Hunter Trials to be held at the course at Scotts Corner, out Youngs Road, near Southern Pines, Saturday, February 18, at 2 p. m.

The hunt ball and dinner, a formal affair that is always one of the gayest and most colorful social events of the winter season, will follow that night at the Moore County Club (former Notre Dame Academy) on Youngs Road, at 7 p. m.

To eliminate confusion caused by growing demand for parking spaces overlooking the Hunter Trials course, the Moore County Hounds this year is having numbered parking spaces only. Preferred spaces, at \$20 each, have a choice view of the course. The other numbered spaces are \$15, also permitting a front-row space for car and all occupants. These spaces are along the side, with an excellent view of the trials, except for a few of the jumps.

Mrs. W. O. Moss, Moore County Hounds secretary, points out that there will be fewer parking spaces this year, but all will be on the front row. Reservations are now being taken by Mrs. Moss at Mile-Away Farms here, on a first-come, first-served basis.

There will be a general admission fee of \$2 for persons not using parking spaces.

## Democrats Recommend 4 Acting Postmasters

### SCHOOL MAKE-UP DAYS APRIL 6, 7

The two days lost last week by Southern Pines schools because of a sleet and ice storm will be made up on April 6, and 7, the board of education decided at its meeting last night.

The days fall near the end of a period originally scheduled as a long Spring vacation. This vacation will begin at the close of school Thursday, March 30, the day before Good Friday. Students will return to school on Thursday of the following week, April 6.

Supt. Luther A. Adams said today that the board of education regrets having to shorten the Spring vacation, but thinks that making the two days up then would be preferable to adding them at the end of the school year in June.

## Little Symphony To Play 3 Times Here Feb. 16-17

This week the big poster goes up in front of the Barnum Agency to notify the Sandhills that North Carolina's travelling orchestra is on its way.

February 16th is the date. That Thursday evening the Little Symphony under the direction of its noted conductor, Benjamin Swalin, will once more take the stage at Weaver Auditorium. Curtain time is set for 8:30 p. m. and tickets are presently on sale at the Barnum Agency.

This makes the tenth consecutive time that one or the other of the two state orchestras has come to Moore County. Brought here under the sponsorship of the Sandhills Music Association—with this concert the third in the current association series—the engagement includes two free concerts for school children, one (Continued on page 8)

## Blue Knights Face Big Test Friday

The Southern Pines High School Blue Knights and girls will play host to the teams from Elise High School at Robbins here Friday night with, for the boys, a chance at the Moore County championship at stake. First game will begin at 7 p. m. under an experimental SPSHS policy of moving game times up so that students can get home earlier.

The Robbins boys are currently heading the conference with a record of 12 games won and one lost. The Blue Knights have won 11 and lost 2. A Blue Knights victory would put the two teams in a tie for the conference lead, while a win for Robbins would almost assure that team of the regular season championship.

A wrist watch will be given away at halftime of Friday night's game. (More local and county high school basketball news on pages 8 and 10).

## Theatre in Pines Tryouts Scheduled

Tryouts for the next production of the Theatre in the Pines, local amateur drama group, will be conducted at 3 p. m. and again at 7 p. m. on Sunday, and also at 8 p. m. Monday, in the courtroom of town hall, it was announced this week.

A general meeting, to which all persons interested in any phase of drama production are invited, will be held at the same location tonight (Thursday) at 8 p. m. This meeting, scheduled for Thursday night of last week, was cancelled then because of the sleet storm.

Name of the next production and other details of the group's operations will be announced at tonight's meeting.

Following a request of Rep. A. Paul Kitchin of the Eighth Congressional District, Democratic precinct committees of Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Carthage and Robbins met this week and made recommendations for temporary or acting postmasters for these four Moore County towns where the present postmasters have been serving on an "acting" basis.

The incumbent acting postmasters are all Republicans. In Southern Pines, J. W. Causey, a member of the Moore County Board of Elections and a prominent party leader, was recommended by the precinct committee.

In Aberdeen, the precinct committee recommended that Miss Edna Maurer, former postmaster who was ousted two years ago be given the acting postmaster assignment.

In Carthage Gilbert Bailey, a clerk in the post office and who had taken the civil service examination and was on the eligible list was recommended for the acting assignment by the two Carthage precinct committees.

In Robbins Arnold Swindell, a clerk in the post office was recommended.

Incumbent acting postmasters are: Southern Pines, Maxwell Rush; Carthage, R. G. Wallace; Aberdeen, Mrs. Evelyn G. Garrison; Robbins, A. H. Trotter.

W. Lamont Brown, chairman of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee has called a meeting for 5 p. m. Friday in the courthouse at Carthage to pass upon the recommendations of the precinct committees.

The matter of "permanent" postmasters for those post offices will come up at a later date.

## Blue Will Begin Assembly Service

Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen will go to Raleigh Tuesday, to begin on Wednesday his eighth consecutive two-year term in the General Assembly from Moore County.

The Democratic legislator, who was chairman of the powerful House Finance Committee in the 1959 term, is a member of the State's Advisory Budget Commission and has been busy during the past year visiting state institutions and otherwise taking part in the committee's budget-shaping efforts.

His seven terms in the House make him the legislator with the second longest record of continuous service there.

Because of a rotation agreement in this senatorial district, there is no senator from Moore County in the General Assembly this term. Sen. Wilbur Currie of Carthage served in the 1959 session.

## Father Wilken to Speak at School

The Rev. Robert L. Wilken of Raleigh, editor of the "North Carolina Catholic," will be guest speaker at a meeting of the St. Anthony's School Home School Association, to be held at the school auditorium Thursday, February 9, at 8 p. m. The speaker's topic will be "The Press and the Christian Mind."

A program will be presented by students of the seventh and eighth grades.

The "North Carolina Catholic" is a weekly newspaper "of news and views," published at Raleigh.

## AT PRESS INSTITUTE

Cad Benedict, associate editor of The Pilot, will attend the 36th annual North Carolina Press Institute at Chapel Hill tonight and Friday.

Press contest awards, in which The Pilot has been informed that it will share, will be presented tonight by Gov. Terry Sanford during a session to be attended by the local editor.

Mrs. James Boyd, editor, who is convalescing from a hip injury, will not attend.