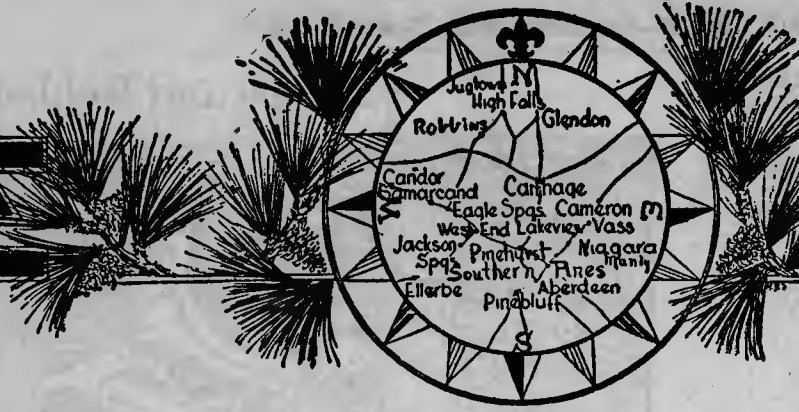


## The SVA fund

drive for nurse training scholarships is going on. Six students now in training are pictured on page 12.

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## Committees

for the Stoneybrook Hunt Race Meet to be held here Saturday, April 10, have been appointed. See story, page 6.

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## Tornado Causes Extensive Damage To Sandhill Furniture Plant At West End

The Sandhill Furniture Company, of West End, one of Moore County's largest industries, suffered extensive damage last night when it was struck by a sudden tornado.

The whirling rush of wind, part of a widespread storm of high winds and heavy rain, hit the West End wood-working plants at 7:30 p.m., lasting about a minute before it sped on, leaving havoc in its wake.

A nightwatchman spread the alarm and was almost immediately joined by more than half the plant's employees, who left their homes to rush out into the driving rain and flying debris, spending most of the rest of the night working to retrieve valuable items and save all that could be rescued from exposed stock and machinery.

Leading in the work of salvage was the company's president, Keith Williams, who left his home in Sanford and drove down on hearing the news. Also on the job was James Suthpin, of West End, vice president of the furniture company.

The strength of the windstorm was evident as toll was taken today of the damage. W. B. Nugent, of the Col. George P. Hawes, Inc., Insurance Agency, Pinehurst, gave a picture of the fury of the tornado as follows:

All four buildings of the plant were partially damaged; one roof was entirely blown off, exposing the stock which it contained to the full force of the rain, damage estimated at about 60 percent. The roof was blown off the control room, of the dry kilns, thus not only damaging the kilns but putting all controls of the plant out of use and severely hampering renewed production.

Flying debris of every sort, including jagged pieces of a metal roof, had cut great gashes in walls and broken most of the windows; timbers from the lumber yard had been picked up like (Continued on Page 8)

## Democrats To Hear Morgan, Others

### At Supper Meeting

Sen. Robert Morgan of Lillington, president pro-tem of the North Carolina Senate, will be the guest speaker at a Democratic meeting and chicken stew supper to be held at the Jackson Springs Community House, March 27, at 7 p.m.

The event was announced by J. Elvin Jackson of Carthage and Vass, chairman of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee.

The program will also include H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, past Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, State Senator Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines and T. Clyde Auman of West End, Moore County's Representative in the General Assembly. "This is one in a series of quarterly meetings designed to give the public an opportunity to hear and talk with our elected officials. The West End - Jackson Springs Precinct and the Bensalem Precinct will act as hosts. There will be no charge for the supper," said Mr. Jackson. Senator Gilmore and Senator Morgan represent the 18th Senatorial District, which includes Moore County, in the General Assembly.

## Capel Files For Council Election

Only one candidate for town office had filed by this morning, following opening of filing time Monday.

Councilman Felton Capel of West Southern Pines has listed himself as a candidate for reelection.

Filing time will run to noon, April 15. To be elected May 4 are five town councilmen and a judge and solicitor of the local recorder's court.

A primary will be held April 26 if more than 10 candidates file for the council or more than two for either of the court offices.

TOTAL LISTED AT \$32,764,224

## Farm Income Of County Increases Last Year By More Than \$661,000

Moore, one of this State's smaller counties, with soil problems of clay in the north and sand in the south, has consistently placed in the State's top half-dozen counties in farm income during the past decade.

Figures just totted up for 1964 show a total of \$32,764,224 in farm income, a gain of \$661,624 over the \$31,102,600 of the year before. This was achieved despite the loss of around \$1,500,000 in the peach industry resulting from the freeze of last April.

Diversification and flexibility are the answers revealed in a talk with Moore Extension Chairman Fleet D. Allen, plus a cooperative rural citizenry with leadership ready to accept new ways, also a cooperative board of commissioners.

The commissioners, for example, have for the past three years employed a forester as a second assistant farm agent and this is paying off well, Allen said,

in view of the large forestry operations within the county and a continuing program of reforestation.

For, despite her poor soil, Moore has many blessings to count, one of them being her forests. These run mostly to pine in the Sandhills section and to hardwoods in the "clay country," Leon Harkins, a University of Georgia forestry graduate, is assistant agent in charge of forestry, while Wayne Adams, with a master's degree from N. C. State in rural sociology (another forward step for the county commissioners), concentrates mainly on the 4-H program. Both also do general farm agent work along with Allen, an N. C. State graduate who was assistant agent here for five years before becoming agent 12 years ago.

New programs they are pushing for 1965 are pig farrowing houses, to supply an increasingly important pig feeder program; (Continued on Page 13)

## SEVERAL SPEAK AT SATURDAY DINNER

### Foreign Newsmen Enjoy Visit Here

(Photos on pages 8 and 24)

Local hosts waved goodbye Monday morning to the most interesting group of weekend visitors the Sandhills had seen in many a day—11 foreign correspondents from as many different lands, living now in New York City and covering the United Nations for the press of their native lands.

They also write of American politics, and many in addition do feature stories or analytical articles on the American scene—or as much of it as they can see from their metropolitan vantage point. They found much that was new and exciting to them, they said, on a flying trip into North Carolina which culminated in their visit to Southern Pines.

This presented some new problems in itself. "How is it possible to describe the complexity of this country in brief news dispatches?"

## THANKS TO ALL!

John A. McPhaul, president of the Southern Pines Rotary Club and Mrs. Richard Mitchell, vice president of the Junior Woman's Club, this week expressed their thanks to the community for the welcome and hospitality accorded 11 foreign newsmen and others with them, last weekend. Many persons, they noted, helped entertain the visitors in various ways. "We thank them all," said the officers of the two clubs serving as official hosts to the correspondents.

## EARLY SUNDAY

### One-Car Wreck Takes Life Of T. A. Council

Thomas Allen Council, 30, of Southern Pines, died early Sunday morning when his 1955 Ford wrecked on US Highway 1, about two miles south of Pinebluff.

State Trooper F. R. Wicker said Council's car went out of control, skidded back and forth and then left the highway, overturning several times and crashing into a clump of trees. The driver was thrown out. He was dead on arrival at Moore Memorial Hospital. He was apparently travelling alone.

Council, a native of Chatham County, was reared at Vass and later moved to Southern Pines. He had been employed by Poe's Service Station and Red's Esso Service, had driven a route truck for Carter's Laundry and lately had been working for Dowd's Nursery.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at New Home Baptist Church near Vass, conducted by the Rev. W. G. Snider, pastor, with burial in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ellen Cashwell, and two children, Thomas Allen Council, Jr., and Cynthia, all of the home; two brothers, John P. Council of Vass and Roger Lee Council of Southern Pines; and four sisters, Mrs. Chester Haney of Fitchburg, Maine; Mrs. Eunice Richardson of Sanford; Mrs. Floyd Norris of Carthage and Mrs. Raymond Ring of Carthage, Route 3.

The wreck was Moore county's third fatal accident and sixth highway fatality of the year. One recent accident took four lives.

## Council Schedules Meeting On Friday To Decide Zoning

In a special meeting scheduled for the town hall at 8 p.m. Friday, the town council will resume a public hearing on a zoning matter that was not concluded at its regular meeting last week.

To be decided is whether N.W. Broad St., from Vermont to Rhode Island Ave., to a depth of 200 feet, is to be changed from a residential to business classification.

The council will consider a request from Town Manager F. F. Rainey that funds budgeted for fire station work, not fully used, be transferred to the Sanitation Department to be used to acquire new garbage collection equipment.

The council also expects to meet informally, not in public session, with several applicants for a franchise for a "cable-vision" central television antenna system to serve Southern Pines. No decision on the matter is expected Friday.

## FORUM TONIGHT

John Henry Faulk, humorist and folklorist, will appear on the Pinehurst Forum's program in the Pinehurst Country Club tonight (Thursday) at 8:45, following the usual buffet supper for Forum members and their guests.

## Large Golf-Residential Project Planned By F. Dan Farrell and Robert Trent Jones



ROBERT TRENT JONES, famed golf course architect (second from left), played his first round over the Country Club of North Carolina course on Monday, though he is no stranger to the Sandhills and has previously played Pinehurst courses. As they finished the round, he is pictured with, left to right: F. Dan Farrell

of Aberdeen who has announced that he and Mr. Jones are associated in another big golf-residential project near the CCNC property; Buck Adams, pro at CCNC; and John Pottle of Southern Pines. Mr. Jones praised the CCNC course which was designed by Ellis Maples of Whispering Pines. (Pilot photo)

Work will begin soon on a multi-million dollar golf course-country club-residential project on a large tract of land within the Aberdeen - Pinehurst-Southern Pines triangle, it was revealed this week.

Associated in ownership and development of a tract of about 600 acres are F. Dan Farrell of Aberdeen and Robert Trent Jones, world-renowned golf course architect, who was in the Sandhills Monday to work out details of the project with Mr. Farrell.

The land is located west of the Country Club of North Carolina property, bordering it for some distance. It includes two lakes and several streams and offers other lake sites, said Mr. Farrell who talked with reporters after he played a round of golf with Mr. Jones and others at the Country Club of North Carolina on Monday. Further details were filled in later in the week.

Suggested by Mr. Jones, Monday, as an attractive name for the project was the French designation "Bois du Midi"—that is, "Southern Woods."

Plans call for having the club building and a golf course ready by October of this year and for three courses to be constructed over a five-year period. Other recreational facilities such as tennis courts, swimming pool and fishing lakes are planned.

Mr. Farrell said Monday that the development would be "highly exclusive" and will not be a public course. He says he thinks there is a strong demand for private golf courses where members can be certain there would be no congestion.

Mr. Farrell indicated he had been making tentative plans for the project for some time, but Monday was Mr. Jones's first visit to the property. Flying in from (Continued on Page 8)

## Site Problems Posed In Committee Report

The county commissioners are studying a report made to them Friday by the 21-member Committee on Education in relation to high school consolidation in Area III, and the choice of a site for the proposed consolidated school. The committee had been appointed by the commissioners 12 days previously to make recommendations on school facilities in the southern part of Moore County.

A. B. Hardee of Whispering Pines, chairman of the committee, presented its recommendations that Plan D of the recent educational survey be adopted as a long range plan, "making it possible" for Southern Pines and Pinehurst to join in "if they so desire," and for a location to be chosen on US 15-501 on the northeast side of the Morganton Road intersection.

Plan D would consolidate both city units within the county system's Area III which, so far, includes only the Aberdeen and

West End schools. Although the city units to date had expressed no desire to yield their independence, Hardee said a site had been chosen, after evaluation of a total of six properties, that would offer inducement of Pinehurst to join Area III immediately and to Southern Pines "eventually."

He recalled that instruction had been given the committee by the commissioners "to recommend no plan which would exclude such eventual consolidation" and that the site presently owned by the county school system on the Airport Road, purchased last summer for the proposed school, would probably never be acceptable to Southern Pines.

The recommended site is an area of 50 acres which State Sen. Voit Gilmore offers to give from a tract which includes his tree farm with access now only from the Midland Road. The offer was conditioned on "Pinehurst, Inc., giving one-third as much and access on 15-501." The Gilmore land is only 800 feet in from the highway.

Hardee noted that "we cannot give you metres and bounds nor any description of the property at this point, as considerable negotiating remains to be done." Should the offer meet with the commissioners' favor, he offered the continued services of the committee in the negotiations.

The property under consideration lies entirely within the Southern Pines school district, and Hardee said the committee (Continued on Page 21)

## Merchants Elect Dante Montesanti Council Chairman

Dante Montesanti was reelected chairman of the Southern Pines Merchants Council at the regular monthly meeting of the group in the municipal building Monday night. He will serve a six-months term.

Garland Pierce, a former chairman of the group, was elected secretary, replacing Mac Ausbon.

The merchants decided to limit listings in a proposed business directory to business and professional firms and individuals who are members of the Merchants Council.

Mr. Montesanti called to the attention of the business community here the program at the (Continued on Page 8)

## Power Cut Scheduled In Pinebluff Sunday

So that "planned maintenance" work can be performed, electricity will be cut off in Pinebluff between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., Sunday, March 21, said Ward Hill, manager of the local Carolina Power & Light Co. office. The power cut affects Pinebluff only, he said.

## 26 DEALERS TO SHOW WARES

### Over 1,000 Expected Next Week For Antiques Fair At The Local Armory

An attendance of well over 1,000 visitors, based on previous years' experience, is expected at the Eighth Annual Antiques Fair of the Moore County Historical Association, to be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week — March 24, 25, 26—at the National Guard Armory.

People come to this outstanding show from several states, and also include seasonal visitors in Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

Ladies of the Sir Walter Cabinet—wives of members of the General Assembly—will attend the Fair Thursday afternoon. This will be part of a day in the Sand-

hills for the group, when they will be guests of the Sanford Chamber of Commerce for a visit to Sanford in the morning, also at the Antiques Fair that afternoon, with the Town of Southern Pines as hosts for luncheon at the Shaw House.

Mrs. J. Shelton Wicker of Sanford, president of the Sir Walter Cabinet, and Mrs. Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines will serve as local hostesses for the events.

Twenty-six dealers from 11 states have taken up the display space at the Armory to its full capacity, showing many items treasured by antique lovers with some new specialties this year—French furniture, Shaker furniture, Oriental rugs, old silver, including flatware in time-honored obsolete patterns, and other rare objects.

Antiques will be offered in wide variety, priced from \$1 on up to \$1,000 or more, to be enjoyed by those who only go to look as well as those who go to buy. A snack bar will be in continuous operation, offering luncheon (Continued on Page 8)

## SPINAL MENINGITIS DIAGNOSED

### 'Dramatic Recovery' Made By Local Girl From Illness; To Be Home Soon

Patricia Perham, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Q. Perham of 360 E. Pennsylvania Ave., is expected to come home Saturday from Moore Memorial Hospital, after making what Dr. Clifton Davenport, the attending physician, called "a dramatic recovery" from the spinal meningitis with which she became ill Wednesday night of last week.

"Patty" will need a week or 10 days of convalescence at home, Dr. Davenport said, and can have visitors—but he asked those who go to make their visits short so that she can regain her strength as quickly as possible. There is no longer any danger of contagion, he said.

All tests and physical examinations made Wednesday showed Patty's condition "completely nor-

mal," the physician told The Pilot. He said he had never seen such a speedy recovery from the disease.

No other cases have been reported, he noted, and said that because the "incubation period" of the disease is four or five days, none need be expected.

Numerous persons in the community who had been near Patty in the few days before she became ill took preventive medication — sulfa or penicillin—after her illness became known Thursday. Students at East Southern Pines high school brought home mimeographed sheets on Thursday, prepared at direction of Supt. J. W. Jenkins, advising parents to consult a physician if their children had been "within a few feet" of Patty on the pre- (Continued on Page 8)

## SEAGULLS IN AREA

Charles Cole of the Storey Lumber Co., whose offices are between Southern Pines and Aberdeen, told The Pilot yesterday that a flock of 30 or 40 seagulls had settled down in the open grassy area between the Winn-Dixie Super Market and No. 1 highway and remained there some time. It is rare to find gulls in that number in this area which is around 100 miles from the nearest salt water.