

## Jury Picked But Snow Prevents Murder Trial

A jury was painstakingly selected Tuesday afternoon for the first-degree murder trial of Alexander "Peewee" Ross, with the trial to start Wednesday morning in Moore County Superior Court at Carthage, with Judge Robert B. Gambill of North Wilkesboro presiding. However, Tuesday night's snow and ice storm called a halt to court proceedings.

Ross, young Jackson Hamlet

### NOT SERIOUS

## Lt. Jim Parker Hit By Sniper Fire, Viet Nam

2nd Lt. James E. Parker, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Parker, 165 N. Ridge St., received a flesh wound, not thought to be serious, from sniper fire while in action in Viet Nam on January 15.

The young Army officer, who was fighting northwest of Saigon near the Cambodian border, wrote to his parents about his injury, saying, in part: "... As I moved out on the road with the three engineers, the sniper opened up again. I am now lying on my stomach in a field hospital at Di An with one of the sorest rumps in Viet Nam. The bullet went through ... making a clean furrow. It's nothing more than a flesh wound, which should put me back with my people within two weeks or so ..."

## Ground Broken For Structure On S. W. Broad

Ground was broken Friday for a new commercial and office building at 177 S. W. Broad St., between the Allie McIntosh antique shop and the Daniels Building.

## Village Chapel, Pinehurst, Sets Cultural Series

The Village Chapel in Pinehurst this week announced a winter and spring series of 10 Sunday afternoon cultural events to take place at the Chapel—six musical programs and four lectures by outstanding faculty members of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Musical programs will be given in the chapel itself and the lectures, which will be presented in cooperation with the additional sponsorship of Sandhills Community College, will be in the adjoining Chapel Hall. All events will begin at 4 pm and will last about an hour.

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## Dr. Ditzen Moving To Pinehurst Residence

Dr. Lowell R. Ditzen, minister of the Village Chapel in Pinehurst, is moving his residence to Pinehurst from Washington, D. C., it was announced this week by Chapel officials, occupying the house which has been vacated by Mrs. Louis Melcher, widow of the late Bishop Melcher, former Chapel minister.

Dr. Ditzen will continue his part-time work with the National Presbyterian Center, it was stated, commuting regularly to Washington, but will make his headquarters here.

### BLUEPRINTS, WAITRESS TRAINING

## College Announces New Courses

Three new courses are being added to the educational program at Sandhills Community College. A class in intermediate blueprint reading and two classes to train waitresses were announced by college officials this week.

The blueprint reading class will begin on February 7. Classes will be conducted at 7 pm on Monday and Wednesday for eight weeks. Shirley O. Wooster, Jr., architect, will teach the class.

The courses for waitresses will be taught at two levels. One of the classes will provide basic training for students who wish to become qualified waitresses. Through lectures and actual practice, knowledge and skills necessary to success may be acquired. Final plans for the course are being made.

Another course is being planned for waitresses now employed who wish to improve their skills. The class will begin Monday, January 31. The class will meet at 3:30 pm on Mondays at Whispering Pines Restaurant. Mrs. Louise Ross, well known local hostess, will teach the class.

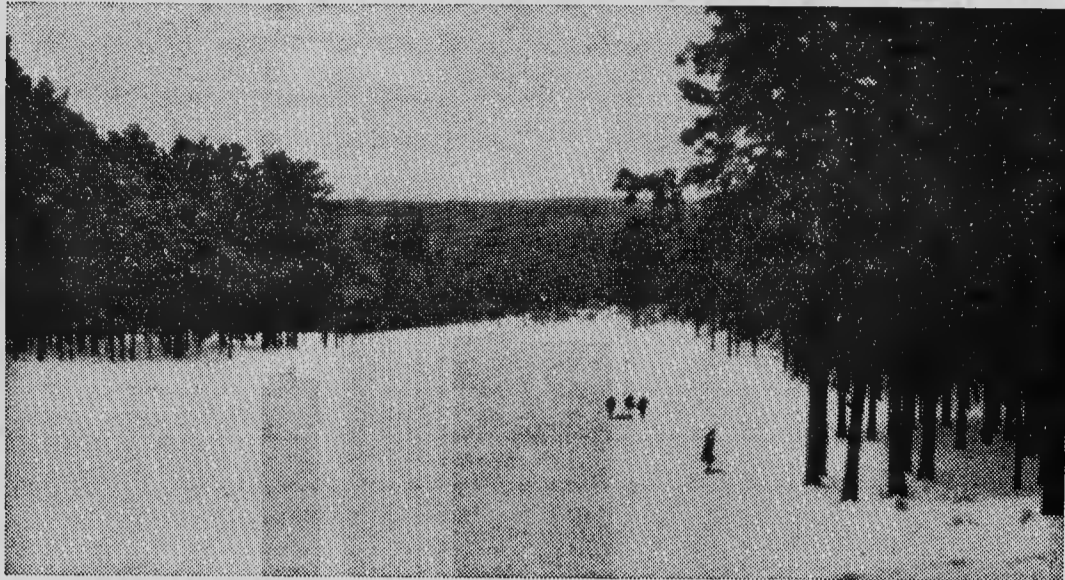
Students interested in these three courses may register at the college office in Southern Pines or by calling the Director of Vocational Education at 695-1471.

## Moore State Alumni Set Dinner Meeting

Moore County alumni of N. C. State University at Raleigh will gather for a dinner meeting at Doug Kelly's Holiday Inn Restaurant, here, at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, February 2.

Coach Earle Edwards and Al Michaels, of the Athletic Department, will be guest speakers and will show a film of the 1965 State-Duke football game.

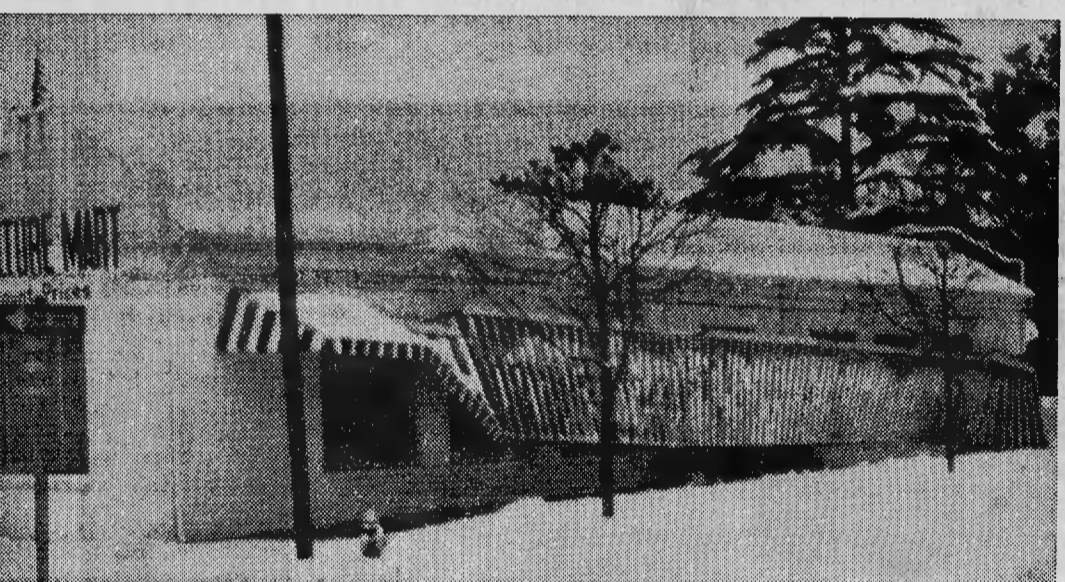
All State alumni in the county are invited to attend.



Sliders On SPCC's No. 5 Hole Have Long Pull Back Up The Hill



Sledding Is Fun! 'Grounded' School Bus Adorned With Snow



Metal Awning At Southern Pines Furniture Mart Was Storm Victim

## Sandhills Hit Hard By Cold, Snow, Ice

The year's first snowfall hit the Sandhills with paralyzing force this week, accompanied by sub-freezing temperatures, closing schools, causing cancellation of many meetings and other events and reducing traffic to a gingerly crawl with many mishaps on the icy surface.

Some of the snow's effects can be seen in the photos showing the blanket of crusty whiteness in which youngsters frolicked—that's Darlene Ferguson of Aberdeen on the sled, enjoying sliding at the Southern Pines Country Club with a group of other Aberdeen young people. Several boys were using a car hood as a swift sled on the icy surface and three of them are seen in the distance, in top photo,

### LOCAL TROOP IS WINNER OF CUP

Boy Scout Troop 223 of Southern Pines was presented the annual Storey Cup award for over-all excellence of its Scouting as a unit of the Sandhills District in 1965, at a court of honor held at the Aberdeen School auditorium, Monday night.

Making the presentation was State Sen. Voit Gilmore, donor of the cup for many years, in memory of his late step-father, W. M. Storey of Winston-Salem. A small silver replica of the cup was given to Dr. R. Bruce Warlick, Scoutmaster of Troop 223.

Topping a long list of rank advancements and merit badge awards were: Eagle rank with gold palm to Robert Oakes of Troop 223; and Eagle rank with bronze palm to Colin Short, Bunny Wallace and Richard Craven, all of Troop 206, Pinebluff.

### NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

Schools of the Moore County, Southern Pines and Pinehurst systems will all remain closed Friday, school officials announced this (Thursday) afternoon, after inspection of streets and bus routes and consultation with highway and Weather Bureau officials.

Though melting today, weather men said, a freeze is expected tonight and streets and highways may be hazardous Friday morning.

## BUT PLAINTIFFS TO APPEAL RULING TO SUPREME COURT

# School Merger Act Found Constitutional

The 1965 special act which authorized the Moore County vote on school consolidation last fall may be ambiguous in places but "to be ambiguous is one thing, to be unconstitutional is another," said Judge Robert W. Gambill last Thursday in denying the petition in the Southern Pines-Pinehurst taxpayer suit.

Stating he found nothing wrong with the act which could not be corrected by legislative amendment, the judge declined to void the act on grounds of unconstitutionality as petitioners had sought.

Counsel for petitioners J. D. Hobbs of Southern Pines and Dr. J. C. Grier, Jr., of Pinehurst then stated their intention of carrying the matter to the State Supreme Court, aiming for the spring term. Said Judge Gambill, "If you're going up, you ought to do it right away. I assume there is much planning to be done for the consolidated school, and this leaves things in a state of confusion."

**'Problem Spot'**

While acknowledging petitioners' contention that references to "areas" and "dis-

tricts" in the bill were confusing, he said these could easily be cleared up by legislative amendment and he found only one real "problem spot" but decided it was not material. This was the section dealing with a possible condemnation procedure, should it be found necessary to secure a site for the Area III consolidated school, and providing for condemnation of land up to 75 acres in the Pinehurst school district. Since the State constitution limits such condemnation to 30 acres, the plaintiffs had based part of

their challenge on this point. Discovering by inquiry of the defense that there was only the "remotest chance" this would come up, since a newly appointed advisory council was working on a new search for a site, Judge Gambill determined also that—should it come up—there is adequate legal remedy in the form of injunction.

Other points of the petition he dismissed as matters to be worked out by the various boards in agreement together.

His ruling was made in

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## Site On 15-501 Is Chosen For Area III High School

The Area III school advisory council has selected a site with a half-mile frontage on US 15-501, a mile to a mile and a half south of the Pinehurst traffic circle, for construction of the Area's consolidated high school.

The Area III administrative unit will include, under the new merged county school system, the Aberdeen and West End districts of the old county school system and the formerly independent Southern Pines and Pinehurst school units.

A council delegation headed by Joe Lennon of Aberdeen, chairman, told the Moore County board of education, at a special meeting last week in

## Area I Asks To Vote On Supplemental Tax

Area I of the Moore County school system plans to hold its own vote for a supplementary school tax of 30 cents per \$100 of property valuation at the earliest possible date. Area I is an administrative unit composed of the former Carthage, Vass-Lakeview, Farm Life and Cameron school districts.

A similar tax proposal for the entire county was rejected in county-wide voting last October 2, at the same time that merger of the county's three school systems was approved.

Supt. Robert E. Lee said this week the Moore County board of education has received and endorsed a petition for such a vote from the Area I advisory council, and will present it to the county commissioners at their next meeting, probably their regular meeting of February 7.

The commissioners will be asked to approve the election and set a date; then, if the vote is favorable as expected, to levy the requested supplementary tax for the enrichment of the program of Area I's schools. These are: elementary, Carthage, Farm Life, Vass-Lakeview, Cameron and Pinckney at Carthage; high schools, Union Pines and

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## Hunter Pace To Be Conducted—If Snow Melts

Officials of the sponsoring Moore County Hounds were undecided this morning whether the Hunter Pace Day which had been re-scheduled for Saturday, January 29, could be conducted as planned.

The event, which had attracted numerous out-of-town and some out of state riders, was cancelled because of weather conditions at its first scheduled time, last Saturday.

If the snow and ice of Tuesday and Wednesday melt fast, officials said today, there is a chance that the program can continue—also the Mid South Schooling Show at Lakelawn Farm at 1:30 pm, Sunday, which was cancelled, too, for last Sunday.

In the Hunter Pace, with a starting time of 2 pm at Buchan Field behind Mile-Away Farm, teams of two riders start off at three-minute intervals attempting to cover a marked course in an ideal time previously determined, based on a normal hunting pace.

## PEACH GROUP TO TOUR SANDHILLS

When the National Peach Council, of which Clyde Auman of West End is president, holds its 25th anniversary meeting in Charlotte, February 6-9, two busloads of the producers and others associated with the industry, from all over the United States, will tour the Sandhills as part of the program for Sunday, February 6, the opening day.

After stops at Gaddy's Goose Pond, the Town Creek Indian Mound, the North State Orchard at Ellerbe and the Sandhills Peach Experiment Station at Windblow, the visitors will come here for lunch at Sanders Whispering Pines Restaurant on No. 1 highway, north.

The Southern Pines Resort Advertising Committee will cooperate in guiding the two busses on a tour of places of interest in this immediate area.

Full details will appear in next week's Pilot.

## DAN HERRING IS INDIVIDUAL CHAMP

# First Annual Pro-Am Golf Event At Whispering Pines Successful

Ahoskie veteran Dan Herring captured the Whispering Pines Golf Capital Pro-Am individual championship with a par-72 Sunday, despite a chilling wind that sent most scores soaring.

Although handicapped by the weather, this first tourney of an expected annual series was rated highly successful. Herring, who had chipped in for an eagle-3 on the difficult 540-yard 11th to take a two-stroke lead, eked out a one-shot victory when Mid Pines assistant professional Frank Picone bogeyed the 18th.

**11 Under Par**

In the pro-amateur division, one of the hosts Larry Beck, led his five-man team to a one-stroke victory over a team headed by former Lefthander's Open champion Thorne Wood of Asheboro. The Beck team's net best-ball was a 61, 11 under par.

The tournament was scheduled for 36 holes over two days but a chilling, dreaching rain Saturday forced officials to cut the event in half. Originally, 42 teams entered, and 35 competed Sunday.

Herring's victory, registered on a 35-37 tour of the par 36 layout, earned him \$150. Picone picked up \$100. Pi-

### THE WEATHER

Maximum and minimum temperatures for each day of the past week were recorded as follows at the U. S. Weather Bureau observation station, at WEEB, on Midland Road.

	Max.	Min.
January 20	42	19
January 21	48	19
January 22	47	32
January 23	47	32
January 24	47	32
January 25	42	41
January 26	42	25
January 27	26	24

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