

Two blind
orphan girls from Vietnam recently visited Southern Pines. Story and photo on Page 1, Section 2.

An old
custom of welcoming in each new year by shooting and chanting is described on Page 1, Section 3.

AIR FORCE GUEST

Aberdeen Writer First Woman To Ride RF-4

Miss Page Shamburger of Aberdeen, the only woman to fly into the eye of a hurricane on purpose, last Thursday became the first woman to fly in the free world's fastest-flying, highest flying plane.

The plane is the Air Force's RF-4 Phantom, which went to active duty only in 1965.

Miss Shamburger climbed

aboard the two-jet plane at Shaw Air Force Base near Sumter, S. C. at 1:30 pm, then rode on a one-hour, 32-minute practice photo-reconnaissance mission on a 288-mile course over the Sumter area.

She said the Air Force told her only in general terms how high and how fast the Phantom can go — 1,600-plus miles per hour and 60,000-plus feet up.

But, she said, on this trip the pilot, Col. Lester Alumbaugh, held the craft down to speeds of about 600 miles per hour—specifically, one tenth of one per cent less than the speed of sound. She said the reason was that he wanted to avoid creating sonic booms at the relatively low altitudes they flew much of the time over farms.

At about 700 feet above ground, the "boom" is very powerful.

She said the craft also flew at high altitudes part of the time. The trigger-operated camera photographed, for example, a power plant at Canady, S. C., from about 700 feet.

The Phantom is adaptable to work either as a fighter-bomber or as a reconnaissance ship. For combat work, stripped of its recon equipment it can carry 16,000 pounds of missiles and bombs. For recon, it can defend itself also, but its equipment predominantly consists of cameras and other devices.

For reconnaissance missions, the plane's cameras include one infra-red type. This one can "see" anything on the ground. It detects objects under natural or artificial camouflage, for example, from the heat the objects themselves radiate. A Phantom's infra-red camera can photograph a convoy of troop-carrying trucks travelling at night under a thick canopy of jungle growth. The heat from the motors gives the vehicles away.

"What was the most interesting part of the experience?" she was asked in an interview here Monday for the Pilot. "The most startling," she said, "was all the stuff they put you in."

First she was put in a Mae West (lifesaving jacket in case she was dumped into deep water).

Then came a parachute harness.

Then she was strapped in a plane, and with many straps. One was attached to a survival kit, one set was a regular aircraft seat belt, another set was a shoulder harness.

Another pair of straps secured her legs to the ejection seat. There were other straps.

"It must be terrible for anybody with claustrophobia," she said. "No part of you is sticking into. You wear gloves and a helmet." The helmet even has a (transparent) visor that covers the eyes. The rider also

4 FIRE DEATHS

Elks Back 'Fund For Five' Aiding Boys' Families

Southern Pines Elks Lodge No. 1692 is receiving contributions that the lodge will turn over to an already-started "Fund for Five" to help pay the huge hospital and medical bills of five Hoke County families for treatment of burns sustained by five boys in a camping accident.

Four of the boys, all 13, died—some of them after lengthy hospitalization. The fifth, though hospitalized, was less severely burned.

Dr. Boyd Starnes, chairman of the effort for the lodge, said that checks should be made to Elks Lodge No. 1692, with notation on them that the donation is for the Fund for Five.

Three Hoke County men are acting as general chairmen for the fund and contributions may also be mailed directly to P.O. Box 299 at Raeford. All the families live in the Ashley Heights community of Hoke, between Aberdeen and McCain.

Acting as community chairmen for the Elks effort, in addition to Dr. Starnes here, are Mrs. A. N. Derouin in Pinehurst and Russell Smith in Carthage.

The boys who succumbed are Clarkson Allen, Jack Crissman, Harry Pickler and David Womble. The survivor of the tent fire in which the boys were burned is Harry Lee Thornberg, also 13.

Other details of the fund appeared in last week's Pilot and The Pilot carried full stories about the tragedy after the fire took place.

Many Expected At YDC Meeting

Jerry Cole, president of the Moore County Young Democratic Club, said this week that tickets are on sale for the club's dinner meeting to be held at the Carthage Hotel in Carthage on Thursday, January 12, at 7 pm.

State Highway Chairman Joe Hunt of Raleigh will be the guest speaker and Cole said early indications are that the dining room would be full for the occasion.

Reeves Heads Pinehurst Community Foundation; 1966 Activities Noted

The Pinehurst Community Foundation's fourth annual meeting was held last Wednesday evening in the Village Chapel Hall. The following officers and trustees were elected for the coming year:

John M. Reeves, chairman; Harry M. Taylor, president; Warner L. Atkins, Mrs. John E. Dixon, vice presidents; Walter D. Robins, treasurer; Thomas J. Connolly, assistant treasurer; W. Fay Neville, secretary; and John R. Burr, assistant secretary.

Trustees are: W. B. Foreman, Henry Just, Jr., Mrs. A. J. Lacey, Eric G. Christian, Adm. Thomas C. Ragan and Richard S. Tufts.

Mr. Taylor presided during the meeting. Accomplishments of the Foundation for the past year were discussed and objectives and projects established for the coming year.

For publication, Mr. Taylor summarized the events and accomplishments of the past year as follows:

The Foundation has been involved in providing financial and individual assistance in connection with the Recreation Associations of Pinehurst and Taylortown, scholarships for nurses, a nursery day school in Taylortown, the Sandhill Visiting Nurse Association, Given Memorial Library.

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Dates For Blood Donation Noted

Persons planning to give blood at the next bloodmobile visits to Moore County—and all persons who have signed pledge cards to give—are reminded by Col. John Dibb, county blood program chairman, that these visits will take place at Carthage on February 2 and at Southern Pines on February 3.

There must be extensive blood donations, he pointed out, if the blood program which serves both hospitals in the county is to be saved.

NO PTA MEETING

There will be no January meeting of the East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association, it was announced this week by Mrs. Robert Leland, president. The group normally meets the second Monday night of each month.



SHARE TITLE — Sharing the Father and Son Golf Championship last week at the end of the 1966 Donald J. Ross Father and Son Tournament at Pinehurst were, left to right: James P. Trotter and son, Bo, 17, of Columbus, Ga., and Peter Pottle, 16, and his father, John Pottle, of Southern Pines and Linville. The trophy is the Father and Son Bowl. The two teams tied with a 69 each. (Hemmer photo)

Club Formed To Support College Sports Program

Sandhills Community College will be host this month to the first meeting of the "Sandbar Club" established to support the college athletic programs, according to Dr. Raymond A. Stone, Sandhills president. No date was set for the proposed meeting.

Membership in the club will include citizens of the Sandhills area and other parts of North Carolina who are interested in a well rounded sports program for Sandhills College students. Sandhills College teams have competed in intercollegiate athletics in golf, basketball, archery and tennis during the past year. Plans are underway, Dr. Stone said, for a Sandhills College baseball team and scheduled games with colleges throughout the state.

The 1966-67 basketball season has pitted the Sandhills Spartans against cagers of Mount Olive College, Southwood College, Kings College, the University of South Carolina, Carolina Military Academy, Gaston and Southeastern Colleges. In the nine games so far played, the Sandhills Spartans have scored five wins.

The Spartans will resume their schedule against Southwestern College January 7 at Whiteville. The next home game, to be played in the Vass-Lakeview school at Vass, will be Tuesday, January 10, with Montreat Anderson College.

Jim Reid, Sandhills College director of physical education, heads the department that organized the club.

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Thieves Get Uninstalled Furnishings

Moore County sheriff's officers are hunting for the thieves who stole about \$350 worth of new, crated furnishings from a home under construction in the Highland Trails area on East Indiana Avenue Extension last week.

Chief Deputy H. H. Grimm said a counter-top range, an oven and an exhaust-heat hood were stolen from the nearly completed home of W. D. Ezell of Southern Pines late December 28 or early December 29. He said the loss was discovered the morning of December 28 by the owner.

How the thieves got into the house, the officer said, has not been learned.

A thief or thieves stole \$2 to \$3 from a soft-drink vending machine and an Italian-made, white-handled pistol late December 28 or early December 29 at Quality Oil Co. of Eagle Springs after failing to crack the company's office safe.

Deputy Grimm said the attempt to open the safe was abandoned after screws at the hinges were knocked off and the wouldbe cracksmen could make no more progress.

He said the thief or thieves got into the building through a door on the side where the loading ramp is situated. He said a glass pane was broken out of the door and the door

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WHITESELL BABY FIRST FOR 1967

Moore County's "New Year Baby" is Bradley Keith Whitesell, born at 8:17 a.m., January 1, at Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst.

Weighing eight pounds, 12 and one-half ounces, he is the third child of Mr. and Mrs. Max Whitesell of the Eastwood community. Mother and child were reported to be doing well.

No baby was born on January 1 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Southern Pines.

Weekly Review Summarizes 1966 News

Stories headlined week by week give highlights of Moore County's history in 1966.

Dates' given below are not necessarily those of the events but of the newspaper issue in which they appeared:

JANUARY

6 — Commissioners discuss hiring county manager, OK capital outlay funds for High-falls School. . . Delegation of Negro leaders asks commissioners to give them greater share in county government. . . Mexican youths depart after four-week holiday in Southern Pines. . . Sandhills Community College trustees reflect officers. . . Mrs. Nannie Walden Foster of Taylortown dies at 105.

13—Quality Mills, Inc., of Mt. Airy announces decision to build new plant at Carthage. . . North Moore Consolidated High school dedicated. . . Campbell Estate is handsome gift to Southern Pines. . . First highway fatality of year—Raymond Darrell Brown of Robbins, killed in accident near West End.

20—Superior Court Judge Robert M. Gambill hears school taxpayer suit. . . Commissioners authorize night man on duty in sheriff's office. . . Sam C. Harrison wins Southern Pines' Jaycees Distinguished Service Award. . . W. J. (Bunch) Sheffield becomes acting postmaster at Pinehurst. . . Thieves again raid Louise Garnier's Country Club Fash-

ions on Midland Road.

27—Judge Gambill denies petition in school taxpayer suit. . . Site on 15-501 chosen for Area III consolidated school. . . Snow blankets Sandhills, interrupts criminal term. . . Troop 223, Southern Pines, wins Storey Award. . . United Telephone Co. of Carolinas announce expansion plans.

FEBRUARY

3—New snowfall in Sandhills with mercury 6 above zero. . . County records being microfilmed under State program. . . Mike Atkins of Cameron, James E. Parker, Jr., of Southern Pines wounded in Vietnam. . . Aberdeen goes dry, leak in water line found after hours' search in snow. . . Arrest made in Mock robbery

case, some of stolen silver recovered. . . Food Stamp Plan approved for Moore. . . Raymond E. Beasley, retired educator, of Vass Rt. 2, and John A. Lang, Sr., retired US commissioner, of Carthage, pass. . . National Peach Council, convening in Charlotte with Clyde Auman of West End as president, visits Moore County. . . Calvin McKenzie, 42, dies in house fire at Eastwood. . . Everett Horrell is Pinehurst Lions' "Man of Year" . . . Sandhills Unit No. 4, Moore County Rescue Squad, starts campaign to raise funds for building. . . Voit Gilmore files for reelection to State Senate.

17 — Sandhills Community College holds classes in newly

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\$50,000 Given To MM Hospital For Care Unit

A gift of 50,000 to provide an intensive care unit for Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst has been announced by hospital officials, according to Duncan McGoogan, administrator.

Donors are Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Robins of New York City and Pinehurst. Mr. Robins, before his retirement, was a senior officer of the Bankers Trust Company. They live on Midland Road.

Location for the new unit, which is now in the planning stage, will be in the large waiting area of Tufts Hall, on the new Clement Monroe Wing's first floor.

Mr. McGoogan said that a trip was made last week to Watts Hospital in Durham to inspect the intensive care unit there, and similar trips are planned to other institutions before final plans are completed for Moore Memorial's new unit. The Southern Pines firm of Hayes-Howell and Associates, architects for the new wing which was completed about two years ago, is working on the project.

The concept of intensive care units is evolving rapidly, Mr. McGoogan explained. Such units are becoming established as an integral part of the care which both the lay and medical community expect from a hospital. Interest in such units, he said, stems from four interlocking factors: the shortage of registered nurses, particularly of skilled private-duty nurses; the rising cost of hospital care; the success of the "recovery room" (this facility having grown during the years since World War II from an experimental status to a part of routine

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2 Men Charged With Stealing Graham Antiques

Two young men face hearings in Moore County Recorder's Court January 9 on charges of breaking into the old Graham home at Jackson Springs and stealing antiques, Chief Deputy Sheriff H. H. Grimm reported.

He said some of the stolen articles were found at the residences of the defendants—Jerry Garner, 22, of the Robbins area and Franklin Kennedy, 28, of Asheboro, formerly of the Robbins community. The officer said both were arrested the afternoon of December 27 at their homes.

Deputy Grimm said each is free under \$500 bail on charges of breaking and entering and larceny.

He said one of the two muzzleloading rifles reported stolen in the December 1 break-in was found in Kennedy's apartment in Asheboro.

Found in Garner's home, the officer said, were these antiques, reported stolen from the Graham home; a muzzle-loading rifle, a .32 calibre rifle, a string harp, a set of sheep shears, a set of fire tongs, a muzzle-loading pistol and two rocking chairs.

He said the Graham home is no longer occupied but still furnished. He said the thief or thieves got into the house by kicking open a back door and breaking the latch.

He said the break-in was discovered by Hector Graham of Jackson Springs, a member of the family that owns the property. Deputy Grimm said members of the family were unable to determine yet what

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Judge Returns From Hospital

Superior Court Judge John D. McConnell of Country Club Drive returned home Thursday from North Carolina Memorial Hospital. He had been under treatment there since December 14 for injuries suffered in a traffic accident December 12 three miles north of Ramseur.

Judge McConnell was taken to the Chapel Hill hospital from Randolph Memorial Hospital in Asheboro where he was first admitted following the two-car collision.

DIMES MARCH IS LAUNCHED

Moore County's annual March of Dimes campaign, to raise funds for the National Foundation, is getting started, to continue during the month of January, with J. Frank McCaskill of Pinehurst as county drive chairman.

Community chairmen are being appointed. A list of the chairmen, not yet complete, appears elsewhere in today's Pilot.

Once famed for extensive work that has nearly eradicated the scourge of polio, the National Foundation, is now engaged in a broad program of research in the causes and alleviation of birth defects.

The chairman has issued a request for continued support through the March of Dimes. Appeal letters will be sent out.

Board Studying Aid For County Rescue Squads

The Moore County commissioners Tuesday found money in the county Civil Defense fund tabbed for the county's hard-pressed rescue squads.

Commissioners' chairman John M. Currie decided to ask the county Civil Defense director, Col. Alfred M. Koster, to request the board to give

Commissioners Add Two Banks As Depositories

The Moore County commissioners added two banks as depositories for county funds Tuesday at their January meeting at the courthouse in Carthage.

The action was taken in unanimous vote of the four commissioners attending to adopt a resolution declaring four banks qualified as depositories. The additions are the Bank of Biscoe, which has a branch in Moore County at Robbins; and Southern National Bank of North Carolina. Already depositories were The Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Southern Pines and Carolina Bank.

The monthly meeting of the board of county commissioners originally was scheduled for Monday but was postponed a day because Monday was the New Year's Day holiday.

Commissioner C. Wiley Purvis was absent because of the death of his son, Graham Purvis of High Falls, on Monday.

Attending the meeting were Board Chairman John M. Currie of Carthage and Commissioners Floyd Cole of West End, Robert Ewing of Southern Pines and W. Sidney Taylor of Aberdeen.

The commissioners took under advisement a request for aid in establishing new facilities for the Moore County Library.

The request was made by the Moore County Friends of the Library. Sam Poole said federal funds would pay 49 per cent of the construction costs. He said total cost of construction would be approximately \$96,000; the cost of furnishings \$15,000; and the site approximately \$10,000.

Mrs. Estelle Wicker, county

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WWI VETS TO MEET

The regular meeting of Baracks 1443, Veterans of World War I, will be held Sunday, January 8, at 2:30 pm at the American Legion Hut, E. Maine Ave. Southern Pines.

THE WEATHER

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

	Max	Min.
Dec. 28	44	27
Dec. 29	59	33
Dec. 30	48	13
Dec. 31	43	33
Jan. 1	48	36
Jan. 2	51	39
Jan. 3	49	43