

Today is the 101st birthday of Mrs. A. Fleming Popham of Pinehurst. There's a five-generation photo on Page 5.

THE PILOT

A clinic using a new treatment for lung afflictions is now a year old. Story and pictures, Page 1, Section 2.

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DANGER CALLED 'EXTREME'

Fires Keep Firemen Busy; Burn 11 Acres

At least nine brush fires flared in the dry fields and woods between noon Tuesday and 4 am today (Wednesday), but town and state firefighters checked them before they could spread beyond six acres in the worst case.

Eight of the fires were along

the Seaboard Airline Railroad tracks from Manly to Aberdeen and apparently were caused by hot carbon tossed out by a passing northbound diesel locomotive, Travis Wicker, Moore County forest ranger for the North Carolina Division of Forestry, said this morning.

Most were in three general locations—three in the Midway community at Aberdeen and the others near Sandhills Bonded Warehouse and across the road from it near a warehouse owned by Ed Causey; one at the railroad overpass on S. May St.; and another nearby behind Red's Esso Service Station.

The other blaze—the largest—hit the woods and brush in nearby woods near the Alston House property. Wicker said it burned about six acres. Six state forestry men working with a tractor and a power wagon contained it by plowing out a fire lane around the area.

He said it apparently was started by a stroke of lightning during the night before and smoldered unnoticed until it flared up about noon Tuesday.

The area was near the 500 acres burned by a blaze two weeks ago, he said.

The other burns were much smaller than the Big Woods burn north of Carthage. The three at Midway were checked by residents of homes when the blaze reached their yards from the railroad track areas, he said. Firemen of the Aberdeen and Crestline departments with state forestry men extinguished the fires. Wicker said the burns covered only small patches of brush.

Wicker said sparks from a northbound train were the indicated causes because the first blaze along the railroad tracks occurred at about 4:50 pm Tuesday at Aberdeen, and the others northward flared out afterward.

Southern Pines volunteer and professional firemen were kept busy periodically from late Tuesday afternoon through early this morning by the brush and woods fires at Manly and the S. May St. railroad area.

Fire Chief Pete Rapatas led a force of 13 fire fighters—most of them the same men on each occasion—into the fights.

About 5 pm Tuesday they went on their first call of the grind and save the Sandhills Bonded Warehouse on N. May St. at Manly. The fire was close to the building when they stopped it. The burn covered about two acres.

A half hour later they sped to the railroad overpass on S. May and knocked out a brush fire.

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Firemen's Ball Ticket Sale Starts Saturday

Southern Pines volunteer firemen will be selling tickets Saturday in front of the local post office to the Fire Department's 34th annual Firemen's Ball.

The dance is scheduled for May 13, starting at 9 pm, at the National Guard Armory. The admission charge is \$3 per couple.

The dance will continue until 1 am May 14.

AT PINEHURST

8 Former N-S Winners Enter 67th Tourney

Many of the nation's outstanding amateur golfers are expected for the 67th North and South Invitational Amateur Golf Championship, to be played April 24 - 29 over the championship number two course at the Pinehurst Country Club.

A total of 136 entries has been received. Those who must qualify will play Saturday on the number five course. The low 128 will start match

play on the number two course, Monday. Third and fourth rounds of (Continued on Page 2)

French Diplomat Says French, US Goals Are Mutual

(Photo on another page) A French foreign service officer said last Wednesday that the only differences that exist between the United States and France now are in the ways each is implementing principles and goals they have in common.

Gerard de la Villesbrunne, counselor of the French Embassy in Washington, D. C., made the statement in a speech to 109 members of the Sandhills Kiwanis and Southern Pines Rotary and Lions clubs and their guests at a luncheon at Whispering Pines Restaurant.

Speaking English fluently with a slight British accent, Villesbrunne said that France is interested in achieving perpetual world peace and in developing the underdeveloped, which also are US goals.

He said, "We disagree over things that are not principles." Explaining controversial actions of French President Charles de Gaulle and his government, Villesbrunne said France gave diplomatic recognition to Red China as the United States recognized Red Russia in the 1930's. He said the French do not like Red China's way but view the situation realistically.

France walked out of NATO militarily, but remains an active member of the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance, he said.

He said France left the NATO military because she felt that NATO had served its purpose.

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PUBLIC INVITED TO EVENT

YDC Groups To Host Candidates For Municipal Offices April 29

The Moore County Young Democrats Club, the Sandhills YDC and the Adlai Stevenson YDC will combine in sponsoring a municipal "meet the candidates" rally at Aberdeen Lake on Saturday evening, April 29, beginning at 6 pm with free hot dogs and soft drinks available for everybody attending.

The public is invited.

Officials of the three YDC groups made plans for the event in a meeting at Holiday Inn here last Thursday night.

Chairman Elvin Jackson of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee was named to preside at the Aberdeen gathering.

All the municipal candidates

in the county—both Democrats and Republicans—will be invited to attend and speak briefly—for a minute or two. All municipal elections are conducted on a non-partisan basis.

Invited are the candidates for mayor, town commissioner or town council in Aberdeen, Cameron, Carthage, Pinebluff, Robbins, Southern Pines and Vass.

Jerry Cole, president of the Moore County YDC, Mrs. Carolyn Blue, president of the Sandhills YDC and Dennis Cameron, president of the Adlai Stevenson YDC will have brief parts on the program. The Stevenson club is composed of students at Sandhills Community College.

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BETWEEN RACES — This striking panoramic view—photographed between races at Stoneybrook Saturday, as officials and attendants performed various duties on the course—indicates the vast throng attending. In far background are hundreds of cars in the main, reserved parking area. In right background is the judges' stand and

race headquarters, flanked on each side by cars in the "in-field" parking places, new this year. Spectators in foreground are typical of Stoneybrook crowds—varied in age and attire. Note baby carriage at right center and group of habited Catholic Sisters at far left. Full reports on the races and other aspects of the gala occasion appear below. (Humphrey photo)

IN 1967 STONEYBROOK STEEPLECHASE

Thrifty Imp, Polar Drift Win Top Races

Sixteen-year-old Mike Adams of Southern Pines rode Thrifty Imp to victory Saturday afternoon in the gruelling Sandhills Cup race three miles over timber in the 20th annual Meeting of the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association.

Imp's time was 6:19.8 minutes. Curtis Chavis, also of Southern Pines, was the only other of the five starting riders who finished. He rode Twin Peaks to the official second place. Winjake came in behind Thrifty Imp but rider-

less. Bill Miller was riding Winjake in second place close behind Adams when he was thrown at about the half-way point. The other spills were over timber in the 20th annual Meeting of the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association.

In the next race, Chavis rode Polar Drift to victory in the twomile Stoneybrook Open Hurdle, the program's richest event with its \$2,500 purse. Polar Drift swept in ahead of Sandhill Flight,

which Pierre Biger had ridden in the lead from the start to about the halfway point.

Impeach finished behind Polar Drift but riderless after falling at a hurdle and throwing Tagg.

The winner's share of the Stoneybrook Open Hurdle purse was \$1,635.

The Sandhills Cup purse was \$2,000, with \$1,300 the winner's share.

Thrifty Imp is a 7-year-old chestnut mare owned by Ralph Fields of Richmond, Va., and

trained by Mike Adams's father, F. D. (Dooley) Adams.

Polar Drift, a 4-year-old gelding, is owned by Montpelier Stables of Montpelier Station, Va., and was trained by T. M. Bunn Jr.

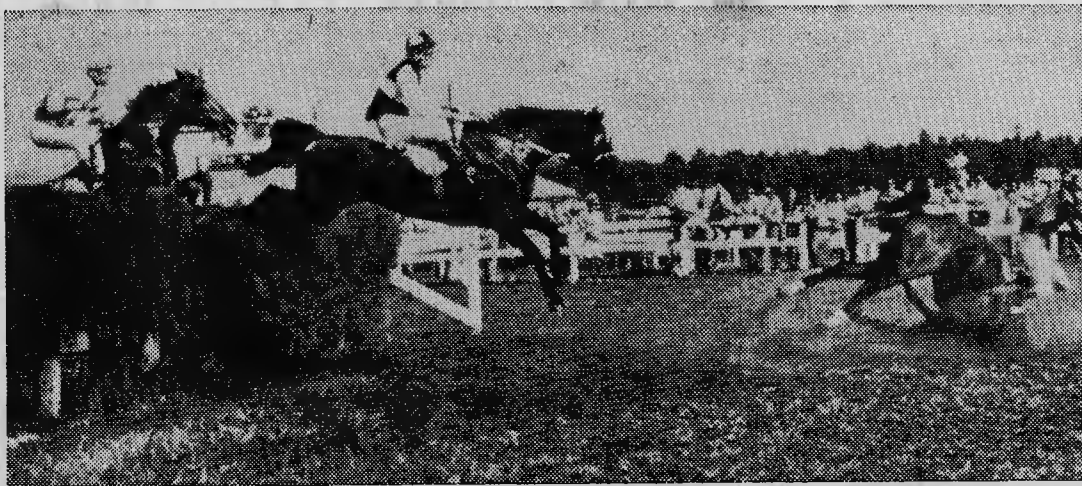
The seven-furlong turf Silver Run was won by Principio Second, an 8-year-old gelding owned by Mrs. Nancy F. Sweet-Escott of Southern Pines. Robert McDonald rode her to the victory.

Principio Second's victory gave Mrs. Sweet-Escott permanent possession of the C. Louis Meyer Memorial Trophy, since it was the third time one of her horses had won the Silver Run of the 14 times it has been held on the Stoneybrook programs.

Mrs. Sweet-Escott's Trouble Maker Second won in 1958 and 1959. McDonald rode Trouble Maker to the 1959 win, and A. Flood was the reinsman the year before.

The 1966 Silver Run was won by Mrs. G. H. Bostwick's Market Center with Biger riding. The first, in the 1954 Stoneybrook, was won by Extra Points, owned by L. H. Nelles and ridden by F. D. (Dooley) Adams.

Mrs. Sweet-Escott was the only owner whose entries won the Silver Run more than (Continued on Page 2)



SPILL — Impeach tumbles and his rider, Barclay Tagg, jumps clear after taking the brush hurdle during the 2-mile Stoneybrook Open Hurdle Race last Saturday afternoon. Tagg suffered a minor cut. Impeach got up and came in second behind

winner Polar Drift but Impeach's effort didn't count since he didn't have a rider at the finish. Pierre Biger rode Sandhill Flight to second place. Impeach is owned by A. Smith Bowman, Jr.

(Humphrey photo)

Stoneybrook Fans Out In Record Number

Southern Pines' most popular annual attraction—the Stoneybrook Steeplechase—was more popular than ever this year. The event also is a benefit for St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital.

It also was very orderly.

Don Kennedy of Southern Pines, the chairman of the race meet committee, said Monday the attendance was 20 per cent greater than last year's.

On the point of order, Moore County Sheriff Walter B. Kelly said not a single arrest had to be made. He and some of his deputies and state highway patrolmen were on duty all through the afternoon at the Stoneybrook Farm's track, from noon till the last fans left the grounds.

Kennedy said the newspaper estimates, which ranged from 8,000 to 12,000, were "much lower" than the numbers of the fans.

He also called the 20th annual Meeting the "finest races we've ever had."

As for the spectators: "I was just awfully proud with the way the spectators conducted themselves."

He did have one serious criticism about some of the parents in the places near the of-

officials' tower: Some children were roaming free—in danger of being ridden down by horses and mules.

He said he had to personally tackle some children to keep them from running into the paths of horses.

Kennedy said the Moore County Rescue Squad Four of Aberdeen, on standby duty all during the day, "did a wonderful job."

He also said the same about the Southern Pines Jaycees, headed by President Jerry Hardister. One of their jobs was keeping the heavy incoming and outgoing traffic flowing smoothly.

Every one of the approximately 570 reserved parking places were filled. General admissions totalled approximately 600 people. (Reserved-parking payments covered general-admission charges. All people in a single car tabbed for a reserve space were admitted without further charge.)

All 1,575 steeplechase programs available for sale were sold.

The most unsung job of the steeplechase was being done by the Boy Scouts of Aberdeen

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LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON — 16-year-old Mike Adams rides Thrifty Imp at Stoneybrook farm last Saturday with his father, F. D. (Dooley) Adams of Southern Pines, leading the mount moments after the boy rode the 7-year-old stallion to victory in the gruelling 3-miles-over-timber Sandhills Cup at the 20th annual Stoneybrook Steeplechase. Mike's father was America's top steeplechase rider each of the five years from 1951 through 1955. He is now a trainer. Mike Adams' name bears the designation "Mr." in the steeplechase programs because he retains amateur standing. (Humphrey photo)

Plans For Merger Of Citizens Bank, First Union Told

Plans for merger of The Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Southern Pines and the First Union National Bank of North Carolina were announced this week by N. L. Hodgkins and C. C. Cameron, the banks' chief executive officers.

Mr. Hodgkins is president of Citizens Bank and Mr. Cameron is chairman and

president of First Union.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company was established in Southern Pines in 1905. It now has two offices in Southern Pines and has total resources in excess of \$12 million. First Union Bank has its home office in Charlotte and is the third largest bank in the state with resources of nearly \$700 million. It now has 97 offices in 45 communities throughout the state.

Merger plans have been approved by the directors of both banks and must now have the approval of the stockholders and the U. S. Comptroller of the Currency in Washington. It is expected that the actual merger will take place around July 1, the announcement said.

Mr. Hodgkins stated that the management and directors had "examined the merger from many viewpoints and felt that it would be very beneficial to the customers, stockholders, and personnel of The Citizens Bank and Trust Company."

The management of the Southern Pines bank will remain the same, Mr. Cameron said. Mr. Hodgkins will become chairman of the Southern Pines board of directors and an advisory member of First Union's general board of directors.

Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr. will be an executive vice president of First Union and chief executive offices of the Southern Pines bank. He is now the Citizens Bank's executive vice president.

Other officers of The Citizens Bank will retain their present positions after the merger; E. Earl Hubbard, vice president; Samuel C. Harrison, cashier; William P. Toney, assistant vice president; Wm. Durward P. Grady, assistant cashier; and Leo F. Walsh, Jr., assistant cashier.

The present members of the board of directors of The Citizens Bank will continue to serve. They are: John M. Bigbee, D. A. Blue, Jr., C. H. Bowman, William P. Davis, Dr. Joseph S. Hiatt, Jr., James O. Hobbs, N. L. Hodgkins, Jr., John M. Howarth, E. Earl Hubbard, Dr. W. Harrell Johnson, Dr. C. C. McLean, Dr. R. M. McMillan, J. T. Overton, George E. Paules, R. F. Hoke Pollock, George W. Potte, and William P. Saunders. Stockholders of The Citizens Bank and Trust Company will receive two and three (Continued on Page 2)

AT COLLEGE

Duncan Named Instructor In Religion

Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president of Sandhills Community College, has announced the appointment of Haskell A. Duncan of Southern Pines as instructor in religion. The courses in religion will be added to the curriculum at the college beginning with the 1967 fall term. The new department is made possible by a previously announced gift of \$15,000.

Mr. Duncan is minister of education and music at the First Baptist Church here. He was graduated from Laurinburg High School and earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music at Catawba College. In 1965 he was awarded a Bachelor of Divinity Degree from the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest. He is a native of Laurinburg.

Dr. Stone said that Dr. Sam (Continued on Page 2)

School Library Club Is Active

The East Southern Pines High School Library Club is celebrating National Library Week, April 16-22.

Gay posters made by the members decorate the library and the school bulletin boards. New books have been processed and are on display. On Monday, the Elementary and High School teachers were honored at a tea in the library.

The week will be climaxed by the North Carolina High School Library Assistant's annual convention in Charlotte this weekend.

The local school's club will be represented by Brenda Stevenson, secretary; William Dean, treasurer; and Lela Wilson, Patsy Talbert, Brenda Revell and Danny Sheffield. The group will be accompanied by Miss K. Helms, guidance counselor, and Miss L. Commander, librarian and advisor to the group.

'Poppy Day' Set Here, Pinehurst, Saturday

Members of American Legion Auxiliaries in Southern Pines and Pinehurst will be selling simulated poppies made by disabled war veterans, in both towns on Saturday of this week, April 22.

The annual Auxiliary project benefits the veterans and their families. An appeal for generous support of the sale, especially in view of the war in Vietnam, is being made by officials of both organizations.

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.
April 12	70	41
April 13	73	47
April 14	77	58
April 15	83	56
April 16	84	57
April 17	88	56