

## 'SANDHILLS AREA' CHOSEN

### Members Vote Change In Name Of Chamber

Heavy mail voting by the membership of the Southern Pines Area Chamber of Commerce has approved changing the organization's name to Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce, it was announced this week by A. Reynold Tucker, Jr. chamber president. The change will become effective in late January.

Over 65% of the membership favored changing the name to the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce and only 18% voted to retain the present name, Tucker said.

"It was surprising to note that members from all sections of the area represented by the chamber voted for the various name possibilities in the same percentages," he pointed out. "This is another indication of the unanimity of thought among the various parts of the Sandhills area and shows that this area is truly one community."

The chamber draws its membership from Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen, Whispering Pines and adjacent areas.

"The new name will better identify the area which the chamber serves, instead of only identifying one or two towns in its name," the president noted.

"With the wider support expected after this name change, we anticipate greater cooperation and more effectiveness in the years to come to carry out the programs the area's business community needs and wants."

The officers were all pleased with the results of the voting, it was stated.

Other name possibilities offered to the membership in the voting were Mid-South Resort Chamber of Commerce and Southern Pines - Moore County Chamber of Commerce.

### \$5,000 Given For Facilities At Scout Camp

Wallace E. Wood, Scout executive of the Oconeechee Council, Boy Scouts of America at Raleigh, announced this week receipt of a \$5,000 donation toward further construction of the council's new reservation — Camp Reeves—in Moore County.

The \$5,000 check was presented to the council, which serves Boy Scouts in 12 eastern North Carolina counties, by First Provident Co., Inc., of Sanford. It represents the third payment on a total of \$25,000 pledged to the project by First Provident.

Wood said the money will be used to build a health lodge (infirmary) in the first of five complete camps to be built on the reservation. Part of the donation will be used by the council for administrative facilities for the entire reservation.

The first camp in the complex opened in the summer of 1966 with facilities for taking care of 100 Scouts per week, Wood said.

"We are still a long way from our goal of a complete reservation, but with the type of support we receive from individuals and companies such as First Provident, we are confident we will make it," Wood said.

### Escapes Nabbed By Missouri State Troopers

Two men who escaped from the Lee County Jail at Sanford early December 17 were captured last Wednesday near Lebanon, Mo., and were to be taken this week either to Sanford or another city in this area to remain in custody pending the results of hearings.

Officers identified the men as Jerry Lee Walston 22, of Asheboro, who is under an armed-robbery charge and allegedly had admitted a break-in and theft at a Southern Pines home; and Eddie Brewer, 20.

Walston was awaiting a preliminary hearing on the charge which was filed in connection with the robbery of an elderly couple in Harnett County when he escaped. Brewer was awaiting trial on three charges in other cases.

Walston after his arrest December 12 told officers he broke into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Phipps Jr. December 7 with a male companion, Moore County Chief Deputy Sheriff H. H. Grimm has said.

More than \$1,200 in personal property and approximately \$200 in cash were stolen, Grimm said.

Much of the property was (Continued on Page 2)

### Three Charged In Thefts From Cars, Eastwood Grocery; Hearings Jan. 2

The arrests of three youths and recovery of much of the property allegedly stolen from five autos and an Eastwood grocery were reported this (Wednesday) morning by Southern Pines Police Chief Earl F. Seawell and Moore County Chief Deputy H. H. Grimm.

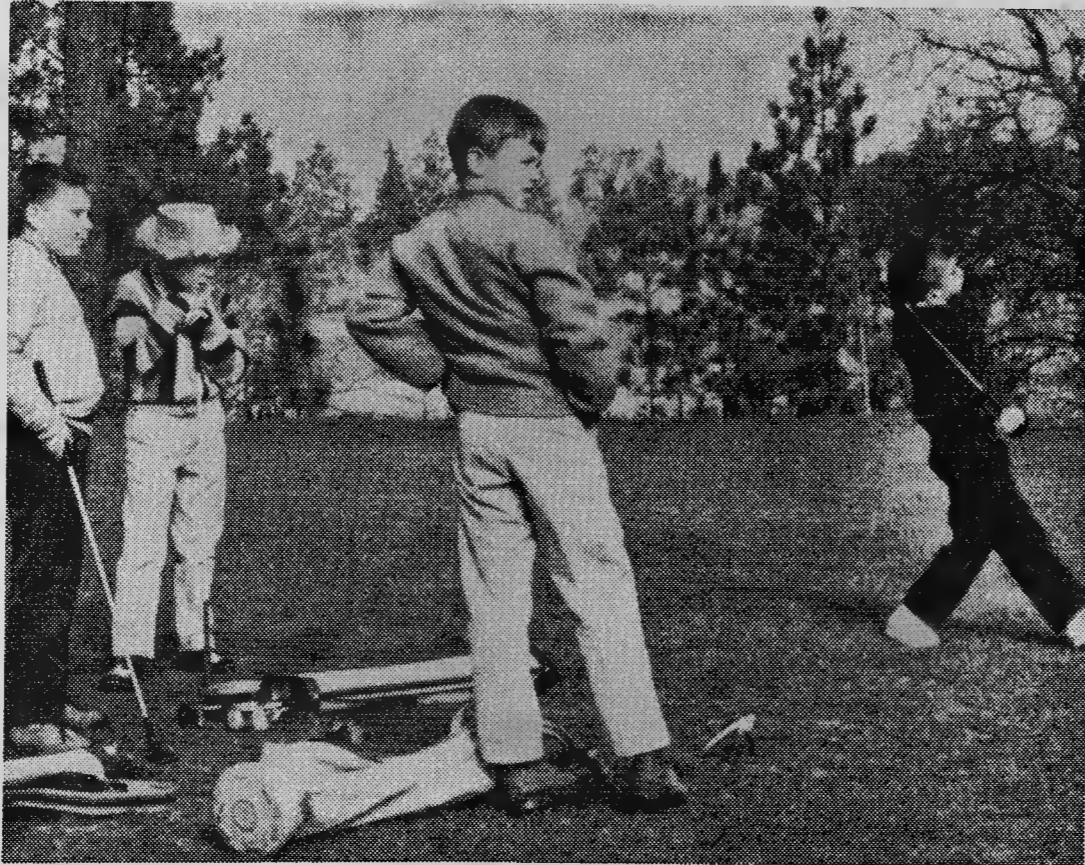
Seawell said the youths, arrested Tuesday afternoon, are scheduled for hearings on the charges against them next Tuesday in Moore County Recorder's Court at Carthage.

He reported the youths, all free under bond of \$200 each, are Claude A. Fitch, 18, of Burlington, Kenneth Rick

Hare, 19, of Maple Shade, N. J., and Billy W. Warden, 19, of Kernersville, near Winston-Salem. He said they lived in rented rooms at 470 NW Broad Street.

The boys were described as Sandhills Community College students.

The officer and Grimm, who jointly headed the investigation, said half the food and other articles and \$5 of the \$140 in unique U.S. currency stolen from Wilson Lea's Shell Station at Eastwood on U.S. 15-501 the night of December 14, and about three-quarters of the property taken from (Continued on Page 2)



THAT GOLF LOOK — Like their older brothers and fathers, these boys playing in a former year's Donald J. Ross Memorial Junior golf tournament at Pinehurst watch each other's performance with critical eyes and strike postures that can be seen anywhere the game is played. Scenes like this are taking place again today at Pinehurst, in the 20th annual edition of the tournament. (Hemmer photo)

### 325 BOYS PLAYING AT PINEHURST

### 20th Ross Golf Event Held

The largest junior golf tournament in the United States is being held today (Wednesday) at the Pinehurst Country Club—the 20th annual edition of the Donald J. Ross Tournament for boys 17 years old and younger. The field is limited to the traditional 325 players.

A youngster can qualify only upon approval of his home town golf professional and each club is limited to 20 representatives. Also, players pay no greens fees and no entry fees. The day is regarded as a Christmas present from Pinehurst to the youngster.

Named in honor of the famous golf course architect, the late Donald J. Ross of Pinehurst, the tournament began in 1948 with a single purpose: "promoting healthy competition among aspiring young golfers."

The 325 golfers, using all five Pinehurst courses, are vying for 21 trophies in the various handicap ranges. Class A, 15 through 17 years old are using the Number Two and Five courses, with lowest handicappers on Number One and Three, while the younger ones will play nine holes of the Number Four Course.

Father-Son Tourney Tomorrow (Thursday) many of the boys will pair off with their fathers for the 10th annual Donald J. Ross Father and Son Golf Tournament.

Deadline for entering the tournaments was December 20.

### Inquest Tonight In Highway 1 Traffic Death

An inquest was to be held at 7:30 pm today (Wednesday) in the Southern Pines municipal council room in the auto accident death of Mrs. Edythe Estelle Fairfield, 51, of Allston, Mass., according to Coroner W. K. Carpenter.

Mrs. Fairfield was killed in a two-car collision December 19 on US 1 between Southern Pines and Aberdeen. She had arrived only two days earlier to pay a Christmas visit to her daughter, Mrs. Glenys Estelle Brewer, and grandchildren, who live at Kelson Court Trailer Park on old US 1 South.

Mrs. Brewer, 30, and her 10-year-old daughter were hospitalized for injuries said not serious. Two sons, Dean, 6, and Allen, 4, were released after emergency treatment.

Sgt. Luther Dennis Brewer, 47, driver of the car in which they all were riding, was unhurt. The other driver, James Johnson Parks, 21, of Aberdeen was hospitalized.

The collision took place in front of Town & Country Shopping Center, from which Sgt. Brewer's car had just emerged, crossing the south-bound portion of the highway and turning into the north-bound portion, where it was hit by Parks' car, the State Highway Patrol reported.

Requiem mass and burial for (Continued on Page 2)

### State Trooper Assigned To Aberdeen Post

State Trooper Paul Lucas will move January 3 from Harnett County to Moore, where he will be stationed at Aberdeen.

He will succeed R. R. Samuels, who has been transferred to Charlotte.

Lucas has been with the State Highway Patrol for 16 years, serving a brief period at Angier, then for nearly 15 years in Harnett County. He has been making his home on Broadway, Route 1, the native community of his wife, the former Myrtle Blue. They have three sons, Paul, Jr., John and Charles, and a daughter, Margaret.

Lucas said he is glad to be going to a community with an active Presbyterian church, and that he already knows many people in the Sandhills area, "where I have played golf for years."

He is a native of Quogue, on the eastern tip of Long Island, N. Y.

During World War II he served in Europe with the 82nd Airborne Division. After being stationed for a while at Fort Bragg, he decided to settle in this area, and entered the State Highway Patrol in 1951.

He and his family are members of Mount Pisgah Presbyterian Church in Harnett county.

### School Projects Top County Progress Review During '67

The year 1967, nearing its end, can be summed up as one of progress for Moore County —not as spectacular as in some recent years, but a steady forging ahead on several fronts.

Here are some tangible signs: Schools were the big story in Moore County this year, with completion of the new

Administration Building near Carthage, consolidation of county schools with Southern Pines and Pinehurst city units and, with two consolidated high schools already built, the start of construction of the third.

The first three buildings of Pinecrest High School are going up at a contract cost of nearly \$2 million, with three

more planned when money problems can be worked out, for an expected enrollment of 1,600 in September, 1969.

A \$200,000 elementary school opened at Highfalls, replacing one burned two years ago, and new auditoriums were dedicated at the Carthage and West Southern Pines schools.

Contracts were awarded in December, with ground to be broken before the end of the year, for the \$116,509 Moore County Library building at Carthage. The county has also sponsored a survey under 12-months contract, looking toward an eventual countywide water system.

At Southern Pines, a \$300,000 bond election has been approved for upgrading of the water system and for other fire defenses, and at Aberdeen, construction of a new sewage treatment plant is under way.

Resort and recreation facilities, vital to Moore's economy, were enlarged by completion of the new Foxfire Golf and Country Club course near Pinehurst; construction of the new golf course of the North Moore Recreation Association near Robbins; a nine-hole addition to the 27-hole Whispering Pines layout; and a start on the residential development of Pine Valley Estates, adjoining the Country Club of North Carolina, which eventually will add another club-and-course layout to the Sandhills list.

Also, a new guest chalet was built at the Pine Needles Country Club; the Southern Pines Country Club completed its new clubhouse and golf shop; the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, opened its annex with the beautiful Cardinal Ballroom and expanded convention facilities; and the Holiday Inn at Southern Pines added its Red Fox Tavern and 54 guest units.

A federal grant assured a new \$542,000 building for the expanded Sandhills Mental Health Center, serving four counties, as a wing of Moore Memorial Hospital at Pinehurst; and Moore Memorial and St. Joseph Hospital at Southern Pines announced a "working relationship" for maximum use of all facilities through sharing them.

At Southern Pines, the Southern Pines Area Chamber of Commerce was organized and employed a full-time executive following a successful 200-member, \$25,000-budget campaign. The Town and Country Shopping Center was enlarged with the opening of a new Macks Department Store and Storey Co. office building; and several new businesses opened, such as Carpeland, Karol's Kards and The Salem Shop, for women's sports apparel, in recent months, and, earlier, Sandhill Carpets, Inc., which became a distributor of Gulistan carpet this year.

In downtown Southern Pines several business buildings (Continued on Page 2)

### Tax-Listing In Moore To Start Tuesday

Tax-listing time for Moore County property owners starts next Tuesday morning.

The listers are scheduled to meet Thursday morning at the courthouse in Carthage with Mrs. Estelle Wicker, county auditor, for a final briefing.

For McNeill Township, the listers again are Mrs. Carolyn Vaughn, for Southern Pines; and Mrs. Don Blue of Carthage, Route 3, for the township areas outside Southern Pines.

Mrs. Vaughn said today (Wednesday) she will list in the courtroom of the Southern Pines Municipal Center, from 9 am to 5 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; and from 9 am to noon Saturdays. (Every Wednesday, except on occasional cases, is court day for Southern Pines Municipal Recorder's Court.)

The deadline for listing taxes is closing time January 31.

After the deadline, property owners will have to pay a penalty for late listing.

Mrs. Blue said she would start listing on January 4 on the following schedule, from 9 am to 5 pm: January 4, Niagara service station; January 5-6, New England Service Station, Manly; January 8-9—Knollwood Service Station; January 10 and 13—Mabe's Store, N. C. 22 (Carthage-Southern Pines road); January 11-12 (111 1/2 pm only)—Whispering Pines clubhouse.

The rest of the time, she said, she would be at the Vass Fire Department station or at her home, near Matthews Market on the Vass-Carthage road.

Mrs. Vaughn said posters bearing the information about place and time for listing in Southern Pines would be placed in the Southern Pines Post Office, ABC store and Municipal Center.

Mrs. Blue said she planned to put up posters concerning her times and places this afternoon.

The county's other tax listers are: for Carthage Township—Mrs. J. M. Lane; Ben- (Continued on Page 2)

### LICENSE PLATE SALE TO BEGIN

Motor vehicle license plates for 1968 will go on sale Tuesday, January 2, at the Farmers Supply Co., 104 E. Main St. Aberdeen, where Mrs. N. A. McGill is in charge of the N. C. Motor Vehicles Department branch office.

The office will be open 9 am to 5 pm daily, except Saturday when the hours are 9 am to 12 noon.

License application cards, in a new two-part form, are being mailed from Raleigh today (Wednesday) —see a news item, with illustration, elsewhere in today's Pilot.

Plates can also be obtained by mail direct from Raleigh, as in past years.

### Holiday Closings Set; Schools To Reopen Jan. 2

Moore County people have another long weekend coming up — New Year's.

Most stores and town and county government offices — federal, state and local — will be closed next Monday, New Year's Day.

The county's public and private schools and Sandhills Community College will start classes for 1968 on Tuesday morning, ending the long Christmas vacation.

This week's sports schedule offers a community-college basketball tournament in Southern Pines, horse shows in Southern Pines and Pinehurst, and a fox hunt in the Pinehurst area.

The three-day basketball tournament — the Sandhills College Invitational — opened this (Wednesday) afternoon in the East Southern Pines High School gymnasium with Sandhills Community College as host. (See separate story on the tournament elsewhere in today's Pilot.)

One horse show was scheduled for this afternoon at Fox Run Farm here and the other will be held Sunday, starting at 1 pm, at the Carolina Hotel ring in Pinehurst. Both are schooling shows of the Mid-South Horse Show Association. The other event for the horsemen this week is the Pinehurst Hunt of the Moore County Hounds scheduled for Thursday.

### EIGHT TEAMS COMPETING

### Sandhills Invitational Basketball Tournament Opens At E. So. Pines

The first Sandhills College Invitational Basketball Tournament opened this (Wednesday) afternoon on the East Southern Pines School court with teams from eight colleges competing for the crown.

Host Sandhills Community College, undefeated so far this season, clashes tonight in a first-round game with Isothermal Community College's quintet from Spindale, Rutherford County, in the North Carolina foothills on the South Carolina state line. Sandhills had a nine-game winning streak going into tonight's contest.

Thursday's contests among the survivors of today's opening round are scheduled for 7 and 9 pm.

The consolation game between Thursday's losers is scheduled for 7 pm and the championship contest between the winners at 9 pm.

The other colleges with entries in the tournament are College of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City; Gaston of Gastonia; Southeastern of Whiteville; Western Piedmont, Mor-

ganton; and Surry Community, Dobson; and Wilkes Community College of Wilkesboro.

Tournament tickets are on sale at First Union National Bank of Southern Pines. Tickets for individual games are being sold at the gym door.

This is the first tournament for the Community College Conference, which was organized last fall.

Jim Reid is director of athletics of the host Sandhills Community College, and Winston (Twig) Wiggins is Sandhills basketball coach.

### 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. 20	60	53
Dec. 21	73	54
Dec. 22	78	55
Dec. 23	38	28
Dec. 24	42	16
Dec. 25	54	26
Dec. 26	54	33



CHRISTMAS CHEER FROM VFW — Here's how the big hall of the John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, home on Broad Street looked last Saturday before VFW and VFW Auxiliary members packed the gifts of food into boxes for delivery to needy families. In foreground are turkeys. Contributions to the post's annual Christmas Cheer program were sufficient to provide a large box of food for more than 60 families. Churches in the area took care of 20 more families on the VFW list. The names of the families destined to receive the boxes were obtained



from the Moore County Department of Public Welfare rolls of welfare recipients. The other photo shows three of the volunteers filling Christmas boxes with food donated by private citizens and businesses. In the foreground is Mrs. Carolyn Vaughn and in the background are Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Cameron. Mrs. Vaughn and Mrs. Cameron are members of the post auxiliary, and Cameron is a member of the post and the chairman of the annual Christmas Cheer program. (Pilot photos)