

**The new**

"All-America" flower selections for 1968 are described in today's "Garden Time" column, Page 3, Section 2.

**SCHOOLS CLOSED TODAY**

**Frigid Rain Ices Area Roads, Stalling Traffic**

Rain falling in subfreezing weather glazed streets and highways from North Carolina's mountains to coast Tuesday, cancelling many activities, stalling motor traffic and producing an epidemic of accidents in Moore County.

**Pupil Absence Runs High, But No 'Epidemic'**

No "flu epidemic" is seen at present in Moore County schools, though absence caused by illness is greater among both pupils and teachers than is usual at this time of year, it was learned this week from Kirby Watson, assistant superintendent in charge of attendance.

Reports from all principals on Monday attendance showed 1,246 pupils absent because of colds or flu. This is an average 12 per cent of the total, as compared with the five per cent considered normal for this time of year, Watson said, noting that only 13 teachers—again, more than usual—out of around 400 were absent for the same reasons.

He said, "Naturally we are concerned and are keeping a close eye on the situation. However, we do not feel there is cause for alarm." Conditions are nothing like those reported from certain other Southern states, where schools are being closed because of an epidemic of Asian and other types of influenza.

From the principals' report (Continued on Page 2)

**TRAFFIC DEATH**

**Manslaughter Hearing Held**

Ronald Owens McKenzie, 27, of West End, Route 1, waived preliminary hearing on a manslaughter charge called Monday in Moore County Recorder's Court, and was bound over under \$2,500 bond for appearance at the January 22 criminal term of Superior Court.

The case had been pending for more than a year, since McKenzie's arrest following an auto accident of November 28, 1966, near Vass in which Mrs. Gladys Oakley of Cameron, Route 2 was killed in a head-on collision between McKenzie's car and hers.

Court officials said the long lapse of time was caused by the fact that McKenzie, who was only slightly injured in the accident, was ill for some time after that; then the investigating trooper was in the hospital; and later, after McKenzie's recovery, there were difficulties in getting a capias served on him. It was found also the warrant had to be changed.

**19 Signs Stolen From Homes Are Found In Woods**

Nineteen signs bearing names or house numbers of home owners were found Thursday afternoon in woods bordering Young's Road, Police Chief Earl Seawell reported.

He said a woman, who was not identified, found the signs in a single pile and notified the Police Department.

Seawell said they were covered with some straw and had been stolen from in front of homes and farms in and near Southern Pines during the past month.

Some, he said, had cost the owners as much as \$50. Seawell said several other similar signs reported stolen have not yet been found. No arrest has been made yet, he said, but the investigation is continuing.

The reason for the thefts hasn't been determined, he said.

The Police Department last weekend was notifying owners of homes and farms whose signs had been found.

Public and private schools except Sandhills Community College, cancelled classes for today (Wednesday). The start of the college's classes was delayed until 11 am because of icing on roads.

The county school officials sent students home about an hour earlier than usual Tuesday when patches of ice were found on some school bus routes. The icing started shortly before noon in the Sandhills and continued building up until late Tuesday nights.

Southern Pines town workers sanded some main thoroughfares, including Broad St., to help keep traffic moving, but many motor vehicles came to helpless rest on the sides of streets and roads throughout town and the rest of the county.

Some 18 vehicles were reported stranded by icing on the pavement of East Indiana Avenue and its eastward extension by early last night, and many more were immobilized for the same reason between Southern Pines and Fort Bragg along E. Connecticut extension.

Police Chief Earl Seawell reported many traffic accidents occurred in town because of the icing but no one was injured seriously.

All roads leading to Fort Bragg were reported almost clear by 7 am Wednesday but maximum 25 miles per hour speed was advised.

The weather was warming, though slowly, and rain continued falling in this area this morning, bringing promise of clearing of streets.

Among the events cancelled Tuesday night were scheduled meetings of Southern Pines Boy Scout troops and the West Montgomery-East Southern Pines High School basketball games at East Southern Pines School's gym. A new date for the basketball games will be set.

However, the Town Council's regular meeting for January was held Tuesday night as scheduled. (See separate story elsewhere in today's Pilot about the council meeting.)

A fellowship dinner meeting at First Baptist Church scheduled for tonight also was called off because of the weather conditions.

Temperatures in this area hovered about a half dozen degrees below the freezing (Continued on Page 2)



**26 Moore People On Gilmore Committee**

Twenty-six prominent Moore County citizens comprise a "Gilmore for Congress" committee announced this week by State Senator Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, Democrat seeking the 8th District's seat in the U. S. House of Representatives.

Chairman of the group is Dr. William F. Hollister, of Midland Road, a surgeon and a founder of the Pinehurst Surgical Clinic.

Several of the committee were photographed with Senator Gilmore during an organizational meeting at Southern Pines last Saturday, as shown above.

Seated, left to right, they are: General R. B. Hill and Mrs. William Laslett, of South-

ern Pines; Gilmore; Mrs. Carolyn Blue of Eagle Springs; and Dr. Hollister.

Standing, left to right: William P. Saunders Jr., Southern Pines; Frank McNeill, Aberdeen; Thomas C. Darst, Jr., Pinehurst; Monroe Chappell, Vass; Carthage Mayor L. L. Marion, Jr.; J. E. Causey, Lakeview; Woodrow McDonald, Southern Pines; Micaiah R. Wyatt Pinehurst; Southern Pines Mayor Pro Tem Felton Capel; Samuel H. Poole, Southern Pines, president of the North Carolina Young Democratic Clubs; and James F. Wilson, Jr., Manly, a student at Sandhills Community College.

Other members of the Moore County Gilmore for Congress committee are: Miss Flora McDonald and Wilbur H. Currie, Carthage; A. L. Burney, Southern Pines; W. N. (Jack) Upchurch Highfalls; Fred Taylor, Vass; Mayor John L. Frye, Robbins; Jerry T. Cole, West End; the Rev. Martin Caldwell, Southern Pines; George Ross, Jackson Springs; Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, Jr., Southern Pines; and Charles H. Fry, Carthage.

Mrs. Blue, of Eagle Springs, is also a co-chairman, with Mayor James B. Garrison of Albemarle, of Senator Gilmore's district-wide campaign in the 10 counties of the 8th.

"Our group's great concern is for effective representation in Congress by a person with the proven experience and (Continued on Page 2)

**USDA Official May Enter Race Against Gilmore**

Democrat Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines may get opposition from a U. S. Department of Agriculture career man for his party's nomination for the Eighth Congressional District seat in the U. S. House.

An Associated Press report from Washington quoted "persons in a position to know" last weekend as saying Horace D. Godfrey, a Union County native, may run. Godfrey's legal residence currently is Wake County but, the AP report said, Godfrey is changing it to Union County. Union is one of the counties placed in the new Eighth District formed by the 1967 General Assembly (Continued on Page 2)

**BOB SCOTT SAYS HE'S CANDIDATE**

Lt. Gov. Robert W. (Bob) Scott of Haw River this (Wednesday) morning announced his candidacy for Governor of North Carolina in next May's Democratic primary.

His wife and five children, his mother, Mrs. W. Kerr Scott, widow of the late Governor, and numerous Democratic officials were present for the occasion, at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh.

Already in the race as a Democratic candidate for the nomination is J. Melville Broughton, Jr., of Raleigh, also the son of a former Governor.

The two announced Republican candidates for Governor are John L. Stickle of Charlotte and Fourth District Congressman James C. Gardner of Rocky Mount.

**Rush Succeeds Dalrymple As Draft Chairman**

W. W. Dalrymple of Carthage, longtime chairman of the Moore County Selective Service Board, has retired. Max G. Rush of Southern Pines was elected to succeed him as chairman and Charles J. McDonald Jr., of Carthage has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the board, it has been announced.

Dalrymple, member and chairman of the draft board for the past 12 years, while still active and regularly attending meetings, retired because of a new law making such retirement mandatory at the age of 70.

McDonald, his nephew and son of the late Sheriff McDonald, was appointed to the board by joint selection, under the law, by the county chairman of elections (Sam C. Riddle), clerk of court (Charles McLeod) and chairman of the (Continued on Page 8)

**Leonard Succeeds McDonald On Council; Housing Talked**

The resignation of L. D. McDonald from the Town Council was announced Tuesday night, and former Councilman George H. Leonard, Jr. was elected by majority vote of the council to fill the vacancy.

**United Fund In Area Proposed; Meeting Slated**

A Moore County-wide meeting is being called by the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce on January 16, to determine the extent of interest in organizing a United Fund.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at the Holiday Inn in Southern Pines. This will not be a dinner meeting.

As one of its objectives for the 1967-68 Program of Work of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce, the business community of the area asked the chamber to look into the matter of organizing a United Fund.

Since early November a committee, appointed by A. Reynold Tucker, 1967 president, has investigated the pros and cons of establishing a United Fund and the feasibility and acceptability of such a fund in the county.

George E. Paules, vice president of manufacturing, Gullistan Carpet Division of J. P. Stevens and Co., Inc., in Aberdeen, chairman of the committee, reported to the chamber's Board of Directors that his committee was satisfied that there is a definite need for a United Fund. He said the committee also believed there was sufficient evidence that it would succeed.

The committee also reported that in order for the fund to be successful it would need to be established on a county-wide (Continued on Page 2)

Councilman C. A. McLaughlin was elected to succeed McDonald as treasurer. The vote was unanimous.

McDonald in his letter of resignation delivered to Mayor Norris L. Hodgkins Jr. early last week said the condition of his health forced him to resign. McDonald has been ill since last September. He has been in St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital since December 7. A hospital report said he was "doing as well as could be expected" this (Wednesday) morning. His wife said his condition generally was fair and that he had shown improvement Tuesday.

**Earth-Turning For New County Library Slated**

Ground-breaking for the new Moore County Library will be held Thursday at 11 am, on the site at the corner of Dowd and Saunders Streets, one block from the courthouse, with Chairman John M. Currie of the Moore County commissioners tossing the first official shovel. The public is invited.

Besides the commissioners, the Moore County and Regional Library boards of trustees, also the county and regional staffs, Friends of the Moore County Library and the architects will be represented, according to Sam H. Poole of Southern Pines, county and regional board chairman.

The event will mark the beginning of the new Moore County Library (Continued on Page 2)

**Smith Promoted, Shotwell Named**

Joseph O. Earley, Jr., of Albemarle, wildlife protection supervisor in District Six, has announced the promotion of Moore County Wildlife Protector Charles J. Smith of Robbins, to Wildlife Patrolman. He will be stationed at Matthews.

Smith is being succeeded by Protector Larry Shotwell of West End, who recently completed work at the Wildlife Protection Training School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Patrolman Smith is one of nine wildlife protectors being promoted to patrolman as part of the Wildlife Resources Commission's stepped up program (Continued on Page 2)

**Civil Court Term Will Open Monday**

Six uncontested divorces, nine motions in pending suits, two default and inquiry proceedings and four cases for trial are calendared for Monday, opening day of the regular civil term of Moore County Superior Court at Carthage.

Judge James G. Exum, Jr., of Greensboro will preside. This will be the first term in Moore for which the jury was drawn under the new state courts system, in which many categories of citizens formerly exempted are exempt no longer.

**MOORE MEMORIAL - SCC PROJECT**

**Openings For 2 Students Remain In New X-Ray Technology Course**

A two-year course in x-ray technology, under the auspices of Moore Memorial Hospital and in affiliation with the Sandhills Community College, is being offered at the hospital, in a school approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association.

Begun last week, the class has two students, but there is room for two additional students.

Dr. Edward M. Sipple, radiologist at the hospital, said that "with the considerable shortage of x-ray technicians throughout the country, we feel that our school will fill a definite need in Moore County. One advantage a technician has, who has trained in an approved school, is that he can find employment in any hospital in the United States." Applicants for the course

must be high school graduates. Most of the training will be done in the x-ray department at Moore Memorial, but courses in anatomy, physiology, physics and English will be given at the college as part of the required training. The textbooks and regular tuition for the courses taken (Continued on Page 2)

**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
January 3	51	32
January 4	59	43
January 5	54	23
January 6	35	22
January 7	39	32
January 8	36	12
January 9	33	16



**TOM O'NEIL — For 60 Years An Information Man Veteran Newsmen O'Neil, 81 Last Week, Stays Active**

By Mary Evelyn de Nisoff

Though retired after 48 years with the "working press"—35 with the Associated Press in New York and 13 with Golf World magazine—Tom O'Neil retains to the highest degree the newspaperman's keen interest in people and happenings.

Extra ingredients in the make-up of this almost typical example of a competent journalist are the intellect which probes to the heart of

the matter, the so-called nose for news, or the sense to sense a story in the making, and a passion for accuracy. Add to these a healthily developed sense of humor which helps newsmen straddle the narrow fence between madness and rationality in the hectic world of mass communication.

The editor emeritus of Golf World, Tom became 81 without fuss and fanfare, on January 2. He and his wife, the former Mary Alice Crowley of Salem, (Continued on Page 3)

**Application For County Building Grant Rejected**

The Moore County commissioners have been notified that their application for a federal grant toward a \$300,000 Neighborhood Facility building has been turned down. The application was filed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The building was wanted for offices for agencies serving the county, such as public welfare.

Lack of funds in the current budget is given as basic reason for the turnaround. John T. Edmunds, assistant administrator of the program at HUD's Atlanta, Ga., office wrote that the proposal could be resubmitted for consideration on or before April 1, for next year's budget.

HUD provides two-thirds of the cost of such a facility. The Moore County bid had been for \$200,000, to which \$100,000 in county funds would be added over a two-year period.

The commissioners had budgeted \$50,000 toward the county's share this year. Edmunds wrote that the proposal had been analyzed and rated in accordance with their priority ranking system, including such factors as the low-income families to be served and "the scope, depth and responsiveness of the proposed service program to meet these needs."

The fact that the application was not approved, he said, "does not mean that your proposal is not valid or needed; it is simply a matter of limited fund availability."

**Town Car, Dog Tags Available**

Southern Pines motor vehicle tags and town dog license tags can both be obtained from a representative of the town office, in the municipal court courtroom, each weekday but Wednesday, officials reminded the public this week.

These are the days when Mrs. Carolyn Vaughn is in the courtroom for county real and personal property listing, during January. County dog license tags are issued by Mrs. Vaughn when dogs are listed on the tax sheet by property owners.

On Wednesdays, when court is held in the courtroom, both town auto tags and dog licenses can be obtained in the main administrative office at the center.

**Moore County GOP Sets Meet**

A convention of Moore County Republicans has been called for January 26 at the Carthage Municipal Center by County Republican Chairman David Drexel of Southern Pines.

Drexel said the meeting will start at 7:30 pm.

He said officers of the county GOP Executive Committee will be elected and delegates to the Republican district and state conventions will be chosen at the meeting. All Moore Republicans are urged to attend.



**William Mulig Assumes Position With Carolina S&C**

William Mulig has been named director of the Soaps, Toiletries and Private Brands Division of Carolina Soap & Candle Makers, according to an announcement today by Jack Hicks, president.

Mr. Mulig comes to the local manufacturing company with a background in soaps, detergents and toiletries at Lever (Continued on Page 2)

**Morehead Nominees To Face Interviews**

James William Blue, Jr., of Southern Pines and Steven Arthur Wicks of Aberdeen, Moore County's two nominees for Morehead awards (full, four-year scholarships) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are among 23 District III nominees from 12 counties who will be interviewed by a selection committee at Elizabethtown, Saturday.

Six "finalists" who face further interviews in Chapel Hill, will be selected Saturday in each of 10 districts over the state.