

**A yield** of 158 bushels per acre has won the county corn contest. Details, Page 1, Section 3.

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DR. RAYMOND A. STONE

## Dr. Stone To Run For State Post

Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president of Sandhills Community College here, told The Pilot this morning that he has called a news conference for 10 am tomorrow (Thursday) at the Hotel Sir Walter in Raleigh, to announce his candidacy for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

He plans to seek the Democratic nomination for the elective office in the May primary this year, and, if nominated, to enter the November election. Dr. Charles F. Carroll, who has held the post since 1952, recently announced his retirement after completing his present term at the end of this year.

Dr. Stone said he would be pleased to have as many of his Moore County friends as possible attend the announcement news conference in Raleigh tomorrow.

He was working today on his formal statement, and it was not yet ready for release before The Pilot went to press this (Wednesday) afternoon.

Dr. Stone is the first president of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Saunders First Democrat To File For State Senate

William P. (Bill) Saunders of Southern Pines became the first Democrat to file for the State Senate in the 19th district as he paid his fee last week at the Moore County Courthouse in Carthage.

Saunders is running for one of the two Senate seats in the senatorial district composed of Davidson, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond and Scotland counties. He filed for seat number one in the district as he paid the \$18 fee.

He had announced several weeks ago that he would be a candidate. He gave as one reason for the early filing, "I want to have plenty of time to see as many voters in the district as I can. This is a big district with a lot of people and I would like personally to see all of them."

Saunders said he also looks forward to a vigorous campaign, both in the primary and general election. "This is a crucial time and the people expect every candidate to make himself known about the issues and how he stands. I intend to do just that with (Continued on Page 2)

## Open Meet Set To Talk No. 1 Highway Safety

The program at the 12:12 Club meeting in Aberdeen for Monday, January 22, will be on Highway 1 safety, between Aberdeen and Southern Pines.

Cliff Blue of Aberdeen has announced that James O. Litchford, State Highway traffic engineer, Robert J. Dodge, area traffic engineer, and Roy Williams, local Division traffic engineer, will be present to discuss the subject with interested citizens at 12:12 p.m.

There will be the usual "dutch luncheon at Horne's. All interested in the matter are invited to attend, particularly the people who have business establishments on the highway.

### COMMITTEE SET

## County-Wide United Fund To Be Formed

In a meeting attended by about 50 persons, at Holiday Inn here Tuesday night, there was unanimous agreement to proceed with organization of a county-wide United Fund. A steering committee of 12 was named to carry out this plan.

Such an organization would coordinate and consolidate an estimated 20 to 25 charitable fund campaigns operating in the area, with an expected four of five drives not participating because of organization regulations or other reasons.

Present to answer questions about United Fund operations was Dean Brady of Raleigh, representing Carolinas United of Charlotte, an organization working with such funds in the two Carolinas.

W. H. Gentry, Jr., president of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce.

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### FRIDAY NIGHT

## Pancake Benefit Supper Slated

The Interact Club at East Southern Pines High School will put on a pancake supper open to the public ("all you can eat," for \$1), from 5 to 7 pm, Friday, January 19, in the school cafeteria.

The supper will precede the school's basketball games with East Montgomery High School, in the nearby gym.

Interact is a boys' student group sponsored by the Southern Pines Rotary Club and the school. Proceeds of the supper will be used to help support an orphan child in a friendly foreign nation, in line with a Rotary International program.



GERALD F. JACKSON

## Jackson Named Assistant V-P At Local Bank

The election of Gerald F. Jackson as an assistant vice president of Southern National Bank at Southern Pines has been announced by Hector MacLean, Southern National's president, from the bank's headquarters in Lumberton.

Mr. Jackson, 34 years old, joined Southern National Bank as a management trainee in (Continued on Page 2)

# Ice, Sleet Storm Causes Vast Damage In Sandhills Area; Lack Of Heat, Light Forces Hundreds To Evacuate Homes



Looking south on S. E. Broad St. Town hall to left; railroad, right

Living was virtually back to normal today (Wednesday) for Moore County people after the painful, uphill climb from the effects of last week's ice storms.

The effects of the storms took at least three lives this week in traffic accidents on still-icy pavements. One home in Southern Pines was gutted by fire Friday during the storm — the home of Hubert Watson at 255 Valley Road — while the family was out. Southern Pines Volunteer Fire Department estimated the loss at \$15,000. The fire apparently was caused by a short circuit in wiring and struck ironically, after power had been restored to the home, one of hundreds left without heat and light intermittently since last Wednesday.

Elsewhere, there were many traffic accidents on the icy streets and roads but few serious injuries. However, many pedestrians were injured in falls on ice. Fifty-six people were treated at Moore Memorial Hospital between the night of January 9 and yesterday afternoon. Twenty were injured last Wednesday, after the fresh ice storm struck. Apparently none of the injuries were serious. They included fractures to arms and wrists.

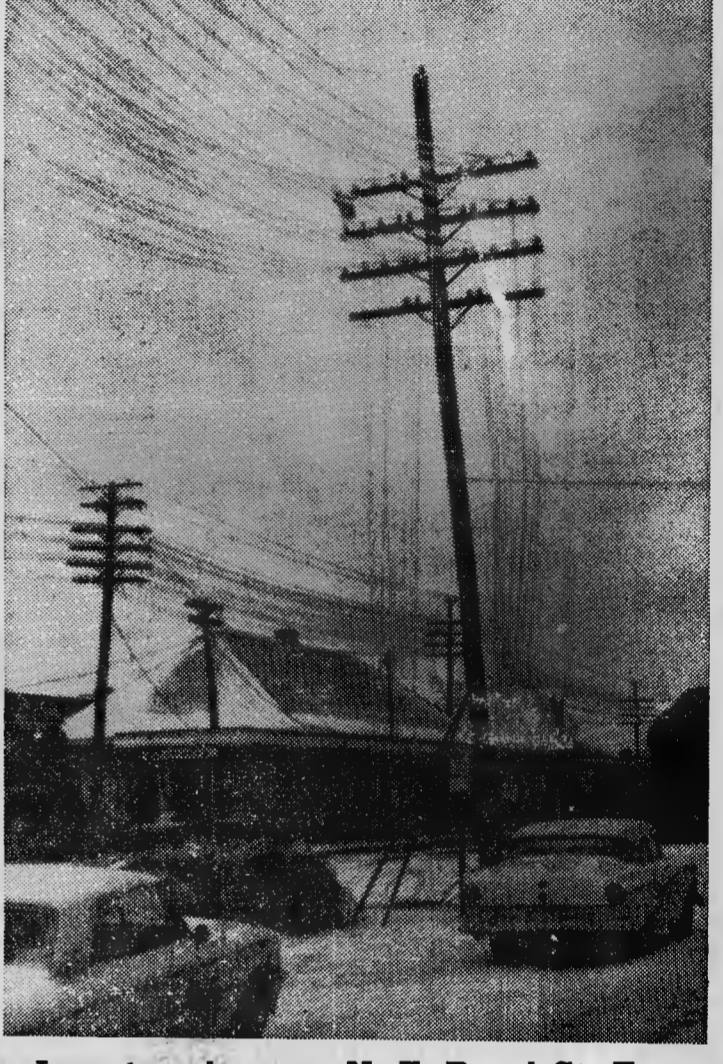
The county's schools, closed since early Wednesday afternoon reopened this morning. Sandhills Community College's classes started again Monday. Meanwhile, telephone and power services were back virtually to normal today, except in scattered cases.

Above - freezing temperatures early in the week permitted Carolina Power and Light Co. and United Telephone Co. crews to speed their work of restoring the last of the stricken customers to normal.

A. Reynolds Tucker, Southern Pines district manager for CP&L, said the "cleanup" was under way Tuesday and the vast majority of the approximately 9,500 Moore County customers were receiving normal service by then.

During the storms of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, approximately 50 per cent of the customers — homes and businesses — were without power at one time or another for several hours, he said.

Fred Teeter, speaking for (Continued on Page 2)



Icy wires down on N. E. Broad St. Two poles fell in next block. (Dove photo)

## Disaster Relief Sought For Moore; Leaders Confer On Storm Damages

Federal financial help in paying for public and private property damages caused by the storms of last week in Moore County is being sought. Moore County state and local government and business leaders at a meeting Sunday drew up plans to apply for disaster status for the storm-damaged areas.

State Sen. Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines talked by telephone with Gov. Dan K. Moore during the meeting about the proposal. The result was that A. M. Koster of Southern Pines, county Civil Defense Director, and others went to work Monday gathering rough estimates from businesses and public (Continued on Page 2)

agencies of damages to property.

The information will be turned over to the state Civil Defense office. The state agency is compiling data for areas throughout the state to give to Gov. Moore, who, in turn, will present it to President Johnson. The President will turn it over to the proper agency for action.

It was Sen. Gilmore who initiated the emergency actions leading to the move. He invited key people in public agencies and private businesses and organizations working directly on different fronts of the storm emergency to meet in the Municipal Cen- (Continued on Page 2)

## Emergency Shelter Aids Storm Victims

More than 100 men, women and children forced out of their homes by the cutting off of heat through power failures during last week's storm found refuge and hot food from Thursday night through Saturday night at Moore County Chapter American Red Cross establishments.

John Buchholz of Southern Pines, the chapter's disaster committee chairman who also is commander of the John Boyd Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, arranged for setting up the shelter and feeding station first at the VFW home on Broad Street Thursday night.

He said Tuesday there was no way of telling how many volunteers helped with the (Continued on Page 2)

## PINEHURST HIT HARD BY STORM

Storm damage and personal hardships were extensive in Pinehurst, as well as in Southern Pines and other parts of Moore County. A photo from Pinehurst and a detailed report on what happened there are on "The Pinehurst Page" in today's P.Lot.

## New Civil Defense Unit Aided Area

The new government-aided Moore County Civil Defense communications system went into initial operation in time to help the area in last week's storm.

A. M. Koster of Southern Pines, county CD director, said the auxiliary generator powering the new communications base in the basement of the Municipal Center kept the Police Department radio equipment operating and the lights on in that area of the town hall after power failed because of the storm.

He said William Gantt of (Continued on Page 2)

**AWARD POSTPONED**  
The annual Bosses' Night Banquet of the Southern Pines Jaycees, at which the Distinguished Service Award was to have been made to a local young man, was cancelled because of the ice storm. Saturday, and had not yet been rescheduled, a spokesman for the organization said this week.

## Three Drown In Moore Co. Traffic Mishaps

Three people lost their lives this week in motor vehicle accidents on ice left by last week's storms.

A Montgomery County woman—Mrs. Lorene Hamilton Stutts, 32, of Candor, Route 2, drowned about 2:45 pm Tuesday when her pickup truck skidded off a bridge near Samarand into Drowning Creek on the county line. She was en route to her job in Aberdeen at the time.

A Moore County dairy farmer and his 14-year-old son drowned about 10 am Monday when the farm tractor they were riding skidded off the edge of a pond dam and plunged into about 3 1/2 feet of water in the pond.

The victims were John Harold Purvis, 41, and Eddie Harold Purvis, Moore County Coroner W. K. Carpenter Sr. reported.

The coroner said the accident happened on the Purvis farm about six miles north of Robbinston off N. C. 22.

He said both victims were pinned under the tractor in the water. The elder Purvis he said, managed to get his head above the water and called for help, but apparently weakened from the intense cold and slipped under again.

The coroner said Purvis's wife, Cora Hussey Purvis, and Purvis's brother, Gilbert Purvis of Robbinston, Route 1, who lives nearby, ran to the pond (Continued on Page 2)

## Anybody Find Lineman's Tools?

Somewhere along or near E. Massachusetts Ave., between May St. and the east end of the street's extension, outside the town limits, a set of electrical lineman's tools, and the belt in which they are carried was lost during the ice storm emergency.

A. R. Tucker, CP&L local manager, said the tools were laid down at one time in the hectic work to restore power and could not be located later, by the South Carolina lineman who lost them.

Anybody who finds the tools or knows what might have become of them is asked to call 692-2012 or 692-2052.

## Police Provided Rides For More Than 100 People

At least 31 accidents — all minor—happened in Southern Pines last week because of the ice storms, Police Chief Earl Seawell reported. He said they produced no serious injuries.

He said six occurred in 20 minutes the night of January 9, and the rest from later that night through Sunday night.

With traffic at a standstill or safe crawl, police kept busy much of the time transporting stranded people from their homeless homes to motels, to friends' homes and to essential jobs, he said.

Seawell said police cruisers transported more than 100 people on such missions.

## MANY PERSONS GAVE HELP Hospitals Weather Storm Safely

Patients at Moore Memorial and St. Joseph of the Pines hospitals felt few effects of the storms of last week, because of the extra efforts of employees and many volunteers.

St. Joseph's even opened its fourth-floor wing to provide temporary rooms for 14 people driven from their homes by the loss of heat from power failures.

Sister Mary Patricius, St. Joseph's administrator, said cots were put on the fourth floor.

The heat and lights were off temporarily, she said, and the auxiliary generator failed, but cooking is done on a gas-fueled stove, so the patients missed no meals. She said a steam (Continued on Page 2)

## Telephone Service Off From Midnight Wednesday Until 9 am Thursday

The telephone lines went dead about midnight Wednesday but service was restored at 9 am Thursday. Power was off from 7 pm to 10 pm Wednesday and from midnight till 9 am Thursday.

Approximately 80 people were taken care of in the hospital during the period.

Members of the staff, Sister Patricius said, worked overtime and in many capacities during the emergencies, and many people served as volunteers to help the hospital.

She expressed the gratitude of the hospital "to all the people who came to assist the sisters in the emergency."

Sister Patricius said she received letters from home in Massachusetts during that period. At the time, her home community was experiencing bitter cold weather.

The letters said she was "so (Continued on Page 2)



S. May St. between Mass. & New York Aves. High school, right

**STORM PHOTOS** on this page and on other pages of today's Pilot are by Emerson Humphrey, Southern Pines photographer, unless otherwise indicated.

## Cheer Up! Spring's Coming!

Shoots from Spring bulbs pushing up through ice and sleet promise better times to come. Their vigorous withstanding of the past week's buffeting by weather symbolizes the way people of this area met the storm emergency. (Pilot photo)

### 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 10	27	13
January 11	not available	not available
January 12	not available	not available
January 13	43	22
January 14	31	27
January 15	39	14
January 16	46	18