

"is the chief function of the State," says Dr. Raymond A. Stone. Full statement, Page 3.

on what to do about trees and shrubs damaged by the recent ice storm appears on Page 7.

**HORTICULTURE**

## Grants Aid New Course At College

Sandhills Community College has received grants and gifts totaling \$70,960 for the development of a two-year program of academic work and field training in ornamental horticulture which will begin with the 1968 fall term.

Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president of the college, announced details of the grants and plans for the new department Friday and at the same time named Frederick W. Garrett of Norfolk, Va., as director of the horticulture program.

According to Dr. Stone, the funds given to the College include \$30,000 from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation; \$10,000 from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation; a three-year grant of \$29,960 from the Anna and John Hanes Foundation and \$1,000 from a friend of Sandhills College who prefers to remain anonymous.

"We are very appreciative of these generous grants," Dr. Stone said, "and have pledged to the donors our very best efforts to make this program to

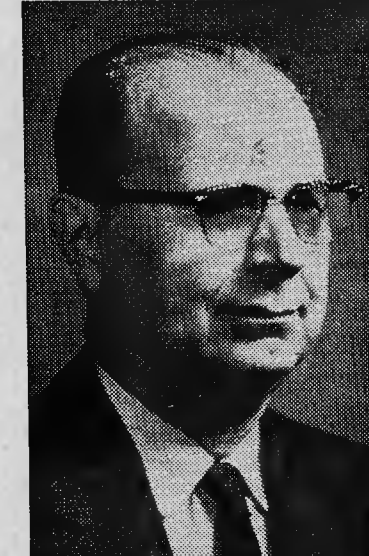
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## Savings & Loan Meeting Slated

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Southern Pines Savings & Loan Association will be held in the municipal center courtroom, Friday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 pm, it was announced this week.

Directors will be elected and other business will be considered, the announcement said.

The association's annual statement of condition appears elsewhere in today's Pilot.



## Chappell Serves As Interim Head Of College Here

Sidney G. Chappell, the director of student personnel at Sandhills Community College, this week assumed duties as the interim president of the college during the leave of absence of Dr. Raymond A. Stone who has become a candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Board of Trustees of Sandhills headed by H. Clifton Blue, Aberdeen, announced the appointment of Mr. Chappell last week. Dr. Stone's leave of absence extends until June 1.

Mr. Chappell joined the staff of Sandhills College in July.

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## Building Course's Registration Set

Registration for the home planning and building course to be given at Sandhills Community College, in cooperation with the Moore County Agricultural Extension staff, will take place in Room 106 of the Mary Luman Meyer Building at the college, Wednesday, January 31, at 7 pm.

Weekly evening classes will start February 7 and end April 24, an announcement from the college said. Details may be obtained from the Office of Adult Education at the college.



**AT CEREMONY** — A symbolic first shovelful of earth, at the site of the new Moore County Library in Carthage is turned by Commissioner Chairman John M. Currie, while looking on, from left, while waiting their turn are John Faulk, architect; Dr. A. G. Siegel, county health director and member of Friends of the Library;

Commissioners Robert S. Ewing and W. S. Taylor; and, at right, same order, Commissioner C. W. Purvis; Carthage Mayor L. L. Marion, Jr.; Mrs. Jean Llewellyn, assistant director of the Sandhills Regional Library; and Mrs. Doris Stewart of the Moore County Library staff.

(V. Nicholson photo)

**IN NEW 8th DISTRICT**

## Dr. Ruth Of Salisbury To Seek GOP Congressional Nomination

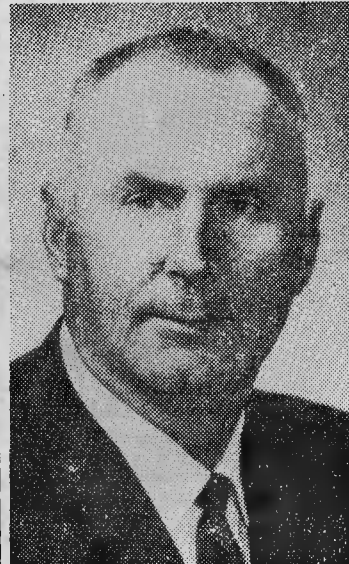
Dr. Earl B. Ruth, dean of students at Catawba College, Salisbury, announced Tuesday that he is seeking the Republican nomination for the Eighth District seat in Congress. The district includes Moore County.

His announcement came at a press conference on the Catawba College campus. A barbecue luncheon preceded the announcement. Both events were attended by enthusiastic supporters from throughout the Eighth District.

Dr. Ruth said he is entering the race because "I feel I can ably represent the people in the Eighth District in the United States House of Representatives. The people are interested in our country returning to established principles of freedom of opportunity, self-reliance, fiscal responsibility, and protection from crime."

The Catawba College dean has been active in community, civic and church organizations during the past 22 years he has lived in Salisbury. He was born in Spencer in 1916 and moved to Salisbury as a coach

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DR. EARL B. RUTH

**NO. 1 HIGHWAY**

## Lower Speed Limit, Median Strip Planned

State Highway Commission traffic engineers expect to make two recommendations to the commission, in the interests of safety on Highway 1 between Southern Pines and Aberdeen, a group of Sandhills residents learned Monday.

The informal "12:12 Club," which meets at Horne's Restaurant in Aberdeen for lunch each Monday, arranged the discussion, with H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen presiding and a large group of interested persons, including Southern Pines

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## Moore GOP To Convene Friday

A Moore County Republican convention will be held Friday at the Carthage Municipal Center, starting at 7:30 pm.

Officers of the county GOP executive committee will be elected and delegates to the Republican district and state conventions will be chosen.

David Drexel of Southern Pines is county executive committee chairman.

## Local Young Man Nominated For Appointment To Military Academy

John Albert Rowe, 18, a 1967 honor graduate of East Southern Pines High School, has been nominated for appointment to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point by Rep. James C. Gardner.

His appointment, subject to final admission examinations including a physical to be taken in February at Fort Bragg, is due to begin July 1.

The son of Sgt. Major and Mrs. Albert H. Rowe of Oak Drive, Kenwood, he is a student this year at Frederick Military Academy, Portsmouth, Va. His father is serving with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam, where he was transferred last October from Fort Bragg for a one-year tour of duty.

Young Rowe took a Civil Service examination last July at Raleigh, at which time Rep. Gardner announced he would appoint the boys scoring the highest.

On graduation at East Southern Pines last June, he was awarded the faculty medal for best all-round student. At



JOHN ALBERT ROWE

Frederick he is an honor cadet, maintaining a minimum B average. In high school, he played varsity football, basketball and baseball and at Frederick made the football team

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## Ground Broken For New Moore County Library

Ground-breaking for the new Moore County Library, postponed from January 11 because of the severe ice storms, took place Friday morning on the construction site at Carthage, with Commissioner Chairman John M. Currie turning the first earth.

It was a symbolic shovelful, as grading and leveling had already begun Monday, January 8, before sleet and ice had caused suspension of the work for five days.

Attending Friday's brief ceremony in cold, bright sunshine was a small but enthusiastic crowd of about 30 people, to whom the earthturning was the promise of a long-time dream becoming reality. They included the full board of county commissioners, other county officials, Rep. Clyde Auman, representatives of the Moore County and Sandhills Regional Library boards and staffs and of the Friends of the Library, the architects, Mayor Luke L. Marion, Jr., of Carthage and other interested persons.

Absent was the man who had

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## Youths Given Suspensions In Area Thefts

Three youths accused of felony thefts from parked cars and a rural store were sentenced Monday in Moore Superior Court to terms of 7 to 10 years in prison but the sentences were suspended and they were placed on five years' probation. The terms were imposed after they pleaded guilty.

Among probationary conditions set by Judge John D. McConnell for Ricky Hare, 19, of Maple Shade, N. J., Claude A. Fitch, 18, of Burlington and Billy Wayne Warden, 19, of Kernersville, were that they make restitution to the owners of the stolen goods, the amount to be determined by the probation officer; that the costs of restitution and of court be paid over such period and in amounts such as the probation officer might direct; and that their drivers' licenses be suspended for 12 months.

The youths at the time of the thefts were Sandhills

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## ARC Committee Has Praise For Buchholz

Members of the Executive Committee of the Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross, meeting Friday, voted unanimously to express publicly their appreciation for the work of John F. Buchholz, chapter disaster chairman, during the recent ice storm crisis.

Details of emergency shelters and other work done by the chairman were reported in last week's Pilot.

## Town Of Vass Wins 'Cleanest Cities' Award

Vass has been given a North Carolina Cleanest Cities Award for 1967.

Vass was named last week the winner of the category for towns of 5,000 and under in population.

The annual contest is sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Launderers and Cleaners, Inc. The association president is J. Frank McCaskill of Pinehurst.

The other winners for 1967 were Waynesville, in the mountains, for towns of population 5,000 to 10,000; Asheville population of 25,000 to 75,000; Durham, 75,000 to 100,000; and Winston-Salem, over 100,000.

The awards were presented in Raleigh Tuesday by Gov. Dan K. Moore.

## Pilot Wins Press Awards

The Pilot has won two second-place awards in the weekly division of the North Carolina Press Association 1967 contests.

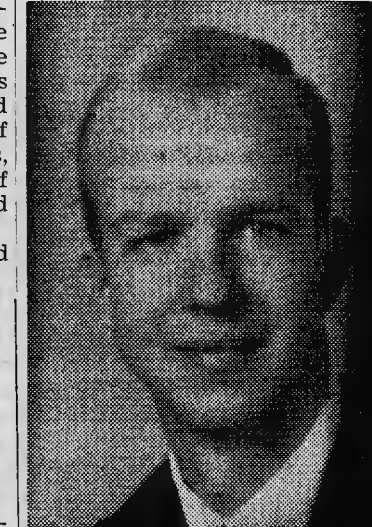
One went to Mrs. James Boyd, editor and publisher, for her "Grains of Sand" column and the other to the Advertising Department for three selected advertisements that were submitted to the judges.

Gov. Dan K. Moore presented the awards, in the form of inscribed certificates, at a dinner at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, last Thursday evening—one of the events of the annual Mid-Winter Press Institute of the association.

Attending the dinner and various other events of the three-day meeting were Mrs. Boyd and Ced Benedict, associate editor of The Pilot.

Mrs. Boyd accepted the column award from the Governor and Mr. Benedict accepted the advertising award in the absence of Mrs. S. R. Smith of

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W. DURWARD P. GRADY

## Bank Promotes Grady To Local Trust Officer

William Durward P. Grady, assistant cashier at First Union National Bank in the Southern Pines office, was promoted to trust officer by First Union's central board of directors at its recent regular monthly meeting in Charlotte.

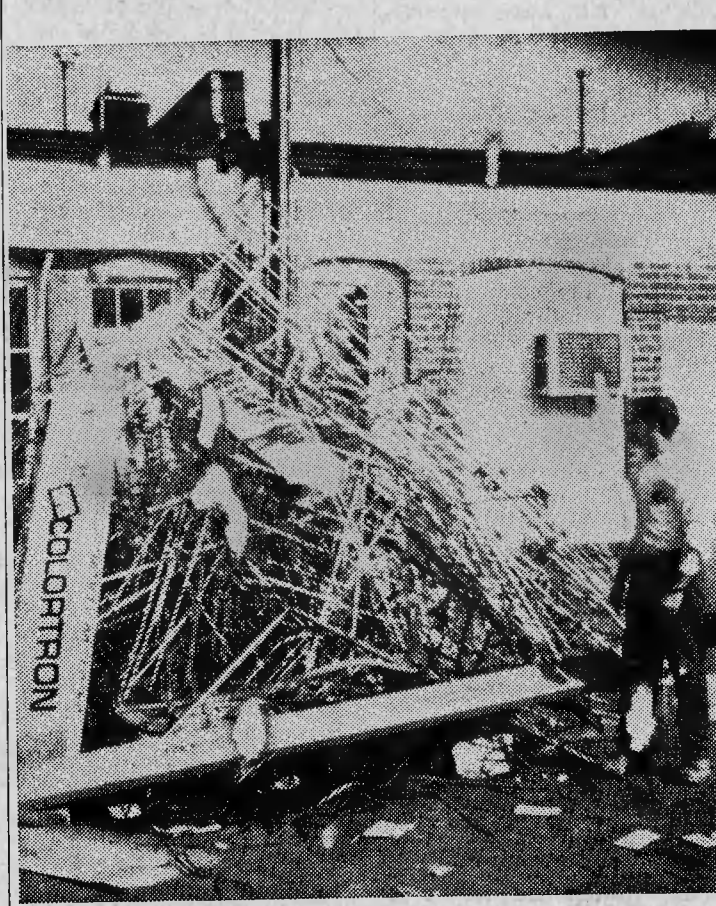
Mr. Grady was educated at Atlantic Christian College. A native of Wilson, he is married to the former Elaine Tate and they have one child. The family lives on Yackin Road.

The bank officer is president of the Sandburr Club of the Sandhills Community College, an organization formed to support the college athletic program. He is a director of the Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce and a past treasurer of the Moore County Heart Fund.

**SAVE BOXES**

Residents of this area can help Camp Easter in the Pines, the summer camping facility for handicapped children and adults, by saving the round cardboard boxes in which yellow corn meal is packaged. The boxes are needed for the crafts program at the camp. Persons having such boxes should notify Mrs. Mark Liddell, camp coordinator.

## Ice Storm Damage Estimate Runs More Than \$650,000



**STORM CASUALTIES** — This pile behind Cornell's Mobile Radio & TV Service in Southern Pines consists of approximately 50 TV antennas broken in the Southern Pines area alone by the effects of the ice storms of the week of January 7. They originally cost the owners \$50 to \$70 each. Regarding the pile is Wallace Gardner, a Cornell's employee and East Southern Pines High School senior.

(Pilot photo)

**COUNCIL ACTS ON TREE DAMAGE**

## \$7,500 Appropriated For Clean-Up

The damages caused by the ice storms of the week of January 7 to trees and shrubs in Southern Pines will cost the town of Southern Pines in the neighborhood of \$7,000, in repairs and cleanup.

The town council at a special meeting late Thursday afternoon in the Municipal Center adopted a motion to appropriate a total of \$7,500 to

## Warning Issued On Tree Work

Property owners were warned this week by the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce that they should be careful in employing persons to work on trees destroyed or damaged in the recent ice storm. Tree workers from out of this area and even from out of the state are soliciting work here.

Floyd Sayre, chamber executive, said that qualifications of tree "experts" should be checked, that references should be asked for and should indicate at least two years of experience in the work, that estimates of cost should be obtained and that the workers should be properly insured by their own organizations.

Broken limbs should not merely be removed, it was pointed out, but the "wound" should be treated.

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pay for the job of pruning damaged trees and cleaning up the debris.

Of the total \$1,000 will go to cleaning up Mount Hope Cemetery.

The rest is labeled for general cleanup of town property and picking up piles of debris put out by private property owners. This included use of a chipper to grind up the limbs and other fallen foliage for transportation to dumping sites.

The council adopted a motion to accept the bid of Asplundh Tree Expert Co. of Charlotte for the General Job. Asplundh bid to do the work for \$17.81 per hour and provide the equipment necessary, including truck, chipper and

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## JAYCEE WEEK IS OBSERVED

The Southern Pines Jaycees are joining other members of this young men's organization, over the state and nation, in observing Jaycee Week, January 21-28.

A photo of Mayor Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., signing a local proclamation of the week, and a full-page sponsored advertisement indicating the purposes of the Jaycees and some of their activities, appear elsewhere in today's Pilot.

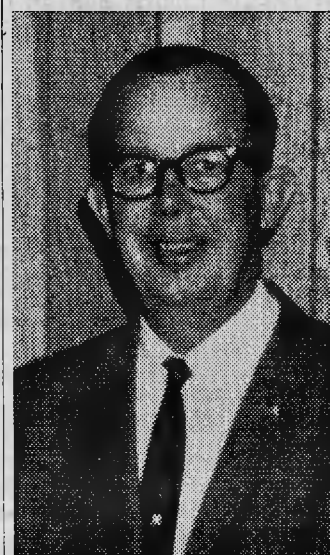
## Acting Postmaster Johnson, Former Mayor, Dies Saturday; Rites Today

Funeral services for William Morris Johnson, 57, acting Southern Pines postmaster and former mayor, were held today (Wednesday) at the United Church of Christ, conducted by the Rev. Richard Hopkins, chaplain of N. C. Sanatorium at McCain. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Dwight Hoskins, assistant postmaster, and others of the post office staff, George Wentland, Larry Coe, Sherrill Rush, Harry Klabbatz and Bill Hall. Honorary pallbearers were all other post office employees and members of Southern Pines Elks Lodge No. 1692.

Complaining of not feeling well, and suffering shortness of breath Saturday morning while at work, Mr. Johnson was taken to St. Joseph hospital where, later that day, he suffered a fatal heart attack.

He was sworn in as acting postmaster March 31, 1964, having resigned as mayor to accept the office. Elected to the town council in 1961 and again in 1963, following his



W. MORRIS JOHNSON

second election he was chosen as mayor by the council. During his first term he served as town treasurer and also was the council's representative on the Southern Pines Library Board. Previous

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The ice storms of the week of January 7 caused damage "roughly estimated" at \$658,500 to private and public property and utilities in Moore County.

The rough estimates were compiled to turn over to Gov. Dan K. Moore's office and the U. S. Civil Defense Agency as an initial step in applying for disaster status and subsequent federal financial assistance for the county. (However, federal grants are made to cover the expenses of restoring public-owned services only.)

The damages to public property in municipalities of the county are estimated at \$84,000 and to private property \$271,000.

The power and telephone companies have estimated damages totaling \$303,500.

United Telephone Co.'s estimates of the cost of repairing and of restoring services total \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Carolina Power & Light Co. (Continued on Page 2)

## SNOW CLOSES 5 MOORE SCHOOLS

Snow falling in northern Moore County this (Wednesday) morning cut school classes off after the first hour and a half. Students were dismissed at North Moore High School and at Highfalls, Robins, Westmoore and Eagle Springs because bus routes were becoming treacherous.

The snow line extended to about five miles south of Robins. No other schools were affected.

No snow had fallen in Southern Pines by noon, but skies were overcast and the temperature stood near freezing, intensified by gusty winds. The general prediction for the area was possible snow, but clearing, and much colder, tonight and tomorrow.

## Lots Of Fuel Here In Storm, But Unusable

The conditions left by the ice storms that struck during the week of January 7 included some painfully ironical situations.

For warmth during the long sub-freezing days and nights there was plenty of fuel of all kinds.

But for many it was worthless.

The damage to power lines meant oil-heating furnaces couldn't work, because they are operated by electricity.

Streets and yards were covered with kindling of all sizes and even grades of quality, and free for the taking.

But many people couldn't use it to heat their heatless homes: they either had no fireplaces, or didn't have saws or axes to cut up the big limbs that burn long.

Hundreds of Carolina Power and Light Co. people worked hundreds of hours on dangerous "hot" lines and high, ice-slick poles to restore power, time and again.

But only one person was injured. A Reynold Tucker, (Continued on Page 3)

## Permission Needed For Burning Brush

Property owners in Southern Pines who want to burn the brush and broken limbs left in their yards by the ice storms of the week of January 7 must obtain permission from the Fire Department before they may set fires.

The department will issue permits if it decides that weather or other conditions are not likely to send brush fires out of control.

**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 WEBB, on Midland Road.

	Max.	Min.
Jan. 17	52	19
Jan. 18	56	18
Jan. 19	63	23
Jan. 20	62	32
Jan. 21	65	28
Jan. 22	68	29
Jan. 23	64	34