



Trophy
winners at the recent Elks-sponsored Mid-South Relays track and field meet are pictured, Page 5, this section.

Miles
of new water lines are being installed here, financed by a town-voted bond issue. See Page 4, Section 4.



TASTE OF SPRINGTIME — A young Irish thoroughbred on a training farm near Southern Pines, sampling dogwood blossoms, symbolizes early April in the Sandhills — the Stoneybrook races coming up on Saturday, the House and Garden Tour set for Wednesday of next week, and private grounds, public roadways and woods

and fields breaking out in Spring flowers. The hunting season of the Moore County Hounds has just ended — but the pack will be paraded at Stoneybrook as a new feature of the pre-race program that will be enjoyed by thousands of visitors.

Thousands To Attend Stoneybrook Races; Many Help With Planning

Stoneybrook is the big talk around the Sandhills this week—and a big day it promises to be. Estimates of the race crowd that will converge on the Stoneybrook Farm of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. (Mickey) Walsh on Saturday, April 12, range up to 15,000. For this 22nd annual Stoneybrook Race Meeting, during which some of the nation's top steeplechase horses and riders will be on view, the gates will open at 11 am, one hour earlier than in former years. The first of the six races is set for 1 pm, also an hour earlier. St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital here again will receive proceeds of the race meeting, after all expenses are paid. Traditionally, the pre-race time is spent by many of the visitors in picnicking around their automobiles, strolling over the extensive grounds and enjoying an entertainment program that this year will include a parading of the Moore County Hounds when the pack that hunts here all winter will be displayed by the joint MFH, W. O. Moss. Music will be furnished before and between races by the Central High School Marching Band, of Sanford. Opening the racing will be a colorful Invitational Fox Hunters Pelay in which three teams of three amateur riders will take part, in hunting attire and riding horses that have been hunted at least six times during the past season. Featured among the five subsequent races, usually having the outstanding entries of the meeting, is the Sandhills Cup which goes a grueling three miles over timber. The other races are: The Yaddin, the Borden Cup, the Stoneybrook Open Hurdle and the Tanglewood. The Borden Cup will again be run in two divisions, making a total of six actual races. There will be girl jockeys riding Saturday—two of them in the Borden Cup. Mary Ryan will be riding on Gaelic Prince owned by Mrs. Horatio de Luro of Louisville, Ky., Irene Osterlund on Speedy Brush owned by Lila Bozick of Southern Pines. Southern Pines is buzzing with activity. Owners and trainers, riders and horses are pouring into town to be ready for the races. Every available stall will be taken in a few days and almost every available room. In the Stoneybrook office, (Continued on Page 6)

Local Man, 21, Is Fatally Shot; Mishap Claimed

A 21-year-old Southern Pines man was fatally shot early Sunday and his brother, 27, who admitted the shooting but said he was "playing" and didn't know the pistol was loaded, has been released under \$1,000 bond on a manslaughter charge, by order of Moore Coroner W. K. Carpenter. Carpenter said Dennis Hicks, of 310 Wisconsin avenue, died of internal hemorrhage while being carried to Moore Memorial hospital, a few minutes after the shooting at 1:15 a.m. at the home of his brother, Ronald Reuben Hicks, of the Murdockville community near Pinehurst. Ronald Hicks said that Dennis and his wife, with a friend, Albert C. Hunt of 325 West Iowa avenue, Southern Pines, (Continued on Page 6)

Retiring Mayor Cites Council Achievements

Achievements during his administration and some projects initiated and pending were listed in a farewell address by Mayor Norris L. Hodgkins Jr. at the last regular meeting of the present Southern Pines town council on Tuesday night. Candidates for the council in the April 28 primary and May 6 election were special guests at the Council meeting and all but two of the 17 attended and spoke briefly of the reasons why they sought the office. Mayor Hodgkins will move his family in June to Durham, where he is now the city executive officer of First Union National Bank. He was first elected to the council in 1963 and was elected mayor by the council in March 1964 to replace the late W. Morris Johnson, who had resigned to be (Continued on Page 6)

Man Drowns As Tractor Turns Over Into Pond

Charlie Malone, 47, was found drowned Saturday morning, pinned beneath an overturned tractor in four feet of water in a pond on J. A. Christian's farm on Sanford, Route 3. Malone, a farm worker, was employed by Christian and lived alone on the farm in the Horseshoe section of Moore County, close to the Lee and Chatham county lines. Moore Coroner W. K. Carpenter ruled the drowning accidental, and said it apparently occurred late Friday afternoon when the front wheels of the heavy industrial-type tractor slipped off the farm road crossing the dam, about (Continued on Page 6)

Work To Start On SNB Office In T&C Center

Construction of a new, full-service Southern National Bank office will commence this week at Town and Country Shopping Center on U. S. Highway 1 between Southern Pines and Aberdeen. The \$125,000 project was announced today jointly by E. Earl Hubbard, city executive of Southern National Bank, Southern Pines, and Voit Gilmore, developer of the shopping center. The building will comprise approximately 3,900 square feet and will be located north of Town and Country Cinema directly on U. S. 1. Reliable Construction Company of Monroe is the contractor and J. L. Williams of Matthews is the architect. Mr. Hubbard stated that (Continued on Page 6)

25-Cents Special Tax For Schools Approved

The Moore County commissioners Tuesday approved a uniform countywide supplementary school tax of 25 cents on the \$100 property valuation, instead of the 30 cents the county board of education had urgently requested. At the same time, they lopped the county's share in the schools' requested current-expense budget for 1969-70 to the exact dollar level of \$651,190 budgeted last year, a cutback of \$166,356, or more than 20 per cent. The special tax, the first for all areas of the county, was adopted on motion of C. W. Purvis, seconded by Robert S. (Continued on Page 6)

Commissioners Back Drink Bill

Liquor-by-the-drink legislation was endorsed by a 3-2 vote by the Moore County commissioners at their meeting Tuesday. The vote followed an earlier unofficial endorsement from the Southern Pines Town Council, which on Tuesday night gave a unanimous official endorsement. At the county commissioners meeting, W. S. Taylor and Robert S. Ewing voted for the bill and C. W. Purvis and Floyd Cole voted against. Chairman John M. Currie broke the tie with an affirmative vote. Currie said that the bill now before the General As- (Continued on Page 6)

SCC STUDENT ROOMS NEEDED

Sandhills Community College is asking persons with furnished rooms or apartments to rent to students, when the fall term begins in September, to list them with the college. If there is a preference for men or women lodgers, that should be noted, as well as the type of room or apartment. The number to call is 692-6185, Extension 12.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

A report on last Sunday's Mid-South Schooling Championship horse show arrived too late for use in today's Pilot. The results will appear in detail next week.

17 Candidates To Face Voters

When filing time closed at 5 pm Friday, the list of Southern Pines Town Council candidates remained at the 17 reported in last week's Pilot. They will go before the voters in an April 28 primary to reduce the number to 10 for another round of voting that will choose five in the May 6 election. The 17 are: E. J. Austin, Howard C. Broughton, Felton J. Capel, George Edward Cheatham, Mrs. Marquita Daniels, Col. John Dibb, Mrs. Helen Frye, James Hartshorne, E. Earl Hubbard, George W. Little, John Malloy, L. D. McDonald, C. A. McLaughlin, Dante Montecanti, Tony Parker, Charles S. (Buster) Patch, Jr., and A. Reynold Tucker, Jr.

REGISTRATION DATES LISTED

Dates of registration for town council voting on April 28 and May 6 were reviewed at Tuesday night's council meeting. Books will be open in the town hall courtroom from 9 to 5 on April 18, from 9 to 9 on April 19 and from 9 to 5 April 21 through 25. April 26 will be challenge day. Persons now on the municipal election books need not register.

Symphony Will Play In Pinehurst April 18; Benefit Event Planned

The Sandhills Music Association will present the North Carolina Little Symphony as its final concert of the season, on Friday, April 18 at 8:30 pm in the Cardinal Ballroom of the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst. Dr. Benjamin Swalin will conduct the orchestra he has directed for many years. To promote further interest in the North Carolina Symphony, the Music Association and the Sandhills Steering Committee for the Ford Foundation Challenge Grant for the Symphony, headed by Mrs. Norris Hodgkins, Jr., and a benefit committee composed of Southern Pines, and Mrs. Wallace O'Neal of Pinehurst, are holding a benefit cocktail-buffet dinner at the Country Club of North Carolina at 6 pm before the concert. Tickets for the "black tie" cocktail-buffet will be \$10 per person and can be obtained from Mrs. John Ruggles, 180 N. Bennett St., Southern Pines. Reservations must be made by April 14. The concert at the Cardinal Room will begin at 8:30. Season ticket holders will be admitted without charge and non-ticket holders may purchase tickets at the door for \$2. Featured soloist for the concert will be Daniel Domb, cellist. Domb is a 24-year-old (Continued on Page 6)

Entries High In Saturday's Meet

Sixty-seven horses were entered in the five races of Saturday's Stoneybrook Hunt Race Meeting here, as the list stood early this week. Owners were asked to scratch out by telephone by noon today (Wednesday), either with the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association or with M. G. Walsh of Southern Pines. Actually, the five races will be six. The Borden Cup, second race on the card, has 27 entries and is expected to be run, as it was last year, in two divisions. Here's a summary of what's ahead for race-goers: First Race—The Yaddin, for three-year-olds and up, about one and a half miles over hurdles. Purse: \$1,500. Sixteen entries. Second Race—The Borden Cup, for three-year-olds and up, about seven furlongs on the flat. Purse: \$500. Twenty-seven entries—expected to be run in two divisions. Third Race—The Sandhills Cup (featured as the leading race of the meeting), for five-year-olds and up, about three miles over timber. Purse: \$2,000. Six entries. Fourth Race—The Stoneybrook Open Hurdle, for four-year-olds and up, about two miles over hurdles. Purse: \$4,000. Eight entries. Fifth Race—The Tanglewood, for three-year-olds and up, about one mile and six furlongs over hurdles. Purse: \$2,000. Ten entries.

West End Plant Sets Open House

An Open House to which the general public is invited will be held on Sunday, April 13, from 1 to 5 pm, by the Sandhill Furniture Company in West End. Guy A. Walters Jr., vice president and plant manager, in announcing the open house said that Sandhill, a division of Stanley Furniture Company of Stanleytown, Va., has completed two phases of a three-phase expansion program in the past two years. It now has one of the most modern furniture plants in the industry, he said. The West End plant manufactures bedroom furniture as well as being one of the largest producers of odd beds. There are 475 workers employed at the plant, which has greatly improved productivity with the installation of new and modern machinery. The new machinery area covers 56,000 square feet, double the capacity of two years ago with an additional 15,000 feet of dry lumber storage. Within the area is a multiple cutoff saw, the first of its kind in the industry, capable of cutting up to 40,000 feet of lumber in an eight hour period. An automated rip saw line has also improved the efficiency. Space conserving methods were used throughout the new plant. Modern restrooms are suspended from the 22-foot ceiling, along with pattern racks, which gives ample working space on the floor for the flow of material on roller conveyors. The case assembly department (Continued on Page 6)

THE PILOT LIGHT

TEACHERS—Out of State Democratic headquarters last week came an interesting news release, and the source of the item may be as revealing as what it contained. The news release said that a large number of Democratic county chairmen do not think school teachers salaries should be raised to the national average, and some of them think present pay is sufficient. State headquarters had conducted a survey among county chairmen and 59 had responded. A majority—49 of them—said they thought current salaries were not sufficient, but only 32 think the State should boost pay to the national level. One chairman replied, "I question the national average when the income of our people is far below the national average." Another said, "How does cost of living in the state of North Carolina compare with the national average? I would need to be convinced that such a raise would help us keep good teachers and/or help us gain more good teachers. In other words, I don't think the national average is the only thing to be considered." Such sentiment from Democratic county chairmen may also reflect sentiment from the general public and the General Assembly. **DEANE**—At one time C. B. Deane of Rockingham was working on a book about his experiences as a Congressman from the Eighth District, and of other activities in political realms of the country. It would be an interesting document, and his public and private papers would be invaluable to historians of the (Continued on Page 6)

Houses, Gardens To Be Viewed

Civic beautification projects will benefit from proceeds of the 21st annual House and Garden Tour conducted by the Southern Pines Garden Club, Wednesday, April 16, starting at 10 am and continuing throughout the day. Interest in the event is high, report Mrs. Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., and Mrs. Howard C. Broughton, co-chairmen for the tour during which six houses and gardens—three of them at the Country Club of North Carolina—will be open to visitors. Tickets are available at the Information Center and the Shaw House starting point and can also be obtained at stops along the tour where Garden Club members will be on hand to supervise operations and welcome visitors. The tour has had wide publicity (Continued on Page 6)

Sports Banquet Set For Monday

Tickets are available from the sponsoring Blue Knights Booster club members for the annual East Southern Pines High School All-Sports banquet to be held Monday, April 14, in the National Guard Armory at 7 pm. On another page of today's Pilot, there's information, with a photo, about the guest speaker, Don Shinnick of the Baltimore Colts pro football team.

WORLD WAR I VETS. WIVES PLAN MEETING

All veterans of World War I, their wives and widows of WWI veterans are invited to attend a meeting of the local post of the Veterans of World War I to be held at the home of S. L. Marshall in Manly at 2:30 pm, Sunday, April 13.

Regional Meeting Here Tonight To Hear Pope On Zoo Proposal

E. N. (Red) Pope Jr., of Raleigh, chairman of the North Carolina State Zoo Commission, will address a regional meeting of interested citizens at the Holiday Inn tonight at 8 o'clock. Special invitations have gone out to upwards of 100 people in Moore and surrounding counties. The general public also is invited to attend. Pope will present the findings of the State commission in regard to the desirability and feasibility of a zoo. His talk will be illustrated with a special slide presentation. A bill to establish a State Zoo has been introduced in the General Assembly and has received the approval of the Senate Wildlife Committee, of which Senator William P. Saunders of Southern Pines is a member. A separate bill to appropriate funds for such a zoo also has been introduced. Under provisions of the general zoo bill a site selection committee will be named. The Sandhills region is expected to make a bid for the zoo, and has the support of other counties such as Scotland, Robeson and Richmond. The Southern Pines Jaycees, headed by George W. Little, is spearheading the zoo campaign, and coordinating efforts of other organizations. Little will preside at tonight's meeting.

Jaycees Endorse Local Option Drink Proposal

The Southern Pines Jaycees at its meeting last week voted to endorse the local option liquor-by-the-drink bill which was introduced in the General Assembly a few days ago. George W. Little, president of the Jaycees, said that legislators from this area have been advised of their endorsement of the bill.

Open Forum Discussion Of N. C. Bills To Be Held Here Monday

The Sandhills Young Democratic Club is sponsoring an open forum discussion of some important bills pending in the North Carolina General Assembly at its April meeting to be held at 8 pm Monday, April 14, in the court room of the Southern Pines Town Hall. The discussion is a part of a statewide program initiated by Charlie Rose III, president of the North Carolina YDC, to keep the voters of North Carolina informed of important legislation being introduced in Raleigh and to give them an opportunity to express their opinions on the bills. The following proposed bills will be discussed during the meeting: (1) a bill to tax motion pictures based upon their classification by the Motion Picture Association of America; (2) a bill relating to the refusal by a driver to submit

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.
April 2	80	50
April 3	78	56
April 4	71	53
April 5	83	58
April 6	61	51
April 7	72	38
April 8	80	40