

Housing Top '71 Problem For Chamber

The Directors of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce have put housing at the top of their list of community problems that the Chamber will work on in 1971, according to Dr. Walter O. Dow, incoming president.

As recommended by the Chamber's Program of Work Committee and approved by the 1971 Board of Directors at its December meeting, the Program of Work will serve as a sort of road map to specific goals that Chamber committees will attempt to reach during the year. The Chamber concerns itself with many areas of community life where it may be most useful

Youths Held In Robbery With Gun

Frank James Smith, 17, of the Midway section, Pinecrest student, will receive a preliminary hearing Thursday on armed robbery charges of the Howard Johnson and Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants.

The hearing will be held in District Court in Carthage. A juvenile only 14 also implicated in the felonies has been turned over to juvenile

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Pinehurst Office Sought by NCNB

North Carolina National Bank has applied to the U. S. Comptroller of the Currency for permission to establish an office in Pinehurst.

Approval of the application would give NCNB its first office in Moore County in the Sandhills area of the state.

Luther H. Hodges Jr. of Charlotte, executive vice president in charge of NCNB's city offices in 30 North Carolina communities, said an office in Pinehurst would make it possible for NCNB to offer full banking services to its existing trust

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First Snow Falls Here; Continued Cold Forecast

A light snow began falling this morning about 10:30, the first snow of the season.

Forecast for the weather in the Sandhills for the next few days is continued cold.

Temperatures during the day will range from the thirties to the

forties, going down to a chilly twenty at night.

Weather in recent days has been extremely cold, changing from a sunny pre-Christmas to a bracing one.

Rains beginning on December

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Sermon Seeks to Define True Meaning of Life

Responding to the agonized cries of the troubled around us is the true meaning of life as revealed through the life of Christ, two ministers here agree.

"We hear the cry of our brothers at hand. And responding to their cry, we find the life the seekers sought.

"Thus the incarnation of God in Christ becomes for us the

significant answer."

This is the message of a moving sermon prepared as a joint effort between the Rev. James Dellert of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Phillip Deese of Our Savior Lutheran Church, based on a John Masefield poem.

The poem is "The Kings at Midnight." The sermon has been presented three times during the Christmas season in Southern Pines—at Brownson Memorial, at Our Savior Lutheran, and at the Sandhills Kiwanis Club.

"The power of the poem lies in its unique manner of portraying the hidden action of God taking place in ordinary events—in this case the very thing the seekers were looking for is cursed as an insignificant disturbance," the ministers say.

In the poem, seekers in the night were looking for a sign that humans are Divine. They had preconceived ideas concerning

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Banquet Set For Tuesday By Chamber

Ticket sales are going well for the Annual Meeting of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce, according to Harris Blake, chairman.

Next Tuesday, January 5, Chamber members and their wives and guests will gather at The Carolina in Pinehurst for a

banquet.

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Progress Report of Past Year in Moore

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON

This is the time we look back over the year, and, while acknowledging that not everything went right—which never happens—we take account of the many things which did, adding up to progress in Moore County.

There were many such milestones in 1970, heartening in

view of the fact that it was a year of economic gloom in many places in North Carolina, and in general throughout the nation.

(See month-by-month breakdown of news events on Pages 7 and 11-B.)

Employment remained relatively stable in Moore, with

no industry closing for any period of time for economic reasons, and joblessness standing at about 4 per cent as opposed to the national figure of about 5.8 per cent, according to Employment Security Commission reports.

New construction continued at its usual rate, with about 200 new properties, approximately the average of recent years, to be

added to next year's tax rolls.

One new industry, Aberdeen Tricot, on which construction began in 1969, opened last spring and has been running six days a week, while, also at Aberdeen, a new building has been completed by Ceralon Manufacturing Corp., which will go into the production of plastics soon after the first of

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No Plans Now To Call Vote On Sales Tax

New Year's Observance Quiet Here

It's almost 1971. New Year's Day will arrive Friday to find most Moore County residents at ease with friends and relatives.

Municipal, County, and Federal offices, including the Post Office, will be closed, and most stores, with the exception of Family Dollar and Big Star, will take a holiday.

Stores will be back in business Saturday, except for some closed for inventory. This includes Sir Richards and Franjeans, which are among those closing.

There will be holiday parties Thursday at the Southern Pines Country Club and other places, including the big New Year's Eve Ball in the Cardinal Ballroom of the Carolina Hotel Thursday

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The Moore County commissioners have no plans at the present time to call for another election on the one-cent local option sales tax.

Chairman W. Sidney Taylor said that the board is inclined to wait and see what the Legislature does in regard to the sales tax.

There has been a proposal that the General Assembly raise the sales tax to four cents, with the additional one cent being returned to the counties and municipal governments.

"It would be nice to have an extra \$300,000, and I would like to see the schools finished, as well as a start on the county-wide water system," Taylor said.

He referred to the fact that some schools, notably Pinecrest, have not been finished as far as building is concerned. Pinecrest does not have a cafeteria or a gymnasium, for example. The county-wide water system was proposed following a special study two years ago and has

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Water Tests Planned By Ecology Club Here

All streams flowing out of Moore County will be tested for pollution in a special project this weekend by the newly formed Sandhills Ecology Club.

Spearheaded by Richard Lewis, a teacher at Pinecrest High School, the club was formed to not only develop an awareness of the environment but to un-

dertake projects for preserving it.

Club members and volunteers will gather Saturday, Jan. 2, at 9 a.m. at the Southern Pines water plant and will proceed to test all streams and other bodies of water in the eastern, southern and western edges of Moore

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Dark-Haired Male Guest Good Luck for New Year

BY JOHANNA GRIMES

Want to insure a touch of good luck for 1971?

Then invite a dark-haired male over for an early visit on New Year's Day. And bar the door until he arrives.

The custom is cited in an article written by University of North Carolina senior Gwyneth Duncan for "North Carolina Folklore."

Superstition? Perhaps. But

the belief is very much a part of North Carolina's history, so don't let your non-believing friends put you down.

Miss Duncan, who is from Winston-Salem, cites the following "first foot" customs in the fall issue of the journal, which is published by the N. C. Folklore Society:

"It is good luck for a black-headed man to visit on New Year's Day."

"To insure good luck throughout the year, let a man

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Auto Plates Go on Sale On Monday

The 1971 green and white automobile license plates will go on sale on Monday, January 4.

The local license agent is Mrs. N. A. McGill and Moore County residents may obtain plates from her at the Farmers Supply Company, 103 East Main Street in Aberdeen, Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon

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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. 22	55	45
DEC. 23	75	45
DEC. 24	56	45
DEC. 25	44	25
DEC. 26	36	23
DEC. 27	49	15
DEC. 28	47	12

THE PILOT LIGHT

McLEAN—Malcolm McLean, the Maxton native who last week became the new owner of Pinehurst, Inc., is expected to take an active part in the operation of the famed resort.

A frequent visitor to the Sandhills, McLean has a home in New Jersey but spends most of his time in a New York hotel apartment. A friend said this week that he will probably build a home in Pinehurst.

The friend described McLean as "quiet and unassuming" and a "very good businessman" who can be expected to improve Pinehurst facilities and to promote them.

McLean, who started the McLean trucking Company with one truck which he drove himself, is the principal owner of the Diamondhead Corporation. His brother James McLean heads the resort facility at Point Clear, Ala., which has been described as one of the finest in the country.

Diamondhead, of which Pinehurst, Inc., will be a subsidiary, also owns other resort properties in the United States.

McLean also started the Sea-Land Company following the purchase of a Mobile, Ala., steamship line but later sold Sea-Land to Reynolds Industries for \$65 million.

Pinehurst, Inc., was sold to Diamondhead at a reported cash price of \$9 million. Details of the transaction are still being worked out, but Diamondhead will take over as of Dec. 31. McLean plans to be in the State around Jan. 20.

POLITICS—There will be no formal announcements until possibly next fall but 1971 will be almost as much a political year as 1972 will be.

At least two all-but-announced candidates for Governor—Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor and Senator Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles—will be busy with public point making as well as lining up support. At least two others will be testing the winds. They include Attorney

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Christmas Cards Colorful and Original

BY MARJORIE RAGAN

Christmas cards this year were unusually colorful, unusually beautiful, and unusually original. Or so it seemed.

They fell into four main categories: reproductions of great works of art of the Madonna and child; family greetings with pictures; traditional messages, with maybe an added note; and originals.

The originals included the surprise announcement of the December marriage of Libby Waugh of Raleigh, the writer, and Ed Ruggles, retired longtime boss of agriculture extension at North Carolina State.

"Dears, here it is in boldface," Libby wrote. "And you two know what a charmer he is so I'll just wish you two the best Christmas ever!"

The Paul Greens as usual sent one of the songs from an outdoor drama. This time it was an Old Indian Carol from "Trumpet in the Land," which he wrote. It included:

"The woodland children heard the song

And through the forest wild They sought, till in a hut close by They found the holy child."

Then there was the card of Caldwell and Sallie Nixon with her poem, "Nightwatch":

All of what I must in this starry chorus know, I do, and take in with certainty the sharp of snow-night breath, and the ache of crystal silences breaking."

The card was a grey-blue pastoral scene with cows.

The Woodrow Prices of Raleigh said—"1970—a year doing our thing(s)." These, they said, included breadwinning, homemaking and getting educated, mail clerking in London, illustrating a book for the N. C. archives, restaurant

Bloodmobile
The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Proctor-Silex plant on Wednesday, January 6, from 1 to 5:30 p.m. A plea for donors has been made by the local Red Cross chapter.

cashiering, a national award for electric walker design, and being hijacked to Cuba.

"Our MAIN thing (and now) thing is to wish you a Merry Christmas," they said.

The Thad Stems had a colorful hand-done design of a candle surrounded by Chinese words.

Inside they declared that "Even in Chinese it still comes out 'Merry Christmas'."

Sally Buckner of Raleigh had a handmade "Joy" with the "O" carrying a peace sign. June, Johanna and Betsy Grimes of Chapel Hill signed their card so that the J in June, the O in Johanna, and the Y in Betsy stood out.

"Peace on Earth" seemed particularly appropriate this year. May Bell of Rocky Mount had a cutout of a dove in a free-form design. Others with interesting Peace cards were Mary Jane Ward of Houston, Jim Hunt (whose card represented a contribution to the Associations for Retarded Children), Jim and Janey Chaney, the Charlie Clays of Fayetteville, a beautiful

medallion from Oakie Mitchell, the Hardy Berrys of NCSU, and Jim and Ardis Kimsey (she's the poet).

A Spanish tile design of a ship was printed in Spain for George Mallanee to wish his friends well.

Vic and Greta Hackler (he's the former AP executive) had a special star and ship design to support the rehabilitation Center of Southern Fairfield County in Connecticut.

A star-spangled card in royal blue came from the Bill Hills (he's an editor with the Washington Evening Star) which secreted a turntable which you could spin to have your fortune spelled out in stars inside.

Miles and Lib Hughey (you will remember him as newspaperman and her as State Librarian before they moved to Washington) had the Christmas Story as it first appeared in print in the Gutenberg Bible five hundred years ago.

The Manly Wade Wellmans, fondly remembered here as former Pinebluff residents, (Continued on Page 10-A)

Who...



Wishes you Merry Christmas?

POET'S CARD—Poet Jean McCamy of Wake Forest surprised everybody by coming up as an artist as well. Inside the card the answer to the owl's question, of course, is "We do."