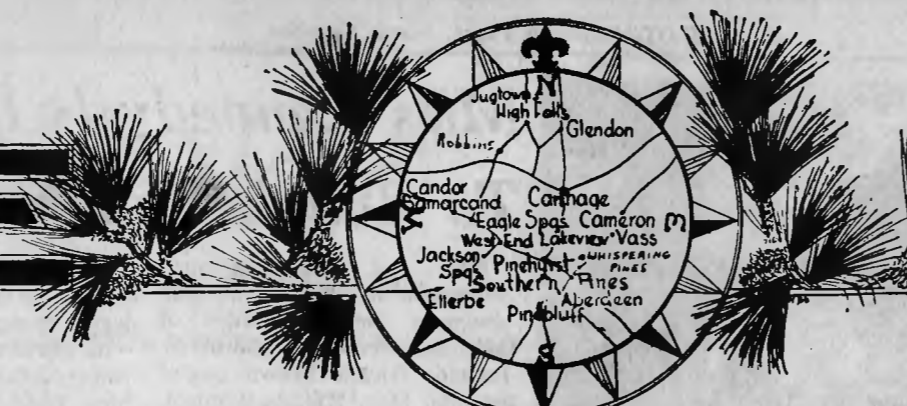


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THE PILOT



Peach Crop

is undamaged yet by last night's 31 low in the Sandhills but Clarence Black of the Sandhills Research Center says the forecast of "in the twenties" for tonight may still hurt the crop.



EARLY JUMP ON STONEYBROOK — The 26th annual Stoneybrook Races will come on Saturday but here getting an early jump are nine-year-old Kevin Cremens (no. 6) and 12-year-old cousin Michael Walsh III (No. 4), probably the youngest exercise boys in the business. They both lend a hand in riding the string of thoroughbreds in training for their grandfather, Mickey Walsh.

Stoneybrook Record Seen For Saturday

Party Switches Slight; Voter Lists Are Purged

The predicted switching of parties from Democratic to Republican following victories by Richard Nixon and James Holshouser last November has not taken place in Moore County or the nation. Since last November only three persons have changed their registration from Democratic to Republican in Moore County—two in November and one in February. On the other hand, three Republicans switched to Democratic in January—making it an even swap.

Thus, as the Gallup Poll points out, the Republicans continue as the minority party—behind Democrats and Independents—despite the Nixon landslide and the optimistic predictions of Republican strategists that a mass switching of parties would take place.

In Moore County there are fewer registered voters today than there were last November—417 less, in fact (247 Democratic, 130 Republican, 30 Independent). This a result of a purging of the voter lists.

In the country as a whole, a survey last week by Dr. George Gallup showed Republican registration down, in fact, by one point from the 28 percent of last October. Democratic preferences were also down by one point from 43 percent of the total in the country last fall. Those classing themselves as Independents had increased by

Hospital Official Shinn Dies Here At Age of 36

James Franklin Shinn, 36, of 235 East Massachusetts Ave., administrator of Moore Memorial Hospital since January 1969, died Friday at the hospital after several months' illness. Graveside service was held Sunday at Pinelawn Memorial Park, followed by a memorial service held later that day at the Southern Pines United Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. Virgil Queen, pastor, and the Rev. P. Wesley Aitkin, chaplain of Duke University.



James F. Shinn (Continued on Page 8-A)

A record crowd of more than 25,000 is expected for the 26th running of the Stoneybrook Races here Saturday. There will also be a record purse—\$24,000, the richest of any of the country's spring races. There's a tradition that it never rains on Stoneybrook Day, and General Chairman William H. Frantz said he expects the tradition to hold. All reserved parking places had been sold several days ago, but Frantz said he thought a few would be available in the infield. Stoneybrook has developed as one of North Carolina's major events of the year, and draws crowds not only from all parts of the State but from all parts of the country.

Among the special guests expected for Saturday's event is Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. Other top State officials also are expected. Stoneybrook, of course, is a series of six top-flight horse races—but it is more than that. It (Continued on Page 8-A)

Aircraft Damage Probed

The FBI and the Moore County Sheriff's office are investigating damage to three aircraft in a hangar at the Southern Pines-Pinehurst Airport sometime Monday night. N.C. Agent in Charge Ralph J. Rampton said by telephone from his Charlotte office that an investigation was being made to see if the damage came under federal jurisdiction. Meanwhile, FBI Agent Howard Burgin of Rockingham was to return today (Continued on Page 8-A)

Council Approves Projects

The board of directors of the Pee Dee Council of Governments has approved three notices of intent to apply for Federal assistance on projects costing a total of \$16,291,150. Action came at a meeting last Wednesday in Rockingham. Included in the projects were \$10,691,000 for a regional sewerage treatment system for southeastern Moore County. (Continued on Page 8-A)

Court House

The Moore County Board of Commissioners are receiving the architect's report on the Court House facility in the Courthouse on Thursday, April 12, at 4:30 in the afternoon.

Four Killed, Three Hurt When Car Skids Off Road

Four people were killed and three injured Saturday about 8:15 p.m. when a station wagon heading toward Pinehurst from Aberdeen on NC 5 went out of control a half-mile beyond the Aberdeen town limits, and wrapped itself totally around a tree. State Trooper W.S. Speas identified the dead as George Washington McLaurin, 63, of Pinehurst, owner and driver of the car; his wife Betty McLaurin, also 63; Robert Oscar Burns, 58 of Aberdeen, and Rebecca Alford, 55, of Fairmont. The two women were sisters.

No New Road Work Seen For Moore Area Future

Moore County can expect virtually nothing in the way of new road construction for at least the next several years according to Henry Jordan, division highway engineer. Both Jordan and Cecil Budd of Siler City, the area's highway commissioner, were guests yesterday at a general membership meeting of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce.

The members were told by Jordan, who answered questions on specific projects for Budd, that they could expect nothing in the next several years concerning the widening of US 1 to four lanes. Jordan did say that several projects around Vass on US 1 were in the planning stage, but that they had come to a standstill (Continued on Page 7-A)

Builder Arrested In Thefts

A well-known local builder and property owner was arrested Monday night by the Moore County Sheriff's Department when some building materials, reported earlier that day to have been stolen, were found in his warehouse. Sheriff C.G. Wimberly said Leland M. Daniels, Jr., of 240 North Ridge St. was charged with felonious receiving and possession of stolen goods in excess of \$200. Southern Pines police assisted in the arrest, and the sheriff said investigation is continuing. Reported stolen over the (Continued on Page 8-A)

Reaction To Boycott Is Mixed

The nationwide meat boycott last week apparently had a mixed effect in Moore County. Charles Parker, manager of the meat department at Big Star in Southern Pines, said meat sales there were 20 to 25 percent less than expected. He pointed out that sales were not really down, but did not increase as much as they generally do at this time of year. "Shoppers were reluctant to buy meat, limiting both the varieties purchased and the (Continued on Page 8-A)

Rezoning Approved By Council

Condominiums, re-zoning, subdividing and drainage took up most of the Town Council's time Tuesday night, providing a glimpse of the lively building going on, and planned, in and around Southern Pines. Also, the council heard a report from Mrs. Mildred McDonald, interim manager, that the first revenue-sharing check of 1973 had arrived, in the sum of \$35,812, covering the entitlement period January through March. With budget-making time approaching, no decision has been made as to its use. (Continued on Page 8-A)

Teen City Dedication Scheduled for Sunday

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON A picturesque eight-sided "putt-putt" golf course will be opened to the public at Teen City's first "open house" to be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Dedication service at 3 p.m. will mark the official opening of this unique recreation center on Carthage, Route 3, a half-mile west of Union Pines High School.

Just turn in at the big red barn with the "Teen City" sign. Commissioners of both Moore and Lee counties will take part in the service, along with Pat Welles, Teen City director, with sacred music to be sung by Jimmie Garner's young choristers of Tabernacle United Methodist Church at Robbins. Designed specifically for non-west of Union Pines High School. (Continued on Page 7-A)

Bride - Elect Is Killed In Car - Tractor Crash

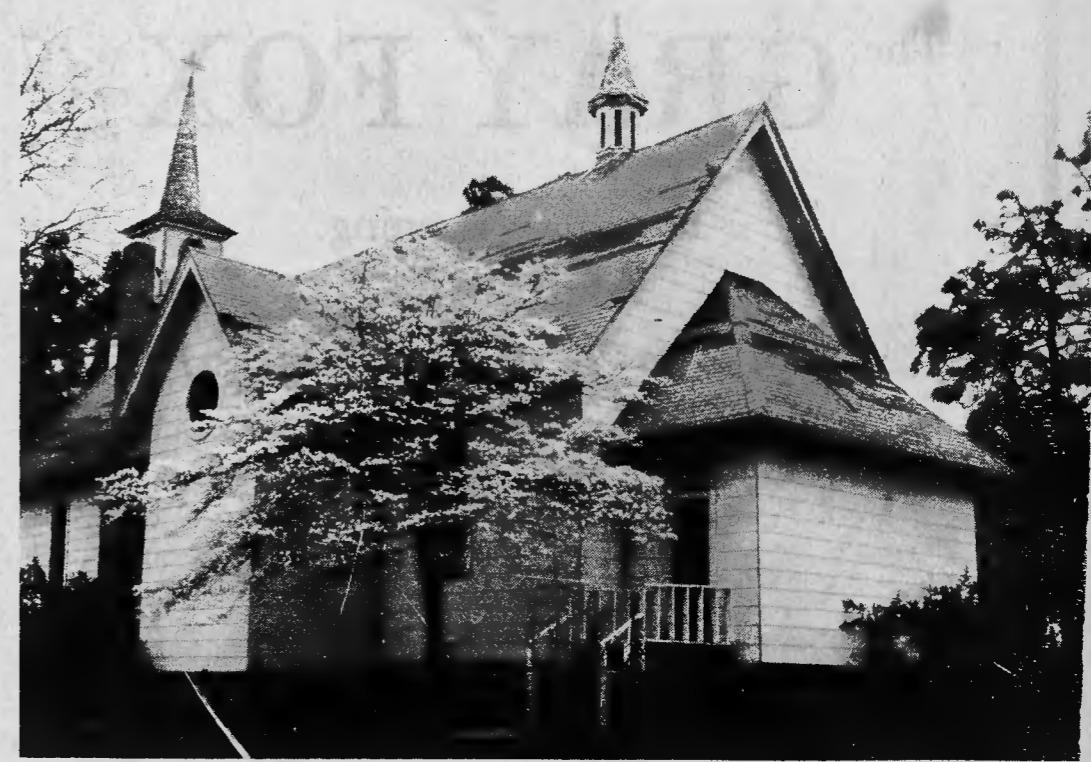
Miss Patricia Sweeney, bride-elect of Darrell Howard of Southern Pines and frequent visitor here, was killed March 30 in an accident between a car and a tractor-trailer on Interstate 93 in Woburn, Mass., her home town. Darrell and Jim Reilly of Southern Pines, accompanied by Mark Howard, were in Woburn for funeral services Monday in Woburn. Police are still investigating the accident. Darrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Howard, said he was driving with Miss Sweeney a passenger when the tractor-trailer swerved to avoid another car and crashed into the side of the Howard car. The impact forced the car up an embankment forming the median strip and overturned (Continued on Page 8-A)



Miss Patricia Sweeney several times, causing Miss Sweeney to be thrown out. (Continued on Page 8-A)

Church to Hold Auction; New Building is Planned

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON Need some holy statues, stained glass windows or church pews in your home? Would some colorful foot-high, or larger, creche figures or tall candlesticks enhance your Christmas? Or how about a used confessional—just the thing for a "different" atmosphere around your place? If these or several other types of churchly items appeal to you, you should attend the auction sale at 7 p.m. Friday at St. Anthony's Catholic School, on North Ashe St. at Vermont Ave. The stage and front of the school auditorium are filled with the furnishings from St. Anthony's Church near by, some moved last week, others Sunday afternoon by busy parishioners clearing out the place. If you plan on bidding, you'd better be prepared for competition—since the announcement of Sunday, April 8, that St. Anthony's Church was to be razed, calls have been coming in at a great rate to Father Edward Waters, pastor, from folks here and away who have loved the little old church, and want to buy (Continued on Page 7-A)



ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH — Rear view, showing shingles broken from roof, also the dogwood tree, which regrettably, is too large to be moved. The new church is to be built in "the general area" of the old, and whether or not the tree can be saved, only the future can tell. (Photo by V. Nicholson).



DEATH CAR — This is the wrecked automobile in which four persons were killed and three injured between Aberdeen and Pinehurst Saturday night.—(Photo by Glenn Sides).

THE PILOT LIGHT

RESIGNS—Dr. Richard Ray resigned as Director of the Learning Institute Tuesday because, he says, after four-and-a-half years, he feels that the things he aimed for are well underway. The Southern Pines native said the Southern Pines pilot kindergarten program contributed much to a statewide program to educate young children. Dr. Ray said that when he went to Linc he had two objectives: to have the Institute more closely connected with the State in working for the improvement of the education of children; and to help extend and improve education with young children. These things are well underway toward accomplishment, he believes. The \$29 million now being considered by the General Assembly for use for educational purposes will be a great help if passed, he said. He says he's worked "very, very hard" and is looking forward to a vacation before making future plans. Reached by telephone this morning at his Chapel Hill home, Dr. Ray was to attend a Kindergarten Coordinators Meeting at the Plantation Inn in Raleigh later this morning. He talked with pride of the program in motion to survey all (Continued on Page 7-A)