



**EXCITING FINISH**—Here's the finish of one of the more exciting races Saturday—the Stoneybrook Open Hurdle, with Jay's Trouble, with Mike Adams as rider, pulling ahead of Selkirk. The Dooley Adams trained horse won the \$5,000 purse.—(Photo by Emerson Humphrey). Other pictures Page 6-D

## 25,000 Attend Stoneybrook Races; Metello Winner of Sandhills Cup

A record crowd of 25,000 turned out Saturday in bright April weather to see some of the best races ever run in the annual Stoneybrook event.

It was the 26th annual Stoneybrook Races and the festive crowd came from all parts of North Carolina and the Eastern seaboard.

Rider Clay Brittle rode three winners and another horse which finished in a dead heat to steal the show.

Brittle, riding for trainer W.B. Cocks, won the feature race, the Sandhills Cup, with \$12,000 purse, aboard Milton Ritzberg's nine-year-old bay gelding Metello.

Amarind, with Jerry Fishback up—the winning combination in last year's Sandhills Cup—led off at the start, and showed the way for more than half the grueling two-mile test over nine brush jumps. About the sixth jump, Metello came up from the crowd and started pressing hard. For a while the two bit steplechasers pounded along neck and neck, then Metello surged ahead over the final jump to win by a length and a half.

It was a splendid race to watch, each horse and his rider, in colorful silks, standing forth in clear visibility, as they lined up



**EXCITED FAN**—A car top fan yells on her horse in a race at Stoneybrook on Saturday. More than 25,000 turned out for the 26th running of the Sandhills event.—(Photo by Bryan Green).

about a length or a length and a half apart throughout most of the run, moving at nearly equal pace, with no spills or other untoward events.

Before the Sandhills Cup, third

race of the day, Brittle had ridden to first-place wins in both the first and second races—in the first, the Yadkin Hurdle, aboard Mrs. Miles Valentine's Baba Mist, and in the second, the

Sandy Lane Farm Plate, a flat race, on Didn't Show—which did—also owned by Mrs. Valentine.

In the sixth and last race, The Tanglewood, on the turf, Brittle rode George P. Greenhalgh's Clear Landing to a dead-heat victory—the first recalled in Stoneybrook history—with A. Smith Bowman's El Kuntilla. The judges took a long time to reach this consensus, while the crowd waited in suspense. It meant the purse was split down the middle, the two horses sharing both first and second

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### Three Charged In Drug Case At Pinecrest

Three Pinecrest High School students were arrested Friday by Sheriff's officers and charged with misdemeanor marijuana possession at the school.

Sheriff C.G. Wimberly identified them as Lisa C. Dahl, 18 of Murdockville; Barbara A. Hodges, 16, of Saunders Boulevard; and Robert H. Craig, 16, of Delaware Avenue in Southern Pines.

The arrests were made, the Sheriff said around noon after a call from school officials.

The three will be tried May 10 in Carthage District Court. Each is out on bond of \$300.

### Arts Council Plans Formed At Meet Here

The first steps for the organization of a Sandhills Arts Council were taken at a meeting in the Southern Pines Municipal Building Monday night.

A steering committee, appointed by Mrs. John McPhaul, will meet at 5 p.m. today (Wednesday) to draft a charter and nominate officers for the Council. The meeting will be held at the Southern Pines Library. Members of the committee are Mrs. McPhaul, Mary Evelyn DeNissot, Howard Broughton, John Faulk, Mrs. Reynold Tucker, Page Shaw, Mrs. Juanita Dawson, Billiegene Garner, Larry Johnson, and Bob

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## Miss Morgan Is Winner Of Junior Builders Cup

A Union Pines student who happened, through error, to have been omitted from the program, and for whom, consequently, no certificate had been prepared, Friday night became the recipient of the Sandhills

Kiwanis Club's Junior Builders Cup as Moore County's most outstanding senior. Martha Anne Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morgan of Vass, was selected

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# Dropout Rate is 37% For Moore's Schools

## Easter Services Announced

Holy Week services leading to Christendon's joyous Easter Day began in Southern Pines Monday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with mass at 6:30 p.m. and continued last night with the opening of an Easter Revival at the First Baptist Church.

Preaching at the first of five services he will conduct was the Rev. Jack Mansfield, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Raeford. He is a graduate of Mercer University, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and received training degrees from The Bowman Gray School of Pastoral Care and the Billy Graham School of Evangelism.

"Jack is already acclaimed for his excellent work in biblical preaching, youth revivals, and Lay Evangelism," says the Rev. Mr. John M. Stone, pastor of the church.

"The highest tribute to Jack is the heavy involvement of youth (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Reading Is Choice Of Board

The Moore County Board of Education, meeting Tuesday night with seven of the eight members present, faced a choice—between reading teachers or kindergartens in the schools next year.

They chose the reading teachers as basic to education at all levels, and in faith the State will make a start this year toward broadening its kindergarten program.

The choice—"like choosing between your right hand and your left," said Supt. Robert E. Lee—was forced upon them by the cutting of Title I funds from

## Easter Holiday

City and County offices will observe the Easter Monday holiday by closing. Banks will also be closed, the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce reports.

Most stores will be closed. Some of the exceptions are Sullivan's Footwear, Inc., The Salem Shop, and The Town and Center Pharmacy.

The Pilot will be closed for the day. Material for publication may be placed in the slot in the front door.

Only the offices open will be the Post Offices, as Easter Monday is a statewide, and not a national holiday.



**PHIL HARRIS FIRST**—Entertainer Phil Harris flew to Pinehurst this week to announce his entrance as the first celebrity in the World Open Pro-Am. Harris stated that many of his celebrity friends will be joining him for the November event. Pictured at the left is William H. Maurer, President of Diamondhead Corporation.

## Harris Is First Celebrity For Pro-Am in November

William Maurer, president of Diamondhead Corporation, announced Monday at a news conference in Pinehurst that ground-breaking on the World Golf Hall of Fame is only a few days away and that Phil Harris has become the first entrant in the World Celebrity Pro-Am.

Harris has for several decades been one of the featured celebrities in golf's traditional pro-amateur events and said he

was "honored to be the first so called celebrity to enter" the event which precedes the 1973 World Open in November on Pinehurst's number two and four courses.

"Phil has been a big attraction at many pro-am events," said Maurer, "and we are very pleased that he agreed to come to Pinehurst and to bring many of his friends to play in the World (Continued on Page 10-A)

## Robbins Man Is Killed In Auto Accident Here

Jerry Michael Maness, 24, of Robbins was killed Friday evening when his speeding car went out of control and struck a car parked on the shoulder of NC 22, one and one third miles north of Southern Pines.

The accident, which also injured a Sanford woman, occurred about 9:15 p.m. on the downhill slope between the airport intersection and the Southern Pines water plant, near

the entrance to the Poverty Hill nursery and trailer court.

This was the third successive weekend on which Moore County tallied a fatal highway accident. Maness' death was the 11th for the year, the last seven resulting from three wrecks on the weekends between March 31 and April 13, with high speed reportedly involved in all three. State Trooper Jim Alexander (Continued on Page 10-A)

## Forest Fire Flare-Up Destroys Timber in Several Moore Areas

Five forest fires were reported in Moore county this week, one of which killed timber on an almost 60 acre tract, according to Robert Edwards of the Forest Service.

The timber killing fire came Thursday afternoon and started north of the traffic circle on US 15-501. It spread southeast toward Monroetown and tractors

and a spotter plane, had to be called in from district headquarters in Rockingham since two other fires in the county were tying up all available equipment.

Edwards estimated about 60 acres of timber were killed by the blaze which he said probably started from a cigarette thrown by a passing motorist.

At the same time as the Morristown blaze, forest rangers were fighting a fire on Diamondhead property in Pinehurst near the Girl Scout camp. Edwards said about three acres were burned and attributed the cause of the fire as a fallen power line in a construction area where a new lake (Continued on Page 10-A)



**FOREST FIRE**—Sixty acres of timber were destroyed by this forest fire Thursday near Monroetown. The blaze began near US 15-501 and was probably caused by a cigarette butt thrown from a car, according to Robert Edwards of the Forest Service.—(Photo by Bryan Green).