Easter

Services

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

"Jack is already acclaimed for

his excellent work in biblical

preaching, youth revivals, and

Lay Evangelism," says the Rev.

'The highest tribute to Jack is

Mr. John M. Stone, pastor of the

the heavy involvement of youth

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The Moore County Board of

Education, meeting Tuesday

night with seven of the eight

members present, faced a

teachers or kindergartens in the

teachers as basic to education at

all levels, and in faith the State

will make a start this year

toward broadening its kin-

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

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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

The Pilot will be closed for the

About the only offices open will

be the Post Offices, as Easter

Monday is a statewide, and not a

Day. Material for publication

Center Pharmacy.

national holiday.

choice--between reading

They chose the reading

Reading

Is Choice

Of Board

schools next year.

dergarten program.

Evangelism.



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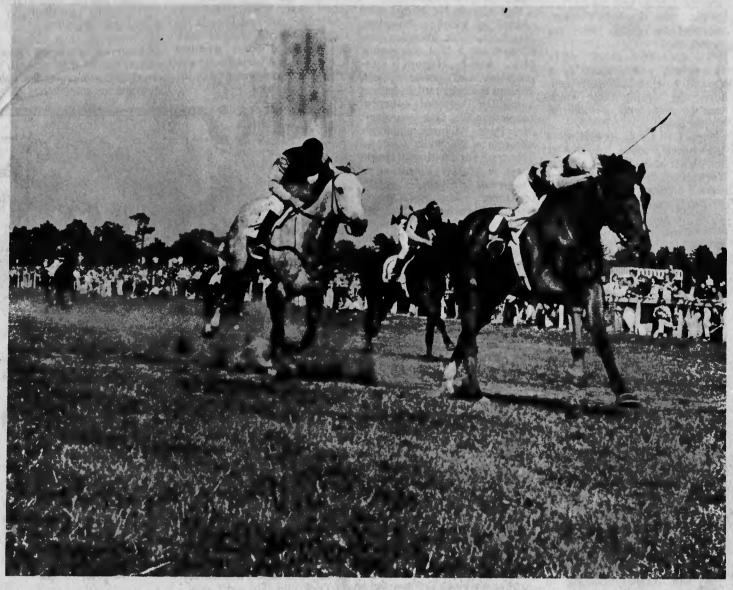
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Dropout Rate is 37%

Price 10 Cents



more exciting races Saturday-the Stoneybrook Open trained horse won the \$5,000 purse .-- (Photo by Hurdle, with Jay's Trouble, with Mike Adams as Emerson Humphrey). Other pictures Page 6-D

EXCITING FINISH-Here's the finish of one of the rider, pulling ahead of Selkirk. The Dooley Adams

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

A record crowd of 25,000 turned out Saturday in bright April 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 Ritzenberg's nineyear-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 gruelling 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 steeplechasers 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

MOST OUTSTANDING SENIOR - Martha Ann

Morgan of Union Pines High School receives Junior

Builders Cup from committee member Robert S.

Ewing. At right, Dr. William F. Hollister, president of

the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, sponsor of the award,

which includes a \$500 scholarship .- (Photo by V.

Miss Morgan Is Winner

Of Junior Builders Cup

been omitted from the program, outstanding senior.

happened, through error, to have

and for whom, consequently, no

certificate had been prepared,

Friday night became the

recipient of the Sandhills

A Union Pines student who Kiwanis Club's Junior Builders

Cup as Moore County's most

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.J.

Morgan of Vass, was selected

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Martha Anne



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

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 DeNissof. Howard Broughton, John Faulk, Mrs. Reynold Tucker, Page Shaw, Mrs. Juanita Dawson, Billiegene Garner, Larry Johnson, and Bob

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Sandy Lane Farm Plate, a flat 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 Murdocksville; Barbara A. Hodges, 16, of Saunders Boulevard; and Robert H. Craig, 16, of Deleware Avenue in Southern Pines.

The arrests were made, the may be placed in the slot in 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.

THE PILOT LIGHT

decisions on the State budget, said began this week its line-by-line look at budget requests.

It became obvious this week, any tax repeal at this session of the General Assembly, and Governor Holshouser, who had come out for a repeal of the soft

Moore Rep. T. Clyde Auman, who serves on the appropriations Mrs. Robert Gavin. subcommittee, also said that he did not think any tax repeal is likely, adding, "If there is one it will be more likely in the sales tax on food."

Rep. Auman said the demands for services and additional appropriations are heavy, especially in the areas of school and education in general.

LEGISLATURE - The joint "There's not enough money appropriations subcommittee, available at present to meet all which in actuality make the the demands for services," he

HOLSHOUSER - Governor James Holshouser didn't make it to the Stoneybrook Races but he too, that there is little chance of did get into Southern Pines late Saturday afternoon in time for a party and dinner in his and Mrs. Holshouser's honor at Pinehurst.

Several leading Republicans drink tax, admitted as much on from across the State were guests, along with the Governor and his wife, of Attorney and

Gavin, twice a Republican candidate for Governor himself, was at Stoneybrook with Secretary David Flaherty of the Department of Human

Others at the dinner-party in Pinehurst included Congressman Earl Ruth and Secretary James (Continued on Page 10-A)

For Moore's Schools AnnouncedHoly 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

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

Diamondhead Corporation, called celebrity to enter" the announced Monday at a news event which precedes the 1973 conference in Pinehurst that ground-breaking on the World Golf Hall of Fame is only a few courses. 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

William Maurer, president of was "honored to be the first so World Open in November on Pinehurst's number two and four

> 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)

pro-amateur events and said he Robbins Man Is Killed In Auto Accident Here

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.

airport intersection and the

Jerry Michael Maness, 24, of the entrance to the Poverty Hill Robbins was killed Friday nursery and trailer court. This was the third successive weekend on which Moore County tallied a fatal highway ac-

jured a Sanford woman, oc- the weekends between March 31 curred about 9:15 p.m. on the and April 13, with high speed downhill slope between the reportedly involved in all three.

cident. Maness' death was the 11th for the year, the last seven The accident, which also in- resulting from three wrecks on

> State Trooper Jim Alexander (Continued on Page 10-A)

Moore County's school dropout rate continues high-37.1 percent of the ninth graders being lost

before graduation. These and other statistics are contained in a Survey of 1972 High School Graduates conducted by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Results of the survey were released this week and contain a breakdown for the State as a whole

Moore Superintendent Robert E. Lee said that in comparison with other school systems in the State, Moore is about in the middle in regard to dropouts.

The figures for Moore show that of 922 ninth graders enrolled in 1968-69 there were 580 who graduated from high school, with 342 dropouts. This is a 62.9 percentage for graduates.

The survey showed that for 860 fifth graders enrolled in 1964-65 there were 67.44 percent who did graduate from high school, with a dropout percentage of 32.50.

In survey figures released by the State department in Raleigh the North Moore graduates were not included, thus the State chart was inaccurate in that respect for Moore. Supt. Lee provided the corrected figures and per-

As for education beyond the high school, the survey showed 22.6 percent of the Moore (Continued on Page 10-A)

"Phil has been a big attraction Schools Will Get Holidays

The Board of Education has ruled that it would not be necessary to make up days lost due to inclement weather.

Moore County School Superintendent R. E. Lee said, "This means we'll revert to the original calendar. Students' last day before Spring Holidays will be April 20 with school reopening April 30.

He stated that "students' last day of school this year is June 5, and teachers' last day is June 7."

The Board's action was based on a statute amendment by the General Assembly of North Carolina which permits

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Forest Fire Flare-Up Destroys Timber in Several Moore Areas

Five forest fires were reported and a spotter plane, had to be Service.

The timber killing fire came

Robert Edwards of the Forest county were tying up all available equipment.

toward Monroetown and tractors by a passing motorist.

in Moore county this week, one of called in from district Morristown blaze, forest rangers which killed timber on an almost headquarters in Rockingham were fighting a fire on 60 acre tract, according to since two other fires in the Diamondhead property in Pinehurst near the Girl Scout camp. Edwards said about three Edwards estimated about 60 acres were burned and at-Thursday afternoon and started acres of timber were killed by the tributed the cause of the fire as a north of the traffic circle on US blaze which he said probably fallen power line in a con-15-501. It spread southeast started from a cigarette thrown struction 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).