



POT POT—It's not an octopus, a snake, or a still. This involved brass container is an elaborate way for law offenders to smoke marijuana. Or it was, until Southern Pines police found it hidden in shrubbery near South East Broad and Rhode Island and confiscated it. Here examining it at the police station are Chief Earl Seawell (left) and new policeman Randall Vest, who joined the force April 30. Vest, who lives in Pinebluff, attended Aberdeen High School and Sandhills Community College and was with the Sheriff's Department for 18 months. He has a wife, Lucy Ann, and sons four and five. (Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

# Schools, Pollution, Zoning Among Major Problems

## Beck Will Seek Hearing On Police Force Firing

Ex-Sergeant L. D. (Dan) Beck said Tuesday that his out-of-town attorneys would appeal within the next few days—possibly today—for a hearing before the Town Council on his dismissal by Police Chief Earl S. Seawell.

He says he feels there were "no grounds" for his firing and that he will be "completely vindicated."

Chief Seawell fired Beck May 9 after conferring with Acting Town Manager Mildred McDonald and with her permission to handle the situation as he felt best.

Chief Seawell says he let Beck go for "dereliction of duty and insubordination."

The Police Chief said he asked

for Beck's resignation and Beck refused to give it. Only after that did he take the action. Chief Seawell said he asked Beck to resign after an investigation of citizens complaints of their treatment by Beck, dating over a long period, and culminating in an incident the previous week. Both Mayor Earl Hubbard and City Attorney W. Lamont Brown felt that further information should not be revealed, pending the possible hearing, which would probably be in executive session of the council. Patrolmen

Jesse Person and James Ritter have been named Acting Sergeants, to assist the existing Sergeant, Joe Davis.

Sgt. Beck joined the Southern Pines police force in November of 1956, after being district agent for Taylor Biscuit Co., in Aberdeen for four years. He is a former shore patrolman in the Navy.

Chief Seawell has also been with the force since 1956, becoming officer in charge in 1961 following the fatal shooting of Chief C. E. Newton. A native of Rockingham, he served in World War II in the Army and re-enlisted in the Navy during the Korean conflict. Before he came to Southern Pines, he was assistant manager of the Western Auto store in Aberdeen. He became chief in 1961.



SPEAKER—James Ramsey, Speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives, will make the address at a Moore County Democratic rally dinner at the Whispering Pines Restaurant on U.S. 1 Friday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m.

What are the major issues or problems in Moore County? Sixty three county leaders and decision makers were interviewed by the staff of the Moore County Agricultural Extension Service during the week of Feb. 12, and the five most frequently mentioned problems were:

- Schools (capital improvement).
- Water and Sewer systems.
- Housing for low to middle income families.
- Land use planning and control.
- More job opportunities and the need for new industries.
- The next five more frequently mentioned issues and problems were:
- Drug abuse and drug related problems.
- Landfills for solid waste.
- County-wide police protection.
- Shortage of skilled labor, such as carpenters, secretaries, etc.
- Taxes.

Other issues and problems mentioned more than one time included a more enriched curriculum and more extensive vocational training in the schools, a county-wide water system, public transportation, new or renovated court house, better law enforcement, lack of good roads, full-time paid firemen for town and county, equality of opportunities among the races, race relations (white racism), environmental

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## Young Wife Killed in Wreck; Five Others Critically Hurt

A 16-year-old Robbins wife was killed, her young husband critically hurt and four other persons hospitalized with varying injuries as the result of a collision between a car and a half-ton pickup truck, at Thomas Cross Roads southwest of Carthage, Tuesday at 9:25 a.m.

This was Moore county's 13th

highway fatality of the year. State Trooper T. S. Clark said that Mrs. Janice Freeman Talbert died instantly when the car her husband was driving, struck by the truck in the middle of the intersection, flipped over, throwing its occupants out and falling on some of them.

The car caught fire, but employees of Dupree's service

station nearby put the fire out before it could burn any of the victims.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dupree, who was pumping gas in front of the station, told Clark that the car, heading toward Pinehurst on RPR 1210, ran the stop sign directly into the path of the truck, going toward West End on RPR 1229. The impact sent both vehicles angling off the road, the car bouncing over onto its top, throwing the passengers out.

Rescue squad workers had to lift the car from the body of Mrs. Talbert. Also, all or partly under the car were her mother-in-law, Mrs. Bertha Talbert, 42, of Biscoe, and Tina Talbert, a

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## Aberdeen Adopts Budget; Retains Same Tax Rate

A tentative budget of \$308,400—an increase of \$9,200 over last year—was approved by the Aberdeen Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on Monday night.

Also tentatively approved was a tax rate of \$1.45 per hundred valuation, the same rate as now prevails.

The budget will be available for inspection on May 24 and the inspection period will be from that date until July 9, when the board will conduct a public hearing on the budget at the town offices at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting Monday night was presided over by Mayor J. M. Taylor, with Commissioners William J. Bayliff, R. C. Tate, Robert N. Page III, Vivian W. Green and Al Cruce present.

Mayor Taylor presented and read sanitary sewer use regulations, which had been

approved by the town engineers and the town attorneys. These regulations would control the wastes being discharged into the

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## New Air Service Slated To Begin Here on June 1

Regularly scheduled airline service from the Southern Pines-Pinehurst airport is another step nearer, and the date of the inaugural flight should be announced within a week.

Col. L. C. Burwell, chairman of the board of Pinehurst Airlines, Inc., announced this week that

The Pinehurst Airlines plane has been flying the scheduled routes to Charlotte and the Raleigh-Durham airports.

Indications are this final step prior to certification will be evaluated by the government this week, and this would permit the beginning of scheduled flights before June 1.

Schedules for the new airlines have been printed and distributed and all arrangements made with connecting airlines at the two terminal points to permit interline transfer of passengers and baggage.

At the start there will be three round-trip flights daily, except Tuesday. Flights to Charlotte will leave here at 7:05 a.m. and 11:54 a.m. There will be one flight to Raleigh-Durham, leaving at 4:30 p.m., making connections with six outbound flights from that terminal.

the 27-passenger DC-3 plane, bearing the insignia of the new airlines, is now completing the required 50 hours of proving runs with representatives of the Federal Aviation Authority on board to obtain FAA certification.

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## Bike Trails Proposed By Auman

A resolution calling for a study of the need and feasibility of establishing a statewide system of bicycle trails was introduced in the General Assembly this week by Rep. T. Clyde Auman of Moore.

Rep. Auman said that the resolution calls for the Department of Transportation and Highway Safety and the Department of Natural and Economic Resources to make the study and report back to the 1974 session of the Legislature.

Such a study, Auman said, looks toward the drafting of legislation setting up a bike trail

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## New Map

The Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce now has available the new Sandhills Area and Moore County map which is sponsored by the Carolina Bank, First Federal Savings and Loan Association, First Union National Bank, Southern National Bank and the municipalities of Aberdeen, Pinehurst, Southern Pines and Whispering Pines.

This is an updated version of the map printed by the Chamber about three years ago. In addition to listings of street and road names, the map also carries listings of emergency telephone numbers, utilities, hospitals, schools and points of interest, as well as a brief description of the area.

Anyone with a need for such a map may obtain one by calling at the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce offices on the corner of East Pennsylvania Avenue and South West Broad Street in Southern Pines.

## Robbery

Four bold bandits robbed Perkinson's Jewelers, Inc. in Town and Country Shopping Center of several valuable diamond rings Tuesday shortly after noon.

Two women clerks were on duty when the robbery took place, according to Manager R. S. Trudell.

The black men engaged the women in conversation while one was sneaking the diamonds, he said.

The Aberdeen Police Department is investigating the robbery. An estimate of the stolen jewelry is not yet available.

## Budget Meet

The Moore County commissioners will meet at the courthouse in Carthage Thursday at 7:30 p.m. for further work on the new budget.

Most of all the departments of county government have submitted their budgets. Still to come are budgets from the Department of Social Services and the Health Department.

The commissioners expect to provide for budget increases from the increased property valuation—now estimated at \$195 million—and to be able to retain the present tax rate of \$1.25 per \$100 valuation.

## Deputies Appointed By Sheriff

Two new deputies, replacing two who have resigned, were announced this week by Sheriff C. G. Wimberly.

Jerry A. Dowdy, 24, of Carthage is a new black deputy, replacing James F. Kearns of Eastwood, also a black. Kearns was one of Sheriff Wimberly's original contingent, sworn in with him in December 1971.

Dowdy, who has been employed in the repair and service department of Sanford Motors at

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## Taws Host Fiesta Here For Scouts

Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Taws, Jr., will be hosts Sunday afternoon to about 150 especially invited guests from the 11 counties of the Oconeechee Council, Boy Scouts of America. The occasion will be their second Boy Scout Fiesta, a social gathering, entertainment and benefit affair for which guests will pay \$100 per couple—the funds to go in their entirety toward camp development within the Council.

For their contribution, the guests will see demonstrations put on by selected Boy Scout units on one part of the garden Taws estate, and enjoy an elegant outdoor party and luncheon on another. Eagle Scouts will act as guides. Special entertainment will include a performance by the Charlotte Scottish Pipers Band and folk singing by a talented group

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## Chicken Feed

Sunday is the day of the annual "Chicken Feed" of the Moore County Law Enforcement Officers Association, which generally draws well over 1,000 hungry diners and friends of the association to its Leo Lodge, off US 15-501 three miles south of Carthage.

Fried chicken and all the trimmings, to eat in the open pavilion on the lodge grounds, or packed "to go," will be served from 11 a.m. to around 7:30 p.m.—"as long as the food lasts," said A. B. Parker, president.

This is the association's only fund-raising event of the year, with proceeds going mainly to upkeep of the lodge, grounds and fishing lake.

## Dunes Club Is Raided At Closing

The Dunes Club, raided in October 1971 by SBI agents, who confiscated gambling devices found there, was the object last week of a state ABC raid, which was followed by five arrests.

Pleading holo contedere Thursday in Moore District Court to charges of aiding and abetting in the illegal sale of taxpaid liquor, also possession of gambling devices, were James J. Dunn, 35, club manager, his mother Mrs. Marguerite Helen Dunn, 55, Karl Andrews, 72, and

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## Jaycees Make Awards; Install New Officers

Larry White has been installed as president of the Southern Pines Jaycees.

Other officers were also installed at the annual installation and awards banquet held at the Southern Pines Elks Country Club.

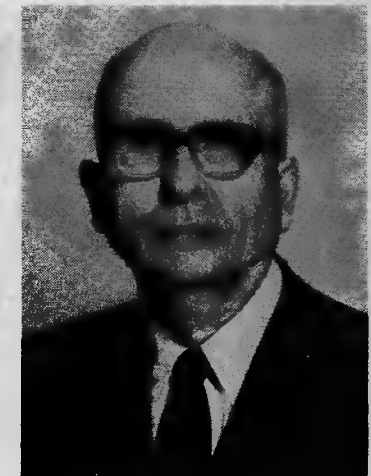
Winning the Jaycee of the Year award was Harold Cameron.

Other officers installed were: Vice Presidents Bill Short, Jim Whitlock and Gregg Allen; Secretary, Phillip Pearsall; Treasurer, Phillip Jackson; State Director, Joe McMillan; Directors Dickey Cagle, Carlin Bunnell, Sherrill Harris, Bob Hunt, Howard Lowdermilk and David McRae; Chairman of the Board, Don Hill. George W. Little, Jr., member of the local club and Administrative National Director of the North Carolina Jaycees conducted the installation.

Awards were presented to Harold Lowdermilk as the Outstanding New Jaycee, Cameron as the Jaycee of the Year, Phillip Pearsall as the Outstanding Director of the year.

Presidential Awards of Honor were presented by President Don Hill to Larry White, Bill Short and Gregg Allen for their outstanding contributions as club officers for the past year. A life membership in the Southern

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Dr. Erbie Medlin

## Dr. Medlin Is Honored By Society

Dr. Erbie Medlin of Aberdeen was honored Sunday evening at the first general session of the 117th annual convention of the North Carolina Dental Society at Pinehurst when he was presented an award for 51 years of outstanding service to his profession and to society.

Dr. Ralph Coffey of Morganton presented the silver tray to Dr. Medlin and lauded his achievements. Dr. Coffey is Speaker of the House of Delegates of the Dental Society and is chairman of the society's delegates to the American Dental Association.

"In just 24 hours from now a courageous and dedicated member will retire from active

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## Shaw Heads Music Body For '73-74

The Sandhills Music Association prepares to move into its 25th year with a newly elected group of officers and directors.

At a meeting on May 13 outgoing President John Hatcher introduced the new slate of officers, which includes Page Shaw, President; Mrs. Ruth Sinclair, Vice-President; Mrs. Carolyn Hatcher, Secretary; and Larry Wilson, Treasurer.

Members of the Board of Directors for 1973-74 include Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mitchell, Miss

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## THE PILOT LIGHT

EDUCATION—The educational budget—public schools and higher education—fared better at this session of the General Assembly than it has in a long time, but it was not because of any special political clout but because the money was there to be spent.

There was a record surplus left over from the Scott administration and this coupled with an upward revision of revenue estimates gave legislators a lot more money to appropriate than they had even dreamed of before the session started.

As a result school teachers got a big boost in pay, plus an extra month's salary beyond the teaching year. More teachers will get jobs because the Legislature appropriated a big

chunk of money to reduce classroom sizes and a statewide kindergarten program was funded.

The Board of Governors for the University system got just about everything they asked for, and even though the Community College requests were trimmed the system will still get some \$25 million for capital improvements plus another big budget item for an increase in vocational programs.

TAXES—There were no big demands from the public for tax reductions at this session, but many legislators feel that such demands will be stronger next year—and with 1974 being an election year those demands are more likely to be heeded.

It is almost safe to predict that

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AT MIDDLE SCHOOL—Fire that broke out at Southern Pines Middle School around 10:40 today was immediately brought under control by Southern Pines firemen. The fire broke out in the auditorium and damaged the stage curtain, the Fire Department said. (Photo by V. Nicholson).