



WINTER SILHOUETTE — Privacy is lost for the Sandhills squirrels when the trees are stripped bare of leaves and their silhouettes are seen scampering from limb to limb, or, as in this case in a still moment enjoying a winter hickory nut meal.

Tax Days Big Here

The last three days of the year are the biggest days for tax collections and Mrs. Estelle Wicker, Moore County financial officer, said it would be after Wednesday before they would know how this year's collections have been.

She thinks, however, that collections will be good. Listing for taxes will begin on January 2 and continue through January 31. Places for listing have been published in The Pilot.

Mrs. Wicker pointed out that a new law in respect to homestead exemptions for persons over 65 years of age goes into effect in the coming year.

There is a \$5,000 exemption from taxes on a house and lot, not exceeding one acre, but persons seeking the exemption must apply at the time of listing. There is a one-page form which must be filled out, and Mrs. Wicker said that her office will be glad to assist anyone in filling out the form. Further information may

be had by calling 947-2326. Persons applying for the exemption must have total income not exceeding \$7,500 a year, and this income includes all persons living in the household.

Mrs. Wicker said that there is no property in Moore County which comes under the farm-use (Continued on Page 7-A)

Awards Night

Attorney General Rufus Edmisten will be the guest speaker at the annual awards banquet of the Southern Pines Jaycees at the Lobster Inn here on Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Awards to be presented are the Distinguished Service Award, the Outstanding Young Educator award, and the Boss of the Year award.

Winners of each award are selected by a special committee which receives nominations from Jaycees, employes and educators.



A NEW YEAR TRADITION — Friends of Micajah Wyatt will gain the promise of folklore for \$1 per pea enrichment during the New Year at his traditional noontime fare of blackeyed peas, hog jowls and Fish House punch on New Year's Day. Wyatt is seen above stocking up at a local grocery store to assure plenty of good luck and increased fortune for the 200 or more persons who usually show up for lunch at his home in Pinehurst. — (Photo by Mildred Allen).

Full Calendar In January

Several events are on the calendar for the Sandhills during January.

They begin with the 59th annual Pinehurst Field Trials scheduled for January 2-6.

Others include Tar Heel Brittany Field Trials at Hoffman January 16-18; Mid South Junior Horse Show at Southern Pines January 18; Southeastern Brittany Field Trials at Hoffman January 23-25; Mid South Horse Show at Southern Pines January 25; and North Carolina Amateur Stakes at Hoffman January 30-February 2.

January starts the year of the Bicentennial celebration in the United States, and North Carolina's calendar will be full of related events during the year. The first month of the year is a fine one for the Tar Heel traveler.

Near Hertford, the Newbold-White House, built about 1725 or earlier, and declared by the Department of Cultural Resources as probably the oldest house in the state, has been restored. The opening is scheduled for January 2. A museum, visitors center, and takehouse will also be open.

A Bicentennial religious heritage celebration involving all

churches and synagogues will be held in Charlotte on January 2.

The community of Rodanthe on the Outer Banks will hold their annual Old Christmas Celebration on January 3. An oyster shoot and oyster roast are planned. Old Buck, a mythical

Christmas bull that legend says came ashore off a wrecked ship, will put in an appearance.

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Tractors Are Taken From Fair Grounds

Five International tractors, valued at more than \$10,000, were stolen from the Carthage Implement and Tractor Company warehouse at the Moore County Fair Grounds sometime last week.

The major theft was discovered Christmas Eve by Clinton Campbell, owner of the Carthage company.

Campbell said he went out to the warehouse, which they had rented for storage of equipment, and when he started to enter the building, he discovered the lock was missing and then found five tractors had been removed,

apparently by loading onto a large truck.

Missing equipment included one International F-140 tractor, one 1250 International Cadet, two 1200 International Cadets and one 1000 International Cadet.

The gates of the fairgrounds were unlocked and entry was made by breaking the lock on the warehouse door, Sheriff, C.G. Wimberly said. He added that he had not been aware that the building was being used as a warehouse and routine checks had not been made by his department. The tractors (Continued on Page 10-A)

THE PILOT LIGHT

DAM FUNDS—Two flood control projects in this area will receive funds in the \$9.3 billion appropriation bill signed into law last Friday by President Ford.

They are part of the \$23 million earmarked for North Carolina projects. The Howard's Mill lake on Deep River on the Moore-Randolph county line was allotted \$150,000 and the Randleman lake, further upstream in Randolph County, receives \$180,000.

KIRK—While Phil Kirk, administrative assistant to Governor Holshouser, is taking himself out personally from any political campaign in 1976 he has pledged himself to campaign for all Republican candidates after the primary next August.

As expected, Kirk said he will "actively support President Gerald R. Ford because I believe

he represents the soundest choice the Republican Party can offer to the people."

Governor Holshouser is the Southern coordinator for the Ford campaign.

NEW PANEL—Thomas T. Hayes Jr., Southern Pines, member of the architectural firm of Hayes-Howell and Associates, AIA, has been named by Governor Jim Holshouser to an 11-member Advisory Panel on Design and Construction (Continued on Page 7-A)

New Year's

Town, county and state offices will be closed on New Year's Day, but several stores will be open.

The Post Office and banks will be closed.

The Pilot will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday.

Ice On Roads Cause Of Many Accidents

Icy roads and high speed were the major causes of thirteen accidents occurring in Moore County over the long holiday weekend, according to Highway Patrol reports.

Five early morning accidents on Christmas Day were attributed to ice and sleet conditions, including one double accident.

Annie Taylor Womble of Rt. 1, Robbins, was traveling south on N. C. 22 about five miles north of Robbins when she lost control on the icy road and ran into a guard rail on the right. Damages to her 1973 Pontiac were

estimated at \$800. After Mrs. Womble's car had hit the guard rail, Johnny Dale Frye, Rt. 4, Carthage, attempted to miss the wrecked car, crossed the road and struck a bridge. Damages to his 1975 Ford were estimated at \$1200. Patrolman T. F. Clark investigated both accidents. There were no charges. Both accidents occurred around 10:30 a.m.

Barbara Ann Clegg of Rt. 1, West End, was injured and carried to Moore Memorial Hospital after her car hit on N. C. 24, about five miles west of (Continued on Page 7-A)

Patterson Is Victim Of Blast

Friends here learned this morning that among the 12 persons killed Monday night in the explosion at LaGuardia Airport was Bynum George Patterson, grandson of Mrs. Dorothy Moore, former resident of Southern Pines.

Young Patterson was the son of Mrs. Dorothy Cash, now living in Raleigh. He had been living in New York City.

Burial will be in Southern Pines, although there were no details on funeral services.

Patterson had been visiting his mother and other members of the family in Raleigh over the Christmas holidays and was returning to New York when he was caught in the bomb explosion.

A graduate of Southern Pines High School in 1956, he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and was employed as a purchasing agent with Bloomingdale Department Store in New York City.

His grandmother, Mrs. George (Continued on Page 7-A)

Work Program Approved By New Chamber Officers

The 1976 roster of officers of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce was completed at a December 18 Board meeting when incoming President William F. Hollister presented the names of Voit Gilmore, Sam Ragan, James B. Gambrell and Ellis Fields to serve as vice presidents. They were unanimously approved by the directors.

The other officers for the coming year are: President-Elect Edward T. Taws, secretary Marie McKenzie and Treasurer Tommie Jessup.

Gilmore will be serving his second year as a Chamber vice president. According to Hollister, he was asked to continue as vice-president in charge

of problem study and analysis in order to follow through a wide-reaching community study begun last summer.

The meeting was held jointly by the 1975 and 1976 Boards, with retiring President E. J. Austin presiding over the first part of the meeting to conduct the final business of 1975.

Before turning the meeting over to Hollister, Austin praised the 1975 officers and directors and thanked them for their help and guidance during the year. Retiring officers are: vice presidents Harry J. Barnes, J. E. Causey and Robert S. Parkent; Secretary Dewey S. Mims; and Treasurer James B. Gambrell.

Among other business the 1976 (Continued on Page 7-A)

Post Office Vandalism Is Reported To Police

The usual "all quiet" on the Southern Pines Police scene was broken over the holidays with repeated vandalism at the United States Post Office and possible confiscation of mail and four reports of larceny.

Patrolman Joe Davis discovered glass windows broken on three postal boxes at 3:10 a.m., Friday, December 26, and Postmaster Robert Peele said a fourth box was found vandalized on Sunday.

Names of box renters were not given while the case is under investigation, but box numbers on police records were 226, 287, 546 and 669. It has not yet been determined if mail was taken, Chief Earl Seawell and Postmaster Peele said.

Other incidents under investigation by the local department involve larceny of a CB Cobra 23 channel radio from a car owned by William W. Sauter (Continued on Page 7-A)

Bost Says Terry Sanford Will Meet Primary Test

Terry Sanford will face his first national test with the voters of New Hampshire on February 23, and Bill Bost of Pinehurst thinks he will meet the test well.

Bost, who is directing the Sanford campaign in New Hampshire where the nation's first presidential preference primary will be held, was home for three days during the Christmas holidays, but he headed back over the weekend for New Hampshire to plunge again into a campaign he calls exciting.

The young Duke graduate, who himself was a candidate for the State House of Representatives in 1974, says Sanford has strong backing from the school teachers of New Hampshire.

Seven of the nine members of the state executive committee of the teachers organization are committed to Sanford, he says, and the organization is doing some hard campaigning for the man who was known as North Carolina's "education Governor."

It's door-to-door, person-to-person campaigning, Bost says, of the New Hampshire primary drive, and the campaign is being pitched on the slogan of "the candidate who listens to the people." In door-to-door polls persons are asked what is bothering them, what are the issues as they see them. Each person polled is getting a follow-up letter acknowledging his (Continued on Page 10-A)

Bus Costs Are Lower In Moore

The cost of transporting North Carolina's one and a quarter million children to school increased during the 1974-75 school year by more than \$5 million over the previous year, according to annual audit figures released by the State Board of Education.

A total of \$35,638,577 was spent to transport children in 1974-75 as compared with \$30,525,509 spent in 1973-74. That represents an average cost to the State Public School Fund of \$49.92 per child transported in 1974-75, an increase of \$6.71 per child over the previous year.

Moore County spent \$53.68 transporting each child to school. Some local money was used for transportation. The State average was \$58.77.

Of the children who attended school in 1974-75, 70.5 percent rode the school bus, 3.2 percent more than the previous year. The total number of students depending on buses to get to school each day has increased (Continued on Page 10-A)

Here's What Made Headlines In Moore County During 1975

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON JANUARY

McKenzie Building, Southern Pines, entered through office of Resident Judge John D. McConnell, ransacked and robbed...Vandals uncap seven water hydrants at Aberdeen, draining new water storage tank; more than 20 hydrants opened in Southern Pines...Robert Reynolds home near Robbins robbed of \$20,000 in savings bonds...Southern Pines Citizens Committee for Community Development adopts program for council approval

and grant application in sum of \$254,000.

John Henry McCaskill, 56, slain by masked hold-up men in his country store near West End...Eleven persons arrested in raids on Sandhills night spots received fines and suspended sentences; Dunes Club closed for three years by court order...County commissioners approve purchase of comprehensive liability insurance for law enforcement officers and themselves...Weymouth Estate turned over officially to Sandhills Community College Foundation

as bequest of Mrs. Katharine Boyd.

Construction of "Golf Vistas" condominium project, to cost some \$15 million, gets under way near Country Club of North Carolina...J. Ellis Fields, Jr., Jack Lees and Wheaton Kitzredge lead field of eight to win seats on Pinehurst Village Council...Nine cases of dynamite stolen from Glendon Pyrophillite Mine building at Glendon. Commissioners buying land on Dowd St. as site for proposed new court facilities building...W. E. Parfitt is new president of

Pinehurst Village Council...Willie Edward McZorb, Joseph James Cauthen charged with murder in the shooting of John Henry McCaskill...James Van Camp is winner of Southern Pines Jaycees' DSA award; Archie Kelly is winner in Carthage...Mann Drug Co. broken into second time in seven days.

Southern Pines police spot armed robbery in progress in Short Shop on South East Broad, rescue hostage and nab Hoke County man as he tries to flee in stolen auto...Pinecrest Principal P. L. McMillan suffers attack of

two students, who are expelled; board of education supports the move, denies appeal of father of one youth to give him another chance for education...Sam H. Poole is new president of Pinehurst Forum.

FEBRUARY

Work starts on construction of Pinecrest gym, to cost \$1,070,000 — part of \$5 million school building and renovation program, to take four years to complete...Superior Court Judge James M. Long sets May 1 for a hearing on Moore County's need for additional courtroom

facilities, and what the commissioners are doing about it...Sheriff Wimberly reports new jail already crowded...Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., heads 1975 United Fund.

Skeletal remains found in Little River in Cumberland County identified as those of Gene Kanouse, soldier lost in river from old power dam and subject of long, futile search two years before...Town of Aberdeen plans annexation of two more areas, comprising 170.6 acres of residential and commercial properties...Town Manager Lew

G. Brown said Southern Pines need for low to moderate priced housing is critical...Carthage Rotary Club purchases property on Saunders Street for a park.

W. S. Taylor, chairman of commissioners, accuses James Van Camp, president of the Moore County Bar Association, of bringing pressures to bear causing the grand jury and Judge Long to prod the commissioners along on the court facilities building...Commissioners adopt comprehensive revisions of zoning ordinance prepared by the planning

board...Inflation adding millions to cost of regional sewer system, now up to \$18,744,567 (from \$12.5 million three years ago).

Walter Nelson, proprietor of Sandhills Carpets, W. Pennsylvania Ave., stabbed with scissors by robber who only got \$2...Two Asheboro men wanted for murder in Montgomery County arrested on US 1 at Aberdeen a short while after APB was flashed, through fast communication and alertness of officers...Representatives of (Continued on Page 7-A)