

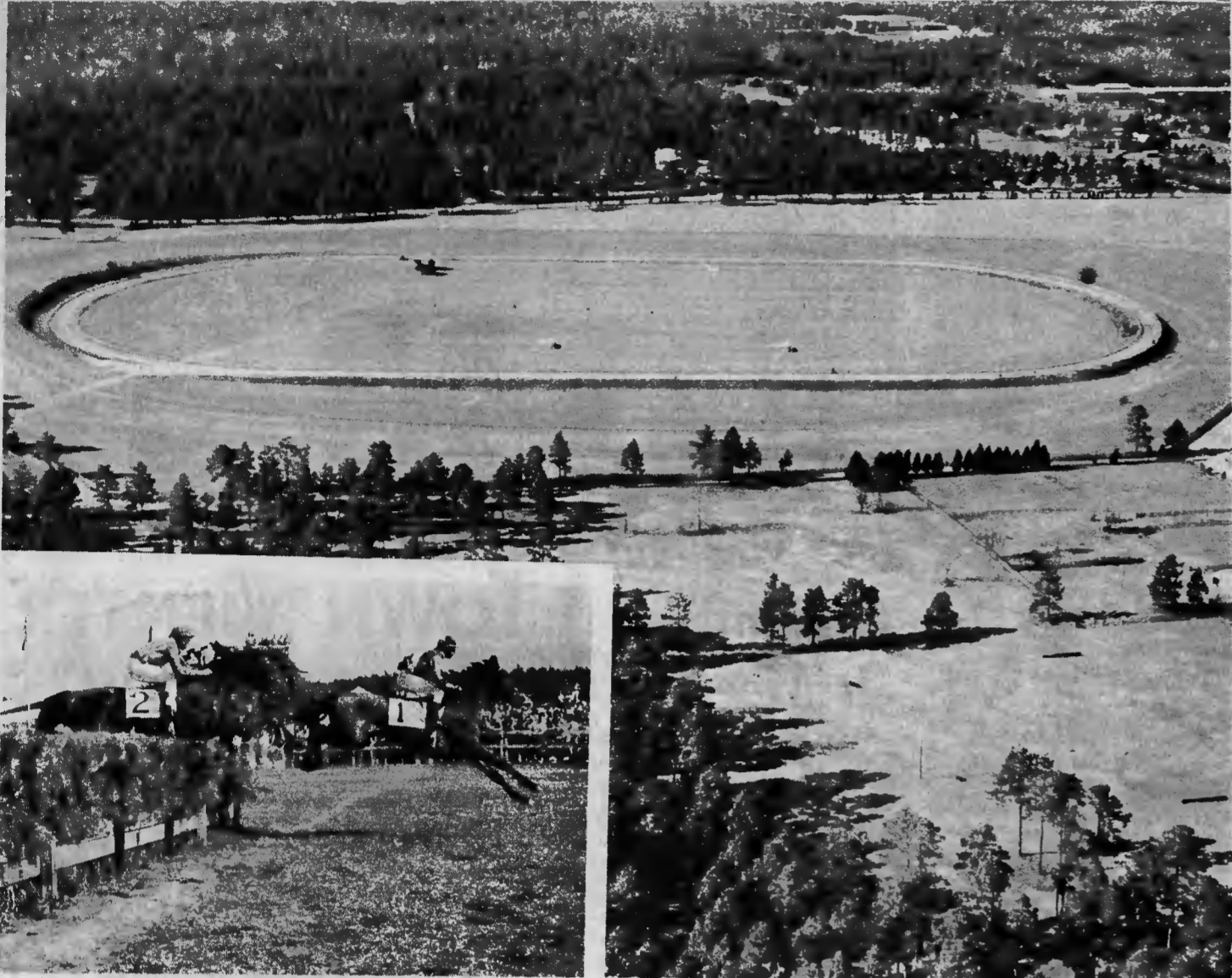
Weather

Sunny weather in the seventies will continue today, with a drop to the sixties tomorrow, it is forecast. It will be in the forties tonight, with chance of rain, zero tonight and 10 percent Thursday.

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Stoneybrook Saturday; Over 25,000 Expected

It's Stoneybrook time--and more than 25,000 persons are expected here Saturday for the 29th Steeplechase Races, which has become one of the major sports and social events of North Carolina.

A total of \$22,500 in purse money will be presented winners in the six races sponsored by the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association for the benefit of St. Joseph's Hospital.

The top purse is \$10,000 contributed by the Pepsi Cola Company in the 36th running of the Sandhills Steeplechase Cup, the feature race of the day.

Stoneybrook officials say that requests for parking places at the track of the Mickey Walsh farm have far exceeded any other year. In fact they were sold out almost two weeks in advance, and that's why the prediction has been made for a record crowd on Saturday.

Gates will open at 11 a.m. and the first race will be at 2 p.m. In between there will be several other events, including a flag-raising ceremony and a concert by the 82nd Airborne Band of Fort Bragg at 12:30 p.m.

Top horses who have been competing in the Dixie Circuit in recent weeks will be running in the Stoneybrook event. These include Tall Award of the Augustin Stable, which was the winner of the feature races at Atlanta and Aiken and is ahead now in points; Casamayor of the Powhatan Stable, who won the feature race at Camden;

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Forrest Lockey Dies At Age 76; Funeral Services On Thursday

Forrest Lockey, 76, of Aberdeen, retired president of the Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad long prominent in State politics and in affairs of his county and community died Tuesday at Moore Memorial Hospital after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday at Page Memorial United Methodist Church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Wilbur I. Jackson, with burial in Bethesda Cemetery.

He retired April 2, 1975, as president of the Aberdeen & Rockfish, while remaining on the board of directors and maintaining his office in the A&R headquarters building in Aberdeen.

He had been with the railroad for 57 years, after a career which was a true American success story. He got his first A&R job in 1918 when, only 18 years old, he applied for the position of station



Forrest Lockey Sr.

agent at Raeford, and got it. He had taken business courses at the Athens (Ga.) Business College and at the University of Georgia, and for a short time headed a business school at Americus, Ga., all of which stood him in good stead with the A&R. His secretarial skills brought him to the attention of John Blue, the founder and president, who made use of them, advancing his career. Moving up the executive ladder, Lockey moved to Aberdeen, where in the late 1940's and early 1950's he served as mayor.

Born at Shelby, the son of a textile plant superintendent, he grew up in various places, attending school at Shelby, Laurinburg, Raeford and in Georgia, then moving back to

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STONEBROOK TRACK—Thousands of race fans will crowd this scene on Saturday for the 29th running of the Stoneybrook Steeplechase Races, one of the major North Carolina sports and social events. This

aerial view by Mildred Allen was made recently before race hurdles, judges' stand and other preparations had been made. Inset is a scene from a Stoneybrook race.

Board Rejects Separate Drug Unit; Will Support Sheriff In His Efforts

The Moore County Commissioners, in regular meeting Monday at Carthage, said they had no intention of setting up an independent drug enforcement unit outside the sheriff's department, but instead would give Sheriff C. G. Wimberly all the support they could to help him do the best possible job.

The alternate route, of a separate unit answerable only to the commissioners, composed of one or more officers assigned full-time to drug enforcement duty, had been proposed last month in a special meeting by Carthage Mayor W. M. Carter, Jr., and members of his town board, in deep concern over a grim picture they had received of

drug traffic in the county. Only four commissioners were present Monday morning, as Vice-Chairman Lee Williams had

Forest Fires Hit Area; Over 2,000 Acres Burn

In the wake of three major forest fires over the weekend, one of them burning 2000 acres in the Lobelia area of Moore and Cumberland Counties, all burning permits have been cancelled in eastern and central North Carolina by the State Forestry Service.

A fire in Bladen County destroyed 6,200 acres and the one

to be absent much of the day, but Chairman W.S. Taylor said the board members had discussed the matter among themselves,

and found they were all of the same mind. Taylor said he had received a few letters and phone calls, "some of them anonymous," and had made reply that "I believe the commissioners don't want to start anything outside the sheriff's department."

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Damages From Wind Reported

Two properties were badly damaged by separate twisters occurring during a wind storm on Sunday afternoon and power for 900 residents in the Weymouth Road area was cut off by fallen trees, according to reports received in the Pilot office.

A feed barn on the farm of Harry Teal at Ashley Heights was badly damaged Sunday afternoon by a twister that hit his place at 4:30 o'clock. Teal said the twister was like a black cloud right on the ground. He had never seen anything like it. The wind also blew down a shelter in his pig pasture.

There also were reports that some trees in the area were twisted in two by the winds.

Poul Grav and his fiancée, Rebecca Going, feel lucky to be alive after a twister tore the roof off a five room, double wide trailer home at Murdockville,

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Republican Precincts Meets Set

Republican Precinct meetings will be held throughout Moore County on Saturday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the regular polling places, with the chairmen presiding.

The County convention will be held at the courthouse in Carthage on Saturday, April 24, at 3 p.m.

James C. Thomas of Southern Pines, Chairman of the Moore County Republican Executive Committee, notified all precinct chairmen, and said the sole purpose of the meetings will be to elect delegates and alternates to the county convention.

The County convention will elect delegates and alternates to the District convention and State convention, which will be held for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to the National Republican convention in Kansas City.

Thirty-six delegates and 36 alternates will be elected to the District and State conventions at the County convention.

Thomas said the procedure is in accordance with the North Carolina Republican Party Plan of Organization and follows instructions from Bob Shaw, the state chairman.

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Council Approves Bonds; Vote Is Set For May 22

The Southern Pines Town Council Tuesday night formally approved bond orders for capital needs totalling \$2,050,000, subject to a public referendum for which they set the date of Saturday, May 22.

The four orders were adopted separately, each by unanimous vote, following public hearings

during which each was explained by Town Manager Lew G. Brown, assisted by diagrams and charts, also, in the case of the sanitary sewer bonds, by Les Hall, consulting engineer.

They will also be voted on separately in the referendum, Brown said, as follows: Expansion of the sewer system at

four points in town, and throughout a large area on East Indiana Avenue Extension south of town, \$1,300,000; public works center for vehicle maintenance, storage facilities and needed offices, \$285,000; expansion of the fire-fighting system with construction of a new fire station, (Continued on Page 14-A)

Musselman Is Hired By County For Economic Development Job

The Moore County commissioners, in regular meeting Monday at Carthage, approved the employment of Charles W. Musselman, 30, as executive director of the Moore County Economic (formerly Industrial) Development Committee.

Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., of Southern Pines, chairman, and Tom Prickett, of Carthage, a member, appeared on behalf of the committee to present Musselman's name and qualifications, and recommend that he be employed in the newly-created county post, effective May 1.

A High Point native, who has been serving for the past three years as executive director of the



Charles W. Musselman Allendale-Hampton Industrial Development Commission, they

said he had been screened out from a number of excellent applicants on the basis of qualifications and personal interviews by the committee.

Not only were the commissioners eager to welcome him, but they had already acquired a new office to serve as his headquarters in the county seat. Finding no suitable space available in the courthouse, they had looked outside. Chairman W. S. Taylor was able to report Monday that the Fidelity Bank had accepted the county's offer of \$2,500 for the handsome trailer just a half-block away, which the bank vacated last month to move into its new building.

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Richardson Says Role of U.S. Humanitarian And Not Military

"It is my conviction that today, and increasingly in the future, America's responsibilities in the world must be defined primarily in terms other than military," Secretary of Commerce Elliot Richardson said Saturday night, addressing the 160 guests at the Cancer Benefit Dinner held at the Country Club of North

Carolina. "In this Bicentennial year, as we seek to identify the goals of the Republic into its third century, we must especially place greater emphasis on our humanitarian goals," he said. "Just as the Declaration of Independence lit the torch of freedom for men everywhere 200

years ago, so might a new American commitment to humanitarianism help rekindle the hopes of today's world."

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a Distinguished Service Award from Duke University to Miss Betty Dumaine, honorary (Continued on Page 14-A)



VERY SPECIAL EVENING—It was a special evening for Miss Betty Dumaine, honorary chairman of the Cancer Benefit Dinner on Saturday night. She is shown above seated with Secretary of Commerce Elliot Richardson, her godson (left) and Dr. William W. Shingleton, Director of the Comprehensive Research Center at Duke, co-sponsors of the evening event. In a ceremony following, she was presented a Distinguished Service Award from Duke University in recognition of her efforts to promote better health care in the United States and Thailand.

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O'HERRON - Edward O'Herron of Charlotte, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, will be in Moore County on April 14 and will speak at a luncheon meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club.

He will attend a breakfast meeting of supporters at the Holiday Inn from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and then will tour Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Pinebluff and Carthage in the morning. He will also speak to the Women's Council in the afternoon.

Mrs. O'Herron will also be in the county and plans to make the Southern Pines Home and Garden Tour that day.

BLUE—House Speaker Jimmy Green has picked a former Speaker of the House, H. Clifton

Blue of Aberdeen, to serve as his statewide finance chairman in the campaign for Lieutenant Governor.

The Aberdeen publisher and the Clarkton tobacco warehouseman have been friends since legislative days in the 1960s. Since serving as House Speaker, Blue has himself sought the office of Lieutenant Governor, losing to Bob Scott in 1964. He also ran for Congress but lost to the incumbent Republican Earl Ruth.

In making the announcement, Green said, "Cliff Blue is a man of unquestionable integrity, and we know his association with my campaign will be a tremendous asset." C. Kitchin Josey of Scotland Neck is Green's State (Continued on Page 11-A)



READING WEEK—Moore County Commissioners Vice-Chairman Lee Williams (seated) makes official the proclamation declaring April 4 - 10 as "Moore County Reading Week." Shown left to right at the proclamation signing are William G. Bridgman, Director of the Sandhills Regional Library; Mrs. Lorna Livengood, Moore County Schools K-12 Reading Coordinator; Commissioner Williams, and Mrs. John L. Frye, Chairman of the Board of Education and Co-Chairman with Sam Ragan of the Citizens United For The Improvement of Reading.