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HUNT SEASON OPENS — The Moore County Hounds had their traditional Thanksgiving morning opening of the new fox hunting season, with a meet in Weymouth Woods and a 45 minute drag run to the kill at Landmark Farm lake. A record crowd turned out for the colorful

event, led by Mrs. W.O. Moss (at right), Master of the Hounds. Joint Master R.D. Webb is on grey horse in center, and first whip Wiffi Smith is shown worrying the hounds.—(Photo by Emerson Humphrey).

Monday Is Oath Day; Craven To Be Absent

When swearing-in time arrives Monday morning, Republican Commissioner-elect James M. Craven will be among the missing. Instead, he will be halfway around the world-in the Middle East on a sales mission for the United States Department of Commerce.

Craven will be sworn into office by Clerk of Court Charles M. McLeod on Monday, Dec. 18, on his return from a three-week trip to the Middle East to attract business to this country. His first regular meeting with the board will be in January.

The clerk of court will take the oath of office from Superior Court Judge John McConnell at 8 a.m. Monday. McLeod will then administer the oath to his office staff and to Register of Deeds Grier Gilmore, who, in turn, will swear-in her staff.

Oaths will be administered by McLeod to other newly-elected and reelected officials on a staggered basis after that. These include the new Republican sheriff, Jerome Whipple, County Commissioners Lee Williams and Arthur Purvis, and

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FIRST DRINK — A large crowd gathered at the Sheraton Inn for the first legal mixed drink at a Southern Pines restaurant. Jim Godfrey (center) was served the first drink by Don Calfee, Sheraton manager, while Mayor Emanuel Douglass (left) and John Valentine looked on.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Christmas Shopping Hits Record; All Sandhills Stores Are Busy

BY PATSY TUCKER
Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen were all bursting with Christmas shoppers over the Thanksgiving weekend.

shopping centers were full to overflowing and, according to most store managers, inflation isn't scaring too many people. "People are getting down to serious Christmas shopping

now," stated one store manager. "This weekend Christmas shopping broke loose. Both Friday and Saturday were exceptionally good days."

Department stores and shops in all the shopping centers reported record sales and in many cases the sales were ahead of last years.

Diamondhead Officials Moving To Pinehurst

Pinehurst, Inc., is going to get more autonomy in its operations from Diamondhead Corp., the parent company. Preparations are under way for the transfer from Diamondhead headquarters in New Orleans of primary

accounting functions. Robert Kelly, senior vice president for finance of Diamondhead Corp., the corporation controller and four other top staff members will be moving from New Orleans to

School Policy Hearings Are Scheduled In Moore

A public hearing on school policies will be held at Union Pines High School on Monday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. and at North Moore High School on Thursday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m.

parents and citizens on policies relating to student promotion, retention, grading, attendance, reporting to parents, high school diplomas and certificates. A Steering Committee, chaired by Dr. W.C. Walton, assistant superintendent, has been formed

With Horse And Wagon Traveler Heads South

Zron Xron and his horse Snokey have been on the road the last six or seven months. It's taken eight weeks to come this far from Pennsylvania. "I do it to see the countryside," said the bare-footed, blond-haired man in his 30's. "You can't see much from a

car." He figures it will take another five weeks to reach his destination in Florida where he has spent the last six or seven winters and has a lot of friends there. Zron Xron doesn't have to stop

Railroad Crosswalk Plan Delays Downtown Project

Seaboard Coast Line's decision about a mid-block crosswalk is awaited before the Southern Pines Downtown Revitalization Committee proceeds with the next step in its plan.

problem, May added. "There's no point in continuing



SOUTH BOUND — This traveler on US 1 was headed south on a recent afternoon. He is Zron Xron and he and his horse Snokey have been on the road for seven months. They were headed for Florida.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Center Grant

A \$130,721 children's consultation and education grant to the Sandhills Mental Health Center will be reviewed by the Cardinal Health Agency's evaluation committee at a meeting in Lumberton on Dec. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

The agency's board of directors will act on the committee's recommendations at a meeting the same day at 7 p.m.

Many Injured In Holiday Wrecks

At least 10 persons were injured in the rash of highway accidents which marred the Moore County holiday season.

patients at Moore Memorial, where on Tuesday Medlin was reported in critical condition, the Judds and Ms. Burns in stable condition.

Judd was operating a 1971 Buick, damaged an estimated \$1300, and Medlin was operating a 1973 Chevrolet, damaged an estimated \$1500.

the Patrol. Sharon Ternita Bradley, 18, West End, was traveling behind Davis, and Shields, who was behind Bradley, was unable to stop, knocking Bradley into Davis, the sergeant reported.

BEER-WINE

An inquiry has been made to the Moore County Board of Elections on a beer and wine referendum in Moore County.

TESTS

Results of this fall's competency tests given to 11th graders are expected to be made available to parents before the Christmas holidays in December.

Three cars piled up Friday at 2:30 p.m. on N.C. 211 six miles north of Foxfire Village. One of the drivers, Lettra Smith Shields, 75, Eagle Springs, Rt. 1, was injured and was taken to the hospital. All three vehicles were proceeding east when Amy Marion Davis, 17, West End, Rt. 1, stopped to make a left turn, according to Sgt. E.W. Coen of

Damages were estimated at \$1400 to the Shields 1973 Mercury, \$350 to the Bradley 1971 Buick, and \$150 to the Davis 1976 Ford. In a Thanksgiving day accident two persons were

presently employed by the Moore County Sheriff's Department." Whipple said he would keep the following personnel: John Woodrow Branch, Roy Burton Moore, Joyce Bunnell, Janie Reynolds, Vera Fields, Bruce E. Bryant, Richard H. Graham, Ricky T. Whitaker, Alan W. Caviness, Felton E. Johnson, Albert G. Crissman,

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THE PILOT LIGHT

Beer and wine sales are legal in several municipalities but are not in Moore County as a whole.

Public results will be made available to schools in early January. School administrators already are predicting a higher percentage of passing scores than was the case in the pilot test program last spring. The principal reason is that most schools launched teaching programs geared to what was anticipated in the test questions.

The last beer-wine referendums were held in Foxfire Village and Cameron, and a movement was under way at one time for such a vote in Vass.

LEGISLATURE—Carl Stewart, whose reelection as Speaker