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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 Depart-

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

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

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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Clean-Up

Program

Under Way

According to Town Manager Mildred McDonald the clean-up

project taken on by the town

and December 8 is going nicely.

of the citizens to pick up trash in

their yards or in the streets around their homes. "Town

crews are working very hard to

get to all areas to pick up trash that homeowners are dis-

Mrs. McDonald also asked that citizens be patient with the

resurfacing and patching that is

taking place all over town. "We

realize it's an inconvenience, but

She also suggested that anyone who feels their street needs work

done on it call the town office and

'We can't promise anything,"

she said, "as we only have a

certain amount of money to

spend on this, but we will do our

Town Taxes

carding," she said.

it has to be done."

She, again, strongly urged all

ment of Commerce.

will be in January.

swear-in her staff.

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Monday Is Oath Day;

Craven To Be Absent

PRICE 15 CENTS

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

HUNT SEASON OPENS — The Moore County 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).

Christmas Shopping Hits Record; All Sandhills Stores Are Busy

Thanksgiving weekend.

Southern Pines, Pinehurst and overflowing and, according to Aberdeen were all bursting with most store managers, inflation Christmas shoppers over the isn't scaring too many people. "People are getting down to hanksgiving weekend. "People are getting down to Parking lots in all of the serious Christmas shopping

Diamondhead Officials Moving To Pinehurst

New Orleans of primary

Pinehurst, Inc., is going to get accounting functions. more autonomy in its operations
from Diamondhead Corp., the parent company.

Preparations are under way

Robert Kelly, senior vice president for finance of Diamondhead Corp., the corporation controller and four for the transfer from other top staff members will be Diamondhead headquarters in moving from New Orleans to (Continued on Page 12-A)

With Horse And Wagon **Traveler Heads South**

Zron Xron and his horse car." Smokey have been on the road He figures it will take another the last six or seven months. It's five weeks to reach his taken eight weeks to come this destination in Florida where he 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

has spent the last six or seven

winters and has a lot of friends (Continued on Page 12-A)



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

BY PATSY TUCKER shopping centers were full to now," stated one store manager. was just tremendous." Anothe "This weekend Christmas shopping broke loose. Both but for the amount of traffic

> ceptionally good days."
>
> Traffic inched down Broad and the whole area seemed to be home for the holidays and visiting relatives and friends. A Pinehurst shop reported the

"wildest weekend we've had. It

reported that business was good Friday and Saturday were ex- around it should have been busier.

Department stores and shops Street over the holiday weekend in all the shopping centers reported record sales and in invaded by tourists, children many cases the sales were ahead of last years.

One shop had to add three and four sales persons to take care of (Continued on Page 12-A)

School Policy Hearings Are Scheduled In Moore

A public hearing on school parents and citizens on policies policies will be held at Union relating to student promotion, Pines High School on Monday, retention, grading, attendance, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. and at reporting to parents, high school December 4 at 7:30 p.m. and at North Moore High School on diplomas and certificates. Thursday, December 7 at 7:30

is to gain ideas from interested

A Steering Committee, chaired by Dr. W.C. Walton, assistant The purpose of these hearings superintendent, has been formed (Continued on Page 12-A)

Railroad Crosswalk Plan Zron Xron doesn't have to stop 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.

Funding action, including a possible special tax district, will not be taken until this crucial decision is made, according to John May, chairman of the

May told The Pilot that his committee has been in contact with railroad officials about six at 1:30 p.m. weeks. In their last conversation, the Seaboard Coast Line people indicated the proposal is still under consideration in an effort to resolve a safety hazard p.m.

problem, May added. "There's no point in continuing (Continued on Page 12-A)

Center Grant

\$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

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

condition.

other vehicle.

Charges are pending.

Tax Collector Betsy G. Cole has remined all residents and

property owners in the Town of Southern Pines that January 3, 1979 is the last date to pay 1978 real and personal property taxes "Receipts must be in our office

on that date in order to avoid interest charges of 2 percent beginning on January 4," she said. "If you are mailing your tax check please be sure to mail early enough for it to be received in our office as a postmark of January 3, 1979 does not relieve has received several inquiries, the taxpayer of interest charges and expressed the hope that a

beginning January 4." "If you have questions concerning your taxes please call us at 692-2206." Ms. Cole added.

Many Injured In Holiday Wrecks

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

Four persons were injured Saturday in a two-car accident at 6:30 p.m. half a mile south of Aberdeen on U.S. 1. They were identified as the drivers. Frederick Raymond Judd, 65, Fairbluff, and James Mitchell Medlin, 22. Southern Pines, and two passengers with Judd: Ruth Judd of Fairbluff and Katherine Ann Burns, 43, Aberdeen. All were taken to Moore Memorial Hospital. All four remain

patients at Moore Memorial, Judd was operating a 1971 where on Tuesday Medlin was Buick, damaged an estimated reported in critical condition, the \$1300, and Medlin was operating Judds and Ms. Burns in stable a 1973 Chevrolet, damaged an

estimated \$1500. Trooper J.W. Smith of the Three cars piled up Friday at 2:30 p.m. on N.C. 211 six miles State Highway Patrol reported that Judd, who was traveling north of Foxfire Village. One of the drivers, Lettra Smith north, made a left turn off Rural Paved Road 1108 onto U.S. 1 and Shields, 75, Eagle Springs, Rt. 1, did not yield to Medlin, who was was injured and was taken to the traveling north at an excessive hospital.

speed. The accident reports All three vehicles were shows that Medlin cut to the left proceeding east when Amy Marion Davis, 17, West End, Rt. lane and struck the rear of the 1, stopped to make a left turn, according to Sgt. E.W. Coen of

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.

Shields was charged with failure to decrease speed to avoid an accident.

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

accident two persons were (Continued on Page 12-A)

New Sheriff Will Retain Twenty Of Old Deputies presently employed by the Moore Janie Reynolds, Vera Fields, County Sheriff's Department." Whipple said he would keep the Bruce E. Bryant, Richard H.

McLaughlin Is Director

Of Big Berkley Project

\$1,447 Spent In Moore

Per Pupil In Schools

C.A. McLaughlin, former it in Greensboro attending the

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

following personnel:

John Woodrow Branch, Roy

Burton Moore, Joyce Bunnell,

Southern Pines town councilman

and businessman, was officially

named Monday as director of the

\$800,000 Berkley project, funded

by a Community Development

Block Grant from the U.S.

Department of Housing and

Tuesday was McLaughlin's

first day on the job, and he spent

Per pupil expenditure in Moore

County Schools was \$1,447 last

year, according to an audit of

funds used by the school system

The audit report was reviewed

Monday by the Moore County Board of Education at a meeting

to which Bobby Wood and Larry

Faulkner of the John C. Muse

Co., auditors, were invited. They

were introduced by W. Joe

Vaughn, school business

manager and finance officer.

in the 1977-78 year.

Urban Development.

Whipple said today that he has just completed a preliminary evaluation on the present during the weeks of November 20

on. - (Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Sheriff's department personnel. Whipple said, "I have had an opportunity now to review the work and effectiveness of the entire department and I am pleased to announce I will be retaining twenty people

Zoning Hearings Thursday

At the close of three zoning hearings Thursday night, the Moore County Board of Com-missioners will dig into the 1977-78 audit report. The auditor will be present to answer questions.

The hearings, on three separate items, are scheduled to begin at 7 o'clock and will be held at 15-minute intervals. The audit presentation will begin at 8

The Planning Board has ap-(Continued on Page 12-A).

Meet On Doctor

The Aberdeen Board of Commissioners met Monday night with the special committee which was recently appointed to seek a doctor for the town.

The committee, headed Martha Clayton, reported that it downtown office could be obtained for a doctor.

Aberdeen does not at this time

PILOT LIGHT

BEER-WINE-An inquiry has been made to the Moore County Board of Elections on a beer and wine referendum in Moore County. Beer and wine sales are legal

in several municipalities but are not in Moore County as a whole. Mrs. Doris Fuquay, executive director of the Board of Elections, informed the caller that a referendum can be obtained in three ways: On petition of 20 percent of the voters in the last election for Governor; on order

of the county Commissioners;

and by action of the N.C. 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.

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 Decem-

Graham, Ricky T. Whitaker,

Alan W. Caviness, Felton E.

Johnson, Albert G. Crissman,

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first session of a two-day

Chairman W. Sidney Taylor of

the Moore County Board of

Commissioners stated that

McLaughlin was informed of his

appointment Monday. Taylor

said the board considered nine

applicants for the position, then

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Copies of the audit report were

mailed to board members prior

to the meeting.

The report shows that for the

1977-78 year the Moore County

School system had revenues

totalling \$14,099,157 from all

sources--local, state, federal funds and school food service.

Total expenditures were

When the school year ended

June 30, current expenses

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\$13,986,969.

HUD-sponsored workshop.

Test results will be made public as 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 prin-

cipal reason is that most schools launched teaching programs geared to what was anticipated in the test questions.

LEGISLATURE--Carl Stewart, whose reelection as Speaker (Continued on Page 12-A)