

Organist Club

The regular meeting of the Organists Club of the Sandhills will be held at Murphy's Music Center, 131 N. East Broad Street, Southern Pines, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 30. This is an informal group of primarily amateur organists, and all interested persons are invited to attend. A mini-workshop will be conducted by Bob Murphy, and light refreshments will be served. There will be no meeting in December, and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25.

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The Arts Council is going to slow down a bit this week and next from its one-event per week pace, but it's not for want of ideas. Rather it's because the SAC is gearing up to sponsor and co-sponsor three weeks of fine pre-Christmas events for people of every age in the community. A few highlights for your calendar:

Dance Theater
"A Christmas Party! A gala event given by Dr. and Mrs. Silverhaus for their children Clara and Fritz. The stage is set and we are in the living room as all of the family and friends arrive, dressed in their holiday finery. One very special guest, an old family friend, arrives and receives an excited welcome from everyone: Dr. Drosselmeyer—a mysterious man and a marvelous inventor of moving toys. The gifts he has brought are in an enormous white box: a wondrous toy soldier and mechanical dolls. Dr. Drosselmeyer winds the dolls up and they dance for the delighted guests."

So goes the enchanting scenario which should be familiar at once—and on December 12 the dancers will be members of the North Carolina Dance Theatre, the guests you, your children, grandchildren, and friends.

"The Nutcracker" magic has become a happily anticipated Christmas entertainment, so make plans soon to reserve your tickets. Tickets are now on sale at the SAC office (944-1648). A special ticket event for SAC members, admission will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for all children. Admission for non-members will be \$5. The performance will be at 8 p.m. at the Pinehurst Middle School.

Madrigal Dinner
On Friday, December 8, the Moore County Schools music and cultural arts faculty and students will present a traditional



NC Dance Theater Members in 'The Nutcracker'

Madrigal Dinner. The revels, with Armand Kitto as Host and Master, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Pinecrest High School.

Festivities will include singing and dancing. The Lord of Misrule, a Groaning Board, the Presentation of the Boar's Head, and a special appearance by Queen Elizabeth herself.

The evening's events, under the general direction of Billigene Garner, will include members of music and theater groups from Pinecrest and Union Pines High Schools with assistance from members of the Moore County Choral Society, the Sandhills Baroque Ensemble, and the Sandhills Arts Council.

Ray Martin, CETA artist with the Sandhill Regional Library System will design the

POLAND PROGRAM
"Poland: The Will to Be" is the fifth program in the highly acclaimed series, James Michener's World. The series explores the world we live in through the very special eyes of the noted American writer and traveler. The program airs Sunday, November 26 at 8 p.m. on UNC-TV.

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December 3: Christmas Concert. Moore County Choral Society. Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church. 4 p.m.
December 7: "Five Easy Pieces." Town and Country Cinema. 3:20, 7:10, 9:05. Opening NCNB Show. The Gallery. 8-10 p.m.
December 8: Madrigal Dinner. Pinecrest High School. 6:30 p.m. Reservations necessary. Call SAC office—944-1648.

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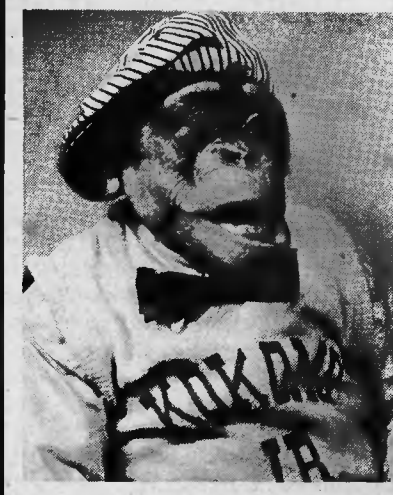
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The Sandhills Observatory

Solar Eclipse in Pinehurst
The chances of a particular locality experiencing a total solar eclipse more often than once in 300 years is pretty slim. Assuming that this figure of 300 years is approximately correct then the Sandhills will have to wait until the year 2200 before this spectacular event can be seen again directly overhead because it was on May 29, 1900 when the path of totality of the eclipse of that year passed over Pinehurst.

At the Givens Memorial Library in Pinehurst in the Archives room there is assembled a fascinating array of exhibits depicting the history of Pinehurst. Mrs. Duncan McIntosh who has worked hard to assemble and display the exhibits can show you clippings from the newspaper of that era which describe the arrival of a team of scientists from the Naval Observatory in Washington for the purpose of determining to a high degree of accuracy the latitude and longitude of the precise place where they were late to set up their instruments for the study of the eclipse.

About two weeks before the May 29th date for the big event the team of scientists from the Observatory arrived and with the help of some local labor

began to set up and calibrate their elaborate array of telescopes, spectroscopes and other instruments with which to study and analyze phenomena taking place during totality.

Photographs are on display at the library showing the men at work as well as the finished observing station. There also is a photograph of the eclipsed sun. Also on display is an article in the Scientific American describing the preliminary results of the studies of the observing team. Scientists from all parts of the world journeyed to North and South Carolina to observe and study this particular event. The nearest group to Pinehurst was at Wadesboro where a delegation from California set up shop.

The article mentioned above from the Scientific American contained one statement of particular interest. It reads "Pinehurst lived up to its reputation for clear skies." Seventy eight years later we still have them.

Deadline Set For Artists' Visit Program

Applicants for the 1979-80 Visiting Artist program are now being recruited by the N.C. Arts Council.

The Visiting Artist program offers residencies of nine months to artists in all fields. It is cosponsored by the N.C. Department of Community Colleges and the N.C. Arts Council, a section of the Department of Cultural Resources. Selected artists are sponsored by community colleges in the counties of their residencies.

Requirements include a master's degree or equivalent experience. Applications can be obtained from the N.C. Arts Council, Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, NC, 27611. They must be returned and in the Arts Council office by Feb. 1, 1979.

Santa Calls

The Moore County Recreation Department has been receiving post cards all week but there are still many Moore County children who have not mailed in their telephone numbers for a personal call from Santa Claus.

Between 6 o'clock and 8:30 p.m. Dec. 19, 20, 21 Santa will telephone all children who send in a post card with their name and telephone number.

Mail all cards to Moore County Recreation Department, Box 905, Carthage, 28327.

Besides a call from Santa, each child who sends in a card is eligible for a prize which will be awarded to the child whose card is drawn from a box.

December 18 will be the final day to accept cards for Santa.