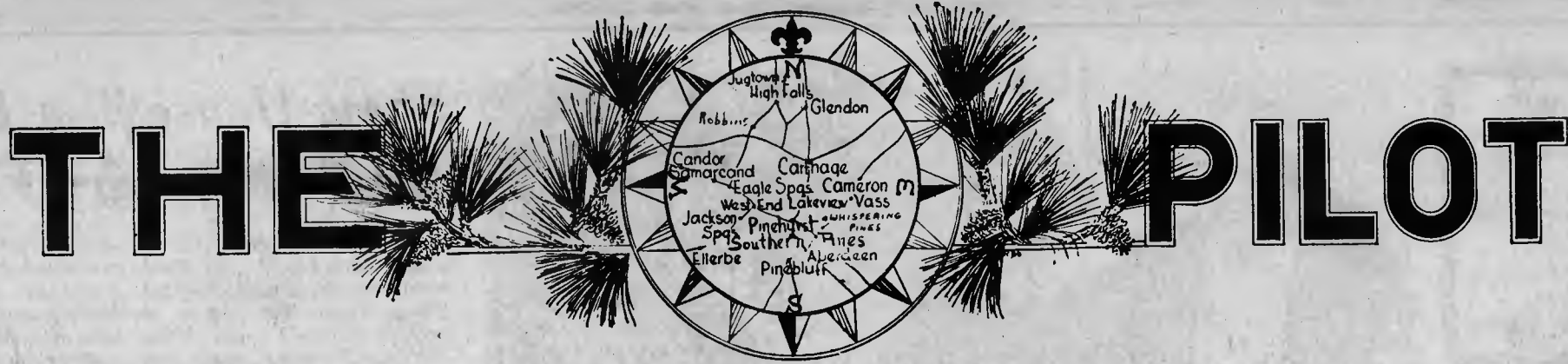


Weather

Windy with heavy rain ending this afternoon. High, 65. Partly cloudy and cold Wednesday night, with low of 20 and high, 40. Chance of rain tonight, 20 percent. Near zero Thursday.



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Water Issue Is Big; Hearing Set Jan. 31

Two Girls Killed In Fire Which Destroys Home Here

Sharon Yvette Anderson, age 13 and Valerie Graham, age 22 were killed Saturday morning when their wood-frame house at 148 S. Glover St. burned to the ground.

Policeman Joe Levine discovered the fire while on his way home from working the night shift. At the same time neighbors Rose and William Person were alerted by the barking of their dog, as was another neighbor Halbert Kearns. They quickly went over to the house and

knocked the door down with an axe and dragged the younger girl out of the flames, and carried her to their house, hoping that she was still alive. According to Mrs. Person, who is a nurses aid, she thought she heard a heartbeat, but later discovered the girl was dead.

The house belonged to Sallie (Pat) Lawhorne, the girls' grandmother who is a private duty nurse and was out on a case. A fund is being raised to help her replace some of her possessions. Anyone who would like to donate should get in touch with Mrs. Jean Capel or call the (Continued on Page 16-A)

BY FLORENCE GILKESON Water.

It's the big word for Southern Pines and will remain one far into the 21st century.

A source of water must be found within the next few years, whether the area undergoes extensive growth or remains about the same size, and the town has proposed to withdraw water from Drowning Creek, upstream from U.S. 1.

The Division of Environmental Management, an arm of the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, recently completed a Capacity Use Study to determine if the proposed withdrawals would justify designating this a "Capacity Use Area."

More simply put, such a designation would place Southern Pines and the area it serves under additional controls by the State, according to Town Manager Mildred McDonald.

The Environmental Management Commission will host a public meeting to discuss the matter on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m. at Pinecrest High School. It will not be a public hearing, which is a legal requirement, but will serve as a time to explain the situation and to receive response from the citizenry.

Attendance is important, Mrs. McDonald emphasizes. "It's the biggest issue facing us in this part of the county. Whatever decision we make, we'll have to live with it for a long time, and it's important that we make the right one," she said.

Long a controversial subject, the question of where the Southern Pines area will get water for the future remains a keen one. An Environmental Impact Study of the area commissioned by the (Continued on Page 13-A)

Pilot To Get Three First Place Awards

The Pilot has won three first place awards in the annual competition sponsored by the North Carolina Press Association.

First place awards are for news writing, editorials, and advertising.

Announcement of the awards was made this week on the eve of the presentation by Governor Jim Hunt at the annual Press

Institute in Chapel Hill tomorrow (Thursday) night.

Jennifer Caldwell won first place in news writing in the Weekly newspaper division with a news story on women in the work force of Moore County.

Charles Weatherspoon, advertising manager of The Pilot, won first place in advertising. Awards in (Continued on Page 16-A)

Vass Votes Against Beer, Wine

The voters of Vass overwhelmingly rejected the proposed off premise sale of beer and wine in a special referendum on Tuesday.

The vote for beer sales was 89 for and 153 against.

The vote for wine sales was 74 for and 162 against.

More than 79 percent turned out for the referendum. There were 315 eligible voters and 249 voted. Moore County is legally dry, but beer and wine sales, both on and off premises, are permitted in several municipalities, including Southern Pines. Cameron was the last town to vote approval of beer and wine sales.

McPhaul, Lockey Given High Boy Scout Awards

John A. (Jack) McPhaul of Southern Pines and Forrest Lockey Jr. of Aberdeen have been honored as recipients of the Silver Beaver Award for their outstanding service to scouting and their community.

highest form of recognition the Ocoaneechee Council can bestow on adult volunteers.

These citizens received their awards at the annual Boy Scout banquet held Monday night at Meredith College in Raleigh. The Ocoaneechee Council, which serves over 21,000 scouts and volunteers in a 12-county area, awarded 15 Silver Beavers.

School Holiday

Students of the public schools of Moore County will get a holiday Friday, January 26, as that day has been designated as one of the 16 1/2 Teacher Work Days of this year.

Teachers will be working at their regular assigned schools Friday grading papers and working on their records as semester examinations are being given this week.

The next scheduled school holiday is the Winter Break beginning on March 9.

McPhaul, 545 Country Club Dr., has been involved in the Boy Scouts as an adult volunteer for 18 years. He is a Century Member of the Ocoaneechee Council and has also served as district chairman, been a member of the council executive board since 1973 and received several citations for his service. McPhaul is a vice president with Wheat First Securities, Inc. in Southern Pines.

Lockey, of Aberdeen, achieved (Continued on Page 13-A)

Sandhills Will Sell Property

Sandhills Community College will sell to the highest bidder at auction February 10 a parcel of valuable property on Bennett Street in Southern Pines.

The lots are on the eastern border of Bennett Street between New York Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue and were given to the college some ten years ago by Mr. and Mrs. William Matchett.

The property to be sold includes a two-story stucco house on the corner of Bennett and Massachusetts known as "the old Hayes' home" where Mrs. Matchett's parents lived for many years. Mrs. Matchett, the former Mary Dell Hayes, grew up in Southern Pines but has lived many years in New York and California.

Mrs. Matchett gave the property to Sandhills Community College with the stipulation that it would not be sold during the lifetime of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sadler who lived on the second (Continued on Page 16-A)

Phone Program

Carolina Telephone Company today announced plans for spending \$1,223,000 in Moore County in construction and expansion in 1979.

The spending here will be for outside plant facilities and central office equipment and will be part of an \$87.7 million program for the Carolina system.

Town Plan Proposed For Funds

Following public hearings on the plans for the federally funded \$1.6 million Community Development Program that will revitalize a large area in West Southern Pines, the Town Council voted to authorize the submission of the proposal.

The plans have to be submitted to U.S. Department of Housing and Development, the State office of Management and Budget and the Pee Dee Council of Government for their approval.

Town Planner Marvin Collins went into great detail explaining exactly what would be done to improve the area. The plans (Continued on Page 16-A)



WINTRY LANDSCAPE — Clouds like windrows on a country horizon and the barren fields of the Sandhills combine to provide this winter landscape which caught the eye of Staff Photographer Glenn M. Sides this past weekend. The scene is off Thunder Road.

New Sheriff Tells Moore Board Equipment Missing From Office

Disappearance of key pieces of equipment from the sheriff's department prompted Sheriff Jerome Whipple to appear before the Moore County Board of Commissioners Monday night to seek help in its recovery.

Unless the equipment is returned, the sheriff said, his only recourse is to notify State Bureau of Investigation agents for an investigation and possible indictments against persons who removed the equipment. Whipple estimated that several thousand dollars worth of equipment may be missing—including four or five

walkie-talkies, two mobile radios, firearms, handcuffs, first aid kits, badges and a bugging device.

Board chairman Lee Williams pledged his assistance in working with Whipple and former deputies in recovering the equipment. Williams asked the sheriff for a list of the equipment believed missing and promised to meet with him the next day.

"Provide me with a list of what you have and what is missing, and I'll try to do something about it this week. Then you won't have to go through the indictment, and

we can save some more of the sheriff's time," Williams said to Whipple. The board chairman promised to work toward resolving the matter before the next board meeting on Feb. 5.

Whipple told the board that he had worked several 16-hour days trying to get the department organized, trying to find all

equipment, and figuring out the inventory. He complained that papers were found showing purchases and grants, along with serial numbers, for equipment which is not accounted for at the department. Other papers came to light which were not signed and did not bear serial numbers (Continued on Page 16-A)

Athletic Boosters Seek Help In Reducing Debt

BY PATSY TUCKER

William Gentry represented a large group of Pinecrest Boosters at the Moore County Board of Education meeting on Tuesday night, held at the Administration Building in Carthage.

In a plea to the board Gentry stated that the Boosters Club had done "a marvelous job" in raising money for the athletic program, but that the club was now \$13,000 in debt and had no possible way of raising that much money by the end of the

year. "We start off each year in debt," he explained, "and face it, nobody likes to donate to an organization when their donation goes to pay old debts. It's exciting to contribute to something when you know it's going for a certain project."

He explained that each coach gives a detailed report of every penny they spend and that the Boosters Club had raised \$8,000 this year and has one more large (Continued on Page 16-A)

Fire Response Is Slower With Move To New Site

BY MIKE SALEEBY, JIM SOMERVILLE and CHRISTIE THOMPSON

What's a day like in the life of a fireman on the Southern Pines Fire Department?

According to Fire Chief Pete Rapatas, the day starts at 7:30 a.m. with equipment, oil, water, and pump checks on the fire

engines, and washing and cleaning of the fire trucks and bay floors. Chief Rapatas said about the engine inspection, "If you don't come out here once a week and do it you'll forget how."

After the equipment is checked, the firemen train for one and a half to two hours. Then the fire inspector goes to inspect buildings while those left on the shift clean up. Fire hydrants are also checked daily.

Once a week there is a floor testing, which is pulling the vacuum on a pump to see if it's tight. The afternoon is used to do whatever is necessary. After 5 p.m. fire calls are awaited. The firemen watch TV, read, relax, or exercise. There is an average of two to three rescue calls per night.

"A lot of nights the men don't even get to bed," says Rapatas. There are 10 full-time paid firemen, three of whom work eight hour days, two working 24 hour shifts with 48 hour breaks in between. There are 23 (Continued on Page 16-A)

Two Murder Cases Slated At Court Term Next Week

Two murder cases are docketed for some type of action next week in a criminal session of Moore County Superior Court.

Judge Harvey A. Lupton of Winston-Salem will preside for the term, which opens Monday at 10 a.m. Seventy-three persons have been summoned to serve as jurors.

A bill of indictment charging

murder was issued against Phyllis Morrison on Jan. 9 but has not been returned by the grand jury as a "true bill" of indictment. The case is listed in the calendar for next week's court session for an order of arrest.

Morrison is charged in the Nov. 24 death of Charles Edward (Continued on Page 13-A)

CP&L Expansion Plans To Exceed \$4 Million

Running out of space because of "growing pains," Carolina Power and Light Co. wants to initiate a 10-year division headquarters relocation program, representing a capital investment in excess of \$4 million.

By 1988 the utility hopes to relocate its Central Regional Division office on a 40-acre tract of land located about a mile from its present site on N.C. 5 near Aberdeen.

Principal obstacle to the plan at this point is a delay in a rezoning request before the

Aberdeen Town Board of Commissioners, under whose extraterritorial jurisdiction the property lies.

After area property owners expressed opposition to the proposed zoning change at the January meeting, the Aberdeen town commissioners voted to defer action until their February meeting. The subject was discussed again last week at a closed meeting.

Ed Dorsett, division operations manager, told The Pilot that CP&L has an option on the (Continued on Page 16-A)



CONVERSATION — These two ducks at a Clarendon Gardens lake appear to be in conversation about the weather which was damp and foggy following the second appearance of ice this winter.—(Photo by Jim Kirkpatrick).

'Are You Happy?'

Dr. Jonathon Freedman, in his recent book "Happy People," observed that some people have what he calls "a talent for happiness" that others lack.

"They enjoy life more than others, make the most of what they have, see the world through rose-colored glasses, while others are exactly the opposite, always complaining, never seeming to experience joy, looking at the sour side of everything." How many people possessed this "talent" remains to be seen.

The Pilot conducted a survey

at a nearby shopping center and came up with the following answers to the question "Are you happy?"

"Yes, I'm happy. I have good health, good friends, and my children are doing well."—Mrs. Don Traylor, Southern Pines housewife.

"Yes, I'm as happy as I can be with old age. I'm 89 years old and I've learned that Almighty God will bless all the families in the future."—Sylvester L. Johnson, retired Southern Pines resident.

"Yes. Lots of things. Good family, nice husband, good

home, and my Christian experience."—Mrs. Gordon Skoog, Pinehurst housewife.

"Yes, being alive and not having any problems. Being able to walk and run and play sports."—Ashley Beal, Elementary School student.

"Very happy. It's unbelievable. Regardless of weather or whatever. I'm thankful every morning that I get up. I have a wonderful husband. My mother is 82 years old and doing well. I'm very optimistic. Things can go wrong, but I'm (Continued on Page 16-A)

THE PILOT LIGHT

LEGISLATURE—The fact that committees for both the House and Senate were announced on the opening day of the 1979 session of the General Assembly has enabled the legislature to get to moving quickly on the business at hand.

In fact, the joint appropriations committee has completed work for one department of state government and has moved on to another.

A large number of bills have been introduced in the first days of the session, and House and Senate leadership are still saying the session can be completed in four months.

Because revenue estimates will not be coming until after income tax returns are studied after April 15 a four-month session may not be possible. However, some legislators are predicting adjournment around the first of June.

GOVERNOR—Heads of department in state government are saying Governor Hunt is firm in his insistence that no new employees are to be added to the payroll.

There are some exceptions, of course, in the few new programs or expanded programs which the (Continued on Page 16-A)