

# Sandhills Scene

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## The Pilot's Log

Mrs. Ernest L. Ives of Southern Pines will be the principal speaker at the Seventh Congressional District meeting of Democratic Women in Fayetteville on April 21.

Samuel S. Gilbert, who retired to the Village in the Woods in August, recently completed an overseas assignment for the International Executive Service Corps, a non-profit corporation which arranges for retired executives and their wives to travel to a developing nation where they offer their expertise in various areas.

Samuel and Mary Gilbert were assigned to Guatemala City for a two-month period. The staff of a locally-owned bank in Guatemala City wanted advice whenever they should expand and renovate. Mr. Gilbert's job was to study the situation and make recommendations.

The Gilberts have traveled widely both before and now after retirement. Mr. Gilbert was with the Citibank before World War II and retired as a vice-president with the First National Bank of Boston. They have lived in Argentina, Japan and were in Cuba just as Castro took over the American banks in 1960.

They hope to travel to Cuba again and have returned to Peking. Many of their friends are also retiring to Southern Pines, where they enjoy the climate and the golf.

Doris Patrice Blue of Southern Pines was selected by Speaker Carl J. Stewart, Jr. to serve as a Page in the North Carolina House of Representatives from April 2 to April 6. She was appointed by Representative Clyde Auman of the 25th district. She is a student at Pinecrest High, and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Blue of 180 Fort Bragg Road, Southern Pines.

Mrs. Ruper Vance of Chapel Hill was a visitor in Southern Pines on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Williams attended the annual dinner of the Friends of Carrie Rich Memorial Library at Campbell College, Buies Creek, Friday night. U.S. Sen. Robert Morgan was the speaker. After the dinner meeting, everyone went to the Turner Auditorium, where the Campbell Players performed "The Misanthrope" by Moliere.

More than 90 "little girls" became college coeds at Peace College for the weekend of April 7-8. The campus visitors, ranging in age from 4 to 18, were special guests of the college during annual "Little Sister Weekend." Among the visitors was Carter Elizabeth Hall of 250 Fairway Drive, Southern Pines.

Chaplain Henry C. Duncan, minister at the Village Chapel in Pinehurst, was the speaker at the luncheon meeting today (Wednesday) of the Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills at the Holiday Inn. He spoke on the subject, "Dealing With Grief."

It will be Pancake Day at the Southern Pines Middle School Cafeteria next Wednesday, April 18, in a benefit sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Breakfast will be served from 7 to 9 a.m., luncheon from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m., and dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The donation will be \$2.

Participating in a recent two-day Parent Advocacy Training session in Fayetteville was Ms. Jennifer McGill, 345 S. May Street, Southern Pines, of the Moore County Children's Center. This training in which they have participated has been conducted by the Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project which trains parents and professionals who are concerned for appropriate and individualized educational programs and services for young handicapped children.

Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Hayes of Syracuse, N.Y. and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fry of Warwick, N.Y. have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Caton during the past two weeks. Mrs. Hayes is a sister of Mrs. Caton, and Mr. Fry is her cousin.

Easter Services will be held at the Whispering Pines Rescue Squad Community Building at

6:30 a.m. Music will be provided by the Piney Pipers. Beginning at 7 a.m. breakfast will be served by the members of the squad.

Following the morning worship service Sunday at Southside Baptist Church, Aberdeen, the members enjoyed a "dinner on the grounds" and an hour of fellowship in the afternoon.

The Walter Hines Page Book Club of Aberdeen will meet at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in the home of the hostess, Miss Edna Maurer. Mrs. Dan Mangum is co-hostess. Miss Maurer is in charge of the program which will be a musical one.

A luncheon and bridge was held at the Country Club of North Carolina on April 6, with the following as winners:

First, Margaret Lavery; second, Ginny Seery; third, Millis Robertson; fourth, Virginia Reeves; fifth, Ginny Galatin; and consolation, Helen Ormond.

Four students from Moore County were among the 563 juniors honored at a special reception recently at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The junior scholars were invited to the reception on the basis of their academic achievements at UNC-G.

They were Annie M. Freeman, a French major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elias K. Freeman Jr. of Route 1, Eagle Springs; Stephan F. Lapping, a psychology major, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood F. Lapping of McReynolds Road, Carthage; Audrey J. Kennedy, an English major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Kennedy of Route 1, Robbins; and Valerie R. Summers, an education major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Summers of Box 1433, Southern Pines.

Also among the students with parents living in Moore County was Kay L. Branigan, an accounting major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian C. Lowder of Route 1, Aberdeen.

Mrs. K.C. Allen and Mrs. R.E. Hardaway of Southern Pines will be hostesses for the April 19 meeting of the Longleaf Garden Club. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. K.C. Allen at 10 a.m. Mrs. Fred Beck, of Carthage will speak on the arrangement of fresh flowers.

## Auxiliary Nominates Officers

Officers for the 1979-80 year were nominated at the Monday, April 2, meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to John Boyd Post 7318 of the VFW.

The nominees are: Margaret Lawson, president; Julia West, senior vice president; Betty Crowl, junior vice-president; Frances Belvins, treasurer; Christine Head, conductress; Sara Davis, patriotic instructor; Doris Monroe, guard; Francisco Daniels, third year trustee.

The meeting at the post home on Gatewood Avenue in Southern Pines was opened according to ritual by President Lawson. The chaplain led in prayer.

It was announced that the auxiliary would sponsor a "Lite-a-Bike" program Saturday, April 21, at the post home. Other activities coming up include: Easter Egg hunt on Sunday, April 15, from 2 until 4 p.m., all children of VFW post and Ladies Auxiliary members invited.

Breakfast on Saturday, April 14, beginning at 7 a.m. at the post home.

The Finger Prints will perform Saturday, April 14.

Bingo is played every Friday night at 8 o'clock and on Sundays at 5 p.m.

Members were urged to attend the next meeting on April 16 at 8 p.m.

**DOES TO MEET**  
B.P.O. DOES will meet Tuesday, April 17 at the Southern Pines Elks Club at 8 p.m. There will be initiation with refreshments after the meeting.

# Neil Morgan Comes Home For National Magazine Story

It's a return of the native for Neil Morgan, and he's enjoying every minute of it.

The San Diego columnist and author who has become one of the most widely read travel writers in America was in the Sandhills this past weekend for a three-day stay in his month-long tour of North Carolina in preparation for a special feature on the state in National Geographic.

It was homecoming for Morgan, who grew up in Wake Forest and graduated from Wake Forest College (now University) where he created a sensation as editor of the student newspaper, The Old Gold and Black.

He worked on The News and Observer for a couple of years, part of the time when he was still a student at Wake Forest, and then entered the Navy. Shipped out to the West Coast, he decided to stay there after World War II, joining the staff of the San Diego Tribune and he's still there.

In the years since the war, however, Morgan, who is now associate editor of the Tribune as well as the newspaper's travel editor, has become an authority on California. He is the author of the California section in the Encyclopedia Britannica as well as several books, including the award-winning "Westward Tilt," the story of the Western movement. He travels in all parts of the world and his regular column, syndicated by the Copley News Service, is in many newspapers.

His wife, Judith, is also a columnist—"it's travel, opinion, or whatever comes to mind." She was a reporter on the Tribune and they met while working there together.

The two of them travel together, such as on the National Geographic assignment, which is taking them to all parts of the state.

They interviewed Governor Jim Hunt within a couple of hours after arriving in North Carolina, and then, after a visit with old friends and former professors in Wake Forest, the Morgans headed for the Outer Banks. From there they traveled down the coast, visiting Ocracoke, Bath, Edenton, New Bern, Jacksonville, Wilmington, Southport, and then up to Bladen County where Morgan used to spend summers on his grandparents' farm. (His mother was a native of Bladen County and his father was the late Rev. S.L. Morgan, a noted Baptist minister who preached in all parts of Eastern Carolina and who died only a few years ago at the age of 94).

Before arriving in Southern Pines on Saturday, the Morgans also visited Lumberton, Laurinburg, Hamlet and Pembroke, where they had "a fascinating talk" with Dr. English Jones, the chancellor of Pembroke State University who is retiring in June.

While here they toured Southern Pines, Pinehurst and the surrounding countryside, including visits to the World Golf Hall of Fame and the Weymouth Center in Southern Pines.

Morgan was impressed with plans for the center for the arts and humanities at the former residence of novelist James



Neil and Judith Morgan in Southern Pines

Boyd, commenting that it would be something distinctive for North Carolina.

"It's so beautiful here," said Mrs. Morgan, "it makes us want to stay."

While here the Morgans had dinner at the Pine Crest Inn and Mid Pines Hotel, as well as meals at the Pinehurst Hotel. Morgan picked up a suntan around the pool at the Pinehurst Hotel.

They talked with several people, including Betsy Lindau of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce, and fellow travel writer, Voit Gilmore.

## Ms. McCullough Winner Of Merit Scholarship

O'Neal Headmaster Robert Haarlow announced today that Mary (Katie) McCullough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McCullough of 101 Strathmore St., Southern Pines, has been selected the winner of a Celenese Corporation sponsored four-year Merit Scholarship.

Miss McCullough, who had advanced to finalist in the National Merit Scholarship program on the basis of her outstanding scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (P.S.A.T.), was among approximately 15,000 top performers in this year's Merit Program.

Miss McCullough came to O'Neal in her senior year from Fairview High School, Fairview Park, Ohio, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the Student Council and receiver of the Distinguished Scholar Award. While at O'Neal Miss McCullough has served as vice-president of the senior class, has received highest honors and writes for the school newspaper. In addition Miss McCullough is a gifted writer of both poetry and short stories. She has been accepted at and plans to attend Brown University in September.

Since its beginning in 1955, the National Merit Scholarship Program has focused upon one

From Southern Pines they moved on to Chapel Hill for several days visiting and interviews in the Research Triangle area. Other places they plan to visit during April include Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem, Boone, Grandfather Mountain, Asheville, Cherokee and Charlotte.

Morgan is not sure when the National Geographic special, with pictures, will appear, but expects it to be in the coming months.

"There is so much to write about North Carolina," he said. "I may have to do a book."



Mary (Katie) McCullough

clearly defined sector of the nation's secondary school students, those at the uppermost end of the academic ability scale. The Merit Program is a privately funded endeavor, the only major scholarship competition that is both independently supported and national in dimension. Over the 23 competitions between 1956 and 1978, 54,000 able finalists were chosen as Merit Scholars and received awards worth a total of \$148 million. However, over 70 percent of the finalists in each annual program do not win Merit Scholarships, although large numbers of them have received other awards—mainly from colleges and universities that are in search of students of the caliber who are honored for high Merit Program performance.

Although the total of Merit Scholarships being offered in 1979 is about eight times larger than the number awarded in 1956, only about 4,000 finalists will win Merit Scholarships. The number offered in any given year is limited to funds granted by corporations, foundations, business organizations, and colleges to support awards that year. The total value of the Merit Scholarships offered annually is currently about \$13 million—a small sum when compared to the total of financial aids available for undergraduate study in the United States.

# Home And Garden Tour Drawing Many Visitors

The Southern Pines Garden Club's popular House and Garden Tour is in full swing today with people from all over the state, both individually and by the busloads viewing the whole area.

The tour will take visitors from the Campbell House on Connecticut Ave. to the Eugene Milligan residence, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Reynolds III to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Brown on Horseshoe Rd. in Southern Pines.

The tour will continue to the Country Club of North Carolina and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Strickland and to Pinehurst to visit the homes of the James Hanrahans on Cherokee Rd.

The weather, always an

important factor, for the tour has cooperated perfectly allowing just enough cool days, just enough warm days and some rain in between, giving the area's azaleas and dogwood a chance to burst forth at just the right moment.

Proceeds from the tour are used for the further beautification of Southern Pines.

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