

A record

in this year's series of unusual, multiple longleaf pine cone clusters is pictured on Page 8, Section 3.

THE PILOT

The big Everglades National Park in Florida faces threats from varied sources. A report is on Page 2, Section 2.

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ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Citizens, First Union Bank Merger Effective

Merger of The Citizens Bank and Trust Company of South Carolina and the First Union National Bank of North Carolina... for which plans were announced in April... becomes effective Friday of this week, September 1.

On that day, the main office of The Citizens Bank on N. W. Broad St. and the branch office on S. W. Broad become the Southern Pines offices of First Union, the third largest bank in North Carolina, with home office in Charlotte.

Telephone Wire Thefts Probed By Deputies

The Moore County sheriff's department is investigating the theft of thousands of dollars' worth of insulated copper cable, which has taken place over the past few weeks from the storage yard of the Union Telephone Co. of the Carolinas, just north of the Southern Pines town limits at Manly.

Parking Rules To Be Enforced

Starting Friday of this week, enforcement of parking regulations in the Southern Pines business section will be resumed, Police Chief Earl S. Seawell has announced.

When the announcement of merger plans was made in April, First Union had 97 offices in 45 communities throughout the State.

N. L. Hodgkins, Jr., executive vice president of The Citizens Bank and Trust Company, and C. C. Cameron, chairman and president of First Union, jointly announced the merger date.

Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., executive vice president of The Citizens Bank, will become, after merger, an executive vice president of First Union and chief executive officer of the Southern Pines offices.

N. L. Hodgkins will become chairman of First Union's Southern Pines board of directors and an advisory member of First Union's general board.

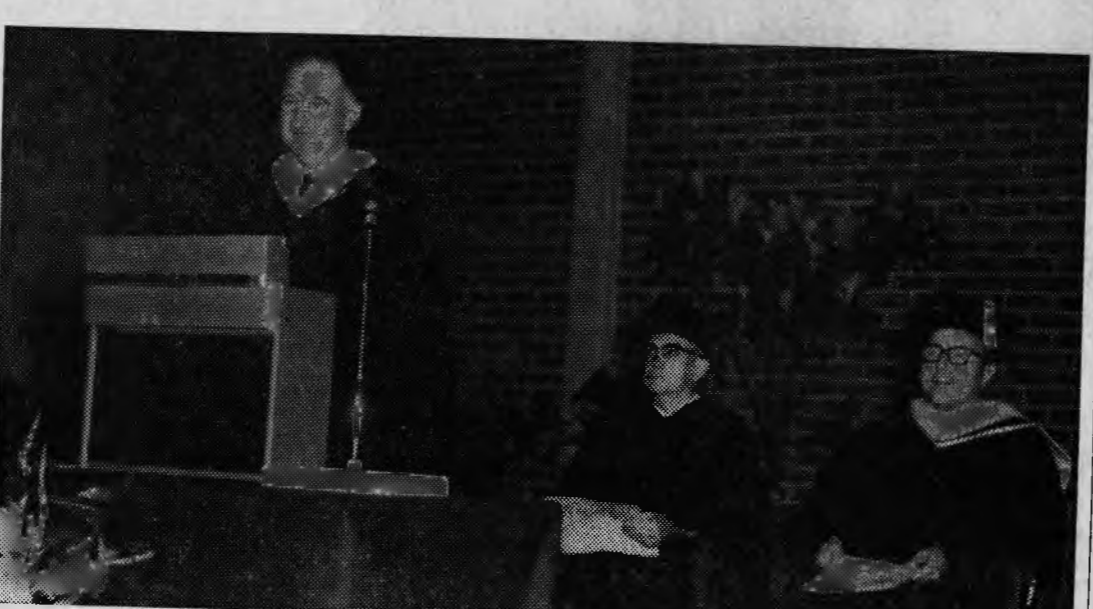
No personnel changes will take place at the two local bank offices when the merger becomes effective Friday, bank officers point out.

Customers of The Citizens Bank are being informed that they may use Citizens Bank checks or deposit forms now in their possession until they are depleted. On new checks (Continued on page 5)

Allen To Speak At Vass About Farming

"Modern Changes in Agriculture" will be the topic of Fleet Allen, Moore County extension chairman, when he speaks at a meeting of the Vass Community Development Council, Monday, September 4, at 7:30 pm.

All Vass residents, particularly farmers of the Vass area, are urged by the council's officers to attend this meeting which will be held at the Vass fire station.



MAKING ADDRESS — Dr. John M. Reynolds, chairman of the Community College Committee of the State Board of Education, smiles as he strikes a light note during his summer commencement address at Sandhills Community College here Friday evening.

SPEAKER CITES PIONEERS' ACHIEVEMENTS Graduates Urged To 'Contribute'

John M. Reynolds, chairman of the Community College Committee of the State Board of Education, told the graduates of Sandhills Community College to preserve the beauty of their state and country, and to contribute to the development of their community as did pioneers in North Carolina.

Mr. Reynolds was the commencement speaker for the formal graduation exercises held Friday evening on the Sandhills College campus when 41 young men and women were awarded Associate Degrees in Liberal Arts and Applied Science, and diplomas in occupational education. A list (Continued on Page 2)

Over 10,000 Pupils Expected In New Consolidated System

Moore County schoolchildren, some 10,000 strong, will report Friday morning to their respective schools, including those formerly of the separate city units of Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

Opening Details, Changes Listed For Schools Here

Schools of East and West Southern Pines will begin their first year, Friday, as units of the single, county-wide Moore County school system.

The first bell will ring at 8:25 am Friday at the Southern Pines schools, where a half-day session, Pupil-Teacher Orientation Day, will open the fall term. Classes will be dismissed at noon.

Students will return for their first full day Tuesday. While first graders will continue to go home at noon for the first two weeks, the regular closing hour for all grades will be 3:15 pm.

While some 1,800 are expected to enroll at first, total enrollment went to 2,030 during the past school year and is expected to surpass that figure this year, said A. K. Perkins, principal.

Greatest growth last year was in the East Southern Pines elementary school, resulting in State allotment of five additional teachers, and five mobile (Continued on Page 2)

St. Anthony's To Open Friday

St. Anthony's parochial school will open Friday morning of this week, September 1, with an expected enrollment of about 130 students in the first through 8th grades.

Sister Miriam Raymond, the new principal at the school, was not available this morning for discussion of opening plans.

The school will observe the Labor Day Holiday Monday. It will hold half day sessions on Friday and through next week. The faculty, in addition to the principal, is composed of Sisters Catherine Thomas, Michael Marie, Helena Julie and Ann Bernard; and Mrs. Doris McCauley.

Blue Knights To Open 1967 Football Season Friday Night At Red Springs

East Southern Pines High School's Blue Knights of 1967, now 30 strong, and fit with summer flab melted in three weeks of workouts, make their debut of the new football season Friday night against Red Springs High School at the Red Springs field.

Head Coach John W. Williams and his aides are sending the players through practice right up to the eve of the game. A last, night practice is scheduled at Memorial Field Thursday night.

Williams said Tuesday evening the boys "looked sharp" in their most recent sessions and the "best" in Tuesday morning's offensive scrimmage that they had since the squad started workouts about three weeks ago.

He said his offensive starting lineup for the opener probably would look like this: Billy Strickland, quarterback; Tim Roschy and Gene Sessoms, ends; Randy Arnold, center; John Liddell and Billy Fountain, guards, brothers John and Charles Buchholz, tackles; Bill Little or Tom Shore, fullback; Harry Jones, tailback; and Shore or Curtis Caldwell, wingback.

The defense starters probably will be: (Continued on Page 2)

Jaycee Auction Details Listed

The Southern Pines Jaycees are going to hold their second annual fund-raising auction on Saturday, September 9, in the parking lot of the OK Bowl on S. W. Broad St.



EARNING TICKETS — Just like in a story your father or grandfather might have told, five Aberdeen boys earned their tickets to the Sells and Gray circus last Friday morning by working alongside the circus hands in setting up the tents and other equipment. Here they are teaming (one not visible), to rush a pole to the sagging canvas in the background. The eager boys who worked for their circus fun

Here's Full Report On That Circus From 14-Year-Old Who Saw It All

(Editor's Note: The writer is a 14-year-old rising freshman of East Southern Pines High School. He is the son of Pilot News Editor Bill Lindau and Pilot book columnist Betsy Lindau of 250 N. Ashe St.)

Friday, August 25, was the big day of the Sells and Gray three-ring circus on old No. 1 highway. (Those hundreds who attended either of the two shows, afternoon or evening, may have found themselves misled by the adjective "three-ring" for rather than having three rings, it had actually two rings.)

Drain Is Laid, Paving Set In Problem Area

The Town of Southern Pines has installed 50 feet of 24-inch drain pipe and is having two blocks paved in an area whose residents this month reported a severe drainage problem.

Town Manager F. F. Rainey said this morning (Wednesday) that the drain pipe has been laid at the junction of Hale Street and New Jersey Avenue.

He said the streets which will be paved as soon as the ground dries sufficiently are the block of Hale between Saylor and the U. S. 1 bypass, and New Jersey between Rhode Island and Delaware avenues.

He said the paving contract has been let to Ferguson & Goff Paving Co. of Southern Pines. The work was to have been started last Monday, he said, but the condition of the (Continued on Page 2)

New Trooper Sent To Duty At Robbins

State Trooper Oliver W. Hardy, a Rocky Mount native, has been assigned to duty at Robbins following graduation last Friday from the State Highway Patrol's basic training school at the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill.

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County School Board Approves Contracts; To Study Fee Schedule

The Moore County Board of Education Tuesday night approved contracts for nine more teachers for the new school year and decided to take a hard look at the schedule of fees charged school children.

These were among the many items of business the five attending members considered in a three-hour session that was the regular August meeting of the board at county school system headquarters near Carthage.

The approval of the new contracts left seven teaching posts to be filled in all, at North Moore High School, West End and West Southern Pines, with the new year opening Friday.

THE WEATHER

Table with 2 columns: Date and Max. Min. temperatures for August 23 through August 29.

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