

**A dog**  
owned by local residents was judged "Best in Show" at Raleigh last weekend. Details and a photo, Page 1, Section 4.

**A letter**  
from a reader takes issue with a review of "Harvey" in last week's Pilot. The letter appears on Page 2, Section 2.

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## Sandhills Area Boosted As Site For State Zoo; Advantages Explained

A decision to launch an effort to have the Sandhills area selected as the site for the North Carolina State Zoo was made at a meeting at Whispering Pines Restaurant on Monday.

The meeting was called by the Southern Pines Jaycees and was attended by Senator William P. Saunders and Rep. T. Clyde Auman, who explained

the background of legislation now pending in the General Assembly for the establishment of a State Zoo.

President George Little of the Jaycees presided. Others attending included members of the local affairs committee of the Jaycees, Sam Snowden, Laurinburg architect, and Reese Hart Jr., secretary of the Laurinburg Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Clement R. Monroe, William Gentry representing the Sandhills Chamber of Commerce, and representatives of the press.

A special steering committee made up of Moore County leaders and representatives from neighboring counties of Scotland, Richmond, Robeson, Hoke, Lee and Montgomery will be set up immediately. An early date a public meeting will be held in Southern Pines, at which Norwood N. (Red) Pope, Jr., of Raleigh, chairman of the State Zoo Commission, will be invited to make a presentation and provide background and facts on the zoo proposal.

## Drowning Takes Lives Of 3 At Pond Near Vass

Two men and the seven-year-old son of one of them were drowned Saturday morning in a fishing accident near Vass.

The tragedy remained undiscovered until late afternoon and the last body was not brought up until 10 o'clock that night.

Victims were Jimmy Lewis Powers, 29, of Cameron, Route 1, his young son, Thomas Lewis Powers, and his uncle, Nunev Sheffield, 52, of Sanford.

The bodies were recovered from the farm pond of Sanford Ring, on the Union Church Road two miles west of Vass, in an extensive operation of the Vass Rescue Unit, assisted by the Sandhills (Aberdeen) and Carthage units.

The bodies of Sheffield and the little boy were found soon after dragging started about 6 p.m., that of Powers only after some four hours of patient and persistent work conducted under portable lights.

A son-in-law of Sanford Ring had seen the three drive toward the pond as he left the farm that morning. When he returned about 5:45 p.m. he saw their truck parked near the pond, no one around and the boat capsized on the water. He immediately alerted the Vass rescue unit, which (Continued on Page 5)

## Candidates Rise To 15 On Town Council Election

The filing of three more candidates for the Town Council during the past week brought the total to 15. April 4 will be the deadline for filing.

The new candidates are: —Mrs. Helen Frye, a housewife who with her husband, Leighton Frye, owns and operates an apartment house on W. Vermont Ave. and other rental property.

—Charles S. (Buster) Patch, Jr., former local merchant and salesman, who served on the council in the early 1950's and is now operating an income tax service here.

—John Mallow, instructor (Continued on Page 6)

## RELAYS SLATED HERE SATURDAY

The Mid-South Invitational Relays, with high school track teams from a wide area taking part, will begin at 12 noon, Saturday, at Sandhills Community College on the Pinehurst - Airport road. The event, new to this area, is sponsored by Southern Pines Elks Lodge 1892 and the N. C. High School Athletic Association.



**BEAUTIES** — Jane Player McPhaul of Southern Pines, holding presentation roses, is crowned Miss Southern Pines by Patricia Ray of Carthage, holder of the title for the past year, at the Jaycee-sponsored pageant here Saturday night. At right is Miss North Carolina, Elisa Annette Johnson of New Bern. Cynthia Lee Simons, the first runner-up, who was also elected Miss Congeniality by the other contestants, stands at left, next to the new Miss Southern Pines; and the second runner-up, Tina Wertebaker of Southern Pines, is at extreme left. (Humphrey photo)

## 8 COMPETE FOR 'MISS SOUTHERN PINES'

### Miss McPhaul Wins In Pageant

By VALERIE NICHOLSON

Jane Player McPhaul, blonde, blue-eyed and 18, was crowned "Miss Southern Pines" in the second annual pageant of the Southern Pines Jaycees at Weaver Auditorium Saturday night.

Wearing classic white, her ash-blond hair in a pageboy bob, "Queen Player" was distinguished by her radiant smile, complete with dimples, regal bearing and sumptuous figure—five feet six and a half, 125 pounds, 38-24-37.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. McPhaul of Southern Pines, she is a freshman at Mary Baldwin College in Virginia. She is known to her friends here as "Player"—her middle name.

First runner-up, who was also elected "Miss Congeniality," was Cynthia Lee Simons,

20, brown-haired and blue eyed, from Norfolk, Va., and employed by the J. P. Stevens & Co. at Aberdeen.

Second runner-up was Tina Wertebaker, 18, a honey blonde with blue eyes, a student at Sandhills Community College whose parents live in Berlin, where her father, an Air Force colonel, is on military duty.

The other five contestants, also replete with charms, were Susan Reeves of Southern Pines; Sandra Leigh Davis from Raleigh; Patricia Louise Sheffield of Eastwood; Peggy Sue Greene of Vass and Zaida Faye Lynch of Cameron. Susan is a student at CCTI (Continued on Page 6)

## \$250,000 Loan To Colony Lakes Club Approved If 250 Join Now

The Colony Lakes Golf Club two miles south of Pinebluff on Highway 1 received final approval of a \$250,000 loan from the Farm Home Administration today.

Buster Buffkin, first vice president of the club, said that the loan was on condition that the club obtain 250 paid members.

He said that memberships are being taken now and that the club is expected to be ready by the fall.

The golf course, which will

make a total of 14 in Moore County, has been designed by Frank B. Hicks and Walter Reynolds of Charlotte. It will be laid out over 175 acres, with adequate lakes for irrigation and recreation.

The FHA loan will be used to pay for the land, all building construction and fees.

Other officers beside Buffkin are W. L. Batchelor of Aberdeen, president; Randall Moss, second vice president; and Bob Farrell, secretary-treasurer. Robert Page III is the attorney.

Buffkin said that Mrs. Lynn Rhinehart of Southern Pines is now taking club memberships in the Southern Pines area. Dues of \$18 a month, for both single and family memberships, are not payable until the club opens. (Continued on Page 6)

## County's Cancer Crusade To Open; Chairmen Named

Moore County's 1969 Cancer Crusade fund-raising campaign will start Saturday under the leadership of Henry G. Harper of Southern Pines, county chairman. The chairman said that Moore County's quota was \$8,750 — an increase of 25% over 1968.

Community chairmen and the quotas are: Aberdeen, Mrs. Forrest Lockey, Sr., \$1200.

Cameron, Mrs. H. C. McPherson, \$200.

Carthage, Mrs. L. L. Marion, Jr., \$700.

Eagle Springs, Mrs. Harold Blue, \$125.

Glendon, Mrs. June Harrington, \$50.

High Falls, Mrs. Mildred Frieson, \$100.

Hillcrest, Mrs. R. L. Frye, (Continued on Page 6)

## Easter Seals Are Being Mailed Out

The Moore County Easter Seal Society launched its annual Spring drive today by mailing out hundreds of sheets of Easter Seals, with an appeal letter, to residents of the county.

Contributions provide a wide variety of help and services to handicapped children and adults, on county, state and national levels. Camp Easter here shares in the proceeds.

A photo and more details appear on another page.

## TOURNEY POSTPONED

Rained out Monday morning, the 21st annual Donald J. Ross Memorial Mixed golf tournament (better ball of pair) at the Pinehurst Country Club will be played Monday, March 31, officials have announced.

## THE PILOT LIGHT

**PEACH BLOSSOMS** — This weekend should see peach blossoms in the West End area out in full color. Watts Auman said that the warm weather is bringing out the blossoms and if the good weather continues the trees should be in full bloom by Saturday.

**HOLIDAY** — A photographer from Holiday magazine arrived in Southern Pines last Friday night for several days of picture taking in the Sandhills area. The pictures are to accompany a special feature story in Holiday.

It was not known when the magazine story would appear, but it is expected to be later this year.

**GOVERNOR** — Members of Governor Scott's staff say that better than 90 per cent of the

## Liquor-by-Drink Proposal Expected In Raleigh Soon

A bill to permit counties or municipalities with ABC stores to vote on a liquor-by-the-drink system has been drafted and will probably be introduced in the next two weeks.

Rep. T. Clyde Auman of Moore County who introduced a local liquor-by-the-drink bill at the 1967 session

of the General Assembly said he will support such a measure, although he does not plan to introduce it this time.

Auman spoke at a meeting of the Southern Pines Rotary Club last Friday and, in reply to a question, said he thought liquor-by-the-drink is "the best way to control it." He

went on to say that he sincerely believed that it was "the best way — the lesser of two evils."

Auman's bill did not get out of committee at the 1967 session, but a somewhat similar bill is expected to get committee endorsement even though its fate on the floor of the House is questionable.

It was first thought that a liquor-by-the-drink bill would be introduced on Tuesday of this week, but some changes in the measure now drafted were requested and so introduction was delayed.

Liquor-by-the-drink has the support of the North Carolina Travel Council, as well as legislative support from resort areas and urban centers. It also has opposition from several church groups and others who are fearful of disturbing the present ABC and "brown-bagging" system.

The proposed legislation would apply to clubs and restaurants serving full meals and having a Grade A sanitation rating in a dining room seating at least 50 persons. Gross receipts from the sale of mixed drinks would not be permitted to exceed gross receipts of food.

Operations of the establishment would be reviewed annually and if the proceeds from drink exceeds that from food, the license would be revoked for at least one year.

The "Mixed Beverage License" would be issued annually at the following rates: \$10 per seat for up to 100 seats; an additional \$5 per seat for between 100 and 200 seats; an additional \$2.50 per seat for between 200 and 300 seats; an additional \$1.25 per seat for between 300 and 500 seats; and an additional 50 cents per seat for all seats (Continued on Page 6)

## Voting Poster Control Is Aim Of Auman Bill

In the future a political candidate will have to take his posters down alongside public highways after an election or be charged with the expense of removing them by the State Highway Department.

That, at least, is the aim of a bill being drafted by Rep. T. Clyde Auman of Moore County for introduction soon in the General Assembly.

Auman's plan to take some action against this form of highway pollution would give a candidate, either a winner or a loser, a certain specified time in which to remove his campaign posters. His bill might also levy costs for removal against property owners on whose land the political posters (Continued on Page 6)

## Free Show Set Friday To Boost Blood Donations

A variety show, for which no admission will be charged and with everybody invited, is scheduled for Weaver Auditorium at 8 pm Friday.

Featured will be the "Pinedene Symphony," a versatile local group that plays country and popular music and old favorites; teen-age dancers from the Pat Starnes dancing school; The Kilters, a Scottish dancing group, and The Pipers, who play recorders, from the 5th and 6th grade music students of Mrs. Billie-gene Garner at East Southern Pines School; Betsy Harper and Robert Buchholz, high school students performing a trampoline act; and other entertainment.

Leo F. Walsh, Jr., acting chairman of the Moore County Blood Program which is administered by the Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross, said he and others have arranged the show to stress the importance and needs of the blood program and to publicly express appreciation for county-wide blood donations made in the past.

The Red Cross supplies blood of all types without charge to both hospitals in Moore County, he pointed out. (Continued on Page 6)

## DEAR ABBY

Dear Abby begins today on Page 3, this section.

## EDUCATION IS FEATURED

Today's issue of The Pilot includes a special supplement — an Education Edition.

The 16-page tabloid magazine section carries general stories on higher education in North Carolina by Dr. John Corry, and on the comprehensive community college program in the State by Nancy Duckett. There are also special stories and pictures on the schools, colleges and universities participating in this special presentation by The Pilot.

Readers, and especially high school students, are invited to read this edition. Several hundred extra copies of this Education Edition have been printed, and will be available on request as long as the supply lasts.

## John Lang Awarded Civilian Decoration

John Lang, native of Carthage and administrative assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, has been awarded the Exceptional Civilian Service Award.

It is the highest decoration non-military personnel at the Pentagon in Washington can receive.



FORREST LOCKEY, JR.

## Lockey Named Manager NCNG District Here

Forrest Lockey, Jr., has been named district manager of the newly formed Southern Pines district office of North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation, according to an announcement by Frank Barragan, Jr., president of the firm.

A native of Aberdeen, Lockey has been with NCNG since October, 1965. Prior to his latest promotion, he had been the company's sales manager in Southern Pines.

Lockey is a major in the N. (Continued on Page 6)

## Jugtown Pottery To Be Displayed

Mrs. Nancy Sweezy, director of Jugtown, will participate in the Festival of American Folk Life, sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution, in Washington the week of July 4.

She will assist the Smithsonian in arrangements for the festival and will also demonstrate the making of Jugtown Pottery during the week. She will be accompanied by Washington by Vernon Owen of Jugtown. Jugtown Pottery will also be on display at the festival.

## Aberdeen May Vote May 6 On ABC Proposals

If the State Senate gives final approval to the Aberdeen ABC-beer and wine election bill this week, as is expected, an election on the question will be called for May 6.

Mayor Jack Taylor said that was the current thinking. Under the bill which has passed second and third reading in the House, the town council can call such an election on Petition of 15 per cent of the qualified voters.

The mayor said that ratification of the bill authorizing the election within the next several days would still give the council ample time to give notice of the election. It was thought best to have the election at the same time as the general municipal elections on May 6.

Voters will have the opportunity to vote either of three ways on the questions—on (Continued on Page 6)

## Sunday Horse Show Set, Lakelawn Farm

The public is invited free of charge to the schooling horse show to be held Sunday, March 30, at Lakelawn Farm on old US 1 highway, north.

The final (championship) show in the 1968-69 series is set for Sunday, April 6 (Easter), at the "dogwood pasture" on Youngs Road.

A report on last Sunday's show, with a picture, appears on another page.

## THE WEATHER

Maximum and minimum temperatures for each day of the past week were recorded as follows at the US Weather Bureau observation station, at WEEB, on Midland Road.

	Max.	Min.
March 19	69	44
March 20	76	39
March 21	75	54
March 22	70	43
March 23	67	30
March 24	75	43
March 25	69	48

## First Tenants In Public Housing

Fourteen tenants have moved during the past week into "Longleaf Courts, East Side," while three or four more will move in by April 1 and several others are preparing to sign contracts to join them before long.

The 14 now at home in their bright new, shipshape apartments are history-makers

— the first to occupy public housing in this community or Moore county.

"Longleaf Courts, East Side," covering a full block and parts of two others at the intersection of W. Vermont Ave. and N. Saylor St., and including 30 dwelling units for elderly people, is the first section to be ready for occupancy.

"Longleaf Courts, West Side," off Morganton Road on the other side of US 1, with 70 dwelling units for families, won't be ready till about May 1, according to E. Russell Hubbard, executive director of the Southern Pines Housing Authority.

Hubbard said applications (Continued on Page 6)



**ALL NEW** — This view on W. Vermont Ave. shows a portion of the 30 new public housing units of "Longleaf Courts — East Side," into some of which the first 14 tenants moved this week. Similar structures face the street at right, out of

the picture. A Community Center building is out of sight, around the corner, at the end of the block. As many trees as possible were saved during the construction. (V. Nicholson photo)