

## The Peach Crop

was cut at least 15 per cent by 28 degree temperature Sunday night and growers still face damage for the next four weeks, Clarence Black of the Sandhills Research Center says. Five per cent of the trees were lost, he said.

# THE PILOT

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**DESTRUCTION FOR PROGRESS**—This block in the center of West End was demolished last week to make way for the addition of a two and a-half million dollar expansion of the Sandhills Division of the Stanley Furniture Co., a Mead concern. The ground breaking is Thursday.

## Stanley Clears West End Block In \$2.5 Million Expansion Job

A block of stores in West End has disappeared to make way for the two and a half million dollar expansion of the Sandhills Division of the Stanley Furniture Company.

A ground-breaking ceremony for the 120,000 square feet addition will take place Thursday at 3:45 p.m., with officials of the Stanley Furniture Co. and its parent concern, Mead Corp. present to do the honors.

A new finishing and packing system and an addition to the present warehouse will fill out the "L" shape of the present building and go all the way from the plant to the red light in the center of West End, according to Henry Barnes, plant manager, and Don Coughlin, personnel and public relations manager. A new

water tank will be added. A second shift will be added to the furniture company, expected eventually to employ an additional 100 persons. Conveyor lines will mean that more employees will not be needed following the expansion.

This first phase of the expansion is the third in eight years, and is expected to be completed in February, 1975. The addition to the warehouse will be three stories tall next to Highway 211, officials said.

The plant specializes in a painted line of youth-oriented furniture, taking it all the way from rough lumber until it is ready for stores.

Stanley Furniture Company purchased the plant in 1965 and it was merged with Mead Corp. in

November 1969.

Officials who will be present to the ground breaking Thursday include Jim Van Bleck, President of Stanley Furniture Co.; Warren Batts, President of Mead Corporation; Bill Womack, Vice President of Mead

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## United Fund Dinner Set For Awards

The United Fund of Moore County will hold its annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, March 28, at which time new officers will be announced and installed, according to Mrs. Ida Baker Scott, 1973 President. With \$92,000 contributed or pledged as of March 15, the Fund is almost within sight of its goal after getting off to a slow start last fall.

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## Horse Show

A Horse Show will be held at the Raymond Firestones Landmark Farm off Youngs Road on Sunday, beginning at 1 p.m. for the benefit of the Moore County Humane Society.

There is no admission charge but donations will be accepted for HUSOM, with all proceeds going for the operations of the Society.

## Use of Absentee Ballots For Primary Explained

Applications for absentee ballots in the May 7 primary voting are now being accepted by the Moore County Board of Elections.

Board Chairman C. Coolidge Thompson this week issued the following statement in regard to absentee voting:

"Any qualified registered voter in Moore County may cast his vote by absentee ballot in the 1974 Primary on May 7th, if he will be absent from the county

the entire period the polls are open on election day. Absence from the county for only part of the primary day is not sufficient to warrant use of the absentee ballot. The right to vote absentee on May 7th is also extended to a registered voter due to sickness of physical disability, or incarceration as a misdemeanor, will be unable to travel to the voting place in the precinct in which he/she reside. Inconvenient

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## Husband-Wife Team See Dream Come True in Village Green

Bill and Billy Davis are seeing their big dream come true.

As sales hit a million and a half at The Village Green, they find their greatest satisfaction is having created a community of congenial people comfortably living high on a hilltop, nestled in pines, with carefree living in homes of high quality and privacy.

Bill, the president of Sandavis,

Inc. who built the Village Green, is William P. Davis. Billy, Mrs. Davis, is responsible for Sandavis Interiors, which custom designs each house to the owners' taste.

The Davises now have 35 occupied condominiums in The Village Green, five more sold, and are planning construction on 20 others.

The Davises planned their

project for four years before they actually began it three years ago.

They decided on the style of their development as "clean, crisp, and right for our times." And as proof of their taste, they received the North Carolina Home Builders Association 1971 Grand Award for Condominiums for professional achievement in

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# Resort Area Optimistic On Tourist Trade Ahead

Optimism prevailed this week among resort operators of the Sandhills, with many of them reporting business ahead of last year.

There have been concern and many questions about what the gas shortage would do to the tourist business, but except in a few cases there has been no decline in visitors.

In fact, things are looking up, and Floyd Sayre of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce said this week, "We are in for a real good season if the gas situation holds up."

At Pinehurst, Don Collett said "we are very pleased and optimistic." The president of Pinehurst, Inc., said that business in the first two and a half months has been "above growth projections."

"It looks like it will be a great spring and a good year," Collett said.

Foxfire Golf and Country Club reported that its business is ahead of last year's by 20 percent. Melvin Nelson, general manager, said that he is looking forward to a further increase in business after Foxfire opens its third nine holes of the golf course in April.

At Whispering Pines Country Club, William Shore said that business was ahead of last year. Group meetings are running about five percent above this time in 1973, he said. "I don't

think we will have any problems," Shore added, although he said it was dependent upon the gasoline situation remaining as it is or improving.

Shore said that development of Lake Surf is progressing. The lake is filled and much building is underway.

Warren Bell of Pine Needles Club said that business this month is off about 15 percent,

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## Tourism Meet Set Tuesday

A series of 11 "Tourism and the Energy Crisis" meetings have been announced by James E. Harrington, Secretary of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

The first meeting was in Waynesville. Representatives of the State Division of Travel and Promotion, local members of the General Assembly, and persons directly involved in the travel business attended.

During the next two months, other meetings will be in the Boone - Blowing Rock area, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Southern Pines, Raleigh,

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**SPRING IN SANDHILLS** — Flowering trees and greening woods with golfers caught in this special frame are part of the Sandhills Spring which comes this week. Resort operators are looking for an upswing in tourist business with the warming days.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

## Contract Awarded for Diorama In Weymouth Woods Museum

Lynch Associates of New Jersey has been awarded the design contract for Diorama Exhibits at the Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve Museum.

Letting of the contract for the design was announced here following the visit of Parks Superintendent Thomas Ellis Friday.

Money for the design will come from part of a \$65,000 appropriation by the 1973 Legislature. Construction of the museum is expected to take less than a year to complete.

The Dioramas will be designed under directives of Bryan J. Taylor, Chief Parks Naturalist, and H. Scott Bolin, Museums Curator of the State Parks Division of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

Purpose of the Museum Dioramas will be to portray an interpretative representation of the natural and historical continuity within the ecological boundaries of the Sandhills

region and to relate and depict the story of the Sandhills.

Audio-visual equipment, photographs, preserved and modeled specimens, reproductions of house-types, building types, human figures and tools, and background detail in painted and raised relief will be used to tell

the story. The design will utilize walls, changes of level, changing light and sound patterns, such as the music of the times and natural sounds, expected to provide a dynamic and unlimited number of views and experiences.

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## Construction is Begun On New Bank Building

A ground-breaking was held Tuesday morning to open the construction of a new North Carolina National Bank building at the corner of May Street and Morganton Road.

James B. Gambrell Jr., vice president and city executive, said that NCNB has received approval from the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency to open an office in Southern Pines.

The office here, which will front on Morganton Road, will be the main office for the Sandhills

area. The Pinehurst office on Chinquapin Road will continue to serve the bank's Pinehurst customers.

Construction will begin immediately, with completion scheduled for Sept. 1.

The building will be a single-story, 3500 square feet facility, with a large parking area and two drive-in windows.

The office here will offer full-service banking including trust services.

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## Near 2000 To Take Part Here In Cerebral Palsy Walkathon

A Walkathon for the benefit of Cerebral Palsy victims will be staged here Saturday, March 23, by the Southern Pines Elks Lodge No. 1692.

Between 1500 and 2000 are expected to take part in the sponsored walk. Sponsors will pay each walker various amounts for each mile walked, with all proceeds going to the Cerebral Palsy Fund.

The "Happiness Walk for Cerebral Palsy" will get underway with registration at 7:30 at the Elks Club. The walk will begin at 8 a.m. and will cover 30 miles over a planned route from the Southern Pines Elks Club to Aberdeen, Pinehurst and return. All funds go to United Cerebral

Palsy to support treatment and training programs, education of professional people to work with the cerebral palsied and research into causes and prevention of this crippler.

Cerebral Palsy is the nation's No. 1 child crippler with approximately 25,000 babies born each year with this disease which results from brain damage. In

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## Diana Moon Is Presented DAR Good Citizen Award

Miss Diana Moon of Aberdeen was awarded the N.C. Good Citizen Award at the annual state convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Wilmington last week.

She had been chosen District winner from the Alfred Moore Chapter over 45 girls earlier and now will compete for the DAR Championship whose winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

The DAR also presented its DAR medal of honor for the first time in the state to Editor-Publisher Sam Ragan of The Pilot, expressing their "profound gratitude to a man who has helped this state walk proud, secure and determined in its efforts to build a better nation." Ragan addressed the group Tuesday night.

Miss Moon is the first candidate from Moore County to win the State award.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Moon of Aberdeen and is an honor student at

Pinecrest High School, where she is a senior.

Miss Sadie Diane Goldston and Miss Moon both received District 7 Good Citizenship awards from the DAR's Alfred Moore Chapter, whose chairman is Mrs.

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Diana Moon

## THE PILOT LIGHT

**PROMOTION** — A bill of much interest to the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce is the one calling for an appropriation of \$300,000 to be allocated among chambers of commerce in North Carolina for the promotion of tourism.

Introduced by two mountain Representatives, Ramsey and Messer, the \$300,000 would be turned over to the Department of Natural and Economic Resources to be distributed on a matching dollar-for-dollar basis for tourist promotional activities. No grant would exceed \$25,000 to any one chamber.

The bill was referred to the appropriations committee where its fate depends upon how much money is available under new revenue estimates.

**REGISTRATION** — The deadline for registration for voting in the May 7 party primaries is 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 8.

Registration at the Moore County Board of Elections has been light in recent weeks but is expected to pick up in the remaining time between now and the deadline.

**VICKERY** — Young Charles Vickery of Hillsborough, a law partner of retiring State Senator A.B. Coleman Jr., was in Moore County last Thursday in behalf of his candidacy for a State Senate seat from the 16th District.

There are four candidates from Orange County in the race, one from Randolph and one from Moore. Two candidates will be chosen in the Democratic primary

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## Asks Help

Police Chief Earl Seawell has asked the public to help locate a blue Maverick about four years old that crashed into and demolished a car Sunday around 3:10 a.m. and knocked down a light pole.

He said the hit and run driver of the car totalled a parked car belonging to Alice Roseborough parked at her residence at 150 North Leak St. and then headed north on Leak. Damage was estimated at \$2,000 to the 1972 Mercury.

Any information furnished the police will be held in confidence, he said.



**SHOWS THE WAY**—This recently erected sign on Midland Road marks the road by a lake to The Village Green, prize-winning condominium residential development of the William P. Davises.