

Weather

Partly cloudy skies, temperatures ranging from the upper 50s to low 80s, likelihood of early morning fog and only a 10 per cent chance of rain—that's the weather outlook for the Sandhills area for the next day or so. Temperatures the past week ranged from 39 to 80, while rainfall was nil.

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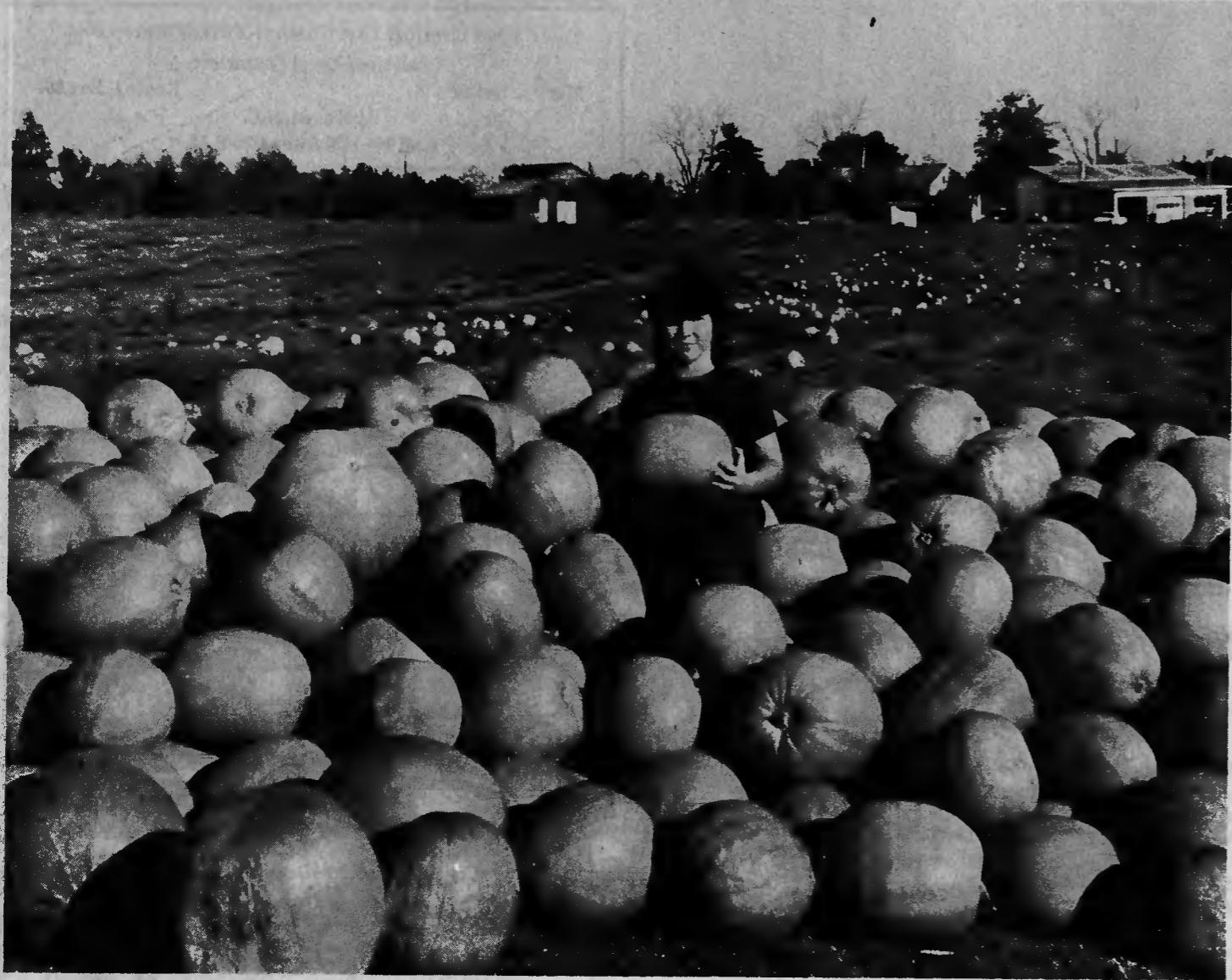
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READY FOR HALLOWEEN—There are pumpkins galore waiting for Halloween Thursday on this farm near Carthage. Standing in this pile of golden pumpkins is Patty Horne, the eight-year-old daughter of Glenn and Grace Horne.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Light Vote Predicted For Election Tuesday

Moore County voters will go to the polls next Tuesday to elect almost a full slate of local officials and several for state and national posts.

Pre-election predictions, however, point to one of the lightest votes in many years, as a general apathy on the part of voters has marked most of the fall campaign.

In last spring's primary elections only about one-third of the eligible voters cast their ballots in Moore. Votes in the election on Nov. 5 are expected, however, to be much higher than that, but could still fall below 50 percent.

There are 18,439 registered voters as of today in Moore County—11,676 Democrats, 6,040 Republicans, 575 Independents, 5 American party and 193 registered as "no party."

Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and will close at 7:30 p.m. Curbside voting for those physically unable to enter the polling places will be permitted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Polling places in the 21 Moore County precincts remain the same except in Eureka Precinct which has been moved from the Farm Life School to the Whispering Pines Municipal Building.

The deadline for civilian absentee ballots is 6 p.m. today (Wednesday).

Mrs. Daisy Riddle, executive secretary of the Moore County Board of Elections, said yesterday.

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Another Duncraig Suit Filed

Mrs. Constance Matheson Baker, through her attorneys here, filed a complaint Tuesday in Moore Superior Court, at Carthage, seeking "declaratory and injunctive relief" of the court against the Town of Southern Pines, and two officials, in the Duncraig Manor matter.

Mrs. Baker, owner of Duncraig Manor property and its lessor for use as a Children's Treatment Center, alleges such relief, authorized by statute, is "necessary and appropriate" because of controversy existing between herself and the Town concerning "the validity and interpretation" of the town zoning ordinance; and because the issue presented "does not involve a factual dispute, but concerns solely a question of statutory interpretation and the constitutional validity" of the ordinance.

She is challenging its constitutionality, based on both the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article 1, Section 19, of the Constitution of North Carolina, and prays the court for summary judgment on eight points on which she attacks the zoning ordinance and her own rights in relation to it.

Defendants are the Town of Southern Pines, Mayor E. Earl Hubbard, Councilmen E.S. Doug-

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Robert Morgan



William E. Stevens



Rufus L. Edmisten



James H. Carson Jr.

Vote On Beer-Wine Sale On Ballot Next Tuesday

Moore County voters will be asked to decide in a special election Tuesday whether beer and wine will be sold, or not, on a county-wide basis rather than in certain towns, as is now the case.

They may vote for or against both on-premises and off-premises sale of malt beverage, and for or against the off-premises sale only, of fortified wine.

An affirmative vote will give rural merchants the same right to sell such items as their counterparts have in six Moore County communities: Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen, Carthage, Pinebluff and Whispering Pines.

The referendum is sponsored by a group of rural merchants,

who won the approval, though not necessarily the support, of the county commissioners on holding the vote. Whereas it formerly took a petition meeting certain requirements, this can be done now on the commissioners' (Continued on Page 12-A)

Full Moon

A second full moon this month will shine down tonight as Halloween approaches.

Mrs. James Billings of Pinehurst called to tell us of this unusual phenomenon.

She said the first full moon was on the first of the month and the other tonight. It is the only time this year that the moon will be full twice full. In fact, it is rare during any year.

Bob Morgan Addresses Kiwanians

Robert Morgan, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, spoke to members of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at their luncheon meeting at the Holiday Inn today.

Principal emphasis in Morgan's talk was on the current economy, especially in the tremendous decline in home building. Government spending, he said, has helped to dry up home loan funds, and he proposed corrective measures to bring more money into the home (Continued on Page 12-A)

Samarkand Changes to Coed Nov. 11

Samarkand Manor at Eagle Springs, a State school for girls since 1918, will be turned into a coeducational institution on November 11, Dr. John Larkins, director of the State Office of Youth Development, said this week.

The change-over had been scheduled for the day after the election on Nov. 5, but the date

was changed this week. The move to put boys and girls together at the training school follows an opinion issued on Oct. 3 by Republican Attorney General James Carson that the Department of Corrections, headed by Secretary David Jones and under which the schools are operated, has the authority to operate the schools

on a coeducational basis. There was a report that Carson's ruling reversed one made earlier by the Democratic Attorney General Robert Morgan, but aides in Carson's office said Monday they were not aware of an earlier opinion.

Samarkand Manor has been the center of troubles and turmoil since the Black Friday of Oct. 26, 1973, when Secretary Jones masterminded a helicopter blitzkrieg to force out Miss Reva Mitchell, the long-time director of the school. Agents from Jones' office in Raleigh descended on the school by helicopter and told Miss Mitchell, who had been at Samarkand Manor for more than 40 years, that she was to

leave the premises immediately. Several others were ousted at the same time.

During the past year there have been numerous runaways, an investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation, a shooting in which a girl from the school was critically wounded, reports of prostitution, assaults, and further firings. The director who succeeded Miss Mitchell was replaced by another.

Dr. Larkins said this week that he hoped the changes now planned would greatly improve the State's youth development program.

Samarkand Manor will not only become coeducational, but will be limited to ages 10 to 13. (Continued on Page 12-A)

Vass Jubilee to Feature Parade, Events Saturday

The fourth annual Vass Firemen's Jubilee, an all-day event of Saturday, will from all indications follow the traditions set in previous years.

Since 1971 the first Saturday in November has been set aside for one of Moore County's best parties of the year, complete with parade, politicians, good things to eat, good fun and games and numerous exciting events, climaxed with the "Miss Flame" contest and a dance.

The Jubilee is sponsored by the Vass Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, ladies who exercise their prerogatives by commandeering firemen to help in every event. But the ladies do the cooking which make luncheon and supper such special treats.

The parade will start promptly at 11 a.m. from Lassiter's Grill on South St., proceeding north on South to Main, thence to Seaboard, southward past the reviewing stand and on to James St., where it will disband at the Angus Mills parking lot.

It will be the biggest and best parade yet, with some 63 entries, including campaigning candidates, county officials, "Miss Flame" contestants—numbering 26 at last count; fire trucks, rescue squads, antique cars, Smoky the Bear and a variety of beautiful civic, commercial and public service floats.

Highlights will include John Ingram, State Commissioner of Insurance, expected to be on (Continued on Page 12-A)

Wife Held In Shooting Of Husband At West End

A 32-year-old farm worker of West End was shot to death Sunday afternoon and his wife, mother of two small children, is being held without bond in Moore County Jail on an open charge of murder.

Sheriff C.G. Wimberly said Mrs. Martha Jeannette LeGrand Baldwin, 22, admitted shooting James Odell Baldwin in the back with a 22-caliber pistol following an argument, the subject of which he did not disclose.

The shooting took place in the kitchen of the Baldwins' home near West End. Their children,

aged about one and three, were in the home at the time. After a member of the family notified the law, Mrs. Baldwin waited quietly for the deputies to arrive, told them what had occurred and turned over the gun to them.

They found Baldwin's body on the kitchen floor, and near it the bullet, which had passed entirely through the body, emerging from the chest.

Coroner A.B. Parker said an autopsy performed Monday at Moore Memorial Hospital showed that the bullet had (Continued on Page 12-A)

Pinecrest, Union Pines Bids Accepted by Board

The Moore County Board of Education Tuesday night accepted low bids on the 10-classroom addition to Union Pines High School and the two-room Westmoore kindergarten building, also, conditionally, on the Pinecrest High School gym—provided some \$30,000 could be wrung out of the total of over \$1 million, to bring it down within budgetary limitations.

Tom Hayes, of Hayes-Howell Associations, said he was sure

this could be done, as there were several areas in which cuts could be made. He wasn't, however, as sure about an additional \$44,000, which would have to be found somewhere if the lobby—also to be used as a student commons—were to be enlarged to its original proportions.

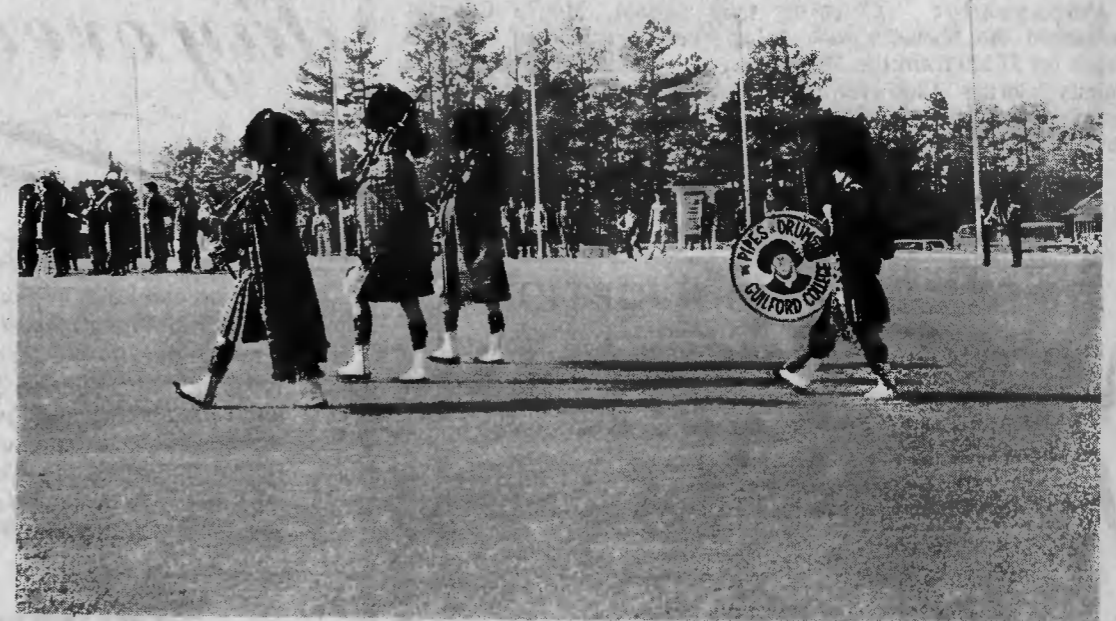
The board authorized him to work with the administrators on changes to be made, and to negotiate with the contractors (Continued on Page 12-A)

Given Award

The Pilot has been given a State award by the North Carolina Mental Health Association for its coverage of the Duncraig Manor controversy.

Presentation of the award and an accompanying resolution commending the newspaper for "informing the general public of the circumstances involved" was made at the annual meeting of the association in Raleigh on Friday.

Receiving the award on behalf of The Pilot was Jim Sutherland of the newspaper staff.



DIAMONDHEAD CUP—Bagpipers piped the opening of play on Tuesday of the Diamondhead Cup matches between U.S. and British golf club pros at the Pinehurst Country Club. The second annual event will be concluded on Thursday.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Burning to Follow Logging at Weymouth Woods

BY HOWARD S. MUSE, JR. If you had driven down East Connecticut Avenue Extension recently you might have seen a crew cutting pulpwood in a pine plantation south of the Bethesda Road intersection—a not uncommon sight in a county that produces more than 40,000 cords of pulpwood a year.

The cutting, however, took place in the Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve, and

more is to follow through the fall. After the cutters leave, the logging slash will be burned, and elsewhere in Weymouth Woods, the ground litter will be burned away.

Just what is going on here? Is this any way to run a nature preserve? Have the paper company boys and their pulpwood cutters been allowed to run amuck in Weymouth Woods? Not in the least, says L.M. (Mac)

Goodwin, Jr., Weymouth Woods' personable, young superintendent. It's all part of a carefully conceived and skillfully executed plan to preserve the essential feature of the preserve—its longleaf pine forest and the flora and fauna associated with it—by cutting portions of the forest and then burning away the ground cover and accumulated litter of decades, some of it a foot thick. It sounds paradoxical, doesn't

it, for it goes against everything that the North Carolina Division of State Parks has stood for and Smokey the Bear has preached over the years. But is isn't, according to Goodwin. "We're trying to preserve a portion of the pine forest and to return it to its natural state as it existed for thousands of years before man came into the area by using fire as a natural tool," says Goodwin on the afternoon of October 24, as

we walked through a thinned pine plantation, one of two cut. "What we're after is to restore the area, getting it back to a semi-original condition, so that it resembles the virgin forest as much as possible," he says.

The rationale behind the new policy is that fires started by natural causes, such as lightning, are part of the preservation process. According to the new (Continued on Page 12-A)