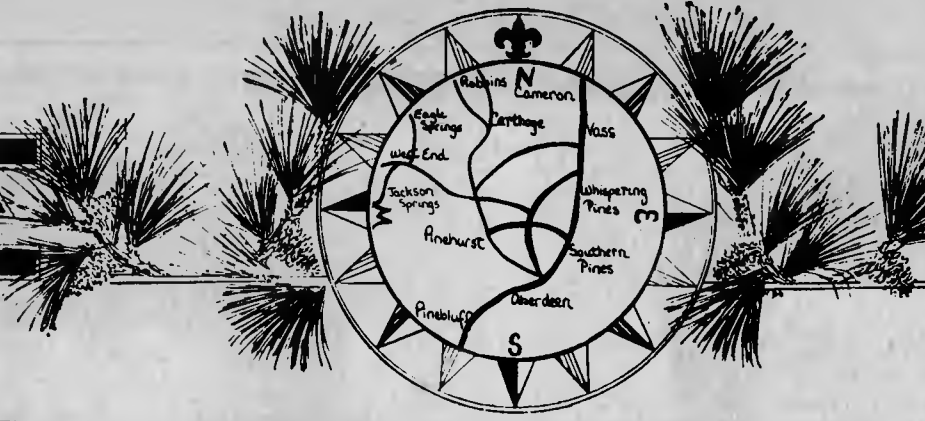


Weather

Rain totalled 2.22 inches at the weather station during the past week. High temperature was Saturday with 68 degrees, plummeting to a cold 20 degrees Tuesday night. A high of 40 is predicted today, and a low of 19 with no more rain. Warmer tomorrow.

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CONDOMINIUM SITE CONSTRUCTION — Workmen are shown putting the finishing touches on a three-third mile long wall which will enclose a new multi-million dollar condominium project now under way on Morganton Road opposite the Country Club of North Carolina. —(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Big Building Project Gets Under Way Here

A multi-million-dollar condominium project is planned for a 36-acre tract on Morganton Road facing the Country Club of North Carolina, The Pilot has learned. Preliminary work already has begun on the site, including erection of a brick wall on Morganton Road and clearing several pieces of land, one of them being the planned entranceway directly across from the CCNC access road. There will be 240 condominium units in the project, when completed, according to Timothy O'Leary of Chevy Chase, Md., who with Thomas H. Fritchard of the Country Club of North Carolina, is its sponsor and developer. It is to be known as Golf Vistas. At an estimated cost of \$52,000 to \$64,000 per unit, this would bring the dollar total of the project to something over \$15,000,000. Units will be available with two, three and four bedrooms. A single building, resembling a conventional house, will contain four such units, each with its own double garage. Two-bedroom units will be one-story high; three- and four-bedroom units will be two stories. Each unit will be complete down to color television, trash compactor, micro-wave oven and similar appliances and facilities not normally included in residential buildings. Model units will be completed for showing around mid-March, O'Leary said. Eventually an exclusive tennis club will be located on the property, O'Leary said. Memberships will be available to residents of the area as well as to those living (Continued on Page 16-A)

Jobless Rate Hits 8% Mark; Plant to Resume Operation

Unemployment in Moore County reached a peak of eight percent in December, the highest in years, and is now seven-and-a-half percent, Robert Mooneyham, District Officer for the Employment Security Commission, estimated Monday. In October, he said, it was only five percent, growing to seven percent in November. However, there are bright spots in the picture. Proctor-Silex, maker of electrical appliances, will tentatively begin operation with about 400 of its former 456 employees on Feb. 3, according to Manager R.J. Parkent. As to the gas situation, the company is looking at putting in alternative sources, Parkent said. He sees no up-swing in business for the first quarter of the year, but looks for an increase in the summer. He hopes for the President's tax bill to pass and increase the cash to be spent. The Gulistan Carpet Division of J.P. Stevens and Co. Inc. is now running at 90 percent of capacity and sees no threat from the limited natural gas supply. Marvin Crow, executive vice president of the company, told The Pilot that some of the some-700 employees of the plant are on "short time" but there are no layoffs. Work at the plant was curtailed during Christmas week and earlier. However, Crow believes that the present slump will bottom out at the end of February or March. (Continued on Page 16-A)

Moore Is Given Only 18 Jobs In Public Works Aid Program

The first federal-funded public works program to combat unemployment has been approved for Moore County, with \$57,702.02 allocated for 18 workers over a six months period. The second six months allocation of funds will be released later and will be based on the county's unemployment rate at that time. County Administrator Bob Helms met on Monday with a representative of the North Carolina Manpower Council and Region H Council of Government officials with the fund allocation being announced following the meeting. Attending the meeting were representatives of municipal governments in Moore County, and six towns have been allotted funds for public works. Five of the 18 workers will be employed by the county, which will receive \$18,738.64 to pay them. Southern Pines will get four workers with its \$12,894 allocation. Other towns allocations were as follows: Carthage, one worker, \$3,307; Robbin's, one worker, \$4,340; Vass, two workers, \$6,065.72; Pinebluff, two workers, \$5,080.80; Aberdeen, three workers, \$7,075.86. Southern Pines Town Manager Lew Brown said he hopes that the four workers here will include a building inspector and three for a work crew. The work crew would be assigned to improvements on parkways and storm drains. The town had submitted an application for seven jobs, but only four were approved. Requirements for filling these public work jobs is that the person employed must have been out of work for at least 30 days. Preferences will also be given to war veterans. The public works jobs will be good for only one year. In respect to easing unemployment, Brown said that the jobs to be filled "will be only a drop in the bucket." There is a possibility, however, that more public works programs will be authorized by the new Congress. (Continued on Page 16-A)

Council OKs Public Jobs Citizen Community Plan

The Southern Pines Town Council in regular meeting Tuesday night approved recommendations of Town Manager Lew G. Brown for the four positions allotted the Town under the Public Service Employment Program, and authorized him to seek applicants at once. Brown said that he and Shelley Williamson, intern assistant to the administrative staff, had had official word of the allocation at a meeting Monday at Carthage, and recommended the positions be filled as follows: (1) One building inspector, annual salary \$7,380, to work with the town building inspector in a concentrated program in substandard areas identified in the Town's proposed Community Development Program. He would also assist citizens in applying for FHA home improvement loans, as another facet of the Community Development program. (2) One three-man general-purpose maintenance crew, consisting of one labor foreman (annual salary \$6,372), one motor equipment operator (annual salary \$5,700) and one laborer (annual salary \$4,908); to work under the assistant street superintendent on certain specific duties. Brown advised that, if the Town wished to take advantage of the program, it should act at once, and fill the positions as soon as possible—which was not necessarily as easy as it sounded. On a suggestion of one councilman, C.A. McLaughlin, that an electrical inspector for the Town might be hired, Brown said would hardly be possible. Even in the face of mounting joblessness, it would be next to impossible to find a person qualified as an electrical inspector or who was unemployed, and who would work for the modest pay offered. The electrical inspector proposal came during a discussion as to whether or not the Town wished to avail itself of the county's electrical inspection program, which the commissioners recently opened up to the municipalities on the same basis (Continued on Page 16-A)

Fire Zone Request Is Made

A request that the Town & Country Shopping Center be placed in the fire zone of the Town of Aberdeen was presented to the town's Board of Commissioners Monday night. If this were done, the shopping center's buildings would be subject to stringent construction requirements of the type that would increase resistance to fires. At the same time, fire insurance rates would be reduced. Action on the request, submitted by the Storey Corporation, was delayed so the town attorney could contact officials at the Mid-Town and Center Park Parking Centers, to see if they also wish to have their properties included in the Aberdeen fire zone. (Continued on Page 16-A)

Fields, Lees, Kittredge Win Pinehurst Election

Unless there is a change in the count, J. Ellis Fields, Jr., Lees and Kittredge were elected to serve three-year terms. Fields, Viall and Mrs. Marian Smith, who did not run for reelection, won one-year terms last year when Pinehurst held its first election of a full Village Council. Previously, the majority of members had been appointed by Pinehurst, Inc., which operates the village for Diamondhead Corp. Though Pinehurst is not a municipality, a citizens group, suing in a class action, last year won the right for a democratic election, along with other con- (Continued on Page 16-A)

Holdup, Thefts Probed; Two Nabbed in Robbery

An armed robbery in Southern Pines, two arrests on a previous holdup in Southern Pines, a break-in and fire in Jackson Hamlet and three unsuccessful break-ins in Aberdeen occupied Sandhills area law enforcement officers over the past week. For the second time in a little over three weeks the Short Shop at 367 N. Bennett St. in Southern Pines was robbed by a lone bandit about 10:20 p.m. Saturday night. Store manager Larry Bruce was on duty when the robber entered, brandished a handgun and made off with about \$600. He was described as being about six-foot two, weighing about 200 pounds, and wearing a blue toboggan cap, purple windbreaker and plaid pants. The previous robbery occurred December 19 about 8:45 p.m. It took place a few hours after two men robbed the Jean Scene, 250 West Pennsylvania Ave., escaping with about \$500. Last weekend two men charged with the Jean Scene robbery were arrested by Southern Pines police. They are being held in Moore County jail, Carthage, under \$10,000 bonds for preliminary hearing January 31 in Southern Pines District Court. Arrested last Friday was Edward Cain, 20, of Aberdeen. His alleged accomplice, James W. Chambers, 25, also of Aberdeen, was arrested Saturday. Police Chief Earl Seawell said the arrests resulted from a cooperative investigation of his department with the Moore County Sheriff's Department and (Continued on Page 16-A)

People Used Mail Less During Christmas Time

There were fewer Christmas cards and packages moved through the Southern Pines Post Office this year than last year, says Postmaster Robert Peele. Sales during the Christmas season were also down, about 5 percent from last year. "It is easy to point to the ten cent stamp for the answer to this drop in holiday mail," says Peele, "but I believe that this is a reflection of inflation as a whole, not just the increase in postal rates." Holiday mail was just one more area where people were curtailing expenses this year. "Christmas cards are not necessary expenditures," Peele pointed out, "and fewer Southern Pines residents sent Christmas cards to their friends in town. Most Christmas mail this year was for out of town." As a result of the response to a (Continued on Page 16-A)

History Patrons

Patrons who paid in advance for "The Story of Moore County," the new history by Manly Wade Wellman, may still pick up their copies at the office of The Pilot. A pre-Christmas notice that the books were available was published and many Patrons did call at the newspaper office for them. Other copies remain, however, to be claimed this week.

Fund Gets Only 87% Of Goal

Robert L. Royster, president of the United Fund of Moore County, Inc., has reported that they have completed their campaign with donations and pledges totaling \$92,209.50. This is 87.8 percent of their goal of \$105,000. Royster said that he was disappointed that the total goal had not been reached. He attributed not meeting the goal to the loss of jobs in the County and a general uneasiness about the economy for 1975. Royster pointed out, however, that the total amount of money raised by Campaign Chairman Emerson F. Gower, Jr. and his many campaign workers was actually about the second largest sum ever raised in the county by the United Fund. The final division totals by the campaign chairmen were as follows: Special Gifts, \$31,850.49; Industrial, Dave Leary, \$38,945.87; Commercial, Walter Holden, \$6,147; Professional, Larry New-some, \$5,919; Public Employees, Gregg Allen, \$4,572.14; Banks, Bill Toney, \$4,038; and Federal Employees, Robert Peale, \$662. Royster and Gower both (Continued on Page 16-A)

Petition

A petition requesting the N.C. Legislature to limit the use by Carolina Power & Light Co., of the fossil fuel adjustment clause to raise power rates is being circulated in this area. Russell Ayers of Whispering Pines said that 500 copies of the petition are being circulated. When completed the petition will be presented to Rep. T. Clyde Auman with the request that proper legislation be introduced.

THE PILOT LIGHT

LEGISLATURE — The North Carolina General Assembly convened its 1975 session at noon today with money on their mind and hold-the-line as the rallying cry. Opening day saw legislators being sworn into office and the election of legislative officers. Rep. Jimmy Green of Bladen County is the new Speaker of the House and following the opening ceremonies a luncheon in his honor was held at the Hilton Inn at 2 p.m. The usual sparring is expected over the next few weeks, but several legislators are anxious to get down to business. Over-riding will talk at this time is the state of the economy and that will have a bearing on just about every act of the Legislature at this session. Legislators are expected to be hard-nosed not only about requests for extra money for state programs, but they will be taking a close look at expenditures for past programs. TAX REFORM — Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt is one of those who thinks the revenue estimates will be on the high side. Those estimates will not be officially known until the Governor presents his budget but the word is that a 11 percent growth above present revenues will be predicted. Hunt says legislators will closely scrutinize the "con- (Continued on Page 16-A)

Duncraig Cases On Docket But Trial Unlikely

Judge James M. Long of Yanceyville has been assigned as regular judge of Moore Superior Court during the first half of the new year, and will preside over the regular civil term next week, also the regular criminal term starting Monday, January 27. Next week's calendar is a full one, with 18 motions in pending cases due to be heard Monday, and 27 cases listed for trial Monday through Thursday. Of these, it is expected only a few will be tried while most will be settled or continued. In positions No. 24 and 25, highly unfavorable for trial at this term, are the two pending Duncraig Manor cases—Town of Southern Pines vs. Dr. Jack Mohr et al, requiring a jury trial, and Constance Matheson Baker vs. the Town of Southern Pines, for declaratory judgment. Batteries of lawyers are named to serve in both cases, including, in the second one, the

State's Attorney-General for the defendant, but seniority of other cases has pushed these down to the fifth and sixth spots on Thursday. It is apparent that together, the two cases will take several days to try, and it seems more likely they will turn up in a special term already set for catch-up work, starting Monday, February 17. Current information is that Robert L. Gavin of Pinehurst, newly appointed as a special Superior Court judge by Governor Holshouser, and sworn in January 6 at Raleigh, will preside over the special term. However, Charles McLeod, clerk of Moore Superior Court, said this has not yet been officially confirmed. Judge Gavin, who was the Republican candidate for governor in 1960 and 1964, moved a few years ago from Sanford to Pinehurst, and has maintained

law offices in both towns. His appointment made Moore one of the very few counties, probably the only non-metropolitan county, to number two Superior Court judges among their residents. The other is Resident Judge John D. McConnell of Southern Pines. Gavin was one of three new special judges sworn in by the State's brand-new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge Susie M. Sharp. As "specials," they are subject to weekly assignment anywhere in the state by the Administrative Office of the General Court of Justice. They have, however, the same rank and \$30,500 salary of the resident judges, who are elected and travel on a six-month rotation basis from one judicial district to another. Cases listed for trial next week are subject to the two-day rule, meaning if they are not called the day they are calendared, they

may be called the next, but if not called in two days, they are continued. They are: MONDAY—Julian Autry vs. Paul Hunsucker & wife Mollie Hunsucker; John Foster Faulk vs. Mt. Olive A.M.E. Zion Church (3 hrs., non-jury, suit for architect's fee); BP Oil Corp. vs. Noah H. Key, Account and Counter-claims (jury, 1 day); Town of Carthage vs. N.A. McLeod & wife (jury, 1 1/2 to 2 days); Town of Carthage vs. Emily Lee (jury, 1 1/2 to 2 days). TUESDAY—Julian T. Rosser, admr. Est. of Atlas Gerald Rosser vs. SCAP, Inc., and John A. Chambers (jury); Doahr, Lacher & Berk vs. Little River Farms, Inc. (non-jury, 3/4 day); Archie F. Ray vs. Penn Brower (jury, 1 day); Mary Best Murrill, admrx. Est. of Romulus T. Best vs. Dr. Ralph Dunn, Jr. (jury, 2-3 days); Richard E. Richardson et ux vs. Suburban Rulane Gas Co. of N.C. (jury, 1 1/2 days); James

P. Foushee vs. David Junior Holder (non-jury, 3/4 day); Gouger & Veno, Inc. vs. Diamondhead Corp. (jury, 2 days). WEDNESDAY—Kevin Charles McCarthy vs. Joanne Polhemus & Robert Wilford Pratt (negligence action for damages—auto accident (jury, 1 day); A.P. Johnson vs. Richard A. Banks & wife, Mary A. Banks (jury, 2 hrs.); Felix Baker & wife Mac D. Baker vs. Lewis G. King & wife Janet C. King, defts., vs. Foster McCrary and wife Audrey McCrary, Third Party defts., and Sandhill Production Credit Assn., Third Party defts., and Mosley G. Boyette, Jr., trustee, Third Party Deft.; Martin W. Niessner et ux, Annie Mabel Edwards Niessner, vs. Emery Smith, Jr., et ux, Alice S. Smith (line dispute, real estate—non-jury, 1 day); John A. Smith, individually and as admr. of Est. (Continued on Page 16-A)



SPEAKER — Phil Kirk, administrative assistant to Governor Holshouser, will be the guest speaker at the annual banquet of the Jaycees at the Southern Pines Country Club Tuesday night when the Distinguished Service Award, Young Educator and Boss of Year awards will be presented.