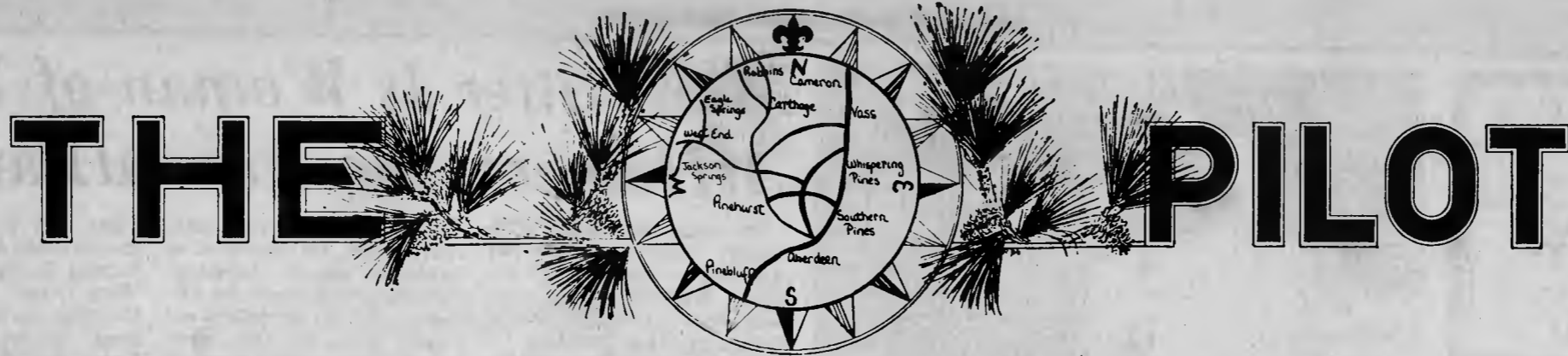


Weather

Below-freezing temperatures blanketed the Sandhills on five of the past seven nights. Tonight's low is expected to be in the 30s. Outlook is for considerable cloudiness with 10 percent chance of rain tonight, 20 percent on Thursday.



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Pair Held In Murder

Two Southern Pines men and one from Jackson Hamlet, near Aberdeen, are being held in Moore County Jail without bond, after being charged last weekend with murder in two separate shooting incidents.

One of the Southern Pines men also is charged with two recent armed robberies in Pinehurst, while the other is accused of being his accomplice in one of the Pinehurst crimes.

The Southern Pines pair are accused in the pistol slaying of John Henry McCaskill, 56, in the course of an armed robbery January 6 at the small rural store he operated on NC 211 near West End.

Sheriff C.G. Wimberly said Willie Edward McZorn, 24, of 525 West Connecticut Ave., was arrested shortly before midnight Saturday, and Joseph J. Cauthen, 24, of 500 South Hale St., was arrested Sunday afternoon.

Both arrests were made in West Southern Pines with cooperation of Southern Pines police, following intensive investigation by the sheriff's department, with SBI assistance. McCaskill was shot in the left side of his face by one of two men (Continued on Page 16-A)

Sales Up Here Over '73 Mark

Retail sales in Moore County during December were 6.9 percent above sales in the same month in 1973.

Sales tax collections, regarded as the best economic barometer in the state, showed Moore continuing at a high level during the past month. A total of \$79,012.90 in the one percent local option sales tax was collected during December, 1974. For the same month in December, 1973, the one percent sales tax collections amounted to \$73,934.

Secretary J. Howard Coble of the State Department of Revenue issued a report this week on local sales tax collections. The one percent collections in neighboring counties were as follows: Hoke, \$17,506.55; Lee, \$68,866.36; Montgomery, \$24,450.07; and Richmond, \$79,441.32.



SPECTACULAR WRECK — A 1972 International Transfer truck was totaled on Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Pinehurst traffic circle on 15-501. The truck, driven by John Henry Evans, Jr. of Rt. 1, Morrisville, is owned by Forbes Transfer Company of Wilson. Evans was pinned in the truck for 30 minutes following the overturn. The truck carried building materials and damages amounted to \$18,000. In an interview the Highway Patrol expressed its appreciation to the Pinehurst Fire Department for clearing the road.

Mental Health Clinic Offers Walk-In Service For Citizens

BY KAY PERKINS
"We deal with problems on the full range of the spectrum," said David Culbreth, area director of the Sandhills Mental Health Clinic, "from severe to minor."

Just what can a person expect when he comes to the Mental Health Clinic? The major thing is attention and service. No one on a walk-in, first visit needs an appointment. A person just walks into the lobby, tells the receptionist that he or she wishes to talk to someone and the receptionist then asks the nature of the problem. The person does not have to tell the receptionist any information unless he desires.

A social worker, psychiatrist or psychologist then talks with the person in complete privacy. They discuss present problems, personal history and family background. The disposition at this point depends on the severity of the case. Medication and another appointment may be needed, or it may not. A person may be told that he doesn't need treatment and sent home, or it might be suggested that he remain in the hospital

itself, either at the clinic or in Raleigh. "It is very rare," said Culbreth, "that someone is detained involuntarily. The important point is that anyone can get in-patient treatment any time he likes, but may be turned away if the treatment is not needed."

Once a person has volunteered himself into the hospital, he can at any time volunteer himself out with a 72 hours notice. There is a fee for in-patient treatment, which is set up by Moore Memorial Hospital. According to Culbreth some insurance com-

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Sandhills College Sets 'Open House' For Feb. 9

Sandhills Community College will hold an "Open House" on Sunday February 9 between 2 and 5 in the afternoon and the public is invited.

The theme of the gala is "Students at Work," and visitors will see classrooms in operation, art students working on paintings, pottery and crafts, hear student musical groups performing in the lounge, and can tour the library and all other facilities on the campus. The landscape gardening students will be "doing their thing" in Heutte Hall, the horticulture

buildings, as will the students in the automotive building displaying their skills in repairing engines and motors. The laboratories in the Mary Luman Meyer building will have students working on TV and radio units, chemistry students juggling vials and bottles. In fact visitors can enjoy campus life and observe first-hand teachers teaching and learners learning—just what Sandhills College is all about. The Open House is being planned by special committees of (Continued on Page 16-A)

Set Up by State Group Dun Craig Defense Fund

The establishment of a Dun Craig Manor Defense Fund to support the legal battle against the eviction of the children from the treatment center here has been announced by Mrs. R.H. Livermore Jr., of Lumberton, president of the North Carolina Association for Emotionally Troubled Children. Mrs. Livermore issued a lengthy statement in support of the Dun Craig Manor center and asked for financial support in the court action which has been instituted by the Town of Southern Pines. The town contends that the children's center is in violation of zoning laws. Meanwhile, the two Dun Craig Manor cases calendared for the regular civil term of Moore

Superior Court, under way this week at Carthage with Judge James M. Long presiding, have been continued. They now appear on the preliminary calendar of the special term set for February 17. Originally set for Thursday of this week, the two civil suits are among a number which were continued as it became obvious they could not be reached at this term. With 18 motions in pending suits taking up most of the court's time on Monday and Tuesday, judgment was handed down in only one case out of 12 listed for possible trial on those days. This was the case of BP Oil Corp. vs. Noah H. Key, Account and Counter-Claims. (Continued on Page 16-A)

Courts Facility Land Is Bought; Study Approved

The Moore County Commissioners, meeting Thursday, reached an agreement on its final-for-now-real estate deal in downtown Carthage; set up a two-man commission to study the county's government and recommend ways to improve it; appropriated funds for a fire truck for the Eastwood Volunteer Fire Department and a jeep for the Carthage Rescue Squad, and, after 35 years, gave back a piece of land to the Village of Pinehurst.

It was a busy special meeting lasting more than three hours, winding up with a brief closed session with "Monk" Womack, owner of Monk's Cleaners, in which they reached a compromise figure for the purchase of his business place on Dowd St. This was the final property, and the fifth one they have acquired, to provide a site and accessory areas for the proposed new courts facility, for which architectural drawings are already being made.

The commissioners had held an option on the Womack lot at \$22,000 for a year, while they were making up their minds what direction they wanted to go. They dropped it, then later, when they wanted to pick it up again, Womack had upped his price to \$26,000. At last week's meeting (Continued on Page 11-A)

DSA For 1974 Awarded To Van Camp By Jaycees

The Distinguished Service Award for 1974 has been awarded by the Southern Pines Jaycees to James R. Van Camp, attorney of Southern Pines and Carthage. Presentation of the award was on Tuesday night at the annual Awards and Bosses Night Banquet of the Jaycees at the Southern Pines Country Club. Lamont Brown, town attorney, made the presentation on behalf of the Jaycees.

The award cited Van Camp for his "meritorious service to the Sandhills."

Principal speaker at the banquet was Phillip J. Kirk, Jr., administrative assistant to Governor James Holshouser. Winner of the Outstanding Young Educator Award was Mack Douglas Jackson of Cameron, a biology teacher at Aberdeen Middle School. Presenting the award to Jackson was Bob Royster of the Southern



James Van Camp

Pines office of Carolina Power and Light Co., which co-sponsors the Young Educator Award with the Jaycees.

Walter Harper, division (Continued on Page 16-A)

Heavy Docket Next Week For Criminal Court Term

The grand jury will have its work cut out at next week's criminal term, with 46 cases to be considered for bills of indictment.

It's the longest warrant docket for the Moore court in many terms, and could be longer if District Attorney C.M. Lowder decides to seek bills against three more defendants, newly charged with murder and being held without bond. He may bypass the preliminary hearing procedure, if he feels it will serve the ends of justice in effecting speedier trials.

Superior Court Judge James M. Long of Yanceyville will preside over the term, for which 87 cases are listed for trial in addition to those for grand jury action—133 in all.

So far, no murder case appears on the warrant docket, and only one on the trial docket; that of Mrs. Martha Jeanette LaGrand Baldwin, 22, accused in the shooting death of her husband James Odell Baldwin, October 27 at their home at West End. The only other defendant accused of a capital crime is (Continued on Page 16-A)

Town Gets State Grant To Expand Water Line

The town of Southern Pines has received a \$23,675 grant from the North Carolina Department of Human Resources to apply toward the cost of constructing a 12-inch water line on Indiana Ave. from Valley Road to Fort Bragg Road.

Estimated total cost of the project is \$94,700, according to City Manager Lew Brown. Real estate developers in the area served by the line are being asked to provide about \$45,000 of the total cost, with the city providing the remainder. The 12-inch line would replace an existing six-inch water line,

which is adequate for current needs but has no reserve capacity to meet future growth needs, Brown explained.

The \$23,675 grant was part of \$5.6-million allocated to 36 local governments in the State to aid in financing improvements in their water supply systems. The funds come from the \$150-million in clean water bonds approved by voters in a 1972 referendum, \$70-million of which was awarded for water supply systems. Applications for the grants were approved in accordance with the state's Clean (Continued on Page 16-A)

Runaway Boys Returned To School at Samarkand

Eleven young boys ran away from Samarkand Manor Monday evening but were returned to the training school campus within a few hours.

James Leathers, the school director, brushed aside any idea that trouble might be flaring again on the campus.

He said there had been a number of runaways since early last summer, that they were not related to any new problem at the school and were diminishing in number.

Leathers said the boys left the campus in three groups about 7 p.m. Staff members picked up 10

of them thumbing along the highway, and they were returned to the school by 9 p.m., with the 11th returned about two hours later by law enforcement officers.

He said three or four of the boys were segregated for the night and the others were given extra work to do Tuesday by way of discipline. This involved moving some desks from a warehouse.

Segregation means being locked in a room about 9 by 12 feet, with staff members checking every 15 or 20 minutes to make sure the pupil is all (Continued on Page 16-A)

Stoneybrook

The 28th running of the Stoneybrook Steeplechase Race event will be held on Saturday, April 12, Chairman William H. Frantz of the Stoneybrook Hunt Race Association announced this week.

The Steeplechase Ball will be held on Friday, April 11. Those wishing to make reservations should contact the Stoneybrook office at the Campbell House, 482 East Connecticut Ave., telephone 692-8000. The office will be open beginning Feb. 1 from 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Moore Trying To Do Something About Why Johnny Can't Read

BY DIANE HOGG
There is a general concern today about the inability of a large number of children to read and Moore County schools are trying to remedy the problem. "Back to the Basics" is a plea heard frequently from parents and educators. Mrs. Lorna Livengood, Director of Instruction for Moore County, insists however, "We have never left the basics and reading is a top priority."

Federal funds have provided for supplementary reading instruction such as the Title I program. Kirby Watson, Title I Director, declares "We are teaching more children to read better." Each Title I reading center works with 50 students who have shown the greatest need for reading skills.

Watson says "Our objective is to improve children on the average of one year and two months in a nine month period." About 850 children or 9 percent of the total number of children in



AT LIBRARY — Gaston Matthews and Tracey McInnis, first graders at Southern Pines Elementary School practice reading skills at the library. Their teacher is Mrs. Patricia Williams.

Moore County public schools are in the Title I program. The Title I program is a welcome addition which focuses on individual attention and "tries to make success for every child." At Pinehurst Elementary, Mrs. Lee Medlin, Title I reading teacher, says "they love to come (Continued on Page 16-A)

THE PILOT LIGHT

AUMAN — Expressing concern over rising electricity costs, Rep. T. Clyde Auman said this week that several bills relating to public utilities already have been introduced in the General Assembly and "I hope we can come up with something that will benefit the consumers."

Auman pointed out that contrary to some reports the fossil fuel clause under which Carolina Power & Light Co., has been increasing its rates each month was not from action of the Legislature but on authority of the State Utilities Commission under its regulatory powers.

The Legislature did enact a law last time which would permit utility companies to use future cost projections in their rate increase requests. Auman is of the opinion, however, that this

law which has come under attack will be repealed at this session. Rep. Auman said he has requested from the Utilities Commission a comparison of electric rates paid in North Carolina with other states but has not as yet received the information.

Among the bills introduced this far is one by Senator Russell Walker of this district calling for the election, rather than the appointment, of members of the Utilities Commission.

FOOD TAX — Rep. Auman's reaction to Governor Holshouser's call on Monday night for repeal of the sales tax on food effective July 1, 1976, was "If relief is needed it's needed now." He said 18 months away for repeal is too far distant to be of (Continued on Page 16-A)

Pilot Wins Three State Awards For News, Editorials and Ads

Three awards — two first place and one third — were won by The Pilot in the 1974 contests sponsored by the North Carolina Press Association.

The awards for excellence were presented Thursday night by Governor James Holshouser at the annual Press Institute of the association at Chapel Hill. First place was awarded The Pilot staff in the News or Feature Series for its coverage of the

Dun Craig Manor issue. First place was awarded Sam Ragan, editor of The Pilot, for the best editorials of the year.

Third place was awarded The Pilot advertising staff for the best advertising. Associate Editor Marjorie Ragan accepted the plaque for the best news series. This category was judged by Dr. Bruce M. Swain of the University of Kentucky School of Jour-

nalism, and of The Pilot series he had this comment:

"The Pilot's coverage of the Dun Craig Manor controversy was weekly journalism at its best—tenacious, thorough, and always highly readable. The paper kept stride with the issue from the start and was careful to report the views of opposing factions. In what must have been a very emotional period in (Continued on Page 16-A)



PILOT PRIZE WINNERS — Receiving awards from Governor James Holshouser (center) at the annual North Carolina Press Association Institute in Chapel Hill are, left to right, Sam Ragan, editor and publisher of The Pilot; Marjorie Ragan, associate editor; Charles Weatherspoon, advertising manager; and Fray Metcalfe, assistant advertising manager.