

## Weather

Increasing cloudiness with near zero chance of rain through Thursday is the weather outlook for the Sandhills. Tonight's low will be around 33, Thursday's high about 60. Freezing temperatures were recorded on five nights during the past week.

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## Hearing Set On Services For District

The Moore County commissioners took action Monday toward establishing a "county services" district for the purpose of fire protection, for the area around Southern Pines; and also studied a proposal by which they would reimburse the Town of Carthage for municipal services rendered.

For Southern Pines, they adopted a resolution setting a public hearing for 2 p.m. Thursday, April 17, on whether or not to establish such a district under the statute, as explained by Joe W. Adams, county fire marshal.

Adams, who has been working on the proposal for some time with Southern Pines officials, was present with Fire Chief Pete Rapatas to give full details.

The proposal is a development of the original idea of a fire district, to be served by the Southern Pines Fire Department with the same quality of service for all residents of the district, as is given the residents of Southern Pines.

It would get the Town into a position of rendering real service to its peripheral areas, for a tax assessment which would be approximately the same as the cost to town taxpayers, and would supersede the present contract system of service.

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## Commuter Air Plan Offered

BY PAGE SHAMBURGER

On the last day of February, E.J. Austin, President of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce, and Sidney Taylor, Chairman of the County Commissioners rode the special Resort Commuter flight from Southern Pines - Pinehurst to Raleigh. Jack Daley, Airports Services Manager of Eastern Air Lines in Raleigh, led the EAL well-wishers to the new "feeder" airlines.

Starting March 16, Resort Commuter Airlines, a branch of Resort Air Service in the aviation business at Southern Pines - Pinehurst Airport for the past 23 years, will start a much needed connecting schedule with the Raleigh airlines. The new Airlines will leave Southern Pines - Pinehurst twice per day, at 12:30 and at 3:40, returning from Raleigh at 2:55 and 6:15 every day except Saturday.

With the government approval of the Civil Aeronautics Board

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## Miss Smithson Is Killed In Desert Cycle Mishap

A tragic accident of last Thursday at Tucson, Arizona, took the life of Terry Marie Smithson, 28, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee K. Smithson of Southern Pines.

Miss Smithson, a research chemist at the University of Arizona, was a passenger on a motorcycle driven by a friend, on a ride along a desert highway near Tucson, when the vehicle went out of control, skidding underneath a car in an adjoining lane. Both she and the driver were instantly killed.

She left Southern Pines about two years ago, to accept the position at the University of Arizona.

A graduate of St. Anthony's parochial school and Southern

Pines High School, she won her B.S. degree as a chemistry major at the University of North Carolina then worked for two years in the laboratory of a pharmaceutical firm in New York. She then returned home and was employed in the lab of Moore Memorial Hospital, working at the same time at the Pinecrest Inn, for another two years before going to Tucson.

Requiem mass was held Monday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, conducted by the pastor, Father Edward Waters, with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee K. Smithson of Knollwood Heights; one sister, Mrs. Simon Auckland, a resident

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MID SOUTH-SHOW—Patty Heukeroth takes a jump N.C. Veterinary Research Foundation here. A record in Sunday's Mid-South Horse Show held at the number of spectators and exhibitors participated Firestone's Landmark Farm for the benefit of the despite the chilly weather. (See story on Sports Page).

## Symposium Takes Look At Future

A Symposium titled "Dialog—The Year 2000" involving prominent educators and humanists from North Carolina will be held March 24 and 25 at the Student Hall, Sandhills Community College.

The two-evening conference has as its general theme, "Today's Youth—Tomorrow's Leaders—A Look at Traditions in Transition."

"Dialog, The Year 2000," will be concerned with the three themes, Physical Growth: Projections for the South, Changing Social Family Patterns; and Future Trends in Education, all lending themselves to the overall theme.

On Monday evening, March 24 at 8 p.m., David E. Gillespie, Administrative Director of the Southern Growth Policies Board at the Research Triangle, will be commenting on the film, "The Future of the South," which will be shown that evening. Gillespie will talk on the effects future growth will have on our quality of life.

Sam Ragan, editor and publisher of The Pilot, will also be featured with comments concerning Moore County as a rural, non-agrarian county. In addition, several prominent community leaders have been invited to express their reactions and to invite comments and discussion from the audience. The reactors include: E.J. Austin, architect; Mrs. Hope Brogden, Political

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## Crime Class

At the request of the Southern Pines Retail Council, the Southern Pines Police Department will sponsor a conference on crime prevention with the main emphasis being robbery prevention.

Jesse Hough of the police department will be the conference leader.

The meeting will be held at the Southern Pines Municipal Building Courtroom tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. and will last one hour.

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## Snows of Yesteryear

When Spring blossoms burst forth in mid-February and bright warm days spilled over the Sandhills just about everybody took it for granted, but a few with long memories are keeping their fingers crossed.

It was 48 years ago this week that the heaviest snowfall on record hit this area. Weather records show that the snowstorm dumped 26 inches of snow on the Sandhills, but the late Rassic Wicker of Pinehurst, a surveyor and Moore County historian, said it measured a full 36 inches in many places. He wrote a piece about the snowstorm for The Pilot a few years ago.

Howard Ush of Southern Pines, a retired U.S. Weather

Bureau official, is compiling a history of Moore County weather and has almost completed his research. He is still filling in some gaps, however, and last week he was trying to search out verification of a big snowstorm which came to the Sandhills as late as April 3.

That was in 1915-65 years ago come April—and he has heard that it measured 10 inches in depth. He has issued an appeal for anyone with old records of letters with any mention of this snowstorm to get in touch with him.

Some times Winter has a last fling in March, and that's why a lot of old timers are not being completely lulled into euphoria by the early signs of Spring.

## Golf Greats Nominated For Hall

Seven golfing greats have been nominated for the World Golf Hall of Fame at Pinehurst, and the members of the Golf Writers Association of America will select three for the second induction on Sept. 10 prior to the World Open Golf Tournament.

The nominations were made by the Modern Era Nominating Committee of the Hall of Fame at a meeting last week.

The Hall of Fame was opened last September with an initial induction of 13. With new procedures this year, six pre-modern era players already have been elected by a select committee and there possibly will be four more to be inducted from a new Distinguished Service Category for a total of 13 for the class of '75.

Nominated were Mickey Wright, LPGA star all but semi-retired now; Louise Suggs, in the same category; South Africa's Bobby Locke; active players Peter Thomson of Australia and Billy Casper of the American tour, and the late Lawson Little and Tommy Armour. The latter selection straddled the pre and modern eras and since most major triumphs occurred from 1930 onward, he was put in the modern era.

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## Peaches Safe

Sandhills peaches have not been hurt by the cold, Director Clarence Black of the Sandhills Research Center said Monday.

Increased acreage of peaches have been planted in the area since the development of new varieties and increased knowledge of resetting, Black said.

Only three percent of the trees are in bloom, and Black is "optimistic" about prospects of a good crop this year.

However, he reminds the public that there are six weeks to go before the danger of a kill like last year, when an April freeze cut 80 percent of the crop.

## Rebates Aid Auto Sales Upturn Here

### Trial Opens In Holdup Murder Case

Testimony started Tuesday afternoon in Moore Superior Court in the trial of Willie Edward McZorn, 24, of West Southern Pines, charged with first degree murder and armed robbery.

The jury selection process took up much of Monday afternoon and all of Tuesday morning, when a special venire was brought in as the reserve of jurors became depleted.

This trial, and one other, completed Monday, have taken up all the time, so far, of the current criminal term, over which Special Judge Robert L. Gavin is presiding.

Acquitted Monday was Nelson R. Flynn on a charge of driving while his license was revoked.

In the McZorn trial, conviction will mean a mandatory death sentence for the husky young black defendant.

He and another West Southern Pines youth, Joseph James Cauthen, also 24, are accused in the murder of John Henry McCaskill, 56, West End store operator, in the course of an armed robbery at the store, Honeycutt's Grocery, January 6.

McZorn was arrested January 18, Cauthen January 19, and both have been held in Moore County Jail, without bond, but are having separate trials. It is

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## Rescue Squad 4 Delivers: Baby Makes Sudden Birth

"We haven't lost one yet," said Captain Frank Smith of Rescue Squad No. 4 Tuesday, after delivering a son at 4 a.m. to Mrs. Geoffrey Hall of Pinehurst at her home.

The baby came before the mother could be placed in the ambulance.

It was Capt. Smith's third delivery during his seven years on the squad, but the first for Squad Member Glenn Garner, who has served for three years.

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## Hunter Trials Saturday To Draw Record Entries

The Forty-third Annual Moore County Hounds Hunter Trials this Saturday, March 8, has over 150 entries, the largest ever. The Trials, with horses ridden by juniors and by adults over a variety of fences, starts at 10 a.m. with a junior class for riders 13 years old and under.

This is the only opportunity for the public to really see what fox-hunting horses are capable of doing. Each entry is a qualified hunting horse, the fences are typical of those back in the woods and used by the Moore County Hounds all winter.

The classes will immediately follow each other with the first

A young lady and the child's father were on the scene. It was a second son for the Halls.

As soon as the baby was delivered and started crying, the mother and child were rushed to Moore Memorial Hospital.

The Rescue Squad is trained and equipped for such emergencies.

Mother, child and the Rescue Squad members were reported "doing fine" this morning.

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## Three Towns Require Auto Tags In Other Places It's Voluntary

up to this year, but switched to a windshield sticker because metal plates are expensive and deliveries were slow. But car owners here can leave their 1974 metal plates on their cars if they wish.

In several towns where purchases are voluntary, proceeds of the tag sales go to the local volunteer fire department. But in Robbins, one of the three communities having compulsory

tags, the 1975 tags are metal plates carrying the town's name. Southern Pines had metal plates

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## Council Makes Sewer Request; More Public Works Jobs Asked

The Southern Pines town council, in an "earlybird" special meeting at 7:30 a.m. Friday, discussed several important matters and took action on a few.

It voted to request that the county commissioners include an interceptor for the Indiana Avenue Extension area, in their request for the funding of Phase 1 of the regional sewer system.

An engineering study recently completed has revealed that the

interceptor will be necessary if sewer service is to be provided by the Town to this fast-growing area, including several residential subdivisions, southeast of Southern Pines, and between Southern Pines and Aberdeen.

The council authorized Town Manager Lew G. Brown also to request two additional positions in the next funding of the Public Service Employment program. The county is acting as fiscal

agent for the program.

The two positions are: (1) Library Aide, salary \$5,200 to provide general assistance in the town library, also permitting opening the library on weekends and during evening hours, for which present personnel is insufficient; and (2) Firefighter-Driver, \$7,032, permitting release-time for one of the Town's current firemen to concentrate on fire prevention

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PARK POPULAR — Despite recent chilly days the sunshine brought swarms of children to the downtown Southern Pines park and this slide is a popular place for the kids.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

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can be purchased voluntarily. This enables car owners to display the name of their home town on their vehicles.

One town, Carthage, once had a motor vehicle registration ordinance, but repealed it as being unenforceable—a fact that officials of other towns concede to be true in their communities.

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