

Weather

A combination of clear skies and low temperatures may bring freezing weather to the Sandhills tonight. Expected low is around 30, with Thursday's high around 60. Chances of rain are near zero through Thursday. The past week's rainfall totaled about an inch.

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THE EASTER LILY — This floral symbol of Easter will decorate homes and churches of the area this weekend as the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ is observed. This display was photographed at Southern Pines Florist by Glenn M. Sides.

Tornado Hits At West End; Damage Heavy, No Injuries

A sudden storm with at least one tornado hit Moore County Monday afternoon causing considerable damage but with no reported injuries or lives lost. Strong winds were felt in all parts of the area and torrential rains caused some flooding. The tornado lashed down at 2:45 p.m. from a churning black sky in an area west of West End, which reported the worst damage.

In that area, the mobile home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Southard, on NC 211 four miles west of West End, was torn from its foundation and rolled over and over several times, turning to splinters as it went.

Mr. and Mrs. Southard, with their baby, had taken refuge just minutes before in the Citgo service station near their trailer, crowding into the restroom as apparently the safest spot in the structure.

This judgment turned out to be right, as the roof was blown off the station, and parts of the walls were torn off, but the restroom remained intact and the Southards were unhurt.

Five brooder houses, of capacity ranging from 6,500 to 14,000 chicks, were destroyed on the nearby farm of Carlton Smith, but no poultry was in them at the time. While the buildings, with controlled heating, automatic feeders and other equipment, represent a considerable investment, Smith declined to estimate his loss, pending the insurance in-



TORNADO DESTRUCTION — The mobile home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Southard was destroyed in the tornado which hit down near West End Monday afternoon. The family had fled to safety in a nearby

filling station. Wreckage scattered over a wide area can be seen in above picture.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Holy Week Services Announced By Churches of Sandhills Area

Holy Week, the most solemn week of the Christian year, will be observed in special services at many Southern Pines churches, beginning tomorrow with Maundy Thursday communion and culminating in the joyous Easter celebration on Sunday. Maundy Thursday services, commemorating Jesus' last supper with His disciples, will be held at 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, at 6 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, at 8 p.m. at Southern Pines United

Methodist Church, at 7:30 p.m. at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, and at 7:30 p.m. at Our Saviour Lutheran Church. On Good Friday, a community service commemorating Christ's Crucifixion, will be held from noon to 3 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Ministers participating are the Rev. Martin Caldwell, the Rev. James Manion and the Rev. Fred Pace of Emmanuel, the Rev. John Stone of First Baptist Church, the Rev. John S. Paschal of

Southern Pines United Methodist Church, the Rev. Joseph Johnson of Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church, the Rev. Mark Johnson of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, and the Rev. Harold Hyde of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church. There will be hymns and

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Library Hours

Beginning tonight (Wednesday) the Southern Pines Library will be open until 8 p.m. on Wednesday nights, Miss Deah Straw, librarian, has announced. The library opens at 9 a.m. and will be open continuously until 8 p.m. Regular library hours during the week are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mrs. Baker Architect Gathers Data For New Court Facility

The Southern Regional Mental Health Center at Lumberton has announced the receipt of "a large and substantial contribution" from Mrs. Constance M. Baker, owner of Duncraig Manor in Southern Pines. This gift is to support the continued work in the three Children's Treatment Centers located in Southern Pines (Duncraig Manor), Fayetteville (Cumberland House), and outside of Laurinburg (Scotland House). The Children's Treat-

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Council To Meet Thursday

A special meeting of the Southern Pines Town Council to deal with matters relating to the sewer system expansion plan has been called by Mayor E. Earl Hubbard for Thursday at 7:30 a.m. The agenda for the special meeting are the following matters: Consider a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute and file on behalf of the Town an application to the State and any Federal agency for a grant to aid in the construction of the sewerage system in the Indiana Avenue area. Authorize the Mayor to sign an affidavit certifying that the Town has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances applicable to Southern Pines' Sewer System Expansion and to Federal-State grants and

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Schools Take Holiday; Easter Monday Closings

Easter Monday, a legal holiday only in North Carolina, the Virgin Islands and Canada, will find town and county offices, schools, banks and some business houses closed. The March 31 closing, however, will not affect the U.S. Postal Service; post offices and mail service will operate on a

normal schedule. Both public and private schools will be closed for the usual Easter or spring vacation week. Classes will be held as usual on Friday, March 28, and students will return to school on April 7. Sandhills Community College will be closed from March 28

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Canaday Named Director Of Recreation In Moore

Oliver L. Canaday, a native of Four Oaks, has been appointed Recreation Director for Moore County. The position of Recreation Director has been funded from Public Service Employment Funds, provided by the Federal Government under CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) Title VI.

Canaday is a graduate of Four Oaks High School and a recent graduate of Pembroke State University where he received a B.S. Degree in Physical Education and Recreation. He served with the United States Marine Corps from September 1964, until December, 1970. He is currently a staff non-commissioned officer

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Inflation Hits Budget For Schools Next Year

The Moore County Board of Education, in monthly meeting Tuesday night, spent a long work session studying the first draft of a proposed budget for the schools for 1975-76. Working until considerably past midnight, they went over the 20-page document line by line with business manager Joe Vaughn, finding plenty of bad news, but also discovering that it wasn't all that way. The bad news was the effect of inflation in items on every page, especially the utilities. The in-

creased cost of electricity, plus more facilities to be cooled and heated, with possible elimination of state funds which have hitherto helped meet these bills, resulted in an estimate of \$213,202 in county funds for lights, water and power—more than double the \$104,723 budgeted for this year. Fuel costs, set at \$63,060 for the current fiscal year, are up to \$81,978 in the new budget, an increase of 30 per cent estimated by oil distributors. Even

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Planning, Human Values Stressed At Symposium

The need for planning which will emphasize human values and the quality of life as well as physical growth was emphasized at the Moore County Humanities Symposium held at Sandhills Community College on Monday and Tuesday nights.

The overall subject of the symposium is "Dialog—The Year 2000." At Monday night's session, devoted to exploring the subject of "Physical Growth—Projections for the South," David Gillespie, administrative director of the Southern Growth Policies Board with offices in the Research Triangle, showed a movie on "The Future of the South." He explained the background

of the organization of the board and projected growth figures for the region, citing the need for planning to meet the growth. Sam Ragan, editor of The Pilot, discussed growth in Moore County, and also called attention to the need for county-wide zoning and a land use policy. His emphasis, however, was on human needs and the quality of life, saying that the area will grow but that greater involvement of citizens is needed in political decision-making in order that certain qualities may be preserved. These qualities were listed as neighborliness, civility, graciousness, and a freedom of choice for individuals in both leisure time and in ear-

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Last Chance

Tonight will be the last chance for basketball fans of this area to see David Thompson and other N.C. State seniors in action.

The State seniors will play the Moore County All Stars in a game sponsored by the Vass-Lakeview PTA at the Union Pines gym tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. Thompson will be joined by seniors Monte Towe, Mo Rivers, Craig Kuszmaul and Mark Moeller. The Moore All Stars will be made up of players from Sandhills College, coaches and other leading players of the area. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the admission is \$2. There are no advance ticket sales.

Young Mother Is Freed In Slaying Of Husband

A 22-year-old mother of two young children was acquitted Tuesday at Carthage in the pistol slaying of her husband at their mobile home near West End last October 27. The jury took only 40 minutes to bring in a verdict for Mrs. Martha Jeanette LaGrand Baldwin, who testified that she shot James Odell Baldwin because he had beaten her, threatened her and ordered her out of their house, causing her to fear for her life. Though she had been indicted for first degree murder, District

Attorney Carroll M. Lowder announced at the start of the trial Monday that he would seek a verdict only of murder in the second degree. Special Judge Dennis J. Winner, presiding, charged the jurors they had the option of four verdicts—second degree murder, voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter and not guilty.

Even though she had shot her husband in the back as, according to her testimony, he was reaching for a knife, the jury apparently gave Mrs. Baldwin full credit for acting in self-defense. She said her husband had been

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Hearing Scheduled On Grant

A public hearing will be held on the Community Development plan for Southern Pines April 3 at 2 p.m.

A preliminary go-ahead on the plan has been received by the Town, Town Manager Lew Brown said Monday, and Southern Pines is "potentially eligible" for federal funds for the project.

At the time of the public hearing, the application and purposes for which the grant is requested will be discussed, and interested citizens may be heard.

A second public hearing will be held on April 8, Brown said.

Before the hearing, questions may be made to the office of the Town Manager, 692-7021, and copies of the preliminary application will be available for inspection between 8:30 and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

THE PILOT LIGHT

HEFNER — In a report this week sent through the mails to all of his constituents in the Eighth District, Congressman Bill Hefner reported his position and votes on several measures and issues before the current Congress.

He co-sponsored a resolution opposing the President's proposed limits on Social Security increases this year and he is also sponsoring a bill which would allow Social Service recipients to earn more and still retain their benefits.

At a present time recipients cannot earn more than \$2,520 a year and retain benefits, but under the Hefner bill persons could earn an additional \$90 a month or up to \$3,500 a year and still get full benefits under Social Security.

Rep. Hefner said he also supported the tax reduction act passed by the House "because I believe it will provide a needed stimulus to the economy and will particularly aid those most hurt by our economic difficulties." He also said the act will help small business.

He has also joined in the Congressional move for lower interest rates and has taken a stand against further military aid to South Vietnam and Cambodia. Hefner wrote: "Many people in the 8th District have been writing me about their opposition to President Ford's request to the Congress for over \$500 million in supplemental military aid for South Vietnam and Cambodia. While I have great sympathy for the people of

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SPRING SIGNAL — Since the robin is a year-around resident of the Sandhills he is not the harbinger of Spring as he is supposed to be in other parts of the country. But this one appeared ready to signal Spring's arrival here last week.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).