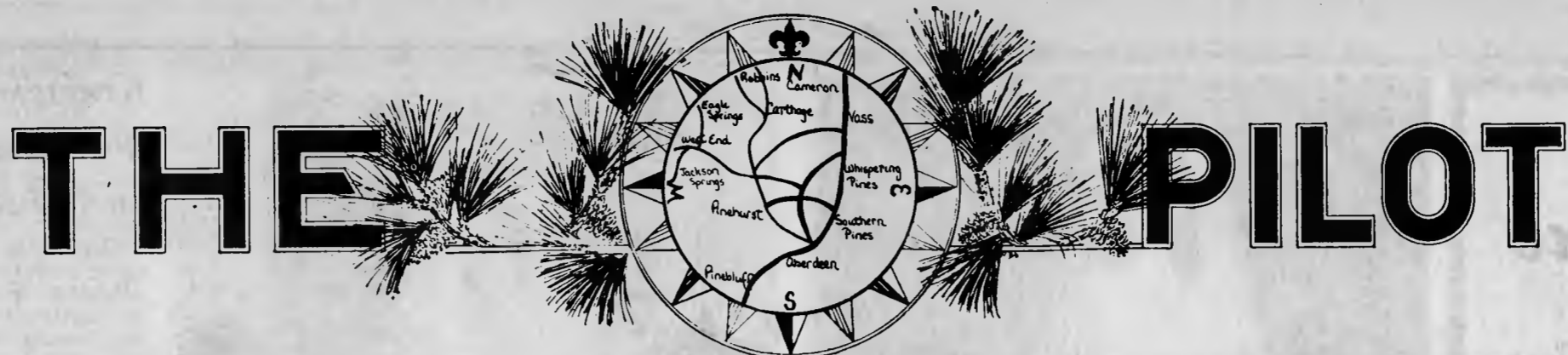


Weather

Variable cloudiness through Thursday with a 50 percent chance of afternoon and evening thundershowers. The low through tomorrow night will be 70, the high 90. There was .28 inches of rain last week.



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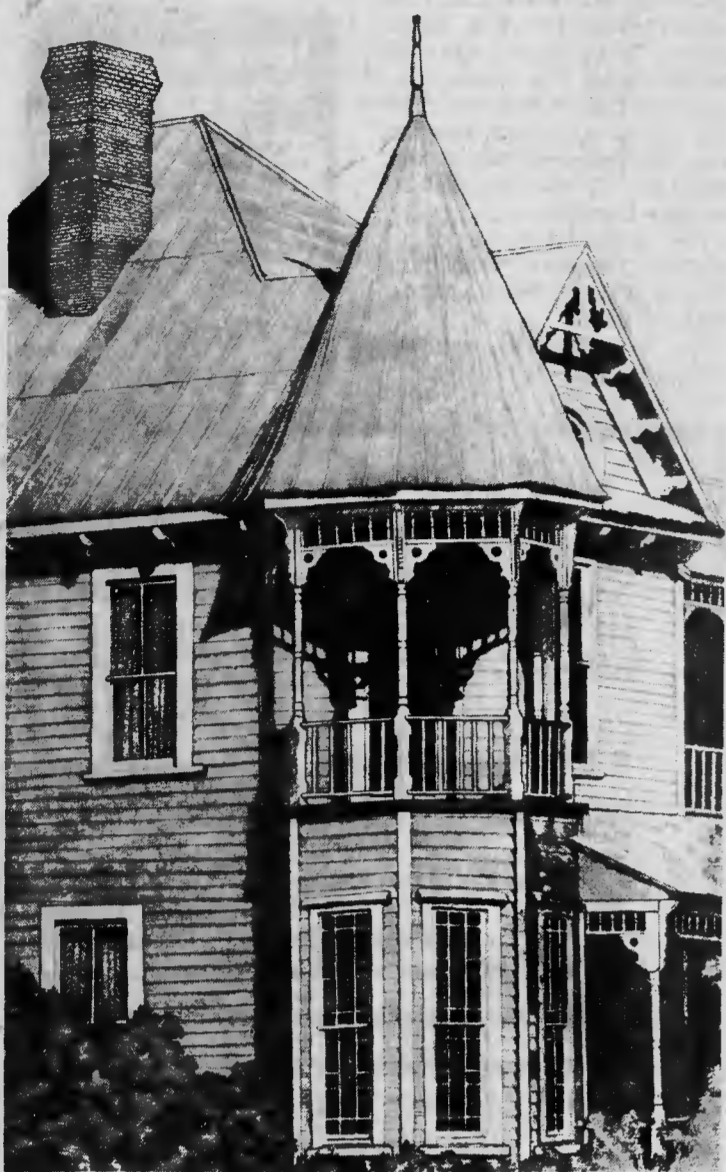
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IN ART SHOW — "Preacher McNeil's Old House" at Cameron will be one of the limited edition prints by Anita Jones Stanton of Gibson that will be available at the "Catalogue of The South Show," August 9 through 13 at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart. (See Story on Page 13-B).

# Sheriff Protests Wage Hike Lack

Sheriff C.G. Wimberly protested Monday to the county commissioners that the low starting pay in his department, plus the fact that they had approved no raises for deputies this year, and had in effect thrown their personnel pay plan out the window, had made it nearly impossible for him to hire and keep good men.

the department head and approval of the board.

The approval, Wimberly said, related to the service rendered, not to whether in a given year the plan should stay in effect or not, and that when times were hard, it was all the more important to keep faith with the employees, who depend upon it.

Following the meeting, Sheriff Wimberly said that he felt he had to inform the commissioners of the "real dilemma we are in." He went on to say, however, that "the commissioners have always cooperated with us 100 percent," and he hoped that they would reconsider.

Wimberly said the present salaries of Moore deputies were "embarrassing" to him, and that only two men, the chief deputy and the senior detective, were taking home more than \$500 a month.

He said most of the men were family men, and would probably be better off if they were unemployed, as they could get unemployment compensation (Continued on Page 16-A)

# Building Permits Up In Past Six Months

Building permits issued in Southern Pines the past six months increased over the last six months of 1974, Arthur D. Tener, city building inspector, said.

Tener noted that permits totaling \$1,539,800 have been issued thus far in 1975 and this is higher than the \$981,585 worth of permits in the last half of last year.

Of the total cost for 1975, \$311,500 is being used for construction of homes, including \$210,000 for condominiums at the Village Green. Seven of the 11 housing permits were issued for condominiums, thus four permits for homes. For the last half of 1974, \$342,100 is for homes and \$120,000 for condominiums, thus totaling \$462,100 for housing. Fifteen permits were issued during this time, 11 for homes and four for condominiums.

Tener pointed out that June permits included the expansion of three facilities in Southern Pines. These facilities are the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Moore County, an addition of \$85,000; Penick Home, which obtained a \$61,000 building permit for a duplex; and the Lob-Steer Inn, expansion of the dining and cooking area, \$78,000.

First Federal, which announced its addition earlier in The Pilot, is now under construction, according to John F. Burns, vice-president. The new structure will add approximately 1,806 square feet to the existing building, making a total of 4,515 square feet. Upon completion, the building will contain two (Continued on Page 16-A)

# Schools Transfer Made; Public Hearings Slated

The new Division of Youth Services, which operates training schools at Samarkand Manor and Morrison at Hoffman, was placed under the Department of Human Resources as of July 1.

Department Secretary David Flaherty pledged efforts to improve programs and services for the young people. He said a series of regional hearings will be held and questionnaires will be submitted to employees to help determine the needs and directions in the treatment of delinquent young people.

The Division of Youth Development, as it was then called, was transferred from the Department of Corrections to a new hard-fought legislation, bitterly opposed by Corrections Secretary David Jones. The legislative act changed the name to the Division of Youth Services and created a Commission of Youth Services within (Continued on Page 16-A)

# Miss Sawyer Chosen For Title Of 'Miss Aberdeen' at Pageant

Mary Margaret Sawyer, 19, a tall, willowy brunette from Hoke County, was crowned "Miss Aberdeen" Friday night before an enthusiastic audience nearly filling the 1,000-seat Aberdeen school auditorium.

Beth Buffkin of Pinebluff was first runner-up, and Tereseta Ellerbe of Pinehurst was second runner-up, among seven contestants in an eye-filling, fast-paced show put on by the Aberdeen Jaycees.

Traditionally the first of some 55 Jaycee pageants to be held across the state during the year, it produced in Miss Sawyer the first contestant in next year's "Miss North Carolina" pageant. She was crowned by the outgoing "Miss Aberdeen," Diana Lynn Moon, who won first-place honors in two preliminaries and was first runner-up to "Miss North Carolina" in the State pageant in June, and who on Friday night drew ovation after ovation from a proud and loving audience.

Also adding special glamor was Susan Lawrence, the current "Miss North Carolina," in her first official pageant appearance since winning the State crown. (Continued on Page 16-A)

# Hefner Prods Amtrak To Renovate Station

Thanks to Congressman Bill Hefner, the old passenger station in the middle of Broad St. at New Hampshire Ave. will get a face-lift in the form of a renovation and re-paint job at no cost to the Town, according to information received by the Town Council Tuesday night.

Town Manager Lew G. Brown told the council in regular session that he had word from the Congressman's office that Amtrak had agreed to do the job and foot the bill, previously estimated at \$22,000.

Hefner, who happens to be on the Amtrak subcommittee of Congress' transportation committee, got into the act after the Seaboard Coast Line, several months ago, on the council's request, agreed to fix up the (Continued on Page 16-A)

# St. Joseph Is Awarded Reynolds Trust Grant

St. Joseph-of-the-Pines Hospital here is the recipient of a \$20,000 grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Health Care Trust of Winston-Salem.

Announcement of this grant was made jointly by Richard G. Page, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Foundation, and Monsignor James E. McSweeney, Administrator of the Hospital. The Foundation was established by the will of the late Kate Biting Reynolds, who died in 1946, and, since 1971, grants have been made to fund innovative programs in the health care field, particularly those beneficial to the financially needy in rural areas of North Carolina.

Funds represented by the grant to St. Joseph-of-the-Pines are restricted to perfecting and expanding the Hospital's In-Service Education program for health care of the elderly. The new program of In-Service Education in this specialized field was inaugurated in the Fall of 1974 under the direction of (Continued on Page 16-A)

# Town Election

Municipal elections for Southern Pines and all other municipalities in Moore County will be held next November 4.

The filing period for candidates is from noon on August 15 to noon on September 5 and the fee for filing is \$10 in Southern Pines.

If there are more than ten candidates for the Town Council in Southern Pines a primary will be held on October 7.

All five Council spots are up for election here. Candidates may file in the Town office during the filing period Monday through Friday and the office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NC PRESIDENTS — In last week's Pilot it was stated that Terry Sanford is the first North Carolinian to seek the presidency of the United States, and that's what the Sanford for President Committee is contending.

On the Capitol grounds in Raleigh, however, there is a monument to three U.S. Presidents which the state claims—Andrew Jackson from the Waxhaw settlement on the South Carolina line, James K. Polk of Mecklenburg County, and Andrew Johnson of Raleigh.

The Sanford committee points out, however, that when they ran for the presidency all three of them proclaimed themselves to be Tennesseans and not North Carolinians. Terry Sanford, they say, is a "100 percent North Carolinian."

Jackson, Polk and Johnson did move to Tennessee from North Carolina and were elected to the presidency from that state.



SINGING CONGRESSMAN — Rep. Bill Hefner of the Eighth Congressional District arrived by helicopter for the Aberdeen Fourth of July celebration and after a brief speech led the group in singing. Here he gives out with "You Are My Sunshine," a song which helped send composer Jimmy Davis to the governorship of Louisiana.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

# Aberdeen 4th Is Described As 'Biggest and Best' Yet

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON

From the parade Friday morning to the beauty pageant that night—marred only by a drowning that afternoon in Aberdeen Lake—it was the "biggest and best" July Fourth Celebration since the first one in 1965, according to veteran observers who haven't missed a single one.

# Holly Closing

The Holly Inn, oldest hotel in Pinehurst and Moore County, is closing for the summer effective on Sunday.

Pinehurst, Inc., management said, however, that plans are to reopen for the regular season in late fall.

Most of the Holly Inn guests will be transferred as of Thursday.

Pinehurst reported a good tourist season, with a growing popularity for condominium rentals.

# Aberdeen Annexes Bank Area

The Aberdeen town commissioners, in regular session Monday night, moved to amend the zoning ordinance and extend the corporate limits to include the Carolina Bank property on North Poplar Street.

The action was taken as requested by Carolina Bank and after proper notice was given of a public hearing. The commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote.

The Board approved payment of \$998 to William F. Freeman Associates, Town Engineers, for legal description, mapping, and various alterations for the composite Corporate Limits of the Town of Aberdeen.

The commissioners adopted a resolution calling for a public hearing on the question of annexation of the property of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Boles of the Forest Hills section.

Other action taken by the commissioners included: --Allocated \$750.62 for the purchase of two Myers pumps to be purchased from Aberdeen Electric Shop, to be installed at Town wells seven and eight. (Continued on Page 16-A)

Crowds stood shoulder to shoulder along several downtown blocks for the parade, with its fancy floats, fire trucks, marching units, antique cars, cars filled with beautiful girls, horses and bicycles.

After the parade and a "flyover salute" by Air Force planes, Aberdeen Park filled up with celebrants, several dozen of them spilling over into shady Shamburger Park for the "speaking program."

From a platform filled with local luminaries, Attorney General Rufus Edmisten and Rep. James Green of Bladen County, 1975 Speaker of the House, made speeches in keeping with the historic occasion.

The third distinguished speaker, Congressman Bill Hefner, trying to make six celebrations in one day (actually it turned out to be five) helicopters in later in the afternoon. (Continued on Page 16-A)

# Hoke Man At 4th Party Drowned At Aberdeen

A Hoke County man drowned Friday afternoon in Aberdeen Lake in the first such tragedy to mar the annual July Fourth Celebration in its 11-year history.

Jonnie Lee Watson, 30, who lived near McCain, on Raeford, Rt. 3, who was with a group of friends from Taylortown beside the lake, reportedly followed one of them, Maldon Harris, 27, into the water for a swim about mid afternoon.

The water was crowded with swimmers old and young, and Watson apparently slipped beneath the surface without making any outcry or being noticed by anyone, according to Coroner A.B. Parker, who assisted Aberdeen police in the investigation.

Harris said he did not see Watson in the water at all. It was a couple of hours later that his friends realized he was missing, started searching for him and later reported the disappearance to the Sandhills Rescue Squad about 7 p.m.

Rescuers who had been on duty all day at their squad building on Aberdeen Park, near the lake, cleared the water of (Continued on Page 7-A)

# Hail Hits Tobacco Crops But Rain Eases Drought

At least four Moore County tobacco crops were severely damaged around 1:30 p.m. Friday by a brief but vicious hailstorm.

A seven acre tobacco field, owned by Frank and Ronnie Whitt and J.B. McLeod, was completely demolished by the hail. Whitt estimated damage between \$12,000 and \$14,000.

Several other farmers on US 15 near Lamm's Grove and White Hill churches reported extensive crop damage to tobacco in the hailstorm. Gene Coley reported (Continued on Page 16-A)

# Sandhills Awarded Grant For Medical Lab Program

Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president of Sandhills Community College, and Dr. Francis L. Owens, Pinehurst, have announced a gift of \$40,000 from the Frederick Kennedy Foundation of Boston, which is to be used for the two-year medical laboratory technology program and to attract and hold high caliber faculty members.

Dr. Owens, a member of the SCC Board of Trustees, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Kennedy Foundation which was established by the late Mrs. Audrey Kennedy as a memorial to her father. Mrs. Kennedy (Continued on Page 16-A)



MISS ABERDEEN CROWNED — Mary Margaret Sawyer (seated) is the new "Miss Aberdeen." She is shown here shortly after receiving her crown on Friday night. Left to right are Mary Beth Buffkin, first runner-up; Susan Lawrence, the new "Miss North Carolina;" Miss Sawyer; the retiring Miss Aberdeen, Diana Lynn Moon; and Tereseta Ellerbe, second runner-up.

# Mental Health Center Offering Various Services For Children

BY JIM BUIE

Jody is two and a half. He can neither climb several steps by himself or call any part of his body by name.

Gina is seven. She reads backwards—words like "saw" are always perceived as "was." She cannot distinguish colors.

Terry is fifteen. His teachers have labeled him a "troublemaker." He reads at a third grade level. None of these kids are necessarily retarded. Their problems are not limited to a particular economic status or race. They are what the Children's Services Division of the Sandhills Mental Health Center call "developmentally disabled."

testing and evaluation to determine if children are developmentally disabled. One test, which is a survey of certain tasks which most children at a given age can perform, is called the Denver Developmental Screening Test (DDST).

We are not talking about intellectual development or I.Q., observes Dr. Paul Miller, a child psychologist for the center. "What we're concerned with is the number of experiences and (Continued on Page 16-A)

