

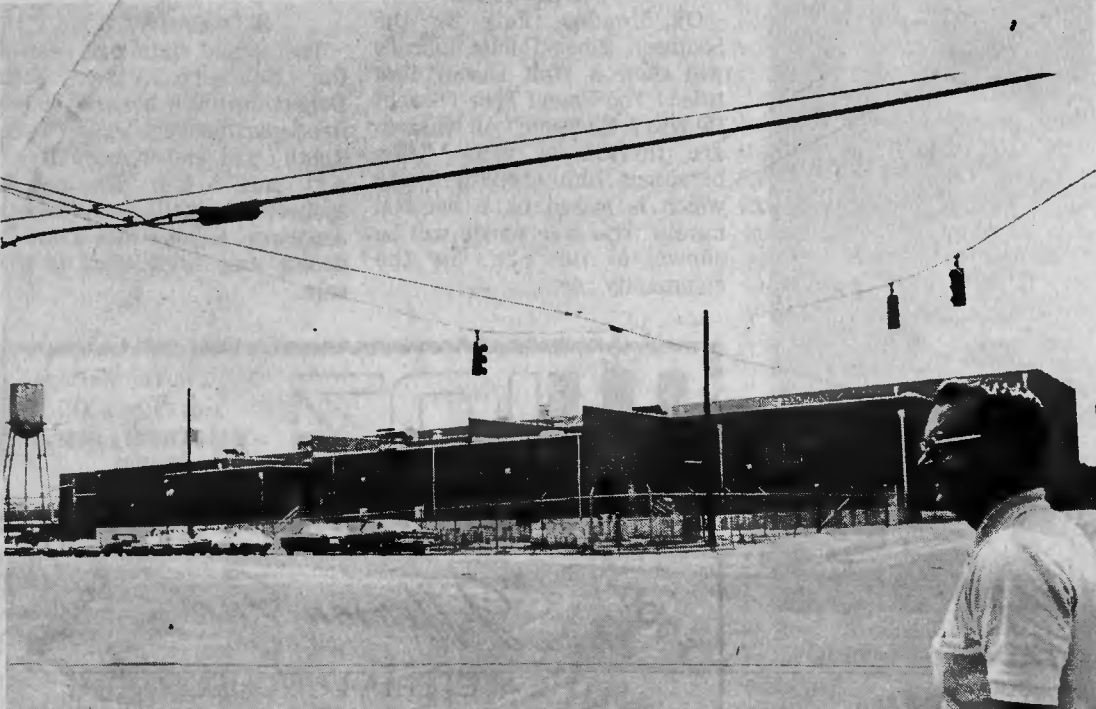
# Weather

Today is expected to be a real scorcher, with a high of 95, the low tonight, 70, and a 50 percent chance of rain. Last Friday was the peak day for rain, with nearly two inches.

# THE PILOT

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NEW PLANT OPEN — The new \$2.5 million addition to Sandhill Division plant in West End of Stanley Furniture Company is now in operation. In photo above, Don Coughlin, personnel manager, looks over the 130,000 square foot building.

## Economy Is In Comeback Survey of Sandhills Shows

Southern Pines and surrounding areas seem to be making a gradual but steady comeback from the worst economic decline since the Great Depression of the 1930's. A survey of local businessmen this week revealed a new and "guarded optimism" about the economy—a belief that the inflation rate is slowing down and that people are regaining confidence in the economy. Among those interviewed were merchants, bankers, Chamber of Commerce leaders, real estate executives, construction contractors, service station operators, hotel managers, restaurant owners, automobile dealers, food store operators, and electrical contractors. Most were optimistic, and several resort operators reported an exceptionally good season. However, the Employment Security Commission reported Monday that insured unemployment for Moore County is still hovering around 8.6 percent for the month of June and the first two weeks of July. Around 982 workers in the county are receiving unemployment benefits, according to the commission. Unemployment peaked at 20 percent in January. The North Carolina unemployment figure reported this week is 9.2 percent. (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Officers Destroy Two Plots of Pot

For the second time in less than a week, Moore County officers "lucked up" on small plots of marijuana growing in secluded wooded areas, destroyed the plants and are still looking for their owners. Monday, Sheriff C.G. Wimberly and Pinebluff Police Chief Frank Swain were together searching an area south of Aberdeen for a missing farm tractor. They had had a report that the tractor, stolen from the Gozzi turkey farm below Pinebluff about June 1, had been abandoned in a swampy area in the woods. They found it stuck in the swamp, close to a growth of about 20 graceful plants with feathery leaves, which they recognized as marijuana. They destroyed the plants, which ranged from two to about seven and a half feet tall, and had to send another tractor in to pull the stuck tractor out of the swamp. It appeared, Wimberly said, that the tractor, which had a front-end loader for transporting turkey manure, had been stolen



LEARN ABOUT HORSES — Children at Camp Easter in the Pines learn about horses during the summer sessions. Here Marylyn Meade, student counselor from St. Andrews College, instructs Michael Register on horse care. — (Photo by Mildred Allen).

## \$2.5 Million Moore Plant Is Open And In Operation

The \$2.5 million addition to the Sandhill Division of the Stanley Furniture Company at West End has been completed and operations are under way in the 130,000 square foot building. Don Coughlin, personnel manager of the West End plant, said production is being stepped up and employment now is at 320 persons. "We are about where we were last November," he said. Employment had dropped to a low of 298, but Coughlin says "things

are picking up" and company officials are optimistic about the future. The new addition to the plant when full production is attained will mean the employment of about 75 more people. Full production will call for between 400 and 450 persons. This would also involve a night shift. Construction on the new plant was started in March 1974, and although some equipment still has to be moved in to complete the expanded assembly facilities

is now operational. Coughlin said that some renovation work remains to be done in the old building. The new finishing area is three times larger than the old finishing department, and the rub and pack sections have been doubled in size. There was a 120 percent increase in the size of the cabinet department and warehouse facilities were increased by 50 percent.

In the new building which houses the newly equipped assembly line there is a modern in-floor conveyor system, water-wash spray booths to eliminate air pollution, and a more efficient drying oven to cut the drying time for furniture finishes. Coughlin said the new employees to be added as business conditions improve will mean (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Tobacco Prices Advance On Two Moore Markets

Tobacco prices on Moore County markets are slightly higher this week, averaging \$85.97 per hundred at Aberdeen Tuesday and \$89.47 per hundred at Carthage on Monday. This is up from \$84.71 per hundred on Carthage's opening day July 15 and \$86.70 on Aberdeen's opening day July 16. Sales have been slightly heavier this week too, totalling \$106,825.82 at Aberdeen (up from \$77,282) Tuesday. More tobacco, however, was reportedly going to the Tobacco

Stabilization Corporation at both markets, averaging around 50 percent. Hardee's in Aberdeen reported total sales of 18,310 pounds on Tuesday for a total of \$15,834, averaging \$86.48 per hundred. This compares to 10,940 pounds sold last Wednesday for a total of \$9,116.74, averaging \$83.33. Farmer's in Carthage reported total sales of 73,000 pounds Monday for an average of \$88.49 per hundred. McConnell's Warehouse in (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Rain Benefits Outweigh Damages To Some Crops

Despite some damage to tobacco crops due to heavy rains, the benefits outweigh the problems, according to Moore County Agricultural Extension Service Agent Talmadge Baker. Baker said the farmers needed the rain desperately and that even though too much water caused problems, the rain ended a long dry spell which would have resulted in more serious harm to crops. Among the problems in tobacco fields, Baker cited, are plant suffocation due to too much moisture around the roots, over-

ripening and rotting of the lower leaves of tobacco plants, and too much water in the ground to allow farm equipment in the fields. While some farms in the area have as much as an acre or two of damaged tobacco plants, other crops have prospered as a result of the several showers of rain that have fallen since July 7. Baker said that corn and other grain crops easily survived the water and are doing fine. He said that peaches, pastures and forests are also benefiting. (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Tax Bills

Tax bills for the Town of Southern Pines are going out and there's a 2 percent discount if the bills are paid by the end of July. In August the discount drops to 1 percent. Mrs. Mildred McDonald, town clerk, said that persons who may not receive their bills in time and still want to take the maximum discount may come by the Town Hall anyway and pay their bills—just so it's done before Aug. 1. She said she hopes, however, that all bills can be put in the mail this week.

## Rep. Auman Is Appointed To State Children Group

Rep. T. Clyde Auman has been appointed by House Speaker Jimmy Green to the statewide Commission on Children With Special Needs. Others named to the commission by Speaker Green were Rep. Vernon James of Elizabeth City and Rep. Benny Swartz of Wilmington. The commission was authorized in legislation passed by the 1975 General Assembly

which transferred the State's training schools, such as those at Samarkand Manor and Morrison at Hoffman, from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Human Resources. The legislation also provided for the re-establishment of a commission to establish policy and oversee the programs for the training schools as well as other (Continued on Page 8-A)

## They Learn New Skills At Camp Easter Groups

BY MILDRED ALLEN The camp setting in the piney-wood lake and horse country of the Sandhills is like any other camp. Camp activities are the same—swimming, horseback riding, archery, games, fun and fellowship and life-long memories of friends and counselors.

But there is a difference—a difference that has made Southern Pines, as well as Camp Easter, a household word across the State. You see, the campers are very special people—children born with cerebral palsy, youngsters with muscular dystrophy, teenagers with amputated legs or paralysis, parents with multiple sclerosis, grandparents learning to live and function again after a stroke. In the midst of all the fun, children and adults learn new skills not only in recreation, but in personal care and how to live in social groups. Family camps are held in the fall and winter months for problem sharing and professional counseling. Young (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Sanford Campaign Organizes

Organization of the campaign in Moore County for Terry Sanford for President is under way. Dr. Raymond Stone, chairman of a committee appointed at a recent meeting here to organize a committee, said this week that his group has held a meeting. Plans were made to appoint a steering committee of 18 persons, who will elect a chairman and set up an organization. Dr. Stone said that the steering committee will be made up of all elements in Moore County, and that later it will be the steering committee's responsibility to establish separate precinct committees. He said that he has been advised by Sanford that Sanford (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Ticket Sales

Up to 40 percent of advance ticket sales for the World Open Golf tournament at Pinehurst Sept. 11-14 will go for the benefit of handicapped children. Chief benefactor of the advance ticket sales will be the Parents and Professionals for Handicapped Children, and volunteers in the organization were emphasizing this week the advantages of buying tickets early. "Those planning to attend the tournament can get tickets at the same price as later and also help greatly the work with handicapped children in North Carolina," a spokesman said. Tickets can be purchased at several local banks and savings and loan offices or by visiting World Open offices in Pinehurst.

## Grand Week of Golf Here Proclaimed By Governor

Governor James E. Holshouser Jr. has been named Honorary Chairman of the "Grand Week of Golf," a seven-day sports extravaganza scheduled at Pinehurst in September. In accepting the position, Governor Holshouser himself designated the entire week of September 8-14 "The Grand Week of Golf" in Pinehurst in an official proclamation. The week-long activities will culminate with the playing of the \$200,000 World Open Golf Championship. Holshouser said, "The Grand Week of Golf festivities in Pinehurst will focus a tremendous amount of attention on our great state of North Carolina, and as Honorary Chairman of the week-long celebration, I extend an invitation to all golf-minded citizens to visit Pinehurst and take part in the events there." (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Elections Officials Upcoming

New registrars and judges for each of the voting precincts in Moore County will be appointed by the Board of Elections at a meeting in Carthage on August 5. The chairman of the Republican and Democratic parties have been notified that they should submit a list of five names for the registrar and judges offices prior to the meeting. The Moore County Board of Elections will appoint a registrar and two judges for each precinct from the list submitted. J. Ed Causey is chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee and James Thomas is chairman of the Republicans. Because Republicans are in control of the executive branch of government at the state level the usual breakdown of appointments will be a Republican registrar and one judge and one (Continued on Page 8-A)

## THE PILOT LIGHT

ERVIN — Retired U.S. Senator Sam Ervin will be honored with a "Sam Ervin Night" on Friday at the 102nd annual North Carolina Press Association banquet at the Pinehurst Hotel. Ervin, long a champion of press freedoms, will be presented a book containing letters of appreciation from members of the North Carolina press. He will also speak at the banquet session in the Cardinal Ballroom. William Snider, editor of the Greensboro Daily News and Record, is president of the press association and will preside over sessions which will get under way Thursday evening.

PRESIDENT — Both Pinehurst and Fort Bragg are hoping to have President Gerald Ford for a visit in September. Don Collett, chairman of the World Open Golf tournament and president of the World Golf Hall of Fame, is inviting President Ford to play in the Pro-Am celebrity tournament on the eve of the World Open. President Ford was in Pinehurst last September for the dedication of the World Golf Hall of Fame and the boulevard leading from Midland Road to the hall is named for the President. General Emerson, the new (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Hefner Is Busier But His Lifestyle Not Much Changed

BY JIM BUIE WASHINGTON—In one corner of Room 1004 Longworth Building on Capitol Hill, Congressman Bill Hefner's personal secretary was simultaneously attempting to answer a telephone inquiry about the Congressman's schedule, explain office procedure to a visiting reporter, and wrestle with the office phone bill. In the opposite corner, his legislative assistant was meticulously studying an environmental proposal. In front of him, one of the Congressman's two young interns was filing away letters while the other one furiously took notes on something from the Congressional Record. A few feet away from them, a receptionist was welcoming a continuous parade of visitors into the office. Four other assistants had their noses in documents, trying valiantly to keep up with the endless stream of letters and papers that

pour into the office daily. Amid all this stood the Congressman, nervously puffing on a cigarette, reading a sheet presented to him by his legislative assistant, and getting ready to walk over to the Capitol for yet another meeting. "I've been on Capitol Hill for 12 years, working for former Senator Sam Ervin," said legislative assistant Bill McEwen, shaking his head, "and I don't think there has ever been as much pressure up here. The pace is just unbelievable." If you have any notion that Congress is doing nothing, it might be dispelled by a visit to the office of Eighth District Congressman Bill Hefner. The Congress as a body may not be responding so well to the crises confronting the nation, but at least most of them appear to be working holes in their shoes. For example, here's the schedule for Congressman Hefner for Thursday, July 10: 8 a.m. -

Prayer breakfast at the White House; 10 a.m. - three subcommittee hearings, all meeting at the same time; 12:30 - luncheon with other members of the N.C. Congressional delegation for a meeting with lobbyists for the breeder reactor as a solution to the energy crisis; 1 p.m. - personal dentist appointment; 2 p.m. - meeting of Health subcommittee to "mark-up" the Clean Air bill. Throughout the afternoon, Congressman Hefner was expecting to be called to the floor of the house to vote on amendments to the Environmental Protection Agency appropriations bill. "We usually don't leave the Hill until at least eight o'clock every night that we are in session," said the lean, somewhat aesthetic-looking Congressman, shrugging his shoulders. Before there was time for a follow-up question, he had pulled out a schedule card from his breast pocket. "Right now, I'm supposed to be in the Capitol for a committee meeting." The meeting was a "mark-up"

session in which members of a particular subcommittee go over a piece of legislation line by line and offer amendments. Congressman Hefner shares this subcommittee with fellow North Carolinian Richardson Preyer (D-Greensboro). After the subcommittee hearing, in which Hefner asked several clarification questions, he and Preyer were summoned by a buzz of the clock to the House chamber for a quorum call. Members of the public and the press are not allowed on the House floor. "I'll keep an eye on him," Preyer quipped to Hefner's constituents, "and make sure he doesn't go off and play pinball or something." "You can observe us from the gallery," Hefner added. Members swarmed around the well of the House floor like bees while Speaker Carl Albert pounded a gavel for order, but to no avail. The coronation came during the 4-H Health Pageant held at the State Fairgrounds. Both Ritter and Miss Cross will receive expense paid trips to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago in November where they will compete for national honors and \$800 educational scholarships.

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"How do you ever get anything done in an atmosphere like that?" one of the visitors asked the Congressman as he left the House floor. "The work is not done in there. We just go to the floor to vote and occasionally listen to debate," responded the Congressman. "Most of the work is done in committees. We know we can't get anything done with 435 people walking around the same room." From there, it was off to the Senate for a TV interview on a bill the Congressman had recently introduced to amend the Social Security Act to help farmers in the district. Social security and health legislation are two of his major interests. It was not until the late afternoon that Congressman Hefner had enough time to sit down for an interview. Questions and Answers Q. Do you find this job very ego-boosting? I'm sure people (Continued on Page 8-A)



COMMITTEE HEARING — Rep. Bill Hefner is a member of three subcommittees. Here he listens as lawyers argue over the meaning of a particular phrase in a "mark-up" session of the Clean Air bill.