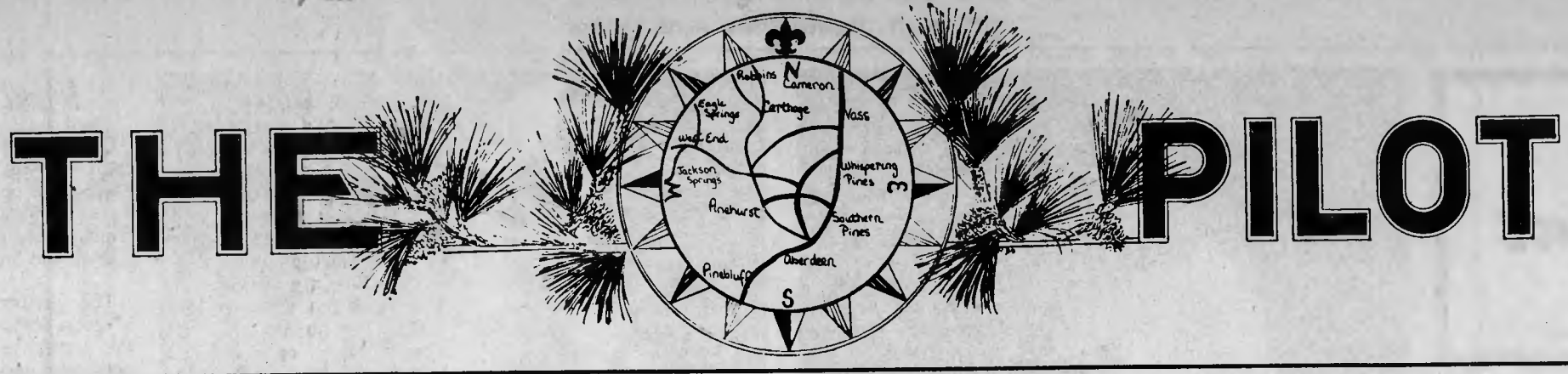


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Weather

Brrr-It's been cold and it will continue to be for the rest of the week. Temperatures are expected to rise from mid-30s to mid-40s on Thursday. Rain today may possibly turn to sleet in late afternoon.

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SPOT TORNADO AT MID-PINES — These trees were uprooted by high winds on New Year's Eve at the Mid Pines Golf and Country Club. Apparently the unstable weather conditions fostered a small tornado dip in this one spot, uprooting 18 pine trees.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

# Midland Property Rezoned Despite Strong Protests

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON  
The Moore County commissioners by a 3-2 vote Monday granted the petition of Leaverne Maness to re-zone property he owns on the Midland Road from Residential-Agricultural to Neighborhood Shopping. Public hearing on the petition was held last October 16, filling the commissioners' meeting room with Midland Road residents, all opposing the change. All, that is, but one. On a show of hands requested by the commissioners, Maness was the only person there who was for it. The board postponed a (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Power Cut Off, Trees Down When High Winds Strike Area

High winds, following an afternoon of tornado warnings for the area, caused power cut-offs for residents in several areas of Moore county. "We were pretty lucky in the Southern Pines district," Warren Teal of the Carolina Power and Light Company told The Pilot, "The Maxton and Rockingham districts had some real trouble." An unrooted tree caused a power cut-off for 40 residents in

the Niagara area from 4:10 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. One other large tree was reported uprooted on the Union Church Road, near Carthage, cutting off electricity for 15 homes for a brief period. Power went off on several small tap lines for a short time involving five homes on Highway 22 near Carthage, three on Horseshoe Road off Highway 22. An unrooted tree caused a power cut-off for 40 residents in

Lakeview. Quiet followed the high wind and driving rain storm in the Southern Pines area, sunlight breaking through and causing a vivid rainbow to arch across the downtown area. Apparently the unstable weather conditions fostered a small tornado dip at the Mid-Pines Golf and Country Club, uprooting 18 trees in the woods near the club building and golf course. Manager Dick Davenport told The Pilot the only damage was destruction of the Score Board, located at the club building, and two trees fell on the golf course. No other reports of similar spot damage were received.

## Builders Organize Here; Outline Housing Roles

Jay Klutz of Charlotte, North Carolina's Builder of the Year, and Nick DeMai of Raleigh, executive vice president of the North Carolina Builder's Association, were on hand Monday night to install officers and directors and to present the official charter to the Moore County Builders Association meeting at the Lob-Steer Inn. The forming of the new organization was seen as a real economic boost for the area by both men and the local builders were reminded of their

professional responsibility for the future planning process for the county, referring specifically to their role as consultants in area growth, zoning and utility needs. Offices installed after nine months of organizational leadership by retiring president Bob Page were W. P. Davis, president; Bob Page, vice president; Tom Tomlin, secretary; and Bernard Alder, treasurer. These men will serve on the board of directors along (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Stamp Shortage Develops With Postal Rate Hike

There is a stamp shortage in the Southern Pines Post Office. "It's abnormal," says Postmaster Robert Peele talking about the changes in the postal rate. "There are more people here than there were during the Christmas rush," he continued. Although the increase was expected and the local branch

was prepared, the demand for 3-cent stamps came as a surprise. The 50,000 stamps which were expected to last through the transition period, were sold during the first week of January. Besides the shortage in 3-cent stamps, the 1-cent stamps have also been completely sold. Another shipment of stamps was expected yesterday. (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Hodges Will Be Speaker At Chamber Annual Meet

Luther H. Hodges, Jr., chairman of the board of North Carolina National Bank and 1976 president of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, will be the featured speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce. This annual function will be held on January 28 at the Southern Pines Elks Country Club, according to Hubert

Ellison, Jr., chairman of the committee in charge. "We are extremely pleased to have such an outstanding North Carolinian as our featured speaker and are sure that the Annual Meeting will be an occasion all Chamber members will remember," Ellison said. Hodges, who joined NCNB in 1962 was named to Time magazine's 1974 list of 200 emerging leaders in America.



Luther H. Hodges Jr.

He does not confine his activities and interest to the banking and business world, although he serves on the boards of at least four major corporations, including Burlington Industries and J. B. Ivey & Company. He is also a director of the Research Triangle Foundation, the North Carolina Citizens Association and the Associated Council of the Arts. Other affiliations include serving on the board of governors of the University of North Carolina, the board of trustees of Johnson C. Smith University, and the Central Selection Committee for the Morehead Foundation. Hodges is a native of (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Bank Robbed Council Supports Airport

An all points bulletin was issued in Moore and surrounding counties this morning following an armed robbery at the Carolina Bank in West End at 11 o'clock. Three white males were reported in the hold-up, leaving in a "greenish-blue" four door Ford traveling toward Jackson Springs. The car bore out of state tags. The Moore County Sheriff's Department, the Highway Patrol and all law enforcement officers in the area were alerted immediately following the hold-up. The FBI in Charlotte has been notified. Two men went into the bank and one waited in the get-away car. Mrs. Elizabeth Pusser is Vice President in charge of the bank.

The Southern Pines Town Council, in special meeting Monday morning, spent 45 minutes going over the proposed improvement program for the county airport before giving it their unanimous vote of endorsement. In the 45 minutes they brought out, in explanations from Bob Helms, county administrator, and questions asked by the four council members present, that the program actually included only the physical upgrading of the airport as it now stands, with the addition of safety factors looking toward continued service for the same planes it is serving now. The endorsement came in a resolution, offered by new (Continued on Page 6-A)

## Further Steps Are Taken In Regional Sewer System

The Moore County Commissioners in regular session at Carthage Monday moved several steps ahead of their regional sewer project: (1) by adopting the bond order approved by the Local Government Commission; (2) authorizing Chairman W. S. Taylor to enter into a contract with the engineers to construct an outfall line, and interceptor line to tie into it, serving the area east and south of Southern

Pines; and (3) authorizing Bob Helms, county administrator, to proceed with advertising and screening applicants for the newly created post of public works director. The post was created on recommendation of Helms, who said a qualified person should be employed as soon as possible to fill it, to handle the business of the new county utility and to be paid with administrative funds of (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Lose Weight, Make Money Among 1976 Resolutions

BY CRAIG LAMB AND ANN MYERS  
After the hats, horns, and hoopla are over, new year thoughts turn to making resolutions. The variety of these resolutions range from losing weight to making money. While all are made in good faith, the problem seems to be in keeping them. On a recent sunny afternoon, people in downtown Southern Pines were asked what resolutions they have made for the New Year and their success after a week. Many felt making them led to breaking them and ignored the custom. But those who didn't had this to say: Cecil Trimm, Southern Pines:

"Yes, I make one every year—not to make New Year resolutions." Glenn Miller, Southern Pines: "Home is Tennessee and I want to get back to Knoxville." Heidi Hall, Paris, France: "Just keep on doing what I'm doing." (Continued on Page 8-A)

## First Baby

Kevin Joel Holder was the first baby born in 1976 at Moore Memorial Hospital. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Franklin J. Holder of Rt. 1, Cameron. Born at 2:07 a.m. New Year's Day, the boy weighed 8 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces, according to Judy Honeycutt, hospital public relations staff member.

He had left the Eastern Airlines section, and was standing near the TWA section, waiting to take the limousine to Connecticut, when the bomb went off in a compartment of rental lockers. Eleven people were killed, more than 50 injured, as the explosion shattered windows, walls and equipment within a radius of some 600 feet. Patterson and a fellow Tar Heel, Enoch (Nicky) Starkey, who was also returning to New York after visiting relatives in Raleigh for Christmas, were killed instantly together. While (Continued on Page 8-A)



CARTER—Former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter, who is waging an around-the-clock campaign for the Democratic nomination for President, is expected to formally enter the North Carolina presidential preference primary. He is delaying an announcement, however, until after a series of meetings of supporters this coming weekend. The first of the meetings will be held in Raleigh and Greensboro on Saturday, followed by two others in the western part of the state, one at Charlotte, on Sunday. Carter is still a bit uncertain about challenging Terry Sanford on his home ground, but some of his backers are urging him on, saying that he needs to make a

showing in North Carolina. HOLSHOUSE — Governor James Holshouser knows quite well that the fate of the Republican party in North Carolina rides on what the party does in the nation. That is the way he got into office and he thinks any success a Republican candidate for Governor has this year is dependent on how well a Republican does in a race for President. Holshouser is strong for Gerald Ford, and believes that he will be nominated even if he does not win some of the early primaries. HUNT—Supporters of Jim Hunt for Governor are getting an organization under way in Moore County, with a meeting of a (Continued on Page 8-A)



CLOSED FOR BOMB THREAT — Aberdeen authorities are shown roping off parking areas for the Kubbard and Little Giant foodstores on Sunday afternoon following the third in a series of anonymous phone calls warning of bomb placements in the Aberdeen area over the weekend. Aberdeen police have offered a \$1,000 reward for clues leading to the arrest of the anonymous caller.

## Bomb Threats Close Stores; Reward Is Offered For Clues

A weekend of bomb threats - all hoaxes - for Aberdeen and Moore County has resulted in the posting of a \$1,000 reward by Aberdeen Town Commissioners for clues leading to the arrest of the culprit. An additional reward by the County Commissioners was discussed Monday afternoon, but no action was taken. The series of threats began at 3:35 p.m., Saturday, when an unknown person called Rose's store manager at the Center Park Shopping Center and told him a bomb would go off in 30 or 40 minutes. A second call said it was set for 5 p.m. Aberdeen's police, fire and rescue forces were alerted and arrived at the scene to evacuate

all the buildings in the Center Park Shopping area. "A check was made of the building occupied by Rose's and, not finding the bomb and not knowing quite how to take this thing," Aberdeen Police Commissioner Cliff Blue, Jr., said, "we advised the stores to close for the remainder of the day." Other stores affected by the bomb scare were Big M grocery (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Patterson Is Buried At Mt. Hope Joy Johnson Seeks Title Of State's Junior Miss

Graveside services for Bynum George Patterson, 38, of Stamford, Conn., formerly of Southern Pines, who was killed in last week's tragic bomb explosion at LaGuardia Airport, New York City, were held Friday afternoon at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Officiating were the Rev. Martin Caldwell of Southern Pines and the Rev. Louis C. Melcher, Jr., of Raleigh. "B. G.," as he was known to friends during his growing-up days here, had spent the Christmas weekend with his mother, grandmother and younger brothers at Raleigh, and had taken the Monday evening flight to New York, where the explosion occurred at 6:45 p.m. in the midst of the crowd of holiday travellers. He had left the Eastern Airlines section, and was standing near the TWA section, waiting to take the limousine to Connecticut, when the bomb went off in a compartment of rental lockers. Eleven people were killed, more than 50 injured, as the explosion shattered windows, walls and equipment within a radius of some 600 feet. Patterson and a fellow Tar Heel, Enoch (Nicky) Starkey, who was also returning to New York after visiting relatives in Raleigh for Christmas, were killed instantly together. While (Continued on Page 8-A)

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## Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will make its first visit of 1976 next week. It will be at the J. P. Stevens plant located on Rt. 5 between Aberdeen and Pinehurst on Thursday, January 15. The hours for donating will be from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. "Let's start the new year off right by turning out for this event," a Red Cross spokesman said. "If you are 18 to 66 years of age you are eligible. If, for any reason, you should not give blood at this time the doctor on duty will tell you."