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Southern Pines, North Carolina Wednesday, January 28, 1976

degree will continue.

Windy weather will continue in the

Sandhills today, with chance of rain 20

percent tonight and zero Thursday.

Night 20 degree temperature and day 40

Price 10 Cents

Weather

Work Started Onlst House In Program

A new board was placed acros the top rung of the front steps or rather, what seemed to have been front steps once upon a time, but now were unstable pieces of boards worn away by use. Two shiny nails, one for each end of the board, were driven in end of the board, were driven in with two clean drives each by Plan Given Councilman Emanuel Douglass.

It was a moment of celebration at 911 West New York Avenue. The Mayor and the Town Council, the town manager and a half dozen other folks were on hand to initiate the first phase of the three-year Community Improvement Team Program involving a \$248,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the improvement of low and moderate income. A total of \$71,000 is allotted for the renovation of 25 homes by August 7. The grant must be requested each year and the second grant request already has been submitted.

In addition to home improvements the Community Improvement team program takes five men off the unemployed list and provides work and wages (\$2.36 per hour) for them.

Robert Black, local contractor recently employed as CIT supervisor, and his team including Charles Cole, George McGregor, Oliver Goode, James Wallace and Wilbert (Continued on Page 14-A)

Pinecrest Dedication A gala week of activities has

been planned for the Pinecrest High School Dedication Week, February 9-15, it was announced this week by Dr. H. David Bruton, chairman of the dedication committee. Plans call for an Open House to

be held February 9-13 at the school. Each department will have student projects on display and citizens are invited to visit the school during the school day. (Continued on Page 15-A)

Sick Boy Found

A 14-year old diabetic has been the object of a search today by Rescue Units county-wide and Sheriff's officers, in the Derby section near Jackson Springs where he was seen late yesterday after escaping from Cameron Reading Has No. 1 Priority Morrison Training School.

The boy needs from three to five shots a day for his condition. and has received no medicine in two days. He was found shortly before

noon and returned to school.

Newsom Gets DSA Award

shadows and weather.

Declaring that the "people students in the rest of the South both political and professional don't want excuses," Lt. Gov. in vocabulary skills, Hunt called leadership are needed. Jim Hunt told a gathering of for "a total commitment" to the He said that if such leadership educators at the Mid Pines Club reading effort and declared that (Con here Monday night that "reading

OUR SAFEST NATIONAL HOLIDAY-

GROUNDHOG DAY - Monday, Feb. 2, is Groundhog Day, and one of the

traditions in Southern Pines is for Artist Glen Rounds to give it proper recognition

in The Pilot. Here is the 1976 presentation by Rounds--without predictions as to

ROUNDS

A HAPPY GROUND HOGA TO YOU ALL !! Helms Quits Job; **Title Is Denied**

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After voting on Thursday to establish the office of county manager in order to retain Bob Helms, the Moore County commissioners met and rescinded the action on Friday afternoon and reluctantly accepted the resignation of Helms as county administrator.

Helms will be leaving on February 29 to accept the position of county manager of Stanly County.

It was a matter of both higher salary and being named county manager, but Helms had indicated he would stay if the county manager position was established for him.

Apparently there was some overnight adverse reaction, especially from some county employes, which made the county commissioners rescind the resolution it had adopted in a brief executive session following a called meeting on Thursday afternoon

"It's kind of a ticklish situation," Chairman W. S. Taylor said.

Taylor said that the board, in discussion held during another executive session lasting an hour and a half Friday afternoon, decided it could not meet Helms' request. "That would involve a change to the county manager form of government," Taylor said, "and there was reluctance on the part of some of us to make Hunt Tells Educators Here the change."



"A slow but steady recovery" which is going on now is the way Dr. Kenneth Howard, budget officer for the State of North Carolina, summarized the economic outlook in a talk here last week to the Kiwanis Club.

"We went in faster and we are going to come out of the recession faster," Howard declared, although he said he would need another three to four weeks to be completely confident in respect to state revenues. One of the things which Howard said was unusual about North Carolina is that the people

are not spending at the same rate tas the rest of the country and this has accounted for less revenue from sales tax than anticipated. Savings accounts are rising,

however, he said, and he does expect retail sales to start rising at a faster rate.

Dr. Howard, who was a member of the faculty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill prior to his appointment as budget officer in July of 1973, was firm in saying that the State will not end up this (Continued On Page 16-A)

Sales Tax

Bob Helms direction," and indicated that such a move might come in the

next fiscal year beginning July 1. It was understood that Commissioner Arthur Purvis of High Falls is "definitely against" the county manager form of (Continued on Page 15-A)

Chamber Meet

The Annual Meeting of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight (Wednesday) at the Southern Pines Country Club.

Luther Hodges Jr., of North Carolina National Bank in Charlotte, will be the banquet speaker. A reception will be held at 6:30

Southern Pines and Aberdeen

End school remained K-8.)

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"We are going to move in that 7:30." Inter the state will not end up this

has been made the No. 1

Larry Newsom, a former presided, while Bob Pearse Jaycee who has recently been served as master of ceremonies, made an associate in the John C. and specially selected members Muse Co., Inc., CPA firm, was of the business community made the recipient of the Distinguished the award presentations. Service Award of the Southern Ezra Quesenberry, Southern Pines Jaycees, made at their Pines Jaycees, made at their Pines office manager for the annual Bosses Night banquet Muse firm, which has Wednesday. headquarters at Sanford, made

Some 60 members, wives and the DSA award to Newsom, guests enjoyed the occasion at citing his "devotion to his family, the Lobsteer Inn, featuring his church and his profession, awards for outstanding service and keen sense of awareness of and a stirring talk by State's the needs of his fellow men." He misten as guest speaker, along with a steak dinner.

Jim Whitlock, club president, (Continued On Page 16-A)

education in North Carolina. directors and others attended the dinner session which highlighted a two-day conference which ended Tuesday.

Hunt was introduced by Supt. A. Craig Phillips of the State Department of Public Instruction who said, "I know of no one with a better grasp of the political process and its positive impact than Jim Hunt." Citing the fact that tests show that North Carolina six graders Attorney General Rufus Ed- is a member of the American are seven months behind the varied, judging from the com-Institute of CPA's, the Sandhills national average in reading ments of both waitresses and chapter of the N. C. Association comprehension and that they are as much as 10 percent behind

Edmisten Talks On Crime has been made the No. 1 Waitress Has Major Role More than 100 reading In Impressing Tourists

dom.

BY ANN MYERS AND CRAIG LAMB

To the visiting tourist in Southern Pines, the impression of the town is not made by the bank presidents, city officials or even Chamber of Commerce employes as much as it is made by waitresses in the community. The impressions waitresses in Southern Pines give tourists are

Disaster Area

Governor Jim Holshouser prepared to promote the community through its waitresses. announced today that Moore County has been declared a disaster area by officials in the Farmers Home Administration of the U.S. Department of

Agriculture. This means that farmers in Moore County may now be eligible for disaster loans under 68. Loan applications will be District. handled through the county's Farmers Home Administration office.

Moore County was declared a

managers at four different establishments picked at ran-

problems of the Area III schools for the past three months, then decided in a split vote to leave The waitresses at The JFR the pattern of the schools just as Barn agreed that good service to the community is important as it is, for now. "this is where our business is." Robert Garrison, manager of

This means that the ninth grades will remain in the middle The Barn, believes his schools instead of being returned waitresses are friendly, warm **Pilot Receives State Top Award**

and helpful to the customer not only when serving their food, but also when answering questions about the community and For News Coverage During 1975 directing tourists to places of

interest. The Holiday Inn is also

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The Pilot has been awarded Association in Chapel Hill. first place in News Coverage among North Carolina weekly newspapers for 1975.

Presentation of the top award was made Thursday night at the annual Press Institute the North Carolina Press place, the judges had this

Governor James Holshouser presented the plaque for first

place to Sam Ragan, editor and publisher, and Marjorie Ragan, associate editor. In selecting The Pilot for first

comment:

"Overall, The Pilot best fulfills the criteria set forth in this category.

"Its news content exhibits a high degree of professionalism. Its reporting is detailed backed (Continued On Page 16-A)

Candidate Gilbert Lee Boger of Mockeville, Rt. 3, this week of announced that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination the provisions of Public Law 94- for Congress from the Eighth

> Boger, 48, is a native of David County and a graduate of Mockeville High School. He

served three terms in the State disaster area after crops in the House of Representatives until county were severely damaged his defeat in 1974. He is a former by periods of extended drought dairy farmer but now operates a and excessive rainfall last year. real estate business.

In Board's Split Vote

received a comprehensive report maybe longer.

from a Citizens Committee which

has been studying organizational

9th Grade Status Kept

Sales tax collections, one of the best economic indicators in the state, continued to run high in The Moore County Board of to Pinecrest High School, Moore County in December. Education Tuesday night probably for the next year and

Secretary J. Howard Coble of the State Department of Revenue They were moved from reported this week that the one Pinecrest to the Pinehurst, percent sales tax for Moore County amounted to \$85,259.41 in middle schools about three and a December.

half years ago, at a time when One percent collections in Pinecrest was overcrowded and neighboring counties for the beset with disciplinary and month were as follows: Hoke, learning problems. (The West \$18,297.33; Lee, \$80.863.90; Montgomery, \$28,137.16; Richmond, \$84,928.48.



Ragan, editor and publisher of The Pilot.

House In The Horseshoe Drama Set For Production Next July BY MILDRED ALLEN times together and often in Alston time and again when she

Joe Simmons, playwright for conflict.

"The House in the Horseshoe," the outdoor drama now com- Simmons said while in town over thrown into the throes of difficult terpointed by Temperance

"The play has two sides,"

pleted on paper and approved by the weekend meeting with the Moore County Historical committees, "It is a battle of the Society for production in July, minds of two men, who are very way. has discovered the unique much alike and who are battling historical qualities of Moore each other. Both are cold and County, the story of a people calculating men. This is coun-

enters the picture and intimates that both men are out of line, fighting each other and getting people killed, that human beings simply aren't meant to be that

Simmons has the idea that if women could have been outspoken as they are today, (Continued On Page 16-A)



OUTDOOR DRAMA PLANS - Playwright Joe Simmons, Mrs. Ernest Ives and Duane Sedden are shown above discussing plans for "The House in the Horseshoe," Moore County's outdoor drama scheduled for a six week run beginning July 7.

presidential race, but he does feel he did not get the support from fellow North Carolinans which he had expected. He is grateful, however, for those who did support his efforts, and singled out Sam Poole of Southern Pines for the work he did in his campaign. "If I had ten people like Sam Poole working for me I would be

on top right now," he said. Sanford, always a realist in

politics, talked casually and amiably with friends following a Press Institute dinner at Duke University on Friday night. It the Sanford votes," was the was obvious that once the decision to withdraw was made he was ready to go on to other

Monday to resume duties as president of Duke University, but in the near future he will be taking a few days off for relaxation, and among the things he is looking forward to is some CARTER-The first reaction

most among the candidates in

the north Carolina primary.

Over the weekend, however, a (Continued on Page 15-A)

golf in the Sandhills. among newspaper editors and

publishers at Chapel Hill and Durham when the news came of Sanford's withdrawal was that former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter would benefit

"Carter will pick up most of

declaration of one editor.

THE PILOT LIGHT SANFORD-Terry Sanford is things. He planned to be in his office not bitter about his decision to take himself out of the