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THE PILOT

The temperature rose to 58 this morning at 9:15 and is expected to be in the 70's later. Today and tomorrow will be partly cloudy and windy with a slight chance of rain. High in the 60's Thursday.

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DEDICATION SUNDAY — The new Pinecrest gym (shown above) will be the scene Sunday for the dedication ceremonies of Pinecrest High School. The first game will be played in the gym Friday night. Principal speaker on Sunday will be Dr. William C. Friday (left) and Supt. R. E. Lee (right) will preside.

Friday To Speak Sunday At Pinecrest Dedication

Pinecrest High School, which opened in 1969 as the result of a merger of seven high schools in the southern part of Moore County, will be formally dedicated Sunday afternoon, with Dr. William C. Friday, president of the University of North Carolina, as the speaker. All this week open house is

being held at the school, with student displays and guided tours. The first major event of the week's dedicatory program is the first basketball game in the new gymnasium, with the Pinecrest Patriots meeting Scotland Highland High School of Laurinburg.

Saturday is Homecoming Day for all of the former high schools, with reunions scheduled and a series of basketball games between alumni that night. Sunday afternoon's dedication program will begin at 3 o'clock, with Supt. R. E. Lee of the Moore County Schools presiding. Sam Ragan, editor of The Pilot, will introduce President Friday.

Stoneybrook Set Apr. 10; Purses Above Last Year

The annual Stoneybrook Races will be held this year on Saturday, April 10.

Ranked as one of the major sports and social events of North Carolina, the races are run for the benefit of St. Joseph Hospital under the sponsorship of the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association.

A crowd of 25,000 attended last year's races and this year's event is expected to attract an equal number.

This will be the 29th running of the Stoneybrook Races, and Michael G. Walsh, chairman of

the association and on whose farm the races are run, said the total purses this year will be \$22,500, an increase of \$2,000 over last year.

Walsh said the Pepsi Cola Company will sponsor the feature race of the day, the Sandhills Cup.

The purse structure is expected this year to draw the best of the Steeplechase horses from prominent stables in New York, Virginia, Maryland, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

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GOP Registers Voters; Voter List Record High

Republicans of Moore County have had a registrar at their headquarters the past two Saturdays, and Chairman C. Coolidge Thompson of the Moore County Board of Elections said this week that the practice "might be questionable but is not illegal."

The special effort of having a registrar at the Republican headquarters on US 15-501 for three hours on Saturdays has not produced any big results, however.

There were nine persons registered on the first Saturday on Jan. 31 and only seven this

past Saturday. The deadline for registering to vote in the March 23 primary is Feb. 23.

Mrs. Doris Fuquay, executive secretary of the Moore Board of Elections, said this week that registration has been picking up in recent weeks and the total number of registered voters in Moore County hit a record high of 10,011 on Jan. 31.

There have been several party switches, most of them to the Republican party, in recent days, she said.

In regard to the placing of a

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Airport Is Called Adequate With Planned Improvements

Results Are Same In Aberdeen Vote

Aberdeen voters were fewer the second time around, casting a total of 530 votes Tuesday instead of the 629 of last November 4, but they elected the same five men to the town board as they had before.

With some added registration, the total was 54 percent, as compared with 71 percent in November.

With the previous vote voided by the State Board of Elections, which ordered the new one to be held, the five winners and six losers all received fewer votes than before except for one incumbent, Lloyd Harris. After coming in fifth in November with 289 votes, he gained 42 to leap into second place this time.

The tie which in November had landed Floyd Fritz and W. J. Bayliff together in sixth place, just one vote off the winners' circle, was resolved Tuesday with Fritz coming in sixth, Bayliff seventh.

Bayliff, who had brought about the new vote through contesting

the previous one because several persons ineligible to vote had done so, not only lost his seat on the board, but received fewer than half the votes he got before.

Tuesday's winners were Robert Veasey, who remained the top vote-getter, with 334; Lloyd Harris, just three votes behind, with 331; Cliff Blue, Jr., 299; Joe Singleton, 289, and Hugh Styers, 279.

In November it had been Veasey, 391; Blue, 330; Singleton, 307; Styers, 300, and Harris, 289.

The three top winners, Veasey, Harris and Blue, won four-year terms, Singleton and Styers two-year terms, in a staggered sequence leading to a four-year rotation of all members.

The losing candidates came out as follows: Floyd Fritz, 221; W. J. Bayliff, 132; Ray Tyndall, 96; Bill Marts, 84; Lee Cole, 67; and Cecil Hutchinson, 47.

The lineup was only slightly different from the way it was

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Request Will Be Made For More Police Here

The Southern Pines Town Council, in regular meeting Tuesday night, learned from Town Manager Lew G. Brown that the town's population is now estimated to be between 6,700 and 6,900; that standards of the International Association of Chiefs of Police indicate a community should have from two to two and a half police officers per 1,000 population; and this means that, at a minimum, Southern Pines should have approximately 14 policemen.

Thirteen sworn officers are now authorized, with 12 actually on the payroll.

Brown asked authorization to submit a grant request, already prepared with assistance of the Pee Dee Criminal Justice Planning Agency, to the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) for two additional police officers.

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Precinct Meets Slated By Democrats Thursday

Moore County Democrats will hold precinct meetings on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m., Chairman J. Ed Causey has announced.

The meetings here are similar to those being held in all precincts of the State by the Democrats on the same date.

Meetings will be held at the regular polling (voting) places.

The purpose of the meetings is the election of five officers to the precinct committee, followed by the election of five other active Democrats to the precinct committee.

Delegates to the County Convention will also be elected at the precinct meetings, and this week State Democratic Party

Chairman James R. Sugg said that it will be necessary for any individual who wishes to become a delegate to any county, district or state convention to give a written declaration of their presidential preference—or "uncommitted" status—at the precinct meetings Thursday night.

It is expected that several seeking delegate selections will be declaring themselves, although some party officials say they expect most will go "uncommitted."

Chairman Sugg said that the rule change was required so that North Carolina's delegate selection plan would be in

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HAPPY VALENTINE — The Pilot's Happy Valentine day greeting is appropriately presented with the current Miss Southern Pines—Miss Margaret Leatherman.

Madrigals To Love On Valentine's Day

BY THAD STEM JR.

George Meredith's (1828-1909) aphorism, "The sentimental people fiddle on the string of sensuality," may be valid 364 days in the year. But St.

Valentine's Day, February 14, is the unaffected open sesame for all the rampant lyrical emotionalism the austere mind dams up in the heart the other 364 days.

Betimes, the tongue may be twisted into a tone-deaf honeysuckle vine, but on February 14 that same tongue is a lithesome, rhapsodic bird traversing the ends of rapture to pour out gladsome, infectious madrigals to love.

There have been several thousand abler poets and tunesmiths than old Will Rositer, but he really laid it on with an impassioned trowel when he exulted:

"I'd love to live in love-land, With a girl like you, Where everyday's a holiday, And sky's are baby blue. Where roses bloom forever, And sweetheart's are always true.

I'd love to live in love-land With a girl like you." Our present feast of love, or (Continued On Page 7-A)

Mail Holiday

The U. S. Postal Service will operate on a holiday schedule Monday, February 16, the Federal observance of George Washington's birthday.

There will be no regular residential or business mail deliveries on the holiday. Mail will be collected from U. S. mail boxes designated with one or two white stars as late in the day as possible to meet established first-class mail service standards. Collections will also be made from most residential boxes.

Lockbox service will be available on a Sunday schedule and special delivery service will be available in some areas on a holiday schedule.

Peach Growers Prepare Trees; Auman Planting New Orchards

BY MILDRED ALLEN

The Sandhills peach crop is on the move. Not to market yet—that's June 15 to September 15—but now is the busy time for peach growers who are expanding orchard acreage with the planting of new trees and pruning the old ones.

As for the trees themselves,

they've had sufficient cold hours to allow complete rest and they are ready to go to work as soon as an extended warm period comes along.

"Hopefully, not too early," Clarence Black, Superintendent at the Sandhills Research Center, tells us, "but even so, the danger of a freeze during the

blooming season doesn't mean total crop loss, sometimes only one variety. We've had a late freeze the past two years and somewhat short crops, but it's been financially rewarding for the growers."

It's no longer a total loss when a late freeze comes along (Continued On Page 16-A)



GOLF COURSES BUSY — All of the 24 golf courses in the Sandhills have been busy this week. Even though the weather has been chilly the sunshine has brought out the golfers from far and near. This was a scene Tuesday at Pinehurst.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

THE PILOT LIGHT

HUNT—Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt will be the guest at a dutch luncheon by Friends of Jim Hunt at the Lobster Inn on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Hunt will be in Pinehurst Tuesday morning for an address, following which he will visit Sandhills Community College prior to the luncheon.

Sara Hodgkins and Dr. David Bruton said that anyone who wished to meet and talk with the Lieutenant Governor is invited to the luncheon.

GILMORE—Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines has been named a member of the North Carolina Jackson for President Steering Committee.

A former State Senator and director of the U.S. Travel Service, Gilmore was a can-

didate for Congress in 1968.

A Jackson for President headquarters has been set up in Raleigh, with State Senator Renfrow of Johnston County in charge of the office. Former House Speaker James Ramsey of Roxboro is chairman of the North Carolina Jackson effort.

PRIVETTE—The Rev. Coy Privette of Kannapolis, president of the Baptist State Convention and former Wake Forest College football player, aims to set up an organization in each county in his campaign for the Republican nomination for Governor.

Best known for his work in the campaign against the "liquor-by-the-drink" referendum, Privette as the then president of the (Continued On Page 16-A)



MORE PEACHES AT WEST END — Thirty-five acres of new peach trees were planted at Clyde Auman's West End peach orchard last week. Similar expansion is underway for most established growers in the area, looking to a continued upswing in the peach industry and a good market.—(Photo by Mildred Allen).