

Weather

Temperature had reached 60 degrees by 10 a.m. today and it is expected to be cloudy, warm and windy with a 60 percent chance of rain. It will be a little cooler tomorrow than today's over-70 degrees.

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HUNT AND FRIENDS—Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt was the guest of honor at a "Friends of Jim Hunt" luncheon held Tuesday at the Lobster Inn. Left to right are Mrs. Sara W. Hodgkins, Hunt, Mayor E.J. Austin, and Dr. David Bruton.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Hunt Details Four Issues In Campaign At Meet Here

Friends of Jim Hunt—83 in number—turned out for an informal luncheon at the Lobster Inn Tuesday and heard the Lieutenant Governor stress issues he plans to discuss in his campaign for Governor. Those issues were also voiced Tuesday morning in an address by Hunt to the North Carolina Association of ABC Boards meeting at Pinehurst. The four primary points he emphasized were better regulation of utilities, a better reading program in our schools, a vigorous industry-hunting program, and citizen involvement in the war on crime.

Chamber Backs Zoning In Position Statement

A policy statement in support of strong zoning ordinances and land use planning was adopted last week by the Board of Directors of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce. The board also adopted four other statements of position in regard to specific areas and items and also recommended to the county commissioners that a comprehensive land use study be undertaken as soon as possible. The employment of a professional planner for the county was also recommended. Endorsement was also voted for the proposed amendment which would authorize counties to issue revenue bonds for industrial development and pollution control.

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O'HERRON — Edward O'Herron, the Charlotte drug chain executive who formally announced as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor on Monday, will be in Aberdeen Friday night. Accompanied by Charles Dunn, who resigned as director of the SBI to head up the O'Herron campaign, the candidate will mingle with between 100 and 130 Jaycees holding a regional meeting at Aberdeen. A social hour will be held at the Legion Hut from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and O'Herron will be present, staying on for a short while at the

Jaycees meeting. Cliff Blue, Jr., who said he is "working for O'Herron," said the Jaycees would be coming from 13 towns and eight counties. He said the public is invited to the reception. REAGAN — A chairman for the Moore County Citizens Committee for Reagan will be announced tonight (Wednesday) at 6:30 at a meeting at the Holiday Inn here. David Drexler, chairman of the Moore County finance committee for the Ronald Reagan presidential campaign, also announced that Governor James

arranging the luncheon was Dr. David Bruton, who is the area "key" chairman for Hunt. Welcoming the Lieutenant Governor was Southern Pines Mayor E. J. Austin. Hunt reported on his campaign organization, saying that a county manager has been selected thus far in 95 counties of the state. In both his luncheon address and the talk to the ABC board association at Pinehurst, Hunt said, "We need to do something about those mounting utility bills that eat away our paychecks." He went on to say: "We need to rethink our regulation of utilities in North Carolina to make sure, that in the coming years, we will have enough energy at a reasonable cost. We need to consider how to give consumers a stronger voice" (Continued on Page 14-A)

Historical Body Meets On Sunday

The 1976 Winter meeting of the Moore County Historical Association will be held on Sunday, February 22, at 4 p.m. in the library of the Sandhills Community College. The featured speaker will be Dr. LeRoy J. Dare of the College history department. Dr. Dare will discuss the contribution of North Carolina to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Joseph Cole Simmons, author and producer of the Bicentennial Outdoor Drama, "The House in the Horseshoe," will give a brief summary of progress to date and discuss the many activities in which the people will be called upon to participate. Tickets will be available for the preview party of the 19th Annual Antiques Show to be held on the evening of Wednesday, March 24. Generous participation is particularly desirable this year to help provide a sound money base for the production of the Bicentennial drama which

Samarkand Will Be Closed For Short Period Of Study

Samarkand Manor, the State training school near Eagle Springs, will be temporarily closed as of February 29 in an effort to resolve problems and difficulties which have plagued the school since 1973. Ray Shurling, the new director of the State's Youth Services Division, announced the closing at a meeting with school officials, staff members and teachers on Monday afternoon. Shurling emphasized the closing was only temporary—from two to three weeks—and that there is no intention to close Samarkand Manor permanently. Children now at the school—more than 100 as of Monday—will be transferred to other schools in the State system between now and Feb. 29. Movement of the children started this week.

Ad Hoc committee he had appointed. The committee spent several days at Samarkand Manor earlier this month investigating problems in administration, instruction and discipline. The committee reported to Shurling that one of the key (Continued on Page 13-A)

Pinehurst Will Ask For Study

The Pinehurst Village Council, meeting in executive session following the regular meeting on Monday voted unanimously for two proposals: To ask their counsel, Joe Monroe, to try to have the Village included by the General Assembly in the State Retirement and pension plans for police and firemen. And to have the N.C. League of Municipalities study the situation of whether for Pinehurst to become incorporated at a cost of from 3 to \$5,000 for the study. Money is now in the budget for this purpose. The Attorney General has said that now the Village does not come under the State retirement laws.



PINECREST DEDICATION — President William C. Friday of the University of North Carolina is shown making the address at the dedication of Pinecrest High School Sunday afternoon. On the platform, left to right, are Principal Philip McMillan, Supt. of Schools Robert E. Lee, Mrs. John L. Frye, Sam Ragan, and William E. Simmons.—(Photo by Mildred Allen).

Pinecrest-UNC Parallel Drawn In Talk By Friday

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON Sunday was a "red-letter day" for Pinecrest High School in the words of Supt. Robert E. Lee spoken at the dedication ceremony that afternoon, marking completion of the school plant after years of coping with inadequate facilities. Held in the splendid new gymnasium, built at a cost of \$1,072,000, which had opened during the week with a host of activities, the observance drew a crowd of 1,200 who filled the vast bleachers all along one side. It was the first time in its history Pinecrest had been able to welcome such a crowd, which faced a flower-decorated speakers' platform, a special seating section for distinguished guests, another for the Pinecrest Band, and risers for the Pinecrest Mixed Chorus, and the Ensemble, all important on the program. The music and songs, as well

Inspection Is Extended Mile Beyond Town Limit

Arthur Tener, Southern Pines building inspector, announced today that as of March 1, all new construction within the one-mile extra-territorial area around Southern Pines will require a building permit and be subject to inspection by his department. Construction started prior to March 1, will also be subject to inspection but no permit will be required. This action was taken in response to an ordinance adopted by the Southern Pines Town Council at its February meeting instructing the building inspector to enforce the State Building Code in the extra-territorial area. The Town has had authority to conduct building inspection in the one-mile area since 1965 but had not previously voted to carry out this program. However, increased construction in the extra-territorial area and the Town's (Continued on Page 14-A)

Old Carthage Cemetery Mutilated By Vandals

Fifty-two tombstones were mutilated in the old, historic cemetery of the First Presbyterian Church in Carthage apparently sometime Thursday night. Reward monies totaling \$1,575 have been posted by the Carthage Town Board, the Moore County Board of Commissioners, the First Presbyterian Church, Red Branch Baptist Church and private contributors, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties. "Anyone who could do a thing like this is capable of doing anything and it's our hope they will be apprehended," Carthage Police Chief Allen Benner said. A few stones were noticed down on Friday morning, following the large fire which destroyed the old Tyson-Jones buildings nearby, but the extent of the mutilation was not known until Saturday morning when two transients through the cemetery reported them to the Carthage Police Department. "It seems it would have to have been done by grown men and a number of them. The stones and monuments are too heavy to handle for it to have been boys and any kind of general (Continued on Page 14-A)



CEMETERY VANDALIZED — The Rev. B.E. Dotson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Carthage, examines some of the vandalism which took place in the old church cemetery.

Stoneybrook

Preparing for the Stoneybrook Races April 10, officials are taking reservations at an office in the back of the Campbell House. Those not already on the invitation list may call the office at 692-8000 between 9 and 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. each day or write P.O. Box 1474, Southern Pines, N.C. 28387. The races, expecting 25,000 spectators, feature The Sandhills Cup, sponsored this year by Pepsi Cola. Total purses will be \$22,500, more than last year, and will draw many famous horses. The races benefit St. Joseph's Hospital.

Court Action Undertaken In Midland Road Zoning

The zoning controversy between the county commissioners and certain residents of the Midland Road area, between Southern Pines and Pinehurst, has erupted in a civil suit against the commissioners and other defendants, which attorney W. Lamont Brown said would be filed sometime today (Wednesday) in Moore Superior Court. The suit questions the validity of actions taken by the commissioners in regular meeting January 5, reclassifying properties owned by Leaverne Maness and Mrs. Edna Cooke from Residential Agricultural to Neighborhood Shopping District, against the strongly expressed protest of the neighboring property owners. (Continued on Page 14-A)

George H. Maurice--'Whose Spirit Knew No Boundaries'

BY EDITH FALLS The premiere of "The House in the Horseshoe," Moore County's first outdoor historical drama is still almost five busy months away. But already the stage is set. Alston House, the pre-revolutionary dwelling in a bend of Deep River, has been restored and waiting nearly twenty years for a replay of its role in history. Credit for this is given on a plaque beside its doorway, "To George Holbrook Maurice, Restorer of this House, Whose Spirit Knew No Boundaries." The plaque also carries the words of novelist John P. Marquand who said, "Few have done so much with so little to evoke a true picture of America's past."

Marquand, an experienced restoration buff, was impressed at how faithfully the building had been brought back to its Eighteenth Century integrity, and how inexpensively. "The cost was kept down," says Mrs. Ernest Ives, President of the Moore County Historical Society at the time the house was acquired, "only because of Mr. Maurice's contribution which was incalculable. In addition to his knowledge of construction he gave the work painstaking research into pioneer methods and materials, and day-after-day supervision for almost a year." True, George Maurice was an historian — an "evoker" of the past. More than that, he was a man of almost Jeffersonian foresight — a builder of the

future. He was quick to recognize community needs; quick to share public responsibilities. Public works, from the County's present system of roads to its mushrooming medical center, owe much of their stability to his insistence on firm foundations. He was an engineer, born in Ossining, New York, and graduated from Lehigh University in 1893. He worked in many parts of the country, building roads, bridges, railroads, and planning municipal engineering programs. When he and his wife, Ethel Eglin, a county-bred Virginian, were ready to put down roots they chose Moore County. Introduced to it by Ralph Page, a



George H. Maurice

friend of Maurice's student days, they were immediately attracted by its climate, its forests, and its potential for personal growth. Page's Aberdeen family had recently pushed their railroad forward from West End to Asheboro, opening the section for development. Maurice bought 450 acres (later expanded to 600) at Eagle Springs, where he brought his young family in 1912. At first he concentrated on cotton raising; then led the experiments in peach growing and marketing. There was none of the wishful thinking of the amateur about his approach to country living. He applied scientific techniques to everything he ventured; analyzing factors, weighing solutions. He worked closely with agricultural agencies in planting crops for soil improvement and in instituting soil and water conservation measures. And he launched road work that was to lead to a major volunteer contribution to the community. "It is difficult to trace when and how Father became so deeply involved in the county road program," says Miss Ellen Maurice. "It seemed to be the natural outcome of work on his own roads." Early in the century rural roads were narrow lanes which had been beaten out along natural land contours, without benefit of planning. Maintenance was more or less the responsibility of townships with little

money, and was performed (sometimes in lieu of taxes) by residents along the routes. However, a transportation revolution was under way. Automobiles had appeared; a Good Roads Association had been formed in Raleigh; good roads enthusiasts were springing up in every county. Moore roads offered a choice of two hazards, deep sand and rutted clay. Roads around Eagle Springs were, as Floyd Medlin of Pinehurst remembers, deep in sand. "Mr. Maurice," says Medlin, "used a mixture of clay and sand." This mixture on a firm base with good drainage held a satisfactory surface in all seasons, so it was not long before others followed the example. (Continued on Page 14-A)

In World War I emphasis shifted from rural roads to federal interstate arteries for the movement of war materials. During this period Maurice commanded the Moore County of the North Carolina Reserve Militia, which earned an Army cup for drilling. Through this experience his rural neighbors came fully to understand George Maurice. Always taciturn, a Yankee not given to the social preliminaries that soften Southern trading, he had seemed almost forbidding. Now, however, the men who trained with him saw character and warmth behind his reserve. They responded with respect and friendship that was to last through the years. (Continued on Page 14-A)