## Two Are Tied · As Choices Of Democrats

reporting, six delegates to the Democratic County Convention New Voters March 6 in the courthouse are committed to Carter and six to committed to Carter and six to Wallace, returns showed today.  $Are \ Added$ Other candidates receiving

the six Wallace commitments came from the West Aberdeen Precinct. They included H. Clifton Blue, C.W. Harvey, E.O. Freeman, Alvin Garner, William L. Styers, and

each; Harris, one, and Udall,

Ranell J. Thompson. Carter votes were from West Carthage and Pinedene experiences in the past. (Southern Pines) with three each. They were Dr. H. David Bruton, John A. McPhaul and Thomas T. Williams of Pinedene and, from West Carthage, Jonathan R. Hill, Roy L. Lucas, and Woodrow Wilhoit.

from the Vass Precinct Bensalem (Harold Blue). Jackson's two were from James recent days. (Continued on Page 12-A)

were added to the voter lists in a special registration drive conducted last week at the three high schools and at Sandhills Community College by the Moore

County Board of Elections. Registrars were sent to the schools, and the results were better this year than with similar

At Sandhills Community College 67 were registered, at Pinecrest High School there were 57, at Union Pines 55 and at North Moore 33.

and Woodrow Wilhoit.

Mrs. Doris Fuquay, executive secretary of the Board of Elections, said that new voter (Margaret O'Neal) and registration has been fairly heavy all over the county in

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# presidential commitments are Humphrey and Jackson, two To Lists

A total of 212 young voters

#### Bike Race Planned Here; County Funds Requested

Plans for a 100-mile Moore the county to Spies, down to County bicycle race to be held in Jackson Springs, by Foxfire and connection with the statewide Aberdeen and out Bethesda Road World-United States Bike Race to Weymouth Woods. in June were announced this Voit Gilmore said a meeting

bonds as prizes will be awarded bike race stopover here on June June 16.

what he calls the "Tour de will be here for 36 hours. Moore," said it is estimated the race will take five hours. A route events beside the Moore County has been mapped out in race are planned, with a variety cooperation with the State High- of festivities scheduled before, way Patrol. Starting point will be during and after the bike riders the Weymouth Woods Nature stopover. Museum and the route will then proceed to Lobelia and Lake the Horseshoe, across the top of

was held Monday morning to A total of \$2,500 in savings coordinate plans for the big for the Moore County race on 15. Southern Pines has been designated as a rest stop and the David Drexel, chairman of participants in World-U.S. race

Gilmore said several other

Among those sponsoring the event here is the Sandhills Area Surf, then north to the House in Chamber of Commerce and two (Continued on Page 7-A)

#### Water System Proposal Heard By County Board

possibility of a regional water system for Moore County, on the they serve as many as 10 or more order of the regional sewer customers-range from those at system which is now under schools, mobile home parks and construction, was presented to other small types up to the the county commissioners domestic municipal-type Thursday in special session by systems, which he analyzed one Les Hall, project engineer with by one. the Charlotte engineering firm of Richardson.

board that the county's 22 water systems, of varying sizes and sources, could be joined together feasible. in a number of different ways to provide water which would be

An initial report on the sufficient for the next 20 years. The "sytems"-so termed if

Though Moore is fortunate to Henningson, Durham & have both surface water and o'clock. ground water in good supply, With charts and in con- Hall said his firm's detersiderable detail, Hall told the mination was that the use of ground water (deep wells) over a include reviewing of bids on two long period of time would not be

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BICENTENNIAL HORSE SHOW — Jumping the old-time mule-drawn wagon at the Bicentennial Horse Show at the Carthage Prison Camp on Saturday is Amy Sadler Riley, riding Battle Umber, a seven-year-old stallion she raised from a colt. The jump was part of a full scale show for the inmates.—(Photo by Mildred

#### Horse Show Entertains Inmates marked the greatest 45-day period for both figures in the

BY MILDRED ALLEN
A parade of flag-bearers, horses — all kinds, including the affair, planned by Harold Sadler, Brownson Memorial BY MILDRED ALLEN All-American mule and a donkey-riders in their hunt clothes and riders in their western garb, the old-time country wagon and a family of country-dressed folks, a clown and marching music began the Bicentennial Horse Show at the show. Carthage Prison Unit on

a lot of fun-fare for the inmates of the Carthage unit who enjoyed the show of fun and games and skilled sportsmanship, intermingled with a sober and patriotic Bicentennial theme, by clapping, laughter and with loud shouts of encouragement for the

#### Sales Tax For County Distributed

A total of \$264,718.16 has been distributed in Moore County from the one percent local sales tax collected during the quarter ending last Dec. 31.

Secretary J. Howard Coble of the State Department of Revenue made his report this week. The total collected was \$266,992.94, but from this was subtracted \$2,274.78 as the cost of collection.

The amounts distributed to county and municipalities in Moore on a per capita basis, with population figures were as follows:

County (41,700 (Continued on Page 12-A)

#### Council Meet

A proposed bond issue for Southern Pines will be discussed at a special meeting of the Town Council tonight (Wednesday) at 8

The meeting was called by Mayor E.J. Austin.

Other matters on the agenda drainage projects and of renovation of the old Our Lady of He showed charts outlining the Victory School building.

the unit, and his wife and six Flags. Julian Long, director of children, but the idea caught on the Sandhills Arts Council, was and friends - most of them on hand to lead in the singing of young people - joined in to make The Star Spangled Banner and it an extravagant and exciting the event was underway for two show. (Continued on Page 12-A)

assigned from Sandhills Com- Presbyterian Church, and the

munity College as a teacher at presentation of six Bicentennial

Saturday afternoon.
It was all patriotic fanfare and Man Charged With Rape Of Samarkand Runaway

Two 13-year-old girls who charge of first-degree rape. walked off Sunday evening from The two juveniles said they had Samarkand Manor, the state left Samarkand Manor about escaped and ran to get help.

night with cooperation of the Montgomery County sheriff's department, and has been lodged in Moore County Jail, pending toward Carthage. After crossing arraignment later this week on a

juvenile correctional school near 6:30 p.m., Sunday, and walked Eagle Springs, said they hitched through the woods to Highway a ride with a man in a pickup 211 where they hitch-hiked a ride truck who raped one of the girls into Montgomery County, later at knifepoint, while the other hitch-hiking another ride with Saunders, who was driving a Sheriff C. G. Wimberly said pick-up truck. After picking Larry E. Saunders, 27, of Biscoe them up, he stopped for gas in Rt. 1, was arrested later that Biscoe and the girls asked if he would take them to Lumberton. Saunders said he would and started east on Highway 24-27

#### Symposium Slated Here On Southern Experience

Sandhills Community College Parker. The author of many and the Moore County Bicentennial Committee are cosponsoring a special symposium on "The Southern Experience" highlighting the history of southern states and the changes brought about in family, urbanization, politics, private rights and traditions.

The lectures and discussions will be held Thursday evenings beginning at 7 o'clock March 11, 18 and 25, at the Boyd House in Southern Pines. The series has been made possible by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Committee and the

programs are free to the public.
Dr. Raymond Gavins, assistant professor of history at Duke University, will be the lecturer for the March 11 program. Panel members for the discussion will be Milton Sills, Mrs. Ben Owens and Tony

scholarly articles, his latest publication will be released soon, a book entitled The Perils and Prospects of Southern Black Leadership 1884-1970. "The Southern Society Today"

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will be the topic of the program for the March 18 meeting. The speakers will be Dr. William Havard, department of political science, Virginia Polytechnical Institute, and Dr. Molli Abernathy, department of history, Queens College, Charlotte. Dr. Havard is dean of the college of arts and science and is vice chairman of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy. Dr. Abernathy is chairman of the department of history at Queens and her special teaching interests are social history, women's history and the recent (Continued on Page 9-A)

### THE PILOT LIGHT

SEAWELL -- H.F. (Chub) Seawell of Carthage has changed back to a Republican. He told friends that he was

changing his registration so that he could vote for Ronald Reagan in the Republican presidential preference primary on March 23. At one time Seawell, well known attorney and noted raconteur, was a statewide leader in the Republican party. He was the party's candidate for Governor in 1952, and when Dwight Eisenhower was elected president that year Seawell expected to be appointed district attorney for the Middle District. However, a statement he made aroused the ire of Herbert Brownell, who was Eisenhower's

attorney general, and Seawell

was passed over from then on for

any Republican appointment.

Seawell said that he was "in

limbo." It was sometime afterward that he changed his registration from Republican to Democratic. His old Carthage precinct registration book shows him registered as a Democrat in May, 1962.

LEE - Howard Lee, the former Chapel Hill mayor, will make his formal announcement that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor in Raleigh on March 2. Lee was in Moore County last Friday, speaking to the Southern Pines Rotary Club and at Sandhills Community College. He was escored around the area

by Felton Capel and John Sledge. He said that questions asked at gatherings about the state are about the economy, utility regulations, and occasionally about liquor-by-the drink,

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# Economy Rises Across Sandhills

company, and reflected the area which apparently is recovering from last year's slump.

The Pinehurst Hotel & Country Club in North Carolina received a record number of phone calls and reservations during the first 45 days of 1976, it was announced by William C. Brent, president of Pinehurst, Inc.

The 4,306 calls during the period covering January 1 through February 14, which resulted in 3,723 bookings, period for both figures in the resort's 81-year existence. In addition, a single day standard of 230 calls and 204 reservations was established on Monday, February 9.

Commenting on this increased interest in the famed North Carolina resort, Brent said: "A number of factors have contributed to the growth in phone inquiries and reservations by agents and individuals. We have expanded and improved our Club in insurance sales. recreational facilities and accommodations while at the same time maintaining the traditional ambience and heritage of the resort. We are definitely (Continued on Page 12-A)

#### Jaycees Will Hold Meet Here

Some 500 Jaycees are expected here March 6-7 for the East Carolina Spring Regional meeting at The Holiday Inn under chairmanship of Gregg

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. March 6. A regional speakup competition will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. A social hour will be held at poolside from 3 to 4:40 p.m., with a tour from 3 until 5 p.m. for the ladies of the Golf Hall of Fame in Pinehurst. President's Hospitality for local (Continued on Page 12-A)

#### Equipment Bids

Bids will be let next week on some \$150,000 worth of equipment for communications between Moore County Rescue Squads, law enforcement officers and other emergency resources by the Pee Dee Council of Governments.

Bids have been received from RCA and Motorola on the equipment, which is to be paid for by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

A. B. Parker is chairman for Region H, which includes Moore County, for the emergency service and W. S. Taylor is

#### "Everything is gearing up." This was the statement of a spokesman for a construction Little Is Named feeling of most construction men, Savings and Loan Associations, and many motels in this resort To Secretary Job George W. Little of Southern

Pines, deputy secretary of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources for the past three years, was named today by Governor Jim Holshouser to the post of department secretary.

Little, 33, will succeed James E. Harrington in the cabinet-level post. Harrington has resigned, effective March 1, to enter private business.

A Southern Pines native, Little has been deputy secretary of NER since January 10, 1973, the same day Harrington took office as secretary. He will assume his new duties Monday after taking the oath of office in an 11 a.m., ceremony in the Department of Cultural Resources Auditorium.

Prior to coming to state government, Little was an insurance consultant with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Southern Pines. For four years, he was a member of the Metropolitan Million-Dollar Prominent in civic activities, Little has been a leader of the



George W. Little

Jaycees on both the local and state level. He is a former president of the Southern Pines Jaycees and a former vice president of the North Carolina Jaycees. He also has served as administrative national director of the state organization.

At present, he is a member of (Continued on Page 12-A)

#### Police Chief Sees Link In Fire And Vandalism

Officers investigating the now pinpoint a link between the Presbyterian Cemetery in that the sa Carthage, and the fire of unknown origin which destroyed a landmark building close time on the investigations, link between the two.

Benner, who is being assisted by the SBI and the sheriff's department in both investigatons, said he could not

havoc wreaked by vandals in the two, but "we feel it highly likely responsible for both." He is putting just about full

by-both probably about the during which dozens of intersame time, early on the morning rogations have been conducted of Friday the 13th-see a definite and numerous leads followed, and he said this week that there Carthage Police Chief Allan are two "very strong suspects." He asks that members of the public who might be able to provide leads let him know, and (Continued on Page 7-A)

#### **Arts Council Fund Drive** Gets Under Way In Area

The Sandhills Arts Council stressing public service announced its first annual fund programs initiated in the past drive at a meeting Monday night year, such as the summer youth at the Southern Pines Town Hall, theater program begun in 1975 attended by representatives and the new programs in string from area communities.

The purpose of the meeting was to begin advance ticket sales McNulty and Teri Woodard. for the coming 1976-1977 season. Memberships purchased now will entitle their holders to attend events remaining in the current season plus next year's events as well. The price of the individual membership remains five dollars.

The meeting was called to order by President George Garrett, who introduced Executive Director Julian Long. Long outlined the present program of the Sandhills Arts Council,

and dance instruction begun by "Third Century Artists," Loretta Long noted that the Arts

Council will, at the close of the current fiscal year, have brought \$25,000 into this area to be spent for the arts and is engaged in projects which will, if successful. bring in a like amount in the next half year. However, he noted further, the Arts Council if it is to grow and remain in a good position to compete for grants in the future, must develop a broad base of local support. Long then (Continued on Page 12-A)



DEER HITS CAR — This collision with a deer on N.C. 5, two miles north of Aberdeen, had an unusual twist to it. Ordinarily, the car hits the deer, but this time a small deer struck a 1975 Pacer, driven by Riley Decatur Richardson, 540 N. Saylor Street, running into the side of his car and causing \$225 in damages. State Patrolman Myron Gay is shown above with the victim.—(Photo by Glenn M.



CANDIDATE AT ABERDEEN — Edward O'Herron, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, is shown above at a gathering at the Legion Hut in Aberdeen Friday night. Left to right are Don Davis, Charles Watkins, Sam Jordan, Charles Dunn, O'Herron's campaign manager, O'Herron, and Cliff Blue,