

Weather

Sunny skies will be accompanied by 70 degree weather today and tomorrow, although Thursday there is a 20 percent chance of rain.

THE PILOT

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Two Are Tied As Choices Of Democrats

With 10 out of 21 Precincts reporting, six delegates to the Democratic County Convention March 6 in the courthouse are committed to Carter and six to Wallace, returns showed today.

New Voters Are Added To Lists

A total of 212 young voters 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.

Other candidates receiving presidential commitments are Humphrey and Jackson, two each; Harris, one, and Udall, one.

All 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 Ranell J. Thompson.

Carter votes were from West Carthage and Pinedene (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.

Humphrey's two votes came from the Vass Precinct (Margaret O'Neal) and Bensalem (Harold Blue). Jackson's two were from James (Continued on Page 12-A)

Bike Race Planned Here; County Funds Requested

Plans for a 100-mile Moore County bicycle race to be held in connection with the statewide World-United States Bike Race in June were announced this week.

the county to Spies, down to Jackson Springs, by Foxfire and Aberdeen and out Bethesda Road to Weymouth Woods.

Water System Proposal Heard By County Board

An initial report on the possibility of a regional water system for Moore County, on the order of the regional sewer system which is now under construction, was presented to the county commissioners Thursday in special session by Les Hall, project engineer with the Charlotte engineering firm of Henningson, Durham & Richardson.

sufficient for the next 20 years. The "systems"—so termed if they serve as many as 10 or more customers—range from those at schools, mobile home parks and other small types up to the domestic municipal-type systems, which he analyzed one by one.



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, Jr.



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 Allen).

Horse Show Entertains Inmates

A parade of flag-bearers, horses — all kinds, including the 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 Carthage Prison Unit on Saturday afternoon.

The show began as a family affair, planned by Harold Sadler, assigned from Sandhills Community College as a teacher at the unit, and his wife and six children, but the idea caught on and friends — most of them young people — joined in to make it an extravagant and exciting show.

It began with a parade, led by the Boy Scouts of Troop 223 of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, and the presentation of six Bicentennial Flags. Julian Long, director of the Sandhills Arts Council, was on hand to lead in the singing of The Star Spangled Banner and the event was underway for two (Continued on Page 12-A)

Man Charged With Rape Of Samarkand Runaway

Two 13-year-old girls who walked off Sunday evening from Samarkand Manor, the state juvenile correctional school near Eagle Springs, said they hitched a ride with a man in a pickup truck who raped one of the girls at knife-point, while the other escaped and ran to get help.

Sheriff C. G. Wimberly said Larry E. Saunders, 27, of Biscoe Rt. 1, was arrested later that night with cooperation of the Montgomery County sheriff's department, and has been lodged in Moore County Jail, pending arraignment later this week on a charge of first-degree rape.

The two juveniles said they had left Samarkand Manor about 6:30 p.m., Sunday, and walked through the woods to Highway 211 where they hitch-hiked a ride into Montgomery County, later hitch-hiking another ride with Saunders, who was driving a pick-up truck. After picking them up, he stopped for gas in Biscoe and the girls asked if he would take them to Lumberton. Saunders said he would and started east on Highway 24-27 toward Carthage. After crossing (Continued on Page 12-A)

Symposium Slated Here On Southern Experience

Sandhills Community College 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 Parker. The author of many scholarly articles, his latest publication will be released soon, a book entitled The Perils and Prospects of Southern Black Leadership 1884-1970.

Council Meet

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

The meeting was called by Mayor E.J. Austin. Other matters on the agenda include reviewing of bids on two drainage projects and of renovation of the old Our Lady of Victory School building.

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Economy Rises Across Sandhills

BY MARJORIE RAGAN

"Everything is gearing up." This was the statement of a spokesman for a construction company, and reflected the feeling of most construction men, Savings and Loan Associations, and many motels in this resort area which apparently is recovering from last year's slump.

Little Is Named 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.



George W. Little

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.

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

The 4,306 calls during the period covering January 1 through February 14, which resulted in 3,723 bookings, marked the greatest 45-day 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.

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 Club in insurance sales.

Presently, he is a member of 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. (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 Allen.

Police Chief Sees Link In Fire And Vandalism

Officers investigating the havoc wreaked by vandals in the old Presbyterian Cemetery in Carthage, and the fire of unknown origin which destroyed a landmark building close by—both probably about the same time, early on the morning of Friday the 13th—see a definite link between the two.

He is putting just about full time on the investigations, during which dozens of interrogations have been conducted and numerous leads followed, and he said this week that there 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)

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. March 6. A regional speak-up 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)

Arts Council Fund Drive Gets Under Way In Area

The Sandhills Arts Council announced its first annual fund drive at a meeting Monday night at the Southern Pines Town Hall, attended by representatives from area communities.

stress public service programs initiated in the past year, such as the summer youth theater program begun in 1975 and the new programs in string and dance instruction begun by "Third Century Artists," Loretta McNulty and Teri Woodard.

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.

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)

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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.

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.



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. Sides).