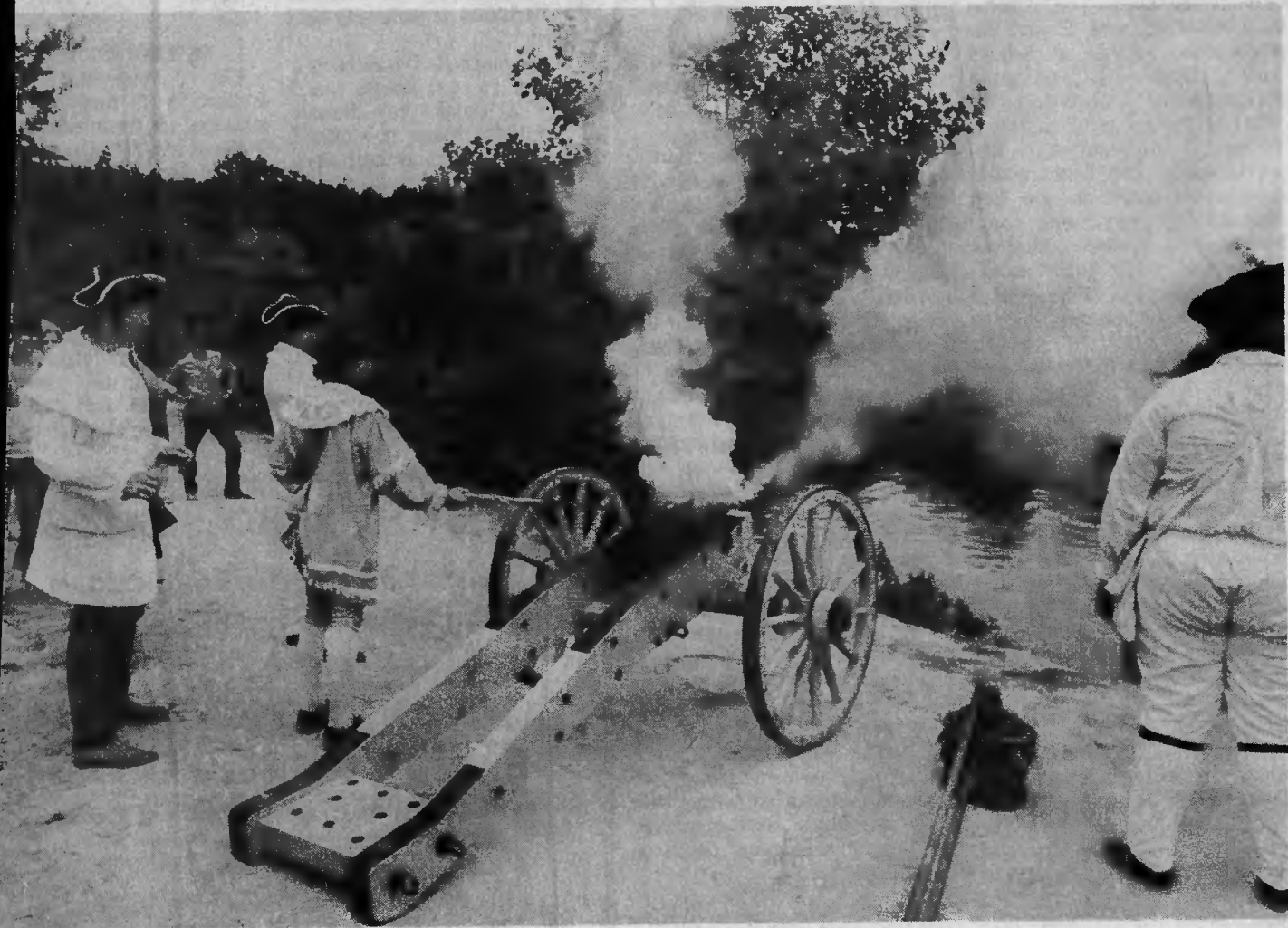


Light rain today is expected to end this afternoon, with sunny skies tomorrow, and a 10 percent chance of rain. In the 80's during the day, the 60's at night.



BICENTENNIAL SALUTE — A visiting Revolutionary War foot soldiers group from Cumberland County fired a Bicentennial salute from the dam at Aberdeen Lake as part of the Fourth of July festivities at Aberdeen on Saturday.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Annexed Areas Served Despite Court Action

The Town of Southern Pines annexed 1,026 persons Thursday and immediately began services to the new areas, despite a civil action filed Wednesday at 4:28 p.m. that asked that the court find annexation contrary to statute and unconstitutional.

Both Mayor E.J. Austin and Town Manager Lew Brown said they had not been notified of the action filed in Moore Superior Court and that they would proceed under the assumption that the annexation was valid.

All services are being provided, they said, including fire and police protection, garbage disposal and street maintenance, as well as going ahead with the surveying by Henninger, Durham and Richardson of Charlotte for proposed sewerage construction.

Pride-Trimble, furniture manufacturer, claimed in the action that it located here in Area 1 with assurances that annexation would not be made. Brown said that no formal commitment had ever been made to the company; that simply an industrial committee with the mayor and a council member present in a "living room" suggested informally that the area would probably never be annexed. Such a statement does not commit future Councils, the Manager held.

According to him, the court (Continued on Page 7-A)

Drama Will Open Tonight With Run Through Aug. 14



DRAMA PREMIERE — Opening tonight at the historic Alston House north of Carthage will be "The House In the Horseshoe," the emblem of which is shown above.

"The House In the Horseshoe," Moore County's Bicentennial Drama by Joseph Cole Simmons, will open at the Alston House, a State historic site north of Carthage, tonight (Wednesday) at 8:45 p.m.

A reception dinner for special guests and patrons will precede the drama opening at 6:30 p.m.

The drama depicting the divided loyalties of the early settlers of Moore County is being presented outdoors on the site of a Revolutionary War skirmish between Patriot forces led by Col. Philip Alston and British Loyalists led by the notorious David Fanning.

Playing the leading roles are Robert Bloodworth as Philip Alston, Dan Westbrook as Fanning, and Christine Murdock as Temperance Alston.

The drama, based on historical facts and legends, will be given on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8:45 p.m. from July 7 through August 14.

Friday night of this week has (Continued on Page 12-A)

Longest Parade, Many Candidates Feature Aberdeen's 4th Festival

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON Aberdeen's Fourth of July celebration—which is becoming more and more each year a celebration for a large part of the state—fitted easily and happily Saturday into the general framework of the Bicentennial observance.

they've got so they know just how to do it in homely and hospitable fashion.

Then this year is a political year, and this turned out to be the place for the candidates to see and be seen.

Whatever the reasons, H. Clifton Blue, general chairman, said it seemed to him the best, and "there were more people here, from more different places, than I've noticed here before." Frank McNeill, parade

chairman, reported that the parade had around 150 entries, whereas "usually, up to now, we've had about 75." By dint of moving along at a brisk pace, the parade got by in two hours, instead of running twice as long as the hour and a half it formerly took. Even so, the afternoon schedule had to be pushed back a little bit, because of the extra timing.

There were the same floats, fire trucks, old cars, prancing queens and candidates, but this time there were just "more of everything," McNeill said.

There were some parade surprises, such as a marching group of grey-haired ladies, who had come in a bus with others of their Senior Citizens program (Continued on Page 12-A)

Winslow Award Winner In Bicentennial Contest

Dave L. Winslow, 15, of Southern Pines, is the fourth place winner of a \$1,000 cash award in national Bicentennial awards program sponsored by the Wells Fargo Bank in cooperation with the Smithsonian Institution.

He is the son of Major (USAF, Ret.) and Mrs. Dolan Winslow of 1210 East Massachusetts Avenue, and a rising junior at Pinecrest High School.

The winners in the "Toward Our Third Century" awards

program were announced on July 4 by Richard P. Cooley, president and chief executive officer of Wells Fargo Bank, and S. Dillon Ripley, secretary of the Smithsonian.

Winslow's essay deals with the pollution of our environment. He offers several solutions. There were more than 7,500 entries in the national contest, which was divided into three categories: essays by those under 18, essays by adults, and (Continued on Page 7-A)

Moore County Flag Dedicated With Ceremonies At Carthage

A light drizzling rain early Sunday afternoon did not keep some 100 people from gathering on the front lawn of the Moore County Library for the dedication and raising of the new Moore County flag.

Some carried umbrellas, and many, including several children, were in colonial costume for the occasion.

The timing was beautiful. Following a brief ceremony with prayer, speeches and poems, the flag started on its way up the tall flagpole just as church bells began pealing, a fire siren sounded and from a distance came the sound of ceremonial gunfire—all part of the nationwide Bicentennial birthday salute at 2 p.m.

The rain also chose that moment to cease, and a faint light struggled through the clouds, perceptibly brightening the occasion.

Actually, the new flag was one of four raised, two at a time, on the Library's two flagpoles, by Major Richard Barnes and a color guard of the Pinecrest High (Continued on Page 7-A)



MOORE COUNTY FLAG — Ceremonies Sunday in Carthage marked the unfurling of the Moore County Flag, shown above, which was approved by the county commissioners following a contest conducted by the Moore County Bicentennial Committee. Commissioner John Womack is at the lectern.—(Photo by Valerie Nicholson).

Vass' Garbage Problems Taken To County Board

Garbage problems brought a delegation from the Town of Vass to the county commissioners' regular meeting Tuesday, for what was probably the most interesting moment in a long dull day in which there was little action of any kind.

Honored

Gov. James E. Holshouser has announced "a very special awards ceremony" in Raleigh, Monday, July 12 at 10:30 a.m. "honoring Mrs. Constance Baker and Mr. Larry Marchese for their work with the handicapped."

The ceremony will be held in the Governor's Press Room in the Administration Building, 116 West Jones Street.

There could be none in the morning, as only two commissioners were there—Vice Chairman Lee Williams, presiding, and Arthur Purvis. For the afternoon session starting at 1:30 p.m., when the Vass delegation arrived, Commissioner John B. Womack was there to make three present, and a quorum.

Mrs. Irene Mullinix, Vass town clerk and accountant, with Mayor J.P. Richardson and Town Attorney Joe Monroe, said they were much concerned because, with the closing last year of the county landfill nearest to them, they were left with no place to deposit the town garbage with ease and economy; that they had understood the (Continued on Page 7-A)

King New Director Of Samarkand Manor

Trouble-ridden Samarkand Manor near Eagle Springs has a new director—a 41-year-old retired U.S. Army major, Fred King.

King was promoted from the position of community support

coordinator, a position he has held with the State Youth Services Division in the southeastern division since last November.

He started work on the campus (Continued on Page 7-A)

Joy Hussey Is Awarded Crown As 'Miss Aberdeen' At Pageant

Joy Victoria Hussey, 21, of Robbins, Rt. 1, a graceful blue-eyed blonde, won the title and crown of "Miss Aberdeen" Saturday night in the Jaycees' preliminary pageant, climaxing the community's July Fourth celebration.

She also shared with another contestant, Fran Summerford, 18, of Aberdeen, the "Miss Congeniality" award, for which it was announced a tie vote had been cast.

First runner-up was Christina Rose Halgrimson, 20, of Robbins, and second runner-up was Sue Anna Barnes, 18, of Southern Pines.

They were chosen in a slick three-hour production which, in highly professional style, showcased the beauty and talents of seven outstanding young women, and which, with other entertainment features, held spellbound the large audience, nearly filling the 1,000-

seat Aberdeen Middle School auditorium.

Adding to the sparkling show were the new "Miss North Carolina," Susie Proffitt of Rutherfordton, Jeannie Swanner Robertson—"Miss North Carolina of 1963"—as mistress of ceremonies, and numerous visiting queens, including former "Miss Aberdeens."

Variety was the keynote in the swimsuit, evening gown and (Continued on Page 12-A)



NEW MISS ABERDEEN — Joy Victoria Hussey is crowned the new "Miss Aberdeen" by the outgoing queen, Mary Margaret Sawyer, as the new Miss North Carolina, Susie Proffitt (right rear) looks on. At right front is the first runner-up, Christina Halgrimson, and at left is the second runner-up.—(Photo by Emerson Humphrey).

THE PILOT LIGHT

VICE PRESIDENT—Some of the people close to the Carter camp are betting that Jimmy Carter's choice for vice president will come from the U.S. Senate and will be either of two men—Senators Walter Mondale of Minnesota or John Glenn of Ohio.

In the North Carolina delegation in Congress there is support for Adlai Stevenson III, and Stevenson is believed to be among the top five now under serious consideration by the man who is scheduled to become the Democratic nominee for President at the National Convention in New York next week.

STRICKLAND — Tom Strickland, who is running for the Democratic nomination for Governor, feels there's a "new

spirit" rising among Tar Heel voters, a spirit which he sees as one of idealism.

The Wayne County senator was in Aberdeen on Saturday for the Fourth of July celebration and spoke briefly about his campaign. He said that after a period of disillusionment, followed by apathy, he senses a reawakening of the people, with a return to traditional values in American democracy.

POLLS—Senator Strickland's views are in contrast, however, to some recent polls which showed a greater apathy on the part of voters than candidates like to see.

It is this apathy which has many candidates worried—that (Continued on Page 12-A)