

## Tobacco Sales Set

Tobacco will be unloaded Friday as Carthage and Aberdeen markets begin preparations for the first tobacco auction sales of the season.

Middle Belt tobacco sales will begin Tuesday, July 20 and continue until around the first of November. Warehouses in both Aberdeen and Carthage are preparing to open.

Fentress Phillips of Planter's on the Raeford Road at Aberdeen expects prices to be around 95 to 96 cents a hundred pounds on the opening day of the sale, about five cents above last year's first day.

There is a "better crop" than there was last year, he said yesterday.

Prices are expected to increase after opening day, he continued. His warehouse will hold some 250 piles, which varies from five to fifty sheets per grower.

The warehouse has hired 24 people who have already cleaned up the place for the Friday unloading looking toward Tuesday opening sale.

Walter Fields, of the Agricultural Stabilization Board said that recent rains had not

## Democrats Caucus Set On July 24

The four Democratic candidates for Governor and all of the party's candidates for Council of State offices are scheduled to be in Pinehurst on Saturday, July 24. Their appearance will be before the annual meeting of the North State Caucus, which was formed following the 1972 general election for the sole purpose of promoting a unified Democratic party.

Each of the candidates will make a presentation to the Caucus and will be expected to pledge their support to the party's nominee for the position they seek and to the Democratic ticket.

The meeting will be held at the Pinehurst Hotel, beginning at 2:30 p.m., when the Democratic candidates for the Council of State offices will make their



HOUSE IN THE HORSESHOE — A crowd estimated at 350 gathered at the Alston House for the premiere of the drama, "The House In the Horseshoe," with a reception and buffet dinner for special guests and patrons preceding the opening of the play on the grounds of the State Historic Site.—(Photo by Carla Butler).

## Party Precedes Drama's Premiere At Historic House In Horseshoe

BY MARJORIE RAGAN  
A lush lawn circled by marigolds and zinnias ringed the House in the Horseshoe Wednesday night as the Moore County Historical Association greeted guests at an opening night party. Skies were clear as the sun dropped behind the house and the stage at back.

A highlight of the evening came when a portrait of Mrs. Ernest L. Ives was unveiled by former president E. Earl Hubbard and presented to her for her dream of restoring historic Alston House and dramatizing the events that took place during the Revolutionary War. Portrait painter William Fields and Society President Capt. Sherman Betts escorted Mrs. Ives to the stage during intermission.

The play by Joseph Cole Simmons was well received by a gaily dressed audience,

especially the climax which showed the battle between Phillip Alston and David Fanning on the actual porch of the House where the battle took place and in its yard. Temperance Alston (Christine Murdock) walked dramatically into the battle to surrender if Fanning would promise that no one would be harmed.

Applause sounded frequently

as the play unfolded. The party started at 7 p.m. and arrivals admired the grounds with their old boxwood and the house with its authentic furnishings. In the dining room, a red, white and blue buffet was served after punch on the porch.

The menu included downeast fish stick corn bread, historic ham-sausage biscuits, new world

beef-kidney pies, cinnamon apple wedges, molasses cookies, old graham bread with barnaged cheese, apple cider, iced tea and coffee.

Many of the guests were in festive red, white and blue dresses and many were from out-of-town, including Rep. Lura Tally of Fayetteville and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wynn and many others of Chapel Hill, and antique lovers from as far away as Toxobel in Bertie County.

At the premiere were Cultural Resources Secretary Grace Rohrer; Edgar Marston and Ardath Goldstein of Raleigh and Mark Summer of the Institute of Outdoor Drama of Chapel Hill, as well as Dick Ellis of the N.C. Bicentennial Commission, and Peter Breck, TV actor of "Big Valley" fame.

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## Pinehurst To Get New Telephones

On Saturday morning, July 17, at 2:01 a.m. United Telephone Co. of the Carolinas will put into operation new switching equipment in the company's Pinehurst office, which will require some changes in customer dialing patterns.

Joe Kimball, United's Southern Pines District manager, said more than \$2.5 million has been invested in the

project to expand and upgrade service in the Pinehurst area. But, he added, customers will have to change some of their dialing habits for the equipment to function properly.

The electronic switching equipment—NX-1E, as it is technically called—will require Pinehurst customers to dial all seven digits of a local telephone

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## Two Residents Are Cited For Handicapped Efforts

BY PALMER HILL  
Governor Jim Holshouser honored Constance Matheson Baker and Larry Marchese of Pinehurst in a special awards ceremony on Monday in recognition of their work with the handicapped.

About 30 friends of the honorees and members of the press attended the ceremony,

which took place in the Governor's Press Conference Room in the State Administration Building in Raleigh.

Before presenting the awards the Governor recognized Caroline Livermore, President of the North Carolina Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children, and Earl Hubbard,

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MRS. BAKER HONORED — Mrs. Constance Matheson Baker, owner of "Duncraig Manor" here, is presented an award by Governor Holshouser in ceremonies in Raleigh on Monday for her work with the handicapped.

## Aberdeen Annexing More Land

Annexations by the Aberdeen Town Board of three areas were accepted Monday night and another requested was delayed. The annexations were from Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson Wise, from J.C. Robbins to annex a street owned by him in the Town and Country Shopping Center and one from Sandhills Housing Associates, all presented by Rodney Robinson of Johnson Poole Associates.

The other proposed annexation was requested by a delegation of some 15 persons, among them Preston Reeves and Solomon Gillis. Necessary steps were voted to be made to work with the citizens in the Berkeley and Cabbage Hill areas to annex the areas. The delegation presented a petition with 78 names of persons in the area requesting annexation of one square mile

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Architect E.J. Austin, who conceived the idea for the study some two years ago, announced plans for the visit by the Rural-Urban Design Assistance Team (RUDAT) at a meeting of the Sandhills Chamber of Commerce board of directors on Thursday. Austin, who with Voit Gilmore, has headed a special Chamber of Commerce committee planning for the RUDAT visit and study, said that the team will be headed by Jules Gregory, an architect from Princeton University.

## Region Study Planned By AIA In September

BY MARJORIE RAGAN  
An intensive four-day study designed to provide directions for future growth and development will be conducted in Moore County by a specialized team from the American Institute of Architects on Sept. 17-20.

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The team will be made up of architects, city planners, sociologists, humanists and others. They will tour the Moore County area, with special emphasis on the Sandhills, and will conduct extensive interviews with a variety of residents, also meeting for group discussions with citizens of the area.

Land use planning is involved, but Austin said the team will not

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## THE PILOT LIGHT

REGISTRATION — Monday, July 19, is the deadline for registering to vote in the August 17 party primaries, and in Moore County it appears that the total registration will go above the 20,000 mark.

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In reminding residents of the registration deadline she also said that anyone who has moved to another precinct must also get an official transfer.

The first day for application either in person or by letter to the Board of Elections for an absentee ballot is July 18, and the last date for such an application is Aug. 11.

Of the total registration at the end of June there were 12,289 Democrats and 6,649

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## 'Pond Man' Reports 1,500 Of Them

BY CRAIG LAMB  
There is a newly constructed farm pond on the Archie Kelly farm in Carthage. The bulldozers sit on one side of the earthen bowl, and the pond is already collecting water, although it will be months before the water level is up to its projected height.

This is perhaps the newest of some 1,500 farm ponds that have been constructed in Moore County during the past twenty to twenty-five years.

Most of these ponds, at least two-thirds, have been constructed with the help of the Soil

Conservation Service in Carthage, and more personally with the help of Willard K. Keller, who has been the District Conservationist for this area for the past 22 years.

Known affectionately as "the pond man" around Moore County, Keller and the Soil Conservation Service have engineered the construction of most of the ponds in the county.

There is also a new Dam Safety Law which involves Keller in the inspection of many ponds around the county. Any dam over 15 feet high which impounds over

10 acre feet of water and costs \$5,000 or more, must have a permit from the Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

Ponds around the county range in size from less than one acre to 300 acres or more, but most of the ponds are under 15 acres, residential ponds averaging about 5 acres. The ponds are used for many purposes, from fishing and recreation to farm irrigation and spraying. Multiple uses of ponds are encouraged by the SCS.

Keller has seen many ponds

built around the Sandhills and has been active in the construction of most of them, in one way or another. The SCS can provide engineering services to anyone wishing to build a pond on their land, provided the dam height for the pond does not exceed 25 feet. "Over 25 feet and we have to have State approval," explained Keller, "so it is usually more convenient for someone with a job of that size to go to a private engineer."

In a survey done by Keller between 1955 and 1965, he

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## PO Denied Rezoning

### Thomas Out Of House Race Here

James Thomas of Southern Pines has withdrawn as the Republican candidate for the State House of Representatives.

Chairman C. Coolidge Thompson said Monday that Thomas' withdrawal has been accepted by the Moore County Board of Elections.

He also said that a letter has been sent to the Moore County Republican Executive Committee notifying the committee of the withdrawal and that the committee may now appoint a candidate to take the place of Thomas on the ballot.

Thomas is chairman of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may choose to select a nominee but does not have to do so.

Chairman Thompson said that Thomas gave family and business reasons for his withdrawal.

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The Southern Pines Town Council in a public hearing Tuesday night, in the face of numerous citizen protests, declined to re-zone the old Hollywood Hotel site for possible construction of a new post office, but instead passed a motion to "encourage the Postal Service to pursue further the object of finding a suitable location," also to ask the mayor to appoint a committee to "work with them toward this goal."

However, Hugh B. Hicks, real estate specialist with the Realty Management Division of the Postal Service at Atlanta, Ga., had already warned the council that, if the desired site wasn't cleared for the purpose, "we will eventually come back to it, since it is the only one we want."

Though Hicks had got in late in the site selection, most of the work on which had been done by a predecessor, Joe Praeger, who is no longer in the Division, he said analysis had been made of all the sites in or around the downtown area, and there were various reasons why none of the others would do—either they weren't large enough (an acre and a half is a "must"), or the

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## Governors Gather Here In Autumn

Governors from across the country will again be coming to the Sandhills this fall.

Governor James Holshouser will be host to a conference for newly elected governors to be held in Pinehurst in November.

Sponsored by the National Governors Conference, the orientation workshop has been

tentatively scheduled for the weekend of November 13-15. Governor Holshouser said details will be announced later.

This is the second time a national governors conference has been held here. In 1970 Governor Bob Scott hosted a similar conference, which was

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## Train Platform Extended For Passengers Benefit

The Amtrak station in Southern Pines has extended its passenger platform one block in both directions, extending now from Pennsylvania Ave. to Vermont Ave.

With the new extensions, trains will only stop once to discharge passengers or allow them to board. Previously several stops were necessary to line up all sections of the train next to the single block platform.

The new sections of the platform will be lighted, but will not be under cover, as the present

platform is, according to Wayne Quinn, the Southern Pines Amtrak official. A public address system will also be installed. Eventually the length of the platform will be zoned into areas, to direct passengers on where to board individual cars.

The Amtrak office in Southern Pines is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day, and opens one-half hour before scheduled train arrivals at night. They offer complete baggage and express service for shipping trunks or

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PASSENGER PAVEMENT — This newly installed pavement will make it easier for passengers to board and leave the trains at the Southern Pines Amtrak station.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).