



RESORT REPORT — Manager Dick Davenport stands in front of the Mid Pines Club golf course. He along with others in the Sandhills report an increase this summer in business following the decision some time ago to remain open year-around.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

State Bottleneck Charged In Sheriff's Office Funds

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON
"There surely must be a better way for LEAA funds to be disbursed, if they are really to meet local needs," Sheriff C.G. Wimberly told the Moore County commissioners in their regular meeting Monday.

He expressed the view that, "if Washington really wanted its funds to do some good in law enforcement, it ought to find some way to send it directly to where it is needed—not through the State. It seems when it gets to the state level, it runs into a bottleneck," he declared.

Department of Natural and Economic Resources, denying his application with the explanation only that it had been "administratively disapproved." He said this was the second time it happened, as "we have submitted applications twice, when we found that funds were available — but both times we have had this same answer."
"We have not received, under (Continued on Page 16A)

Prices Rising Sharply On Tobacco Marts Here

Tobacco prices moved near the dollar a pound mark on the Carthage auction market on Tuesday, and were climbing on the Aberdeen market.

The Carthage Co-Operative Warehouse on Tuesday reported total sales of 132,450 pounds for \$131,809.38, or an average of \$99.51 per hundred pounds.

It was a fairly short meeting day, which opened with the sheriff's report, and his concerned comments on the turn-down of his latest request for LEAA funds; and later found the commissioners holding their first official interview with a candidate for the administrator's post.

Sheriff Wimberly, first expressing his appreciation for the raises included for all his personnel in the new county budget,

noted that, while this fulfilled his need to make the salary levels more competitive, he still had manpower needs he described as crucial.

He asked the commissioners for three more men, had received from them the suggestion he try to get LEAA funds, and had made application for them.

He showed them the answer he had received from the Law and Order Commission of the State

Brent Leaving Pinehurst For Diamondhead Job

Cary Brent, president of Pinehurst, Inc., has been appointed sales manager for Diamondhead Corporation and will be moving from Pinehurst to Bay St. Louis, Miss., soon.

traveling, and he will be returning to Pinehurst on frequent occasions. Headquarters, however, will be in Bay St. Louis where Bru also has his office.

Brent became president of Pinehurst, Inc., in October, 1974, succeeding Don Collett, who resigned. Collett is now the executive director of the World Golf Hall of Fame. Brent has been a resident of Pinehurst for some time, serving previously in the corporation's sales offices.

Brent's successor as head of the resort operations at Pinehurst is scheduled to be announced on Thursday by William Bru, president of Diamondhead Corp., who is also expected to be here tomorrow.

The new position for Brent will reportedly involve considerable

Pilot Killed, Youth Hurt In Candor Plane Crash

A single-engine J-3 Cub plane which had flown several times over the county seat of Troy, in salute to the Bicentennial parade and celebration going on there Saturday afternoon, crashed and burned near Candor at 4:45 p.m., about a half-mile from the pilot's home.

determined. Investigation by the sheriff is continuing.

An all-day Bicentennial celebration had drawn much of Montgomery's population to Troy, where a parade had taken place in the afternoon. Many noticed the small plane "buzzing" the parade.

Burned beyond recognition in the cockpit was Herbert Parsons, 52, a mechanic with the Candor Motor Co., one-time special deputy with the Montgomery County sheriff's department and amateur flier.

The crash occurred shortly afterward beside a rural paved road about two miles northwest of Candor. Observers said they had seen the plane flying low, but (Continued on Page 16A)

Light Rain

The total .04 of an inch of rain this week brought humidity down and soil moisture up, helping the fire situation here, according to Billy Williams, Forest Ranger.

Escaping with multiple injuries and burns was Rocky Parsons, 14, nephew of the victim, who managed to get out of the wrecked plane and crawl clear of the flames.

Carried to Moore Memorial Hospital at Pinehurst, he was reported Tuesday to be in "satisfactory" condition.

The plane was said to have been flying out of a small private airstrip between Candor and Troy. Its ownership has not been established, according to Sheriff Eben Wallace, who also said the cause of the crash has not been

THE PILOT LIGHT

CAMPAIGNS—With just two weeks before the August primary tension was growing and activity in the various campaign headquarters was beginning to reach a feverish pitch this past weekend.

in a runoff election. All three of the top candidates are spending heavily on advertising in these last two weeks, with O'Herron and Wood hoping to sway more voters to their sides with a television blitzkrieg.

In the five-way race for the Democratic nomination for Governor, the general consensus continued to place Jim Hunt comfortably in front, followed by Edward O'Herron, George Wood, Tom Strickland and Andy Barker in that order.

REPUBLICANS—Among the four Republicans contesting for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, David Flaherty is rated by observers to be in the lead, followed by Coy Privette, Alexander and McCall.

Just how far Hunt is in the lead is a question. His campaign directors are counting on an organization in every county to get out the vote, with the hope that he can clinch the nomination in the first primary. They are aware that he could be in trouble

Flaherty appears to have the strongest organization, with the backing of the Holshouser administration, although the Governor himself has kept himself publicly out of the campaign. (Continued on Page 16A)

Summer Resort Business Reported Rising In Area

BY CRAIG LAMB
The summer tourist season is usually the slow season in the Sandhills for the many resorts and specialty shops. In fact, it is only during the past few years that most of the resorts have remained open during the summer months.

Betsy Lindau of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce, believes that one reason shops are doing more business in the summer is because of the increase in residents in the area. "We have more people moving into the area and staying year-round," she says, and adds, "Usually as a result of visiting here, many people end up buying real estate."

The decision to open year-around is paying off more each summer in nearly all of the resorts and businesses both in Pinehurst and Southern Pines, but the general feeling is that there is still much room for improvement in the summer trade.

Cad Benedict, owner of the Country Bookstore in Southern Pines, agreed, "There seems to be a greater number of people moving to the area, which brings an increase to year-round

business—in that way, the summer business has increased." He also said that he gets a great deal of his business from the surrounding communities such as Laurinburg, Raeford, Rockingham and many others. His business has increased every year since he bought the store, nearly ten years ago, but he has no way of knowing whether a customer is a tourist or a resident.

Shop owners in Pinehurst are perhaps not yet accustomed to the summer decrease in business, many of them only in their second or third season of staying open year-round. The initial reaction to the question "How is the summer tourist trade?" was in all cases negative. Such comments as "You can have it" or "What tourist trade?" to even stronger reactions like "It's not worth a damn" were common in most places, but when serious consideration was given to the question, all agreed that business was better this summer than previous summers, although many believe the increase in business can not be attributed to tourists, but rather to the increase in year-round residents and regular customers.

All the shopowners were definitely suffering from a lack (Continued on Page 16A)

Vickery To Give Address At Sandhills Exercises

State Senator Charles Vickery will be the speaker of the summer commencement at Sandhills Community College when nearly a hundred students are expected to receive Associate Degrees and diplomas.

the Board of Trustees and faculty attired in colorful academic caps and gowns.

The exercises will be held at 8 o'clock in the evening of Wednesday, August 18 in the Fountain Courtyard on the Sandhills campus. The program will include a formal procession of the graduating students, members of

Other program participants will be H. Clifton Blue, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president of the college, Dr. H.G. Beard, dean of instruction, and the college concert band directed by Marion Rogers. Following the ceremony the graduates, their families and friends will be feted with a reception hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Stone.

Shortage Of Cottage Parents Seen Problem At Samarkand

BY PALMER HILL
Talks with students and staff at Samarkand Manor, the state training school near Eagle Springs, reveal that a staff shortage is one of the main factors behind student attempts to run away but that some students prolong their stay at the school or try to return because it

is a more comfortable environment than the one they have at home.

"If the citizens of North Carolina really wanted to rehabilitate people," said Tony Connor, reading lab teacher, "they would allocate enough funds so that the ratio of cottage parents to students could be

changed drastically. Our teacher-student ratio is good (about 26 to 180) but in each cottage there are only two counselors to supervise as many as 47 kids."

George Steele, Cottage Life Supervisor, said that the school is definitely suffering from a lack (Continued on Page 16A)



SUMMER PATIENCE — It takes patience but the still waters of a Sandhills lake are conducive for it as a reflective Cathy Harris waits for a fish to strike on a summer afternoon.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).



CROWDED POST OFFICE — Carrier Bill Hall shuttles mail around in the Southern Pines Post Office, which Postmaster Robert Peele says is especially crowded on Mondays.

Postmaster Points Out Facility Over-Crowded

BY CRAIG LAMB
During the recently expressed concern of many Southern Pines citizens over the decision of the Post Office to build a new facility, many questions have been raised.

at its greatest, following the weekend, with the Sunday mail added to the normal Monday load to be delivered.

One of these questions on the minds of many Southern Pines residents, is: Do overcrowded conditions actually exist at present, and if so, is a new facility the only solution to the space problem?

Work had started about half an hour before I arrived, and the various sorting, juggling and organizing involved in getting the mail "put up" was already in progress.

To find out, this reporter showed up at the Post Office on Monday morning at 6:30, at a time when the volume of mail is

I weaved among the large bins full of unsorted mail and packages as Robert E. Peele, postmaster, gave me a tour of the rarely-seen back room of the Post Office, where the bulk of the work is done. (Continued on Page 16A)

Long Range Expansion Plans Shown In New Hospital Model

Moore Memorial Hospital's long range expansion plans can now be seen in a model on display in the hospital lobby.

The scaled model project. Diana Higgins, former hospital Volunteer Director from Whispering Pines, and Kemp Reece, a former director of the North Carolina State Foundation, Inc., also a Whispering Pines resident, were two of the four people involved with the

model. The other two present were Dean Claude McKinney from the North Carolina University School of Design, and Jerry Seelen, a graduate student in the School of Design. It was Seelen who did the actual construction work on the model. (Continued on Page 16A)



HOSPITAL MODEL — James W. Tufts, (left) president of the Moore Memorial Board of Directors, stands next to (left to right) Dean Claude McKinney, NCSU School of Design, Jerry Seelen, graduate student, NCSU School of Design; Kemp Reece, former director of the NCSU Foundation Inc.; and Diana Higgins, former MMH Director of Volunteers. Tufts commended the four for creating the model which shows future plans. The model is now on display in the hospital lobby.