

This issue of The Pilot contains the 32-page tabloid Golf Edition, which contains news and features of the World Open and related events.

## Town Annexation Upheld; Appeal Delay Halts Service

The Southern Pines annexation action has been upheld in Superior Court but an appeal to a higher court has delayed the effective date for the town's action.

Efforts to reach a compromise agreement with the 13 dissidents who brought the court action broke down on Tuesday, leaving the town and the residents in the annexed areas in a quandary.

Mayor E.J. Austin issued a statement Tuesday night in which he said the effective date of the annexation will be delayed until the Supreme Court makes a decision on the appeal. That is not expected until January 1 or later.

"The Town regrets that the action of the petitioners will result in the termination of services to the annexed areas as planned until this matter is finally resolved," Mayor Austin's statement read. "All additional services provided to the four annexed areas since June 30, 1976, will be terminated effective at midnight, September 15, 1976."

Mayor Austin said that efforts will be made, however, to provide some of the services (garbage and trash collection, for instance) on a contractual basis with the town.

(The complete statement of the Mayor is on Page 16)

The Town Council had proposed to the dissidents that taxes would be delayed until Oct. 1, but the group, meeting in a closed session on Monday night, rejected the proposal and held out for a Jan. 1 tax date, but with all town services provided in the meantime. An appeal was authorized and the group's attorney said on Tuesday that it would be made.

Judge Harvey M. Lupton had ruled last Thursday that the town's position was correct on all counts, and on Tuesday of this week in Fayetteville he had set the date for annexation as of August 31. His order, however, was being typed and will not be signed until Thursday.

In the meantime, it was reported that the judge is giving the petitioners 35 days in which to file an appeal. James Van Camp is the attorney for the dissident group.

The hearing in Moore County Superior Court had lasted for two days.

Judge Lupton, stating he would return Tuesday to sign the form—(Continued on Page 16A)

### Court Facility

Moore County commissioners met this (Wednesday) morning in the office of Architect E. J. Austin in Southern Pines to look over drawings for the new Court Facility.

Approval has been given to the plans for the long delayed new Hall of Justice, but the commissioners were interested in seeing how the exterior looked. Contracts are expected to be let in mid-November, with completion scheduled in mid-1978.



HE'S A SWINGER — The last days before school opening this week offered a time for more play in the Southern Pines park and this swinger makes good use of the playground.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

## 'Grand Week Of Golf' Is Sept. 6-12; Bigger Crowd Expected For Open

North Carolina's "Grand Week Of Golf" gets under way at Pinehurst next Monday and will continue through Sept. 12 when the winner of the World Open Championship will be crowned. This year's crowd is expected to exceed last year's record of 42,500.

Earlier this year Governor James Holshouser proclaimed the week of Sept. 6-12 as the "Grand Week Of Golf," and an entire week of activities has been scheduled.

Jack Nicklaus, the winner of the 1975 World Open, will be returning to defend his championship, and the field of 156 players will include the top professionals from the United States and several foreign countries.

They will be competing for \$200,000 in prize money, with the winner receiving \$40,000.

Another highlight of the week's activities will be the induction of



five golf immortals into the World Golf Hall of Fame next Wednesday.

This will be preceded by the Hall of Fame Celebrity Pro-Am Tournament, which will be played on Tuesday at the Pinehurst Country Club and the Country Club of North Carolina. Many celebrities from the entertainment and sports world will be participating.

Governor Holshouser will be among those taking part in the

Pro-Am. There are 68 business firms which are serving as Patron Sponsors of the "Grand Week Of Golf" this year, and each of them was given 600 tickets.

On Monday there will be play by non-exempt players for positions in the World Open.

Among this year's top money winners, aside from Nicklaus, who are committed to play in the World Open are Ben Crenshaw, Dave Stockton, Hubert Green, Hale Irwin, Al Geiberger, Jerry Pate, J. C. Snead, Mark Hayes and many others.

All of the World Open will be played on the No. 2 course, which has been restored to the original

concepts of designer Donald Ross.

Following 36 holes of play on No. 2 the tournament field will be reduced to 70 players, who will compete for the prize money.

Director of the World Open is Lou Miller, who is also director of golf for Pinehurst.

Mickey Wright, the fifth woman elected to the Hall of Fame and one of the five to be enshrined, will be on hand for the induction ceremonies. She will be inducted by Patty Berg, who was one of the first to be voted into the hall.

Others to be inducted are (Continued on Page 16A)

## Offices, Stores Closing In Labor Day Observance

Most of Moore County will close down Monday in observance of Labor Day.

All federal, state, county and municipal offices will be closed for the day, as will the banks and most stores.

Some stores will remain open, however.

The Post Office will be closed, observing its normal holiday schedule.

The Pilot will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day.

Schools, which opened for orientation on Tuesday, are observing the holiday, but will resume classes on Sept. 7.

The Moore County commissioners, who normally meet on the first Monday of each month, will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

No major holiday events are scheduled in the Sandhills, although several clubs and organizations are planning picnics and other entertainment.

Edward L. Powell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, today reminded North Carolina motorists that the official observance period for Labor Day Weekend, begins at 5 p.m., Friday, September 3, and ends midnight Monday, September 6.

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## Old School Is Converted Into Community Center

The extensive renovation of the old Our Lady of Victory Catholic school building on Pennsylvania Ave., which is now the Southern Pines Community Center, is near completion, according to Town Manager Lew Brown.

Personnel from the Moore County Social Services Dept. are expected to move in this week, but it will be at least another two weeks before the renovation

work is completely finished.

"The center will have two main uses," Brown says, "the primary being as a satellite center for all of Moore County's social services, including those offered by the Health Department and the Welfare Services Dept. programs. This is in response to the needs of many

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## Two-Year Colleges Draw More Of Students Here

BY PALMER HILL

In 1975 more high school graduates in Moore County went to community colleges, technical institutes, and trade schools than to four year colleges (30.6 percent as compared to 25.5 percent) and in the state almost as many went to two year institutions as to four-year ones (24.2 percent as compared to 31.8 percent).

Moore County high school guidance counselors and economic planners attribute the recent surge of interest in two-year colleges to students' practicality in the face of a

flagging economy.

"After two years of training at a school in Charlotte, an R.N. can make ten to twelve thousand dollars," said Fred Carter, school counselor at Union Pines High School.

As Kathie Stalling, also a school counselor at Union Pines, pointed out, "Today a degree from a four-year college doesn't guarantee you a job, and it costs over \$10,000 to attend."

"I think kids are getting more practical," said Laura Bailey, Administrative Assistant to the Moore County Economic (Continued on Page 15A)



PINEHURST NO. 2 — This will be the scene next week of the World Open Championship. The famed No. 2 course at Pinehurst has been restored to its original concept by designer Donald Ross and is rated in top condition for the \$200,000 tournament.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

## Post Office Committee Asks Renovations At Present Site

The 15-member Post Office Site Study committee, appointed by Mayor E. J. Austin to probe into the matter of a site for the proposed new Post Office, reported its choice Friday morning to the Southern Pines town council in special session, through its chairman, Charles Sullivan.

The committee's recommendation, arrived at after much study of available sites,

and talking with a large number of citizens, was that the present Post Office Building continue in use, expanded and updated through acquisition of the adjoining property (Carter's Laundry).

Sullivan said the members were, one and all, opposed to the former Hollywood Hotel site (Pottle property) favored by the postal authorities, because it is too close to the municipal park, with its activities and playgrounds in use seven days a week; too close also to the Middle School, with children going to and from school daily; that traffic would be perilous to the children on both counts; and that the streets, both front and side, are too narrow for the traffic,

and would have to be widened. They had satisfied themselves, in conferring with Southern Pines Postmaster Robert M. Peele and Hugh B. Hicks, of the real estate division with the Postal Service at Atlanta, Ga., who returned here specially to meet with them, and the present facility is greatly overcrowded and needs to be updated and enlarged.

They requested that the council asked Don Burch, regional supervisor at Charlotte, to reactivate their site search committee.

Sullivan said that the members had reached their conclusions after three meetings, August 2, 12 and 16, comprising approximately 15 hours of work.

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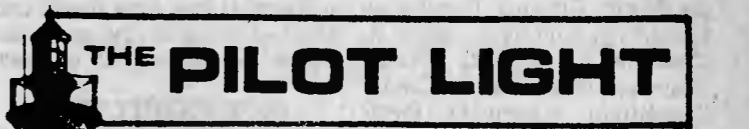
## Samarkand Will Host Community

Samarkand Manor will host a Community Day on Saturday, September 4, with everything from swimming and ball games to an old fashioned pig picking.

The day's events will begin at 1 p.m. with swimming at both the lake and the school pool, boat riding, softball, volleyball, and various outdoor games. During this time, two pigs will be roasting at the lake behind Carroll Cottage.

At 3 p.m., the Green Beret Parachute Club will jump onto the Samarkand Campus. The pig picking will begin at 4:30 p.m. and last until all the food is gone.

Samarkand is extending an invitation to all families in the area to come out and see what Samarkand has to offer its students and the families in the community.



DEMOCRATS — For the first time in many years the Democrats in North Carolina are running a unified campaign this fall.

Jim Hunt, the Democratic nominee for Governor, had aligned himself with Jimmy Carter, the candidate for President, and this past week the Carter campaign had its state representative in Raleigh to mesh plans with the Hunt organization.

The resignation of James R. Sugg as State Democratic Chairman gave Hunt the chance

to place a long-time friend and co-manager of his campaign, Betty McCain of Wilson, in the top spot.

There was criticism in 1972 that the various Democratic candidates waged their own campaigns separate from State headquarters or anyone else.

This year they are all working together as one.

REPUBLICANS — The State Republican Executive Committee met on Sunday and picked two candidates to fill vacant (Continued on Page 15A)

## Commissioner Profile: Most Are Conservative

BY BILL NOBLITT

A county commissioner in one of North Carolina's 100 counties is most likely a middle-aged, conservative member of the establishment who has been there a long time, and isn't going anywhere.

The commission is more apt to be interested in day-to-day routine such as paving roads, putting in a sewer line, or cutting the budget rather than looking to the future with vision.

That less than flattering composite of a county commissioner was produced by a

statewide survey carried out by Laurel Gooch of the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

And Ms. Gooch chose the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners at Pinehurst to unveil the survey results, drawing some rebuttals from the local officials who disagreed with her findings.

"I'm sure all of you will say that doesn't apply to me...some other commissioner, maybe, but not me. But you will get a good composite picture of what a

North Carolina County Commissioner is like," she told the opening session of the convention.

That composite is based on lengthy interviews with 56 commissioners in 12 counties supposed to be broadly representative of the state geographically, politically, and socially. In addition, county managers, social services directors, mental health leaders, and public health officers were also questioned.

None were under 30 years old; half are over 50; all but one is

married and all but two have children, although most of those are grown children. One fourth are college graduates, while a fourth have only a high school diploma or less. Over 70 percent are Democrats; 63 percent were born in the county where they are commissioners and 75 percent were raised in the county if not born there.

On the social scale, the commissioners rated themselves either conservative (44 percent) or moderate (44 percent) with only seven percent seeing themselves as liberal.

The typical commissioner, then, says Ms. Gooch, is a Protestant member of the establishment, a pillar of the community type, not quick to jump on new ideas or programs; tight with money; a solid county resident; older and stable; a joiner in various civic and social clubs and endeavors; who has lived in the county a number of years, and plans to remain there.

Over half say they will run for re-election to the Board of County Commissioners, and a mere handful indicate interest in (Continued on Page 16A)