

Weather

Today, the first day of fall, will be sunny with temperatures in the 70's today and 50's tonight. Clear and cool with chance of rain near zero Thursday and Friday.

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FALL IN THE SANDHILLS — Bright yellow daisies flood the Sandhills landscape as fall arrives, and Photographer Glenn Sides caught this butterfly feeding away on a sunny afternoon.

Robbins Quiet After Violence In Youth Battles Over Weekend

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON

Fighting which erupted among a few black and white youths in Robbins Friday night was followed by several violent incidents in the Robbins vicinity over the weekend, but by Tuesday things appeared to have quieted down.

However, tension hung over the town "so thick you could cut it with a knife," one resident said, noting that "you just can't tell what's going to happen next."

One black, Tyrone Davis, landed in Moore Memorial Hospital Friday night with gunshot wounds in the chest and shoulder, while a white, Robert Woods, received emergency care for stab wounds Friday night, and on Saturday was carried back to the hospital after having been severely beaten with gun butts, and with a possible bullet "crease" in his scalp.

Woods told a rescue squad ambulance attendant he had been shot but later, at the

hospital, denied to a deputy sheriff that there had been any shooting.

In an incident possibly unrelated to the others, a family living near the scene of the Saturday afternoon fighting was terrorized early Sunday morning by the burning of their car, parked behind the house, in a "ring of fire" indicating arson.

While several warrants had reportedly been drawn up ready to serve, by Tuesday afternoon only two were known to have been served.

One was served on young Wood, 19, who was released Sunday from the hospital, and who was charged by Glenn Reese Maness with "assault by pointing" (Continued on Page 12A)

Dog Ordinance Hearing Is Slated Here Oct. 12

A new strict dog ordinance is under consideration by the Southern Pines Town Council and a public hearing has been scheduled at the next meeting of the Council on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

The ordinance is aimed at prohibiting dogs from running at large or becoming a public nuisance.

It provides for fees for impoundment and penalties on conviction of a misdemeanor of a fine up to \$50 or imprisonment up

to 30 days. Another provision calls for the destruction of dogs which are "dangerous, fierce or vicious." Unclaimed or infected dogs will be turned over to the Animal Shelter operated by the Humane Society of Moore County.

The ordinance defines the terms such as "at large" to mean "off the premises of the owner, and not under the control of the owner or a member of his" (Continued on Page 12A)

Petitions Oppose Change In Boyd Estate, Preserve

Petitions protesting the construction of a maintenance facility at the Weymouth Woods Nature Preserve, in support of a wildlife and forestry management program at the Sandhills Game Land, and in opposition to any sale of the Boyd Estate for private development purposes are being circulated in Moore County.

The petition in respect to the Sandhills Game Land was promoted by the Sierra Club here and others and has been sent to the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission after 194 names were signed.

The petition regarding construction at the Nature Preserve was signed by 168 persons and has been sent to the N.C. Parks Service.

Still being circulated and not yet presented to the Sandhills Community College trustees and Foundation, to which the Boyd Estate was willed, is the following petition: "We, the undersigned concerned citizens of the Sandhills, request that the Sandhills Community College and its Board of Trustees employ every means at their disposal to use the" (Continued on Page 12A)

Bethesda Homecoming Is Sunday

Homecoming will be held at Old Bethesda Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Sept. 26, with the worship service beginning at 11:15 a.m.

The Rev. James MacKenzie, pastor of Elise Presbyterian Church in Robbins, will be the homecoming preacher. The Rev. Mr. MacKenzie is regarded as one of the outstanding authorities on Presbyterian history in (Continued on Page 12A)

\$1.20 Average

Tobacco prices moved upward to around \$1.20 per pound on the Carthage market on Tuesday after some slackening of demand the latter part of last week.

Frank Bryant, sales supervisor, said that averages had been above that early last week, and that demand was stronger yesterday. He said offerings were of fair to good quality.

Sales are being held today and Thursday at Aberdeen, but there was no report on prices.

Airport Work Bids Opened; Paving, Lighting Planned

The Moore County commissioners will meet Thursday afternoon for two main purposes, to consider three bids received last Wednesday for immediately needed improvements to the county airport, and to interview a candidate for the position of county administrator.

They are expected to approve the low bid submitted by Lee Paving Co. of \$463,971.50 for a repaving project to strengthen existing facilities at the airport, and which will also cover improvements and modernization of the existing lighting system.

W. S. Taylor, chairman of the county airport committee and interim administrator, this week expressed delight in the Sanford company's bid, which he said was "better than had been expected" and brought the paving project down within the boundaries of the federal funding.

While this had been originally estimated at a total of about \$731,000, the FAA had reduced the requirements, and also the

funding prospects. They had approved the use of a lighter pavement than was originally required, on the basis of an environmental impact statement and of the airport's present needs. The lighter pavement, to be used for strengthening the

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Escapee Wounded At Prison

An inmate at the State Prison Unit at Carthage was shot and wounded during an escape attempt Sunday night.

Leon Yow, superintendent of the unit, said that Joseph Pennell, 24, of Clayton was spotted climbing over the fence by the officer at the back tower, Daniel P. Priest, who fired one warning shot.

Pennell continued over the fence and ran across the field at the back of the prison. It was then that Priest fired four times. The man stopped and surrendered, and was taken to Moore Memorial Hospital where it was found that five shotgun pellets had struck him. He was given emergency treatment and moved to the Central Prison hospital in Raleigh where his condition on Monday was reported as good.

Pennell had been at the Carthage (Continued on Page 12A)

Fund Drive Launching Is Tonight

The United Fund of Moore County will kick off their 1976-1977, campaign with a meeting tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Southern Pines Elementary School Auditorium.

The meeting, a general orientation for campaign volunteers, will start with a special song by the Bluegrass Tar Heels from Moore County. This song will be heard on radio spots throughout the campaign here.

There will be a general meeting, then divisional meetings. During the refreshment period there will be booths set up for each one of some 14 (Continued on Page 12A)

Schools Meet

The Moore County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Schools administration offices at Carthage Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m.

Several persons in the Area III schools have indicated they will attend to protest last week's board decision to return the ninth grade, now in the area's middle schools, to Pinecrest High School.

C.W. Whittemore Dies; Author and NLRB Judge

Charles Willard Whittemore, author, artist and veteran Administrative Law Judge with the National Labor Relations Board, died Tuesday night at his home, 245 North Ashe St., Southern Pines after an illness of several months. He was 82.

He served with the NLRB from 1937 to 1965, when he retired but continued on a part-time basis until 1969 when he and his wife moved to Southern Pines.

Vigorous and active until his recent illness, he had continued writing and pursuing a hobby of wood-carving and gardening. Many of his articles and book reviews appeared in The Pilot, and in his artistic wood-carvings he specialized in recreating in another dimension persons from famous paintings.

He was the author of many

short stories which were published in Century, Transition and other magazines.

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C.W. Whittemore



GATHERING COLORS — Carla Butler is shown gathering wildflowers and others of nature's plants for the colors she used in the dyes for her hand-woven materials. See story Page 3-C.—(Photo by Mildred Allen).

Pinehurst Council Is Against Incorporation At Present Time

By Mary Evelyn deNisoff
After nearly an hour of lively discussion, questions and answers and challenges regarding the economic feasibility of incorporating the Village of Pinehurst, an SRO crowd of long and short-term residents of this resort at Monday's Pinehurst Village Council meeting almost unanimously turned down the incorporation issue.

Council President William Parfitt presiding at the meeting, which opened with reports from the other councilmen, after saying that he would issue a statement at a later meeting, finally came out with the statement: "I am not in favor of incorporating at this time."

He then polled each of the councilmen—Gen. L.D. Heaton, Micajah R. Wyatt, Gen. G.R. Mather, Bevins Cameron, Wheaton Kittridge, J. Ellis Fields and Jack Lees (Coun-

cilman B.W. Bogan was not present)—who were unanimously in agreement with the president. General Mather added he didn't feel the Council had been remiss at all in waiting to make this disclosure "prior to taking the pulse of the people."

Earlier in the meeting,

President Parfitt explained in answer to questions specifically from Raymond North, Walter Bennett and Reginald Armstrong:

"We have an opinion of the Council...I have my own personal opinion; I haven't canvassed" (Continued on Page 12A)

Recreational Complex Planned For Sandhills

Plans for a recreational complex and campsite, locale for sports and sporting events expected to draw attendance from a wide area, were revealed last Thursday morning at a breakfast meeting of the promoters with local leaders at the Holiday Inn.

Peter Franzen, of Vineland, N. J., was presented by Ernest Almond, Aberdeen land developer, as the motivating factor in the plans now being made for 1,825 acres now in process of being transferred.

Also presented was Paul Russell, Montgomery County industrialist, from whom it was reported Franzen is purchasing the acreage—mostly forest, with some open fields and an 83-acre lake—fronting on NC 73 at the intersection with the Taylortown Road.

The property has about a mile frontage on both roads, ac-

cording to Almond, who has been quietly working toward acquisition of the land by Franzen, and will be an associate (Continued on Page 12A)

Reading Week

A Declaration proclaiming Sept. 19-25 as the Week of Reading in Moore County has been issued by the Citizens United for the Improvement of Reading.

Organizations and individuals have been urged to hold book exhibits, Read-Ins, a "Read-a-Thon," to visit libraries, and promote other activities which tend to improve reading.

The public schools and libraries, as well as several other organizations are joining in the week's observance.

Candidates Questions Are Posed

Candidates participating in the public meeting to be held at the Southern Pines Civic Club on Wednesday, September 29 at 8 p.m. will address their remarks to the following questions:

Mr. A.E. Parker (D) and Mr. John Womack (R) seeking a place on the Moore County Board of Commissioners from District No. 2 and Mrs. Carolyn Blue (D) and Mr. Floyd Cole (R) contesting for the spot from District No. 4 will respond to these questions:

"The Sheriff's Department is responsible for law enforcement in the greater part of Moore County. In your judgment does the Sheriff's Department, as presently constituted, provide adequate protection? If not, what are your recommendations? And do you consider the present" (Continued on Page 12A)

Housing

A land use and housing survey has been completed for Moore County and the rest of Region H by the Pee Dee Council of Governments.

Results in Moore were as follows: standard housing units, 11,362; deteriorated, 2,463; and dilapidated, 896.

The PDCOG staff will soon be in touch with local governments to assure their participating in and understanding of the planning process.

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RUNOFF VOTE - The voter turnout was as predicted much lower in the second primary than the first.

A report from the State Board of Elections showed around a 29 percent turnout by Democrats as compared to 38 percent in the Aug. 17 primary, and a drop from 18 to 11 percent for Republicans. "Eleven percent is about as low as you can get," Alex Brock, executive director of the board, said.

HARTSHORNE - When the Moore County Board of Elections met last Thursday to canvass the second primary vote the officials and registrars from the county's 21 precincts stood for a moment of silent prayer in tribute to James Hartshorne.

Hartshorne had served for

many years as an election judge in the North Southern Pines precinct. He died suddenly of a heart attack while at the polls on the morning of Sept. 14.

Chairman C. Coolidge Thompson of the Board of Elections paid tribute to Hartshorne. "He was very dedicated and never missed a meeting. He was dedicated to the electoral process."

The official canvass of the vote showed no change from the unofficial report reported in last Wednesday's Pilot.

AUSTIN - Mayor E.J. Austin of Southern Pines is serving on a Mayors Committee for Jimmy Carter in North Carolina. He attended a recent organizational meeting of Mayors for Carter in

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SKIING AT LAKE SURF — Fall arrived today but the summer sport of water skiing is still being practiced at Lake Surf.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).



BUSY BEE — With fall here the bees are busy in the few days left for nectar-gathering. Photographer Glenn M. Sides caught this busy bee at work in a pumpkin blossom.