



DRAINED LAKE — This is one of the two lakes at the Country Club of North Carolina that were drained to aid in construction of the regional sewer system. This lake beside US 15-501 will be refilled later this month but the other will remain dry until the completion of the project in April.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides)

Fire Service Affected By Annexation Delay

When residents of four areas supposedly annexed June 30 by the Town of Southern Pines went into court to protest the action, the annexation was found to be of no force and effect, pending an end to the litigation.

Town Manager Lew G. Brown told the Town Council in special meeting Tuesday night that he had thought that, at the same time, the residents had remained in the rural fire district where they had been for a year before June 30, but he had found this was not the case.

He said the county, which administers the fire districts, billing the property owners for the annual assessments charged in each, had sought advice from the Institute of Government, which found the county could not properly bill the residents for the fire service, since the area had been annexed and was now the subject of litigation.

Brown said he differed strongly with this interpretation, which left the property owners high and dry, without the town or fire district responsible for their protection.

He had sought advice from the Attorney General's office and found this office "reluctant to take a stand"—unwilling to make a commitment one way or the other. In the meantime, he said: "We have provided fire service to the areas, and will continue to do so, even though at this point it is without any remuneration." However, he felt the situation could have "a bad impact" on fire insurance rates in the areas in question.

An "out" was seen in the Town's old "fire contract" ordinance, under which the fire department served persons with whom they contracted for service—a system in effect for many years until the fire district

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Flu Shot Requests Increase

"Swine" flu inoculation in Moore County is on the upswing, according to Health Director, Dr. A.G. Siegel.

The flu shot program "experienced a slight upward trend" last week, said Dr. Siegel, due to national coverage of a case in Concordia, Missouri reported to be "swine" flu. That report, followed by another that some twenty or more people in the Missouri town who were tested showed evidence of some sort of flu virus, have caused a sufficient scare to increase the number here wanting the shot.

The reports turned out to be false alarms, the flu was not clearly identified as "swine" flu, but Dr. Siegel credits the coverage with an increased interest among people to get the vaccine.

Dr. Siegel reported that 3,850 people, or 15 percent of the approximately 25,000 eligible in Moore County, have received the

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Weather

Freezing weather will continue for the next few days, with a high of 40 degrees in the daytime and 25 degrees at night, the weatherman says.

There will be little chance of rain tonight. The temperature today at 10 a.m. was a chilly 34 degrees.

NER Board Meets Here This Week

County revenue bonds and the state's target industries program will be among subjects discussed at a meeting of the Board of Natural and Economic Resources in Southern Pines on Friday and Saturday of this week.

The series of meetings will be held at the Sheraton Motor Inn, beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday.

The two-day meeting will end at noon on Saturday following a report by Secretary George Little of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources on accomplishments under the administration of Governor James Holshouser.

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Beauty Queens, Bands Are Featured In Christmas Parade On Thursday

Bands, clowns and colorful floats will make up the annual Southern Pines Christmas Parade which will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

There will also be many individual entries, including antique cars, horses and riders, and special music.

The parade units will form at Memorial Field on Morganton Road, beginning at 5:30 p.m., and the route for the parade will be down East Broad Street and back along West Broad.

Miss Southern Pines will serve as grand marshal for the parade, and a special guest will be Miss North Carolina, Susie Proffitt.

Several other queens will also be present, including the homecoming queens from Pinecrest and Union Pines High schools, Miss Flame from Vass, and Miss Aberdeen.

Among the marching bands will be Pinecrest and North Moore high schools.

The Pinecrest Color Guard and ROTC unit will lead off the parade, and among those riding in the parade will be members of the Southern Pines Town Council, the Moore County commissioners, and Rep. T. Clyde Auman.

Eight floats sponsored by local business firms will be mingled among the various marching units.

Winding up the parade will be Santa Claus on the Jaycees float.

The parade is sponsored by the Southern Pines Jaycees, with Chuck Maness and McNeill Chestnut as the co-chairmen.

There will be special music by Russell Powell and his Pinedene

Symphony. In addition to others taking part there will be representatives of the Boys and Girls Scouts, the YES group, the Royal

Ambassadors of the First Baptist Church, the Fire Department and Rescue Squad and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. There will be candy for

youngsters watching the parade. The Jaycees said that with fair weather predicted they are expecting a record turnout for the parade.



IN PARADE — Miss North Carolina, Susie Proffitt, will be a special guest in the Southern Pines Christmas Parade Thursday evening.

Town Will Receive Grant For Recreation Program

Mayor E.J. Austin of Southern Pines announced today that the Town has been notified by officials of the State Department of Natural and Economic Resources that its application for a grant from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has been approved.

The grant request is for a total of \$85,000 to be matched by an equal amount of Town funds for use in developing the recreational facilities to be located on property adjacent to Memorial Field on Morganton Road.

The Town's share of this grant

will be provided by the recreation bond funds which were approved by the voters of Southern Pines in a referendum last May 22.

The recreational facilities to be developed include four all-weather, lighted tennis courts; one multi-purpose outdoor court providing facilities for basketball, handball, and racquet ball; a children's playground area; access road, parking lot and storm drainage facilities. Purchase of the land—about 4.2 acres—is also involved in the cost of the

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Karl Andrews, 77, Dies; Funeral Is Held Sunday

Karl Arthur Andrews, 77, died suddenly Thursday at his home on NC 5 south of Pinehurst, adjoining the Sandhills Nursing Center, of which he was the founder and owner.

Graveside service was held Sunday afternoon at Mt. Hope Cemetery, conducted by the Rev. Robert Field, pastor of the Pinehurst Community Church.

A native of Canadaigua, N.Y., he came south about 50 years ago and was employed in Atlanta, then Durham, before moving to Pinehurst in the mid-1930's.

He bought the Hotel Chalfonte, a small elegant hotel south of Pinehurst, then suffering from depression troubles, and brought it back to life with operation of a popular supper club.

The onset of war brought new troubles to the resort communities and he leased the Chalfonte to a group of Army staff officers "for the duration." It was this building which, following the war, he converted to a nursing home, out of which grew the new and modern

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Referendum Scheduled Dec. 16 To Continue Tobacco Program

Approximately 2,000 persons here are eligible to vote in the referendum called for Thursday, Dec. 16, on whether marketing quotas and price supports will be continued on flue-cured tobacco for the next three years.

In referendums held in past years the tobacco support program has been overwhelmingly endorsed by growers—usually by a margin of 90 percent or more.

The law requires that two-thirds of the growers voting must favor quotas if the program is to continue.

The last referendum in which the quotas were approved for a three-year period was in July, 1973.

Walter F. Fields of the Carthage office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee of the U.S. Dept. of

Agriculture said on Monday that the polling places for the tobacco referendum will be announced next week.

He said that notice has been received this week that there will be an approximately 12 percent

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Historic Swearing-In Set For Carthage On Monday

It will be a historic swearing-in Monday at 10:30 a.m. for the Moore County commissioners, who will have two new members—one of them the first woman commissioner for Moore County.

She is Carolyn Blue of Eagle Springs, who with her Democratic colleague Anthony E. (Tony) Parker of Southern Pines, will replace two Republican members, Floyd Cole and John B. Womack, whom they defeated November 2.

After the oath-taking, traditionally held in the office of Charles McLeod, clerk of court, the members will go to their own meeting-room for their organizational meeting.

Other members of the board—now all Democratic for the first time in 10 years—are the present chairman, also interim county administrator, W.S. Taylor; Lee Williams, current vice-chairman, and Arthur Purvis.

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THE PILOT LIGHT

GILL — Edwin Gill, who is retiring in January as State Treasurer and after nearly 50 years of state service, was honored Tuesday night at the new Jane S. McKimmon Center in Raleigh in an event sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association.

It was a star-studded affair, with leaders from all walks of life attending from across the state. Among those paying tribute to Gill were President William C. Friday of the University of North Carolina, Former Governor Dan K. Moore, Archie Davis, Mary Semans, Edwin Pate of Laurinburg (Gill's hometown) and Chancellor Joab L. Thomas of N.C. State University.

It was also announced that the bankers of the state have raised more than \$100,000 to establish

the Edwin Gill Professorship in Business Management at N.C. State.

Among those attending the banquet from Moore County were George Little, Mr. and Mrs. H. Clifton Blue and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ragan.

HUNT — The first appointments to be announced by Governor-Elect Jim Hunt will be some of his key staff members. That announcement is expected between now and mid-December.

Before Christmas, however, there should be announcements of three or four of his Cabinet choices.

The Governor-elect is taking a great deal of care in the selection of secretaries to head the various departments of State government.

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A WINNING TEAM — Grandfather and grandson, Michael Walsh, Sr., and Michael Walsh III, are a winning team on the steeplechase circuit with young Walsh completing the 1976 season as one of the leading steeplechase jockeys and winner of \$90,000 in purse monies. Mike is back at Pinecrest with a brief respite from some of the training at Stonebrook. Mickey and wife, Kitty, left yesterday for Ireland for a two week visit. See story on Sports Page.

College Boards To Get Boyd Estate Proposals

A proposal which would preserve the Boyd Estate of Weymouth will be presented to trustees of Sandhills Community College and the directors of the College Foundation at a meeting on Monday night, Sept. 6, at 7:30 p.m.

The joint meeting of the trustees and Foundation directors will be held in the college conference room.

The proposal to be presented is that the Boyd Estate be used as a conference and cultural center, a use which was envisioned by the

late Katharine Boyd who bequeathed the estate for the benefit of Sandhills Community College.

Invited to appear before the joint meeting will be Charles Phillips, director of the Quail Roost Conference Center north of Durham, a somewhat similar estate which was given to the University of North Carolina.

Phillips who has visited Weymouth and discussed its potential as a conference center with Sandhills President Dr.

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Phillips Will Address Educators Meeting Here

State Superintendent Dr. A. Craig Phillips will be the keynote banquet speaker at the first annual two-day fall conference of the North Carolina Association of School Administrators (NCASA) to be held Thursday and Friday in Pinehurst at the Pinehurst Hotel.

About 700 are expected to attend.

Now in its sixth month NCASA has a membership of over 600. Members include superintendents, associate or assistant superintendents, principals and assistant principals, staff supervisors, directors of instruction, State and Regional

Departments of Instruction personnel, personnel from Universities and colleges engaged in preparing administrators and supervisors from all eight educational districts across the state.

The main purpose of the Association, which was organized this past June, is to help meet the needs and concerns of the public schools in North Carolina.

In keeping with the theme "Challenges in Educational Administration," Elam Hertzler, special assistant to the U.S. Commissioner of Education of

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Hearing Held On Town's Bid For Community Projects Funds

The Southern Pines town council met in special session Tuesday night at the new Community Services Building—the old Our Lady of Victory School on West Pennsylvania Ave., handsomely renovated and modernized inside and out as part of the town's first Community Development project.

It was the first time in memory the council had met away from its own Municipal Building, or town hall, but it was a singularly appropriate setting, as a public

hearing on a proposal for a new Community Development grant was the first item on the evening's program.

Guidelines call for two public hearings to be held, to gain community input for the proposal, which is 100 percent federally paid. The council had hoped that holding the first hearing on the west side would bring out more interested residents, as the proposal centers on that area. About 30 people attended, from both sides of

town, listening with interest to the tentative program presented by Town Manager Lew G. Brown, asking a few questions but apparently happy with what they heard, as they made no further suggestions.

The first CD project, for which application had been made for \$254,000, had been funded in August 1975 in the sum of \$248,500—one of only 28 funded in the state, out of 91 applications. With less federal funds available

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