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Southern Pines, North Carolina Wednesday, December 22, 1976

Weather

Sunny and Cold is the forecast with no chance of rain. High, 40 degrees today,

Price 15 Cents

Christmas is coming to the Sandhills, with a long weekend in

store for most people for the

Most offices and business establishments in the area are

planning holiday closings for

both Christmas and New Year's.

Also, many churches here are planning special services for

The Southern Pines Town

Offices will close Friday, Dec. 24,

and Monday, Dec. 27 in ob-

servance of the Christmas

holiday, and Monday, Jan. 3 for New Year's.

Mrs. Estelle Wicker, clerk of

the County Commissioners,

reports the County offices will be

closed Dec. 23, 24, 27 and Jan. 3.

will be closed Dec. 23 through

Dec. 27.

The ASCS office in Carthage

celebration.

Sara Hodgkins Merry Christmas Christmas Has **Gets State Post**

Sara W. Hodgkins of Southern Pines was appointed this Resources.

made at a 10 a.m. press conference in Raleigh.

not only for excellence in the inauguration Saturday, January arts but to take the arts to all the people of North Carolina. He said that Mrs. Hodgkins was a strong advocate of this philosophy and would give leadership to the development of cultural

resources. Mrs. Hodgkins was on hand with her husband, Norris L. Hodgkins Jr., and their three children, for the announcement and made a brief statement in which she said she would point to the goals cited by the Governor-

elect. She will take office on Jan. 8, the day when Hunt will be inaugurated as Governor. She plans to continue her home in Southern Pines, where her husband is vice president and chief executive officer of First

Union National Bank. Mrs. Hodgkins will resign from the Southern Pines Town Council to which she was elected last year, becoming the first woman to hold such a position. She was the top vote-getter in the

municipal election. A musician and teacher of music in the public schools, Mrs. Hodgkins has been active in the

morning by Governor-elect Jim Hunt as Secretary of the Department of Cultural Hunt's Inaugural Announcement of the appointment to the Cabinet level position in state government was Has Moore Float

Moore County citizens 8, and planned to enter a Governor-elect Hunt, in responded enthusiastically to Democratic float and two high making the announcement, said Governor-elect Jim Hunt's that North Carolina should strive personal invitation to attend his

parade. people can attend.

as well as a float.

On the Moore County float will be grass and pines, with both a golfing and a hunting scene, said Town Council Member Sara Hodgkins, who headed the Moore campaign for the newly elected governor. She said financing was obtained through the efforts of

Governor-elect Hunt

in the N. C. Court of Appeals.

Briefs were filed in the case

last September, and it was an-

ticipated it would be heard next

Van Camp credited efforts of

Mayor E. J. Austin and Town

Manager Lew G. Brown with

effecting the "turnaround" by

which the town will gain about

1,100 new citizens on New Year's

Day, along with about 1,000 acres

of residential property and two

Mayor Austin, who met several

controversy was ended, and said

Democrats who supported Hunt

EXEMPT-The Governor-elect

lieutenant governor, all mythology. Secretaries and their deputy or Fact, fict

industrial plants.

month.

Sam Poole.

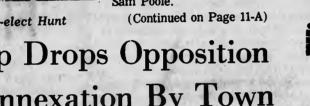
Group Drops Opposition To Annexation By Town

Resistance by the "Concerned He said, "This is much more Citizens" against annexation by than a matter of extending our the Town of Southern Pines has tax base and providing town come to an end, and they plan to services to a wider area. It inallow the annexation to take volves 'people resources,' which

The governor-elect called it a "people's day" as well as the inaugural of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Council of State, and said it would be held on Saturday so school children and working

school bands in the 1 p.m.

The Pinecrest and Union Pines High School bands will take part,



Local Law Firm Governor Jim Holshouser is be in the Sandhills," Governor moving to the Sandhills to Holshouser said. practice law when he completes

Holshouser Joins

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his term as Governor on Jan. 8. Holshouser have been frequent Confirmation of the report was made today, and the Governor will become a member of the law

Pate in Southern Pines.

this past Sunday.

They plan to take a short vacation after he leaves office and will return to the Sandhills in

"The past four years have been exciting, but I am just as excited now about returning to law

Swine Flu Vaccinations Are Now In Limbo Here

With bad luck plaguing it from after this latest setback. the outset, the government The innoculation program sponsored swine flu program experienced trouble from the was halted Thursday following beginning when several elderly reported cases of Guillain- people reportedly died soon after being shot with the vaccine. Barre syndrome which could be These apparently coincidental

Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. The Governor and Mrs. Holiday office closings in the area include: (Continued on Page 11-A)

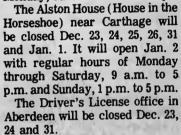
Long Weekend

W. Lamont Brown and Holshouser had discussed the law partnership some time ago and reached a final agreement

Governor and Mrs. Holshouser are planning to move into a condominium which they have

practice and the opportunity to

The Pilot offices will close on Friday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 31. The area banks are scheduled to observe Monday, Dec. 27, and Monday, Jan. 3 for the holidays. Governor Holshouser



The public schools in Moore County closed Friday, Dec. 17 following regular class hours, with classes to resume Monday, Jan. J.

Some business establishments

in Southern Pines will be closed

Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Grocery stores are expected to

close Saturday and Sunday, but

open on Monday. The major

department stores will be open

Church Services

Special church services

Emmanuel Episcopal Church-

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planned for the holiday weekend

in Southern Pines include:

on Monday.

firm of Brown, Holshouser and

leased in Pinehurst.

late Janurary.

Democratic party and served as the Moore County manager for Hunt in his successful primary (Continued on Page 11-A).



Sara Hodgkins

Sales Tax

Sales tax collections, which are among the best economic indicators in the state, continued to increase in Moore County during November.

Secretary J. Howard Coble of the State Department of Revenue reported this week that the one times unofficially with leaders of percent local option sales tax in the group, and who, with Moore for the past month amounted to \$116,352.51. Manager Brown, was a guest at a meeting they held in the council

The one percent collection in chamber Monday night, exneighboring counties was: Hoke, pressed gratification that the \$20,734.39; Lee, \$89,005.04; Montgomery, \$35,254.27; Rich-mond, \$93,078.80. the new citizens would receive a sincere welcome.



tion."

protection.

Governor-elect Jim Hunt hit practically all of us are become so astronomically Raleigh like a bombshell on Monday afternoon. It was a letter calling for the

resignation of all persons in "policy-making positions" and a great many below that, and many career and professional state employes were still in a state of shock today.

Persons associated with the Hunt Office said, however, it was only a matter of procedure and that many of the persons whose resignations had been requested would be asked to stay on in their same jobs or would be placed in other positions.

Still, as one veteran professional state employe said, "It is ironic that we survived the Holshouser administration and

place effective January 1, 1977. are a town's most important James Van Camp, attorney asset. It is my hope that all the representing the group in their new citizens, who are already a court action against the Town, valuable part of our community, which has held up the annexation will enter into full participation since June 30, confirmed Tuesday night that he is in

in town affairs." He added that "this is the best process of working out the Christmas present that Southern change in plans with his clients, Pines could have had."

numbering 112 residents and property owners of the four 50 to 60 people attending the outlying areas involved. Letters "Concerned Citizens" meeting are being sent to them all, Monday night, who came with an summarizing the situation in full. evident desire to seek better Van Camp said he will contact W. Lamont Brown, Southern communication, asked pertinent Pines town attorney, on technicalities involved in terdesire to learn the real facts about annexation, and "listened minating the "Concerned to the answers." Citizens" lawsuit, which is now

These were given by both the (Continued on Page 10-A)

BY CRAIG LAMB

school - before school let out for

the holidays last Friday - wrote

down what Christmas means to

them, or what they especially

BY THAD STEM JR. At times, Christmas, so fearfully traduced by blatant

gimmicks and by sordid, com-

mercial machinations, has all of

the dignity of a pool room towel.

prevalent many beleaguered

wrong number in the middle of

Even so, the jolly old elf

For, Santa Claus is as much a

Fact, fiction, and legend are

in both the primary and elec- folks equate "yo, ho, ho" with a

acted under the new State retains much of his ancient

Personnel Act which protects magic for young innocents for

career state employes but does whom the rapt expectancy of

allow the governor to exempt Christmas Eve's sugar-shivers is

certain positions from the ar- all bound round with the cen-

bitrary firings or demotions turies' old wine of anticipation.

The Hunt letter listed such vital part of the unsullied wist-

positions as all employes of the fulness of small hearts as he is a

offices of governor and creation of fact, literature, and

assistant secretaries and their almost comparable to a platter of

assistants, division directors and scrambled eggs in the long Saint

assistant directors and their Nicholas-Santa Claus-December

(Continued on Page 11-A) 6-December 25 excitement. But

the night.

Pandering store and street-

Christmas is for kids.

want this Christmas.

With this in mind, the children million dollar man, but also

The responses were unique and well as receiving, snowmen and

desired this year, with a few new- A few were poetic, demon-

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varied, many listing special toys of course, Santa Claus.

at Southern Pines Elementary many of the old standards in-

questions with an apparent of \$1,000 and a citation for their excellence.

afternoon presented the awards

me ila

Two Faculty Members Get Top Awards At Sandhills

Giving Most Important, Say Kids

verse.

He praised the attitude of the Community College staff were sonnel. Mrs. Rose Anderson, the presented the most prestigious college librarian received the awards in recognition of their ability and their contribution to the college and community. Each award carries a stipend

> Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president of Sandhills, Monday

> > S.W.A.T. back packs or the six

cluding guns, Barbie dolls,

meaning of Christmas - the birth

of Jesus, carol singing, giving as

Others concentrated on the

bicycles and trains.

Two members of the Sandhills at a meeting of all college per-John R. Sibley Award, and Jack Acton, instructor in art, the C. Foster Brown Jr. Award. The selection was made by an official evaluation committee from a

score of persons nominated for the honor by fellow faculty members.

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to-the-market items such as strating what the joy of the grade, "Christmas means the

Following are some of the

Gail Talber, second grade, "I

want toys and a Barbie Doll and

a stick of gum. Mac wants a

Debbie Chamberlain, second

train. Mac is my brother."

responses of the kids, for the

most part unedited.

related to the vaccine.

Guillain-Barre, or French polio deaths were overcome and lately as it is sometimes called, is the program was in its most an accending paralysis which successful period, following occasionally causes death, reports of suspected cases of the swine flu in the midwest. usually when affecting the Then last week the suspension respiratory system.

Dr. A.G. Siege, Health Director for Moore County, said was ordered following reports of at least 94 cases of the Guillain-Barre syndrome, 51 of which had word was received Thursday, been innoculated with the swine Dec. 16, at about 4 p.m. to halt flu vaccine within three weeks distribution of the vaccine. Area before symptoms of the private physicians were then informed to stop innoculation, temporary paralysis were but their supply was not withdrawn.

"We are in limbo," said Dr. Siege. Though the halt was **Tobacco Growers Vote** termed temporary, it is doubtful that the program will be able to return to any successful status

Christmas means you get

Thomas Phifer, second grade,

Len Knight, second grade,

"The baby Jesus is in the Manger. Tonight Mary and Jesus

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"I want a crazy face and a Green

Machine and two walkie talkie."

99% For Quota Program Moore County tobacco growers years ago. voted overwhelmingly for Approva continuation of the price support tobacco support program will be program and marketing quotas continued for another three in the referendum held last years.

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Thursday.

vote.

The vote in Moore was 846 for

and only 13 against. the against.

Walter Fields of the Agricultural and Stabilization Committee in Carthage said there were about 300 more voters in this year's referendum than in

the last three years ago. The Moore vote was in line are assessed a certain amount with that cast in the state as a per acre, for promotion of whole, in which it was reported 97,333 for the program and 943 against-a 99 percent favorable

Approval means that the Nation-wide the vote for the

program was 98.6 percent in favor, with 137,971 for and 2.011

Fields said there were two votes challenged in Moore.

Also in Moore the voters approved the tobacco assessment program, under which growers tobacco. The vote for assessments was 830 for and 27 against. The referendum had to pass by

a two-thirds majority for the (Continued on Page 11-A)

The quota system passed by an even larger margin than three

Mrs. Thelma Irene Bruner

State Trooper John W. Smith

Whitaker and a companion,

Woman Is 12th Fatality In Crash Near Carthage

12th traffic fatality of 1976 when her car was in collision with US 15-501, northeast of Carthage.

Wicker of Sanford, Rt. 9, was about two miles from her home in the White Hill section, close to the Moore County line, and six when the accident occurred. and the tomb is yet the object of said a car driven by Asa Michael Whitaker, 18, of Carthage Star Route, traveling east, crossed regular pilgrimages.

Many seaport churches the center line and struck Mrs. Wicker's car almost head-on in the west-bound lane. Larry Shepley, 23, also of Carthage Star Route, were (Continued on Page 7-A)

A 64-year-old Lee County carried by the Carthage Rescue woman became Moore County's Squad to Moore Memorial Hospital, where they were treated for minor injuries and another about 7 a.m. Friday on released.

Following a two-day investigation, Smith charged Whitaker with driving left of the center line and death by vehicle, both misdemeanors, set for trial in Moore District Court Wednesday, January 5.

Smith said he found no law violation on the part of Mrs. Wicker, who died instantly of massive head injuries in the wreck, according to Coroner A.B. Parker.

A retired counselor with the Lee-Johnson Community Action Program, Mrs. Wicker was said to have been on her way to (Continued on Page 11-A)

Santa Claus by Thomas Nast (1876).

Metropolitan Museum.

His remains, interred at Myra, remained there until the 11th century, when over-zealous merchants of Bari, on the Adriatic, exuding pious indignation at what they thought was neglect in Myra, carried and a half miles east of Carthage Nicholas's remains to Italy, to Bari's Church of Saint Stephen,

commemorate the mariners' patron, and among the legends is the one in which Saint Nicholas, making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, calmed a tempestuous

Christmas Lore Through The Ages

season can do by forming their family gets together. Christmas

Christmas thoughts into clever means baby Jesus was born.

presents."

Saint Nicholas, often called the "Boy Bishop," 4th century A.D., of Myra, Asia Minor, patron of boys, young men, sailors, and others, attained, and retained,

tremendous popularity in the Eastern churches. Several historians associate the pawnbroker's three bells to him, and the famous painting of the saint by Bicci de Lorenzo is in the