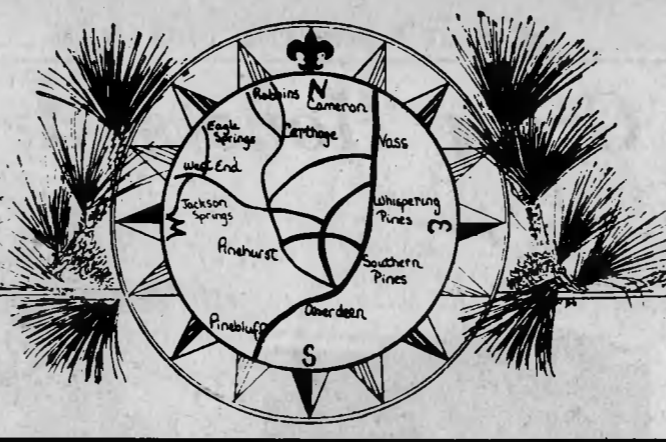




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STATE CHAMPIONS — The 1977 State Champion Pinecrest Lady Patriots are shown above at a Monday morning assembly where they were honored following their tournament victory Saturday night. Front row, left to right, Coach James Moore, Manager Charlita Howe, the son of the coach, Cheryl Burke, one of the

tri-captains, and Mary Kay McNeill; second row, Melvarie Watson, Laurie McNeill, Mary Thompson, Sharon Bradley, and Assistant Coach Nancy Matthews; third row, Terry Mills, Cathy Campbell, Sharon Williams, Linda Stubbs and Sandy Douglass.—(Photo by Alvin Davis).

## Water Vote Campaign At Stepped Up Pace

County officials and the Good Neighbors for Clean Water organization stepped up activity this week in the campaign to secure approval of the \$12 million water bond issue in a referendum on March 29.

All five county commissioners issued a statement in which they cited the need for the county-wide water system, explaining the studies which led to the decision to call for the bond vote. Speakers for the Good Neighbors organization have been appearing before various groups and organizations to espouse the program, and literature seeking to answer all possible questions about the bond issue and the water system is being circulated.

Norris Hodgkins Jr., of Southern Pines and Harris Blake of Pinehurst are co-chairmen of the Good Neighbors organization.

It was announced that an open meeting for Moore County citizens will be held in the Agricultural Building at Carthage on March 23 at 1:30 p.m. for a discussion of all the issues involved in the March 29 vote.

County officials and engineers have met this past week with officials and citizens of other counties (Hoke, Scotland, Richmond, Robeson) in Laurinburg to answer questions about the regional sewer system and water system to be established on Drowning Creek, which flows into some of these counties and into Lumbee River.

Moore officials said they felt they had assured the people of those counties that what Moore is doing will not affect Drowning Creek and Lumbee River in any adverse way.

## Gun Permit, Foxfire Bills Are Planned By Auman

Rep. T. Clyde Auman introduced one local Moore County bill this week and plans the early introduction of three others plus a statewide measure for a comprehensive health education program in the public schools. One of the bills to be introduced will provide for the transfer of authority for issuing gun permits from the Clerk of Court to the Sheriff.

Auman said that the action had been requested by Clerk of Court Charles McLeod and Sheriff C.G. Wimberly had offered no objections. Among the requirements of the bill will be payment of a \$10 fee which will go into the county general fund. All other requirements under state law for ownership of

weapons will be provided for in the bill. Rep. Auman said he also planned to introduce a bill next week at the request of Foxfire asking for incorporation as a village, similar to Whispering Pines. He said he also has been informed that the Moore County

commissioners plan to ask for a bill to outlaw the use of steel traps in the county. This is a statewide issue, and some humane societies are urging the banning of steel traps because of cruelty to animals and because dogs and others are often caught in them.

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## Annexation Appeal To Be Heard Apr. 11

Clerk of Appeals Court Francis E. Dail has set April 11 as the date to hear arguments on the Southern Pines' annexation appeal in the Raleigh court.

being sought by the Town, with a protest coming from some area residents. A Superior Court decision in favor of annexation by the Town is being appealed by James Van Camp for the dissidents.

His setting of the date was revealed in a letter to the Town Attorney's law firm Tuesday.

A motion to hear the Southern Pines annexation case at the earliest convenient time was filed Thursday by the law firm of W. Lamont Brown.

The annexation of Area IV is

The law firm representing the Town said the date for the appeal had not been set because of the large number of cases before the court. This was the reason for the new motion, citing the large number of persons involved and the delay of the town in servicing the area in question.

## Girls Of Pinecrest Bring Another Basketball Championship To Moore

A State basketball championship came to Moore County this week for the second year in a row.

The Pinecrest High School girls defeated Southern Wayne Saturday night at Burlington to win the 4-A championship.

Last year a State championship was won by the Lady Vikings of Union Pines High School.

This was also the second state championship in basketball for Pinecrest. In 1971 the boys won the crown after being the runner-up the year before.

The victory Saturday night wound up a 25 win against only one loss season for the Lady Patriots. The loss was to Scotland High School girls, and the Lady Patriots avenged that loss with a victory over Scotland

in the State tournament semifinals. Scotland finished third with a 61-60 win over Pine Forest.

The whole team and their coach James Moore were honored Monday morning in an assembly at Pinecrest attended by some 1100 persons, students and fans.

Each member of the championship team was presented a certificate and the trophy was

put on display. Principal Phillip McMillan addressed the crowd and the team, telling the girls, "We are proud of you."

Principal McMillan said of the team, "It's probably the first team we've had that has represented Pinecrest so well from beginning to end."

He said that a new sign will be (Continued on Page 10-A)

## Group Named In Moore To Combat Child Abuse

A committee to combat child abuse and neglect through topnotch inter-agency cooperation was announced Tuesday in Moore County.

Doctors, social services personnel, educators and other committee members will work together under the chairmanship of Frieda Bruton, Registered Nurse. Named to the Committee for

Moore County were Brian Sherrington, Pediatrician; Martha Lea, of Protective Services for Children, Department of Social Services; Susan Cole, Moore County Health Department; Janet Currie, Juvenile Probation; Nathaniel Jackson, assistant principal of Pinehurst Middle School.

Sar.h Baker, of Headstart; (Continued on Page 10-A)

## Moss Memorial

The fourth race of the Stoneybrook Races here on April 16 will carry a purse of \$6,000 contributed in memory of the late W.O. (Pappy) Moss.

The race is known as the Stoneybrook, and the purse is being raised by friends of Moss in this area.

Moss, who died last year, was the Master of the Moore County Hounds and was long identified with steeplechasing in the Sandhills.

## Antiques Fair

The 20th Annual Antiques Fair of the Moore County Historical Association will be held this year on Thursday, March 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Friday, March 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Fair will be held at the National Guard Armory under the chairmanship of Mrs. Robert Drake and Mrs. Richard J. Reynolds III. Mrs. Morris Pennington, Mrs. Robert P. Keith and Mrs. Ronald J. Christie are in charge of the luncheon to be served each day.

A champagne party will open the Fair on Wednesday, March 23, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. E. Earl Hubbard. Preview tickets, which will admit the bearer to the Fair each day, are available at \$10, and Fair tickets for \$2 may be obtained from P.O. Box 324, Southern Pines, 28387.

## Aberdeen Body Meets In Secret

"Things not for the press" were discussed in a closed session of the Aberdeen Town Board Monday night, Mayor Jack Taylor told The Pilot Tuesday.

The secret session occurred after the regular 7:30 p.m. meeting of the Town Board was held and reporters had left.

During the regular meeting, Mr. and Mrs. David Shepard appeared before the Board. Shepard was obviously upset following the break-in of his Aberdeen Small Engines business, according to Reporter Craig Lamb, who was present. Lamb said Shepard questioned the Aberdeen Police Department's professionalism, the validity of having one officer on duty during the night-which was (Continued on Page 10-A)

## 2,560 Voters Purged From Lists In Moore

Moore County's registered voter list showed a big drop as a total of 2,560 names were purged from the list during February.

Mrs. Doris Fuquay, executive secretary of the Moore County Board of Elections, said that the names taken off the registration lists in the 21 voting precincts represented people who had died, moved away, or did not reply to cards sent them. The board had sent purge notices to all persons on the lists who have not voted in the past

four elections. "I think a lot of people failed to reply to the notices," Mrs. Fuquay said.

The total registration in Moore County is 18,436, as of Feb. 28. At the end of January the list had shown 21,021 registered voters.

Mrs. Fuquay said they are continuing to register voters, but only those who were registered as Feb. 28 are eligible to vote in the March 29 water bond (Continued on Page 9-A)

## Drama To Return This Summer

The decision has been made—"The House in the Horseshoe," historical drama with which Moore County marked the Bicentennial Year, will be presented next summer for a second season.

Sherman Betts, president of the sponsoring Moore County Historical Association, said the decision was reached this weekend in the "hope and expectation" that the play, which thrilled and entertained large

audiences last summer at its hillside amphitheatre, will become an annual affair.

The die was cast when it was found in a conference here Sunday afternoon that the winning combination of talents which made the production a success will be available again this year—two top professionals, Joe Simmons, the author and producer, and Duane Sidden, director, along with Earl Hubbard of the Historical

Association, who will again serve as general manager. Also on hand will be David Downing, to repeat his lighting job.

While some of the cast are expected to return, there will also be openings for various parts, and Sidden will hold the first auditions Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m. until noon and 1 to 4 p.m., at the Campbell House in Southern Pines. Auditions will also be held early in April at (Continued on Page 10-A)



EVE OF SPRING — Tracy Hassell of Southern Pines admires this early blooming variety of magnolia which along with other flowers and shrubs flourish in the Sandhills, bringing much color on the eve of spring.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

## Republican Officials Elected

George W. Little of Southern Pines was elected chairman of Moore County Republicans at the party's county convention at the courthouse in Carthage on Saturday.

There were 100 party members present for the biennial convention, which officials said was a record turnout.

All officers were elected by acclamation. Others named were: Vice-Chairman, Barbara Williams of Eagle Springs; Secretary, Joyce Rhoades of Aberdeen; Treasurer, Donald Pitts of Pinehurst; County Finance Chairman, Jerry Daeke of Southern Pines; County Audit Chairman, Harris Blake of (Continued on Page 9-A)

## 7.8% Jobless

Unemployment in January reached 1,500, a rate of 7.8 percent unemployed, and increase from December of 6.3 percent, and down from December '75's 8.1 percent.

The figures were released Tuesday by the Employment Security Commission office in Carthage by Frank Burch.

A labor force of 19,210 in Moore County show 17,620 persons employed. Employment is expected to increase with the coming resort season, Burch said.

## THE PILOT LIGHT

INDUSTRY — Both Voit Gilmore and Norris Hodgkins Jr., of Southern Pines felt that North Carolina made a definite and distinct impression on New York industrial leaders last week.

No other state has tied industry hunting with its cultural resources so effectively, in their opinion, and both praised Governor Jim Hunt for the content and tone of his luncheon address last Wednesday.

What were described as "blue chip" prospects for new industrial plants in North Carolina were guests at the luncheon which preceded the New York debut of the State Symphony in Carnegie Hall. On the night before the

Governor and others had met with travel writers at a dinner designed to promote tourism in the state.

The whole mission cost the state \$12,000, but those who represented North Carolina felt that it was worth it.

GRASS ROOTS ARTS — What is known as a "Grass Roots Arts" bill is being introduced in the General Assembly this week, and it is designed so that every county in the state will benefit. Under the bill the North Carolina Arts Council of the Department of Cultural Resources would administer one and a half million dollars on a matching grant basis with local (Continued on Page 9-A)

## 'Great Day For North Carolina'

BY TALMADGE RAGAN "It's a great day for North Carolina."

And truly it was. Wednesday, March 9, the North Carolina Symphony, conducted by John Gosling, made its debut at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Performing to a sold-out, capacity audience of 2,784, the symphony presented

four pieces, including the New York premiere of a new work commissioned by the symphony, "Assembly and Fall," by Ned Rorem.

Janice Harsanyi, lyric soprano soloist, and a member of the voice faculty at the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, performed "Stabat Mater," a twelve part

devotional. The Duke University Chapel Choir and Chorus, under the direction of J. Benjamin Smith, accompanied Harsanyi in five part chorus. The group of one hundred twenty-five which made the trip to New York is part of the two hundred member choir that performs each Sunday in the celebrated Duke Chapel in (Continued on Page 9-A)



AT CONCERT — Cultural Resources Secretary Sara W. Hodgkins (center) accompanied by daughter Caroline and her husband, Norris Hodgkins Jr. of Southern Pines are shown at Carnegie Hall for the N.C. Symphony Hall.—(Photo by Ida Kay Jordan).