The Spotlight this week is on a couple of world travelers who chose the Sandhills.-Page 4-A.

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HYLAND HILLS VISTAS — One of the most beautiful weekend with the pine-studdied rolling hills as a views in the Sandhills is that from the Hyland Hills golf course at Southern Pines. Here golfers play on the

backdrop.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Measure For Foxfire Incorporation Also Calls For Beer-Wine Election

The bill to incorporate Foxfire as a Village was introduced on Thursday by Rep. T. Claude Auman in the N.C. General Assembly and was referred to the Committee on Local Government.

Under the proposed bill, for which no opposition has been reported, Foxfire would have a council-mayor form of government, with power to levy property taxes for the fiscal year 1977-78 and afterwards.

The bill also authorizes an election in Foxfire in the sale of

DEADLINE - April 1 has been

One of the bills from Moore

County which will just meet the

deadline will be one which will

prohibit all trapping in the

county as well as the sale of

had been sent to Rep. T. Clyde

the requested bill but he did plan

to introduce one. Whether the bill

in its final form will contain a

modifications which would

set as the deadline for the in-

troduction of all local bills in the

1977 General Assembly.

trapped animal pelts.

Other provisions of the bill call for elections on a non-partisan basis and by a plurality. There would be a five-member council serving four-year staggered terms, with the members of the council to choose one as mayor. There is also a provision for a recall election for elected of-

Village election. Village as council members until

LIGHT

permit limited trapping.

work by July 1.

ficials upon petition of 25 percent

Olmstead, Katie McWilliams and Moore is a "dry" county. Joseph N. Donovan.

Country Club cannot now legally Charles Vickery.

Cooper, George Anderson, Ralph sell beer and wine because A bill similar to that by Rep. In respect to the beer-wine Auman has been introduced in election Foxfire Golf and the State Senate by Senator

Music Festival

The annual Picquet Music Festival, sponsored by the of those who voted in the last Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills and Under the measure the involving choral and band groups following would serve Foxfire from Moore County high schools, will be held Friday night at malt beverages and unfortified the 1977 election: Robert M. Pinecrest gymnasium.

will precede the festival at 6:30 public is invited.

p.m. in the cafeteria, with the music program to begin at 8 p.m. One of the highlights of the

event will be the presentation of the Junior Builders Cup by the Kiwanis Club to the outstanding young man or woman from the A meeting of the Kiwanis Club county's three high schools. The

Carter Election Brings New Focus On Baptists

AUMAN - Rep. Auman this week predicted that the 1977 Legislature will probably adjourn between June 15 and July 4. Legislature could finish up its Southern Baptist Convention, speak at a dinner in his honor.

There was a report in Raleigh The county administrator's this week that anticipated formal talk, which covered some office said that a bill on trapping revenues for the current fiscal of the past struggles of the year may fall short by \$35 Southern Baptists dating back Auman in Raleigh. Auman said million. The revenue picture over 200 years, and the prospects on Monday that he had not seen could prolong the legislative for the future for the 12 million

WALK - Dave McKnight of the media before and since the blanket prohibition on trapping Fayetteville, a Democratic election of President Jimmy remains uncertain, however, as candidate for the U.S. Senate in Carter, a Southern Baptist. the county commissioners have 1978, will begin a six-month Sullivan said calls from all received requests for some campaign walk at Manteo parts of the country have been (Continued on Page 16A)

took office as the president of the Over fifty people gathered Convention, with questions Saturday evening at the Sheraton concerning all phases of the Inn to hear Dr. James L. Southern Baptist denomination -As he sees things now, the Sullivan, president of the what it is, what it stands for and what opinions they hold.

Sullivan even had one call from Of special interest in his ina lady journalist from New England who asked frankly if Southern Baptists handled

> He said he was determined throughout the election not to be political, although the media often took his comments that way. For instance, when he was questioned about the controversial Playboy interview that Carter agreed to do, (Continued on Page 16A)

For Now And Near Future Plans for changing attendance one area to another as appeared Board of trustees every eight feasible.

area lines for Moore County elementary schools, which had been under consideration for the coming year, have been tabled plemented next year or at any more bus-routing puzzles than time in the foreseeable future, could be solved at this time. Supt. Robert E. Lee told the Moore County Board of Education Tuesday night.

He said the plans have not been abandoned and will continue to be studied, along with some other options, but for the present, the committee working with the plan had found the complications to be too great.

The plan presented at the February meeting, was one by which "buslines would become boundary lines" of attendance areas in order to utilize the various buildings and classrooms in the fullest manner, with the shifting of children from

'Moonies' Reported In Area

It has been reported that a young man, claiming to be a missionary of the Unification Church, made a request at the town office in Aberdeen for a permit to solicit for funds or sell items to raise funds for the

The Unification Church is under the leadership of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Members of the church are presently involved in a legal battle in California with parents who claim their children were brainwashed into becoming followers of the cult, popularly known as "Moonies.

Aberdeen Town Clerk Curtis McInnis said a man came into the police station Tuesday requesting the permit, and was brought to the town office by Chief Jerome Whipple. The man attempted to fill out the form required to receive such a permit, but apparently did not have all the information required. He told McInnis he would send the form into his home office and come back at another time. McInnis said he (Continued on Page 16A)

Town Exhibit

An exhibit of drawings and maps in connection with the 'downtown revitalization' study by students from N.C. State University is being set up at Southern National Bank.

The public is invited to examine the exhibit and write out comments and criticisms on Thursday and Friday, and also on Saturday when the drawings will be displayed at the Town Hall.

A second workshop for the public will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, with School of Design teachers and students on

Schools Drop Busing Plan

Working with spot maps, and trying to determine where all the children lived in relation to the for now and will not be im- available space gave rise to

> The board made no motion or recommendation on the matter. In other business, the board with the statutory responsibility of nominating a member of the Sandhils Community College

years, renominated Jere McKeithen of Aberdeen for a second eight-year term. McKeithen is a former member and chairman of the Board of Education. His current term on the college board, to which he

was appointed in 1969, will expire

June 30. The board voted to accept the \$250 bid of Lee Rorie for an old school site adjacent to the Rorie (Continued on Page 16A)

taxes; Montgomery, \$4,915,711 in

sales, \$102,745.21 state and

\$28,718.02 local; Richmond,

\$9,254,454 in sales, \$216,837.89

state and \$91,777.29 local sales

tax; Scotland, \$10,446,058 in sales

and \$166,655.73 in state sales tax

Meanwhile, Secretary Mark G.

Lynch of the State Department of

Revenue reported this week that

February Retail Sales Continue High In Moore

Despite cold weather and \$12,549,970 in sales, \$265,952.32 adverse conditions for the state and \$77,564.74 in local Sandhills resort area retail sales continued high in Moore County in February.

Total retail sales amounted to \$11,382,696 for the month, with \$266,044.68 collected in state sales tax and \$95,355.60 in local

Retail sales, with state and local sales taxes collected, in neighboring counties were as follows:

Hoke, \$2,507,598, \$54,130.79

state sales tax collections in (Continued on Page 16A) state and \$19,790.23 local; Lee, **Dedication Of Church** Is Scheduled On May

A Dedication Service for the fellowship hall and kitchen. new \$400,000 Baptist Church of Southern Pines at New York Avenue and May Street will be held May 1, at 3 p.m.

"The sanctuary, as designed, is an expression of the Baptist worship with a focal altar and raised baptistry area naturally lighted from a clerestory above," says Architect Tom Hayes, of Hayes-Howell and Associates of Southern Pines, who designed the new building.

The sanctuary seats 330, and included in the contemporary architure structure are a other churches to attend.

General contractor is Johnson Brothers Construction Co. of Southern Pines.

The building culminates the plans of several years, according to the Rev. John D. Stone, pastor of the church. Dr. Raymond Stone has been chairman of the building committe.

A Committee appointed by The Church Council is working on the contents of the special Worship Service for the dedication, and they have recommended the 3 p.m. time to allow members of

Moore County voters overwhelmingly defeated the \$12 million water bond issue on

Only 30 percent of registered voters went to the polls, but the results were 1,464 for the countywide water system and 4,503 against.

It was a better than three-toone majority in opposition to the proposal which had the unanimous support of the county commissioners and all of the major municipal governing

Statements were issued this morning by leaders for and against the water plan-the proponents saying a regional system should still be pursued and the opponents saying the vote showed that the county was

against further growth. The bond issue failed in 20 out of the county's 21 precincts with only Eureka approving, 237 to 170. This precinct contains the Villiage of Whispering Pines, one of several communities which would be joined to the initial phase of the water system which the bonds would have been used to construct.

However, in Pinehurst, the county's largest precinct, and in all four precincts of the Southern Pines community - comprising the two fast-growing communities where the need for improved, expanded water facilities is becoming acute-the vote said NO.

It was the same in the two Aberdeen precincts, where the future of the growing business and industrial areas could hinge on more water and better pressure. In Vass and Robbins, where water systems would be expanded to serve many more people than are now being served, the margin against the measure was also great.

The message was loud and clear in the county-seat precincts of East and West Carthage, which would not benefit from the initial phase but would be included in later development of the water system.

Even the absentee ballots went against it.

The whole tally of precincts, with "yes" vote given first and 'no" second, is as follows:

East Aberdeen, 47, 89; West Aberdeen, 101, 301; Bensalem, 13, 419; Cameron, 12, 272; East

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It Shouldn't Happen To a Dog But Some Trapping Justified

BY EDITH FALLS During the months of January

and February a dozen or more Moore County pets were caught by steel leg-traps.

My beautiful, somewhat German shepherd, Coco, was one of them. She disappeared on the cold night of Saturday, February 5th. Since the trapper observed the Sabbath by not checking his traps, it was not until late

which she had lain writhing for 48 The veterinarian made every

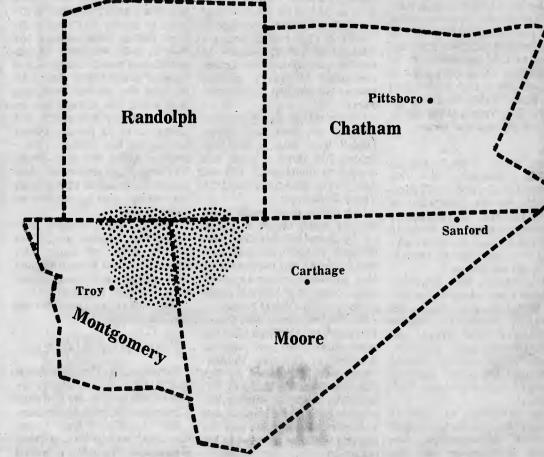
effort to restore the circulation in the injured toes. But on March 18th, forty-two days of pain later, one of them was amputated.

Trapping shouldn't happen to a dog. There are circumstances, however, when the trapping of wild animals by humane Monday when she limped home, methods is justified. It may even

caked with the swamp mud in be ecologically sound in order to preserve the species.

Over-population is one of those circumstances. "Animals that are crowded begin to act like people," Bill Hoff, Director of the North Carolina Zoological Park near Asheboro, said in a recent interview.

"When they must compete for territory they become aggressive and irritable; there is (Continued on Page 16A)



Map shows location of gold deposits in 1896.

1800s-There Was Gold In Moore County Hills

member organization, was

Sullivan's own experiences with

steady since last June when he

Prior to the discovery of gold in California in 1848 North Carolina

The total amount of the precious metal mined in North Carolina has been estimated at about \$24,000,000 and there are at least 350 localities in the state which have been worked for gold at one time or another.

The first authentic discovery of gold in North Carolina occurred at the Reed mine in Cabarrus County, in 1799 and it is said to be the first gold mine in the United States. Upon the discovery of this mine "gold early as 1929 the state was producing more than \$100,000 a

As the gold rush began in other power gold has over men. The Mine, J.R. McNeill Gold Mine, on the South bank of Deep River.

Moore County. The first gold was search of the precious metal found in Dry Hollow in upper appears to make people do any was the leading gold producing Moore County. This is the number of unlikely things. In the Mineral Company which did open up a new world for a operates a talc mine. The date of number of people as it made

thought to be around 1835. The story is told that around this time a man by the name of Ashley Parrish lived near Dry new industry and the "quest for Hollow and one day found a large riches" took over. piece of gold for which he was paid \$500. When he got home with spinning. He said, "put away fever" spread rapidly and as anymore." The outcome of this to go looking.

parts of the state it began in force that causes them to dig in Sewell Gold Mine and Shields present location of the Standard case of gold in Moore County, it the discovery is not clear but work available. It was exciting and different and brought families to stay in sections of the

county permanently. It was a

These mines were found in various places throughout Upper his money, his wife was busy Moore County. Some of the old holes and caverns dug during the your spinning wheel. We are rich "Gold Rush" are still available if and we'll never have to work you are adventuresome enough

statement is a mystery except In operation were the Cagle that he died in the county home. Gold Mine, Brown Gold Mine, It is impossible to guess the Burns Gold Mine, Elora Gold

and McNeill Gold Mine.

Other listings show the following mines: Bell, Cameron, Clegg-Wright, Dry Hollow and Jenkins; Grampus; Hancock and Jackson; Laurel Hill; Maudy; Monroe; Ritter; Red Hill and Richardson.

In the June 1, 1890 edition of the Sanford "Express" it was stated that Thomas Alva Edison of Orange, New Jersey came to visit a friend, W.G. Carter, of Carter's Mills and came to Moore County where he took option on certain gold mining interests. The option was for 1,000 acres of land belonging to John R. Ritter and others. His plans were to form a syndicate of English gentlemen to begin work on the land. The land is located

Whether he ever invested in any of the mining concerns is not known.

The Cagle Gold Mine, so called because it was on land owned by John Cagle, was in operation long before the Civil War. It was the oldest and was worked by different companies at different times. A community built up and was named Cagle Gold Mine Neighborhood. Then renamed Gold Regions, Mechanics Hill, Elise, Hemp and finally Robbins.

The last gold mine worked in the county closed it's operations

An interesting note-in 1837 a German gentleman by the name of Bechler began a private mint. His exact location is not known, but it apperars to be in Mon-

tgomery County somewhere. It (Continued on Page 16A)