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STORM DAMAGE — A small tornado struck in the Niagara area Saturday afternoon, causing extensive damage to trees at several homes and on the Hyland Hills golf course. The storm cut a swath through the golf course, with damages such as that above.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

It's Now Against The Law To Use Too Much Water

Storm Damages Come With Rain

An inch and three-tenths rain fell Tuesday afternoon to relieve parched Southern Pines. The Eagle Springs area suffered on without any rain.

It felt like the bottom dropped out, but only .2 of an inch of rain fell here Saturday around 3 p.m. and it did drop the temperature from a sweltering 103 degrees Thursday and Friday to 90 on Sunday.

This was the report at the Southern Pines Fire Tower, where the thermometer climbed back to 94 on Monday.

There was scattered rain across the county, with Niagara in the path of a tornado, and there was heavy rainfall both in the Lobelia section and at Harris

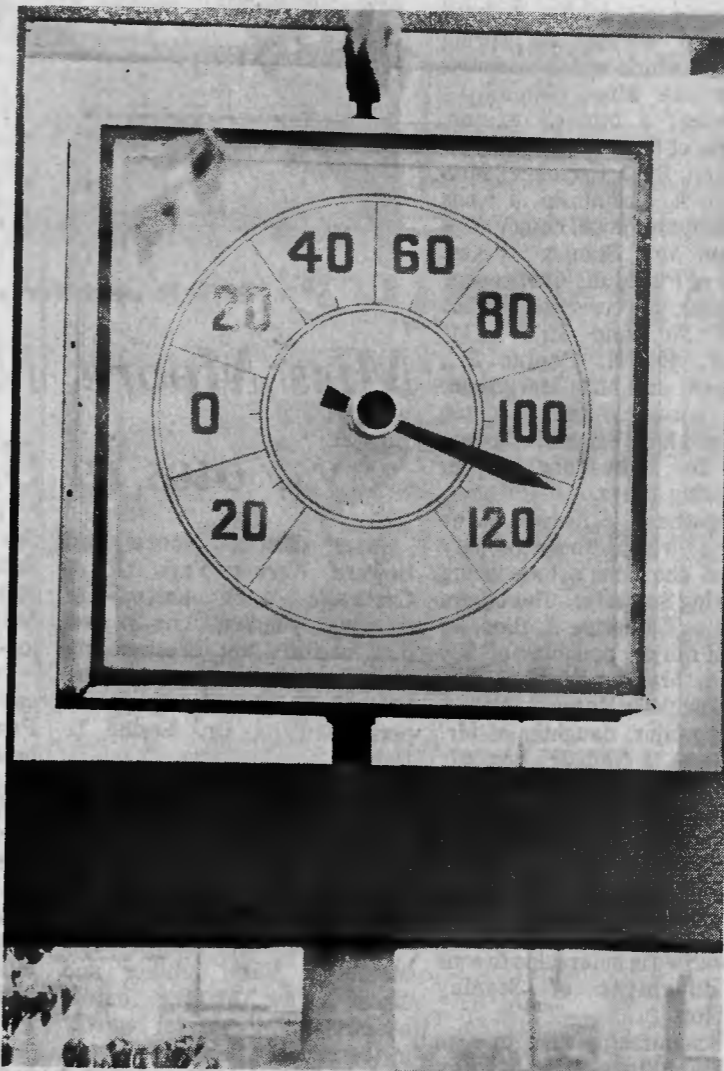
Crossroads near Robbins.

Ed Hitchings, in charge of customer service for the Carolina Power and Light Company, said few lights were affected by the storm, with most of the damage occurring for about twenty minutes on the Laurinburg Road out of Aberdeen.

In his home area of Highland Trails, he saw some transformers knocked out by lightning—which happened to some degree in all sections, but caused no serious shortages.

The small tornado which touched down in Niagara and Skyline twisted off many trees on the Hyland Hills golf course and blew down a fence around the

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WAS IT THAT HOT? — On Friday the temperature gauge at First Security Savings and Loan in Aberdeen hit 111 degrees. Officially the high for the day and the heat wave was 103 degrees in the Sandhills.

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON

A prolonged hot dry spell which not only caused the level of stored, treated water in the town tanks to drop to a dangerous level, but also lowered the surface of the town reservoir several feet, last week thrust Southern Pines into its third water crises of the summer, with an ordinance adopted by the Town Council to restrict residential water use.

The Council in called meeting Friday afternoon adopted an ordinance declaring a state of emergency to exist with respect to the town's water supply and treatment system, and setting restrictions on the excessive use of water for non-essential purposes, with penalties for violation of the restrictions.

These were mostly residential in nature, without directly affecting the commercial areas, as Town Manager Lew G. Brown told the Council he believed that, with strict water economy being exercised in every home, the supply would be adequate for all.

However, on proposal by Councilman E. S. Douglass, the ordinance was amended to give Mayor E. J. Austin authority to extend the restrictions to commercial users in his discretion, without calling another meeting of the Council.

The emergency declared in mid-May, and the second in mid-June, had been alleviated each time by prompt voluntary cooperation of the citizens, plus a good rain that fell within a day or two.

This time, however, Brown said, the situation was more desperate and stronger measures were required.

Assisted by Dallas Monroe, water plant superintendent, Brown showed on charts that the

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Dry Wells Bringing Help Calls

The water shortage has caused an increasing number of wells to go dry in Moore County recently, according to County Administrator Sidney Taylor.

The Southern Pines Town Council has passed an ordinance restricting the use of water, and other sections of the county are asking for conservation.

Taylor said he receives about four or five calls a day but that he only takes water to those in an extreme emergency.

"Since the fire department is too busy to take care of it, the county has been taking water to fill wells for the past year or year and a half," he said. "We only take it to people who are in extreme emergencies. If they have able bodied men and a truck or tank of some sort, we have to turn them down because we are limited in men and carrying capacity."

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Construction Here Up 75% Mostly In Commercial Area

Construction in Southern Pines is up 74.9 percent over last year with a bulk of the increase in the commercial area, according to town developer Marvin Collins.

In a comparison of construction done in the first six months of the year, Collins said his statistics show that total value from January through June of 1976 was \$1,436,553, and for 1977 it was \$2,512,035. Broken down into categories, this figure means a 25.9 percent increase in residential construction, a 797.0 percent increase in commercial, industrial and public and an 86.3 percent increase in alterations and additions.

"Southern Pines has had in the past a lot of growth in the number of people living here," Collins said. "Now there is an increase in the number of

commercial establishments to provide for the needs of these additional people."

An additional comparison shows that of the alterations and additions, more were nonresidential than residential in 1976 and the opposite in 1977.

"This is an indication that the cost of construction is making businesses add on rather than build new structures and also

that businesses are satisfied with their locations and the trade they are in," Collins said.

Another noticeable difference in the types of construction is that of the residential. There were more single family units than multi-family units built in 1976, and they were almost equal in 1977, Collins pointed out. This is evident in the number of

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Community Watch Plan Being Developed Here

BY ELLEN WELLES

Several community watch programs have been established in the area recently to combat home burglaries.

The Moore County Sheriff's Department and the Southern Pines and Aberdeen Police Departments have set up or are in the process of organizing systems of community watch in which people report suspicious looking persons or cars in their neighborhood.

Southern Pines Police Chief Earl Seawell said he is planning to expand the National Neighborhood Watch Program which the Kiwanis Club set up in the Knollwood section last year. With this program, printed material will be distributed either by hand or by mail to all Southern Pines residences. It will explain what to do if

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Aberdeen Does Not Act Because It Wasn't Asked

The Aberdeen Town Board took no action on a proposed connection of Southern Pines to the Aberdeen water system Monday night, because, they said, they had received no formal request from Southern Pines for the action.

Mayor Pro-tem Lloyd Harris,

presiding in the absence of Mayor J. M. Taylor, presented a letter for the Southern Pines Engineers Henningson, Durham and Richardson which gave alternatives they had evaluated for such connection.

Drainage problems took much

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Davises--Father and Son Win Top Builder, Design Awards

A prominent Southern Pines contractor, William P. Davis, has been named "Builder of the Year" by the North Carolina Home Builders Association. The award is the highest honor given by the statewide Association.

Presentation of the award was made at the Awards Banquet during the organization's 14th Annual Convention Saturday night at Myrtle Beach and was a surprise.

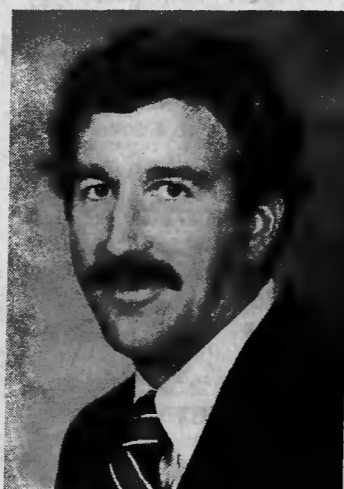
His son, Jon Christopher Davis, president of Sandavis, was a Grand Award winner in the Outstanding Design Awards Competition of the association for "Village in the Woods." Chris, 24, is the youngest member of the association.

William P. Davis was chosen from a wide field of professional builders in a major industry. He



William P. Davis

was the first major builder in the Sandhills, beginning with the Sandavis residential area in 1959 after a successful career in



J. Christopher Davis

transportation. He is Chairman of the Board of Sandavis Construction and Development Co.

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Sewer Line Grant Made For Region

A grant of \$551,825 in federal funds was announced this week for the Moore County regional sewer system.

Announcement of the grant from the Environmental Protection Agency was made by the office of Senator Robert Morgan.

The grant will be used for the construction of the Southern Pines interceptor line to serve the newly annexed Indiana

Avenue area.

Parker Lynch of the Moore County planning office, who has been supervising the regional sewer system, said that bids will be sought and contracts awarded within the next three months and construction should be completed within a year.

The regional sewer system is scheduled to be placed in operation in September when the

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Womack Resigns Position On Moore Election Board

John B. Womack, only recently appointed as the Republican member of the Moore County Board of Elections, has resigned.

"Personal and business conflicts" were cited as reasons for the resignation of Womack, a Southern Pines man who serves as business manager of the Pinehurst Medical Clinic.

George Little, chairman of the Moore County Republican Executive Committee, said Tuesday that the State Board of Elections will appoint a

replacement for Womack, although he has not heard from them. He said two other names—Ken Smith and C. Coolidge Thompson—had been submitted, along with Womack's, and he presumed the appointment would come from those two.

Thompson was a long-time member of the Moore County Board of Elections and had served as chairman until the recent reorganization when his position was taken by Womack.

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COLLEGES—Sandhills and other community colleges are faced with \$7.5 million cuts in state funds for the coming school year even though many of them are showing increases in enrollment.

It's because of a change in the formula for allocating funds for instructional purposes.

Dr. Raymond Stone, President of Sandhills, said that the allocation formula is on the basis of four quarters, including the summer quarter which is usually far below the enrollment of the other three.

As it stands now, Sandhills will get some \$300,000 less than last

year and Dr. Stone said the college is faced with dropping 15 to 20 teaching positions.

Sandhills has shown a six percent increase in enrollment.

OTHERS—Other community colleges, such as Central Piedmont at Charlotte and Gaston College, are faced with even larger cuts in state funds—over \$2 million for the Charlotte school and \$700,000 at Gaston.

The Gaston cut aroused House Speaker Carl Stewart of Gastonia this week and he has called on Governor Hunt to see what can be done ad-

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Moore's 20 Reading Aides Are Not Enough

BY JENNIFER CALDWELL

Seven out of Moore County's 11 elementary schools will receive additional money from the state this fall to hire reading aides.

In these seven schools, only one classroom in each grade—grades 1-3 will get a reading aide for the school year 1977-78.

Twenty elementary classrooms scattered about Moore County will have full-time reading aides as part of the reading awareness program passed by the N. C. Legislature as part of Gov. Jim Hunt's package.

The reading program was allocated a total of \$45,000,000 for the state as a whole for the purpose of hiring a permanent, full-time teaching aide to assist selected first, second, and third grade teachers in the public schools with their planned course in reading.

Moore County has been allocated \$116,980 to hire aides for the coming school year, based on average pupil daily attendance. Moore County is classified under Region 4 of the state's multi-county divisional system for the new reading plan.

Shirley Owen, Regional Reading Consultant, is based with an office in Carthage and serves 11 counties and 18 different administrative units to get the new reading aide program under way. She is working with a total \$15,000,000 budget for the entirety of Region 4.

Working with the reading aides for Moore County's individual program is Mrs. Lorna Livengood. She helped to explain why the reading aides are so desperately needed.

"The Southeastern region of the United States had reading

achievement at the very bottom of the nation. The Southeast also is on the bottom of the amount of money funded to education."

Gov. Hunt, who was just elected chairman of the Southern Regional Education Board, has made reading one of the primary focus points of his plan to improve the welfare of North Carolinians. He launched surveys to find how the state's students were performing on standardized tests, as compared to the rest of the nation.

One survey released last month shows that ninth graders

in North Carolina were five months behind the national norm in reading skills, including vocabulary and comprehension.

The reading program using classroom aides has been launched as part of an effort to lick this problem at its source: when the children first learn to read. "It's very hard to band-aid the children once they're grown," said Mrs. Livengood. "This program is a giant move in the program level," she continued. "Except for the kindergarten program, this is the

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BEATING THE HEAT — These young people found a way to beat the heat on Sunday afternoon on the dam at Thagard's Lake at Whispering Pines. The dog also was enjoying the cooling waters.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).