

More Showers

Forecast today, with chance of rain 70 percent today, 50 percent tomorrow, Temperatures in the mid 80s today, the 70s tonight.

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PAUL GREEN HONORED — The North Carolina Writers Conference paid tribute to noted playwright Paul Green (center) at its annual meeting in Asheboro Saturday night. Among those who spoke were, left to right, Thad Stem Jr., Manly Wade Wellman, Walter Spearman (seated), and Sam Ragan of Southern Pines, who was master of ceremonies at the banquet. Others who spoke included Terry Sanford, president of Duke University. — (Photo by Linda Walters).

Writers Back Weymouth; Paul Green Is Honored

The North Carolina Writers Conference this past weekend adopted a resolution endorsing and "strongly supporting" the efforts of the Friends of Weymouth to preserve the home of James and Katharine Boyd in Southern Pines.

Plans for the establishment of a cultural center and an artists and writers retreat at Weymouth, where James Boyd wrote his novels and many famous writers visited, were outlined at the annual gathering of the Writers Conference at

Asheboro.

The high spot of this year's 28th meeting was a banquet on Saturday night in honor of Paul Green, the Pulitzer prize-winning playwright of Chapel Hill and a close friend of the Boyds.

Among those paying tributes to Green were Thad Stem Jr., of Oxford, Manly Wade Wellman, Walter Spearman, and Terry Sanford. Stem and Spearman are Columnists for The Pilot, and Wellman is a former resident of Pinebluff.

Sam Ragan served as master of ceremonies and led off the tributes to Green, whom he called "the preacher and the keeper of the dream."

A resolution was read as (Continued on Page 16A)

New Country Club To Be Built Here

Development is underway for a "Private" nine hole country club on Midland Road.

The "Private" country club will be built on the Safford Estate known as Midland Farm.

The new country club has 45 building sites surrounding the

golf course and clubhouse.

Golf course architect Tom Jackson of Greenville, S.C., has designed a unique and challenging nine hole course featuring 18 different tees.

The unusually large home of (Continued on Page 16A)

New Buildings Planned For Downtown Shopping

Construction is scheduled to start in two weeks on an additional building in a four-building complex planned on West Pennsylvania Avenue in downtown Southern Pines by FMC Associates.

The first building at the corner of Pennsylvania and Bennett St., was completed some weeks ago and is now occupied.

Occupancy on the second building is expected by Thanksgiving, Michael Fiskin said.

FMC Associates is comprised of Fiskin, John May and Alfred Carter.

The new building on West Pennsylvania will be excavated to street level, and will contain (Continued on Page 16A)

Young Man Is Killed When Run Over By Car

A 20-year-old Lee County native, who had been staying with relatives on Carthage Rt. 4, while working with a construction firm in Southern Pines, was fatally injured late Sunday night when he was run over by a car while lying in a road near Hillcrest.

Ricky Leon Venable had left the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Waylon Bailey, to

go for a walk with a young visitor. The Bailey's said they did not see him again.

About 10:15 that night, a security guard at Moore Memorial Hospital, Pinehurst, checking the parking area on Page Road, heard someone talking and singing loudly. It turned out to be a young fellow walking alone in the middle of

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Rains Help Crisis Here

A severe thunderstorm hit the Southern Pines area today around 4:15 a.m. and dropped 1.9 inches of rain, but did little damage—and much good.

CP&L District Manager A.J. Woody said some 700 power customers were out of service for about 45 minutes when lightning hit two oil switches and knocked out the Aberdeen feeder, which serves Southern Pines.

Almost no one was up unless awakened by the storm, which Woody called "severe" but with surprisingly little damage.

He said in two other areas—in Pinebluff and on US 1—there were 25 customers out in Pinebluff and four on US 1. This was the only damage reported, and it was repaired in quick order.

The Pinebluff Fire Tower recorded 1.9 inches of rain this morning, added to an inch which fell Monday to give much needed water to the area.

The rains this week eased the Southern Pines water crisis somewhat, but the need for water conservation continues.

Although light and spotty, the rain on Monday afternoon and the light rainfall on Tuesday was also beneficial to crops.

Most farmers agreed, (Continued on Page 16A)

Farmers Day

The 22nd annual Farmers Day will be held at Robbins on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Curtis Hussey, wagonmaster for the wagon train which will form at High Falls and move into Robbins Friday night, will lead off the parade on Saturday morning.

There will be a street square dance on Friday night, and many other events on Saturday.

Wayland Kennedy is general chairman of the parade, and the Robbins Merchants Association will provide trophies for parade winners.

Phone Rate Hike To Be Requested

The United Telephone Company will next week ask for a rate increase, but the amount to be requested will not be determined until August 8.

United Telephone operates the system in Southern Pines, and the announcement that the company will file a proposed rate

increase with the North Carolina Utilities Commission was made by Louis A. Corning III, vice president for administration.

Joe Kimball, local manager of United Telephone, said Monday that further information as to the rate request will be available (Continued on Page 16A)

Samarkand Principal Reinstated To Office

Stuart Macon has been reinstated as principal of the school at Samarkand Manor near Eagle Springs.

A letter rescinding the demotion of Macon, 51, from principal to teacher was received Monday morning.

It was signed by William R. Windley, director of the Youth Services Division of the Department of Human Resources, who had a few days ago demoted

Macon on a charge that he had written a letter in which the word "past" was used instead of "pass."

Macon said that was the only reason given by Windley for the action.

Before the letter came from Windley, however, Macon had been told that his demotion had been rescinded by Dr. Sarah Morrow, Secretary of the (Continued on Page 16A)



WATER GETTING LOW — The picture shows how the water level is dropping at the Southern Pines lake, the source of the town's water supply. On Monday the lake level was down three feet.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

LPGA To Join Hall Of Fame Here

The Ladies Professional Golf Association Hall of Fame, which has been located in Augusta, Ga. since 1950, is moving permanently into the World Golf Hall of Fame at Pinehurst, it was announced by Donald C. Collett, president of the Hall of Fame, and Ray Volpe, commissioner of the LPGA.

According to Collett, a portion of the World Golf Hall of Fame will be set aside for photographs of LPGA Hall of Famers and current stars, as well as for valuable artifacts and memorabilia. The official

transfer will occur on Monday, August 22, as the kick-off to a week of activities culminating with the inaugural Colgate-Hall of Fame Golf Classic, a \$250,000 PGA event.

Seven players are currently members of the LPGA Hall of Fame — Patty Berg, Betty Jameson, Louise Suggs and Babe Didrikson Zaharias (all named in 1951), Betsy Rawls (1960), Mickey Wright (1964) and Kathy Whitworth (1974). To become a Hall of Famer, a woman must be a member of the LPGA in good standing for 10 consecutive years

and meet one of three criteria: 30 official tour event wins with victories in at least two different major championships; or 35 official tour event wins with at least one major championship; or 40 official tour event titles without a major championship. Going on display on August 22 will be historic photos of the players already in the LPGA Hall of Fame, plus selected plaques and scrolls. As additional items are collected, they too will be exhibited in the special LPGA wing.

"We are quite pleased and

proud to be a part of the great golfing heritage of Pinehurst," stated Volpe. "Although the World Golf Hall of Fame does have specific exhibits devoted to women players, we feel the addition of the LPGA Hall of Fame will serve to expand golf fans' knowledge of the women's professional tour."

The World Golf Hall of Fame itself will hold its fourth annual induction ceremony on Tuesday evening, August 23. Those to be enshrined include John Ball, Jr., Herb Graffis, Bobby Locke and Donald Ross.



AUGUST MOON — There's something special about the full moon of August and Photographer Glenn M. Sides caught this special effect on a recent night.

Camp Shutdown Protested; State Is In Contract Deal

The Carolina Boys Camp, which has operated for nearly seven years near Candor, is being closed down on August 15 in a strange maneuver while the state is secretly negotiating with a private foundation in Florida to give it \$3.1 million to set up four somewhat similar camps in North Carolina.

In the maneuvering for a take over by the Jack and Ruth Eckerd Foundation, the director of the camp near here, Jack Gullede of Pinehurst, was fired by the head of the Learning Institute of North Carolina, which has operated the camp from the beginning.

Protests by parents of the 24 boys, ranging in age from 10 to 17, now at the camp have been

sent to Governor Hunt, Secretary Sarah Morrow of the Department of Human Resources, and Attorney General Rufus Edmisten.

Gullede and some state leaders in the field of education on Monday were busy organizing a non-profit corporation which

will seek to enter the bidding with Eckerd for the state contract to set up and operate four "therapeutic camps" for boys and girls with the \$3.1 million appropriated for that purpose by the 1977 Legislature.

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Moore Road Jobs Given Approval

The Moore County Commissioners, in a hearing Monday with representatives of the Eighth Highway Division, approved their work program for construction and improvement of secondary roads "as far as the money will go" during the coming year.

Henry Jordan, division engineer, said the county's allocation for 1977-78 was

\$278,200, which, less a 10 percent reserve against contingencies, left \$250,380 available for programming.

However, the program of 22 projects which he presented, and the commissioners adopted, totaled an estimated \$488,400.

The delegation, consisting of Jordan, with Fred Whitesell and Bill Rosser of the engineering (Continued on Page 11-A)

Gang War Arrests Made; 'Pig-Picking' Stabbing

A dozen more arrests, some on felony counts, have been made by Southern Pines police and the Moore County Sheriff's Department, arising from a "gang war" of Saturday night, July 16, which took place in downtown Southern Pines.

The fracas sent three men to the hospital for emergency treatment, two with wounds from gunshot pellets, one for the results of a beating, and three arrests were made by Southern Pines Police, who initiated an (Continued on Page 15-A)

Man Slain In Shootout; Harnett Resident Held

Dewey E. Suggs, Jr., 44, of the Ashley Heights community on Aberdeen Rt. 1, was dead on arrival at Moore Memorial hospital early Friday following a shooting at his home, and a Harnett County man has been charged with his murder.

Suggs, who was employed by the Carolina Galvanizing Corp. at Aberdeen, himself made the call to the Aberdeen Rescue

Squad, which made prompt response but could not prevent his bleeding to death from a gunshot wound in the thigh.

Apparently there was an exchange of shots, as the man later arrested by the Hoke County sheriff's department for Suggs' murder, Newburn Tyler, 47, of Lillington Rt. 2, and Mrs. Tyler both suffered superficial gunshot

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Mrs. Hollers Appointed To State Roads Office

BY EDITH FALLS
One of the first women to be appointed to the State Board of Transportation, Mrs. Martha Bennett Hollers of Montgomery County, was sworn into office at Raleigh Thursday.

Mrs. Hollers, 36, was appointed by Governor Jim Hunt for the Eighth District, which includes Moore County.

Around Candor, where she was born and reared, she is known as Bennie Carlan Hollers. She attended Candor schools and Wingate Academy. She also attended Peace College and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her husband is Russell J. Hollers, a Troy attorney, and they have three children between the ages of six and twelve. She has been active in school affairs and in community cultural



Martha C. Hollers

betterment. The thing that makes Mrs. Hollers unique as a member of (Continued on Page 11-A)

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HOLLERS—Martha Bennett Hollers of Candor, one of the first female Highway Commissioners in North Carolina, was an energetic supporter of Jim Hunt in his campaign for Governor. She and her husband, Russell J. Hollers, an attorney in Troy, organized the Montgomery County Hunt for Governor campaign, and worked closely with Dr. David Bruton of Southern Pines, who was the "key" man for the region in the Hunt drive for votes.

Mrs. Hollers, 36, was sworn in last Thursday to represent the Eighth Highway District, which includes Moore County, on the State Board of Transportation.

She is currently president of the Montgomery County Fine Arts Council, an active member of the Presbyterian Church of Candor, and has been active in the Democratic party.

HIGHWAYS—The Hunt appointments to the Board of Transportation pleased a lot of his supporters, but also displeased many more.

In the Eighth District Mrs. Hollers appointment was well received, but in some other districts there were complaints that local Democrats had been ignored. In some districts campaigns for other persons had been under way, and Governor Hunt had the difficult task of calling them to say he was not going to appoint them.

The Highway Commissioner posts traditionally have been (Continued on Page 11-A)