

Chance of Rain

The weather will continue hot and humid and partly cloudy through Thursday. In the 90s today, the low 70s tonight. A 40 percent chance of rain today and tomorrow.

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A QUIET DAY — It was a quiet day on a Pinehurst golf course when Photographer Glenn Sides caught this scene, but in other places around the Village the pace has been quickening as preparations are being made for the Colgate-Hall of Fame Classic and the "Grand Week of Golf" August 22-28.

All Incumbents Expected To File For Council As Time Draws Near

Filing for the Town Council in the Southern Pines municipal primary and election this fall will begin at 12 noon on Friday, Aug. 19, and it appeared this week that all of the incumbents will seek reelection.

Mayor E. J. Austin appeared somewhat hesitant, however, saying, "I think I will but I have not fully decided."

Two of the youngest Council members—Michael Smithson and

Hope Brogden—are definite in their intentions, and two veterans, E. Earl Hubbard and Emanuel S. Douglass, are expected to file.

Candidates will have until 12 noon on Sept. 9 to file for the biennial election.

If more than 10 candidates file a non-partisan primary will be held on Oct. 11, with the 10 highest vote getters on the ballot in the election on Nov. 8.

Southern Pines is the only municipality in Moore County which has provisions for a primary. The other towns have non-partisan elections on Nov. 8 on a plurality basis.

Mrs. Doris Fuquay, supervisor of elections for the Moore County Board of Elections which conducts all of the municipal elections in Moore County except for Vass, which conducts its own, said this week that persons living in the newly annexed areas of Southern Pines are eligible to vote in the primary and election without further registration. "They are welcome to call the

Board of Elections and their cards will be stamped as to their eligibility," Mrs. Fuquay said, adding that it is not necessary, however, on the day of the election the registrar and judges in the precinct polling places will have maps showing the new town boundaries and they will check each voter as to eligibility, she said.

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Election Officials Named For Precincts In Moore

Precinct election officials for the next two years have been announced by Angus M. Brewer, chairman of the Moore County Board of Elections.

Registrars and judges, Democratic and Republican, will serve for two years.

Following is the list for the 22 Moore County voting precincts. The first name is the registrar, the second is the Democratic judge and the third is the

Republican judge: East Aberdeen: (American Legion Hut No. 72) - Mrs. Lillian S. Ransdell, Aberdeen; Alton P. McDonald, Aberdeen; Mrs. Sandra J. McLaughlin, Aberdeen.

West Aberdeen: (Aberdeen Municipal Bldg.) - Mrs. Elizabeth B. Mofield, Aberdeen; Ervin Workman, Aberdeen; Mrs. Linda F. Boles, Aberdeen.

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Train Speeds Raised By Board In Aberdeen

The Aberdeen Town Board voted Monday to permit trains to raise their speed from 35 mph to 45 mph coming through Aberdeen.

Commissioners Gschwind, Harris, Styers and Singleton voted for the increased speed, after hearing it called necessary to get over the hill to Southern Pines. Commissioner Blue cast the lone vote against the increase.

Willard Formyduval, with the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad, appeared before the Board and introduced Ed S. Wilkes, Superintendent, and Zane Winters, with the Seaboard Coastline Railroad.

Wilkes and Winters spoke to the Board and requested the speed limits be raised.

They said if the request were granted, they would see that the

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Mrs. Ray Dies at 73; Rites Set

Mrs. Dixie Battley Ray, 73, of 180 Murray Hill Road, stricken suddenly Monday afternoon at her home, was dead on arrival at Moore Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Harold E. Hyde, with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

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Mrs. Dixie Ray

Town Grant

Southern Pines has received a planning and management grant of \$6,300 from the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Secretary Howard N. Lee announced the grant and 169 others to local governments this week.

Mrs. Mildred McDonald, acting town manager, said the grant would be used by Marvin Collins, town planner, in general planning work for the town.

Well Use Not As Easy As Town First Thought

Accepting a large, productive well from a private citizen, to provide the town water supply with a supplementary supply of

pure sand-distilled water is neither as simple nor as inexpensive as it might seem at first, the Town Council learned in regular meeting Tuesday night. The offer of an industrial-sized well owned by Howard Butler, to be connected to the town system at a cost of \$25,000, was made by his son, Dan Butler, to the council at the close of their special meeting of July 28.

The well reportedly was producing 100 gallons per minute, which might be upped as high as 200 gallons, was seen as a boon to the town, which has been in a water emergency most of the summer.

Without time to discuss the offer, which came at the time the special meeting was about to

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Jobless Up

Unemployed young people swelled the labor market and caused a slight increase, from 4.6 percent in May to 5.1 in June on the unemployment rolls in Moore County.

This is still far better than the unemployment nationally, which is over 6 percent.

In June, the labor force reached 19,990 in Moore County and 18,970 of them had jobs, according to the office of Frank Burch, of the Employment Security Commission. There were 1,020 persons unemployed.

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New Hope For Dropouts

BY ELLEN WELLES There's a new hope for dropouts in Moore County.

The Moore County Schools' Extended Day Program, begun in January 1976, has added two teachers to its staff and expects approximately 100 students to begin the program this fall, according to EDP Coordinator Jimmie Smith.

This program is designed for 16- to 18-year-olds who have dropped out of school and wish to come back and earn a high school diploma, Smith said. Students attend classes from 5 to

9 each night of the week and are able to work during the day.

"There's no question that it's been a great benefit to the students," said Philip McMillan, Pinecrest High School's principal. "Mr. Smith has done a fine job in getting these students to come back to school. The most gratifying part is that they come back committed to pursue their high school diploma. When they dropped out they couldn't have cared less, but when they come back they are serious students for the most part."

McMillan praised Smith's

work as coordinator.

"The program has really grown: from two teachers and Mr. Smith to four teachers and Mr. Smith. This is all due to Mr. Smith and his dedication. Before now, all the students had was the GED (High School Equivalency Program) at Sandhills Community College; now they have a real high school diploma to work toward. It means a lot more," he said.

Although there are other extended education programs in North Carolina, this one, held at

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Phone Rate Hike Is Asked By United

A \$2.05 a month increase for most telephone customers here is being sought by United Telephone Company.

The company on Monday asked the North Carolina Utilities Commission for increased rates which would produce about \$1.4 million in additional annual revenues.

The commission will probably call for a public hearing on the rate increase within a few weeks.

Joe Kimball, district manager of Southern Pines for United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, said about 80 percent of the company's customers are "one party residence" and in Southern Pines the requested rate increase is from \$9.40 to \$11.45 per month.

Proposed new rates will differ, however, for subscribers in Vass, Whispering Pines, Pinehurst, Carthage and Robbins.

The request for a rate increase, filed in Raleigh on Aug. 8, is the second time in 19 years that the telephone company has sought permission to increase its rates. The last request was in January, 1971.

The petition said increased costs, continued inflation, higher interest rates and commission actions have eroded earnings to the point that the company can not continue providing adequate service without additional revenue.

As an example of increased costs, the petition cited employee wages, saying that the average wages per employe have increased by more than 65 percent since the last general rate increase six years ago.

The petition also pointed out that the company has had to make large investments in facilities as its service areas have grown and as its customers have demanded "the newest type facilities and sophisticated services."

The company's North Carolina investment has increased by more than 147 percent in six years - from \$18.9 million to \$46.8 million, according to the

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Storm Brings Rain Here But Water Curbs Remain

Monday and Tuesday night's electrical storms brought rain which was fairly general all over Moore County, and although it raised the level of the Southern Pines lake a small amount it still did not end the emergency water situation here.

There was minor damage from the storm and power was out in two areas of town for from 20 to 45 minutes.

A few trees were blown down and several large limbs were broken off by strong winds which accompanied the thunder and lightning.

The lightning was reported to have struck several trees, including a large swamp poplar at the corner of Crest Drive and

Swoope Ave., in Knollwood.

Mrs. Mildred McDonald, the interim town manager, said that the water level at the town's lake went up from .20 to .30, which is still three feet below normal.

She reminded Southern Pines water customers that the ordinance restricting the use of water is still in effect and will remain so until the Town Council

finds that the emergency situation no longer exists and takes action to remove the restrictions.

"The rains last week, while giving some help to lawns, gardens and shrubs, did little in the way of increasing the lake level," Mrs. McDonald said. "Until there is sufficient rainfall

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Roads Hearing Set At Carthage Monday

North Carolina Department of Transportation officials will conduct a public meeting in Carthage to provide area residents with an opportunity to participate in the annual update of the State's Highway Improvement Program.

Scheduled for 2 p.m. on Monday, August 15, the meeting will be held in the Moore County Court House, in Carthage.

The meeting will be chaired by Mrs. Martha C. Hollers of Candor.

Mrs. Hollers was appointed to the Board by Governor James B.

Hunt, Jr. recently to represent Highway Division 8, which encompasses Chatham, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph, Richmond, and Scotland Counties.

The Highway Improvement Program is a planned and programmed course for highway construction that balances anticipated revenues against estimated highway project costs, in the coming years.

The Carthage meeting is one of 14 scheduled throughout the State to provide maximum

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Inspection Is Approved But It's Not Mandatory

The Moore County commissioners in special meeting Monday decided to establish a permissive, rather than mandatory, building inspection program, and at the same time employed the county's first building inspector.

He is Thomas Elwin Blue, 51, of Carthage, Rt. 1, one of four out of 12 applicants invited by the board to come before them for a personal interview. He was the first to come, and he got the job.

Blue, a Moore County native, was apparently well and favorably known to the commissioners, through personal knowledge or by reputation. He came highly recommended, and the commissioners made plain they felt his business background was such as to make up for his lack of actual experience in construction.

Tony Parker, the commissioner who had pushed the hardest for a building inspection

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Farmers Day Draws Big Crowd

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON

Thousands of people, many of them wearing old-fashioned costumes, thronged the streets of Robbins Saturday morning to watch the 22nd annual Farmers Day parade creep at small's pace along downtown streets.

The leisurely pace was due to the fact that this energy-saving parade consisted of a dozen or more genuine old covered wagons, with all sorts of other wheeled vehicles of bygone

years, with motive power supplied by horses, mules and ponies—no gas-burners allowed.

Also featured were many single riders, from a three-year-old girl on a small Shetland pony on up to fancy-riding men and women in snappy western garb.

It was a day of old-time hospitality, for which the people had come from many counties around, and several states, for nostalgic enjoyment.

Curtis Hussey, wagonmaster

since the start of the event in 1957, greeting the crowds on the wooded hillside where the parade came to rest, told them it was the biggest one yet, and the crowd that had come out for the square-dancing the night before was also the biggest, numbering into the thousands, and "they had the best time ever."

Many of the paraders had arrived Friday evening, camped out on the wooded park and

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BEST-DRESSED GIRL — Stacie Ritter, in old-time bonnet and dress, leads her pony, Dusty, with her first cousin, Olivia Claudette Hussey, not quite three, in the saddle. Stacie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Ritter, and Olivia's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie M. Hussey, all of Robbins, Rt. 1. The little girls and the pony were a pretty sight in the Robbins Farmers Day parade, and Stacie won the trophy for best-dressed girl. — (Phot by V. Nicholson).

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BOYS CAMP--The Carolina Boys Camp near Candor will remain open until December.

That decision was made late Tuesday when Governor Jim Hunt met with the parents of a boy at the camp and Secretary Sarah Morrow of the Department of Human Resources.

The camp had been ordered closed as of Monday, Aug. 15, following announcement of a controversial contract with a private foundation from Florida to spend \$3.1 in state funds to set up four therapeutic boys camps.

The Governor said he was asking Secretary Morrow to study an alternative proposal made by the operators of the Carolina Boys Camp to keep the camp open for a comparative study with the Eckerd System of

Florida.

GOVERNOR — Governor Hunt met on Tuesday at the Mansion with several of his supporters from campaign days and assured them that he plans a series of meetings to re-establish contact with the people of the state.

A meeting in each congressional district is planned for this fall.

HOLSHOUSER—Former Governor James Holshouser has been mentioned as a possible Republican candidate for Congress from the Eighth District, but if he does decide to run he will first have to change his voter registration.

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