

Candidates

for Town Council give views on issues.
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14 Seeking Council Seats In Primary On Tuesday

Fourteen candidates for the Southern Pines Town Council will compete in the Tuesday, Oct. 11, primary for the 10 nominations to be voted on in the election on Nov. 8.

All five incumbents--E. J. Austin (the mayor), E. Earl Hubbard, Emanuel S. Douglass, Michael Smithson and Hope M. Brogden--are seeking reelection. Challengers to their seats on the Council are C.A. McLaughlin, a former Council member,

Frank J. Davies, Louise Eckersley, Fred M. Morgan, Jerry D. Daeke, Marquita K. Daniels, Jack L. Carter Jr., Charles A. Rose and John (Jack) Dibb.

The primary and the election are being conducted by the Moore County Board of Elections. Polls will open at the regular polling places in town at 6:30 a.m. and will close at 7:30 p.m.

The last day to apply for an absentee ballot for the primary is on Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Moore County Board of Elections. Only two absentee ballot requests had been made by noon Monday.

Monday, Oct. 10, is the last day to register for the election on Nov. 8.

For the first time the citizens in a large area recently annexed by the town will be voting for municipal offices. A large

turnout from this area could be a decisive factor in the primary and election.

In this week's Pilot there are biographical sketches and pictures of each of the 14 candidates, along with a general statement of their philosophy of government and their positions on five issues as submitted to them in a questionnaire by the newspaper.

The candidates were asked to state their positions on:

- 1--Annexation of contiguous areas.
 - 2--Development of the downtown area.
 - 3--An adequate water supply and facilities.
 - 4--Preserving the environment.
 - 5--New industry or business.
- There is almost total agreement among the candidates on the water supply issue, with several saying that it should have a No. 1 priority.

One candidate said, "The most important single need is to chart the course for an adequate water supply for this area, and the Town of Southern Pines is best equipped to assume a leading role in this venture."

This seems to suggest that the town should look toward an area-wide water system in cooperation with other towns for future needs.

Other candidates also cite future water needs and also

emphasize the necessity of action now to provide an adequate water supply for the present.

Another issue on which there is general agreement is in downtown development.

One candidate said "The Town should encourage and offer incentives to the downtown business owners in an effort to revitalize our business center."

Most of the candidates felt the Town should take some leadership in promoting

cooperation between downtown merchants and business leaders to develop the area.

In general, the candidates are in favor of preserving the present environment, although some are more environmentally oriented than others.

There are mixed reactions to annexation and the matter of new industry or business.

Some indicated they would favor annexation of contiguous (Continued on Page 10-A)



BLUE FARM FESTIVAL — The old art of basket-making was of interest to the many visitors to the Malcolm Blue Farm last weekend as the annual traditional skills and crafts festival was held. —(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Truck Wreck Kills Boy, 15

A pickup truck carrying 11 young people 10 to 17 years of age to a farm in upper Moore County Saturday morning for a day's work in tobacco overturned in a private driveway where it had gone to pick up another youth, killing one boy and injuring several others.

The accident occurred about 8:15 a.m. on the Lewis Davis place on Seagrove, Rt. 2, in the rural area west of the Westmore community, close to both the Randolph and Montgomery County lines.

All the children lived in the area, and were headed for Gerald Saunders' farm in a truck owned by Saunders.

Timothy Lee Britt, 15, one of three boys who fell beneath the truck as it overturned, was found to be dead when Saunders, one of the first on the scene, with other helpers got the truck upright.

Of 10 youngsters carried to Moore Memorial Hospital by rescue squads of Robbins, Carthage and Star, three were admitted, of whom two were deemed critical at that time.

However, by Tuesday all three--Harlan Brewer, 13, Mark Scott, 14, and Terry Lynn Britt, 14, brother of the dead youth--were reported by the hospital to be "stable and in good condition."

The Brewer boy reportedly was taken into surgery as soon as possible following his admission, because of head and facial injuries. Young Scott suffered a fractured leg and other hurts, while the younger Britt boy had internal injuries.

Of others thrown from the back of the truck as it flipped over, Terry Allred, 14, Calvin Brewer, 11, and Tony Brewer, 10, received emergency treatment at the hospital and were released, while four riding in the cab--Johnny Edward Williamson, 17, the driver, his brother Donnie, 15, Lisa Cox, 16, and Theresa Cox, 15--were badly shaken up but unhurt.

Young Williamson told the investigating officers that, approaching the Davis house on the narrow road (eight feet nine inches) with a two-foot ditch on



TOP ISSUE — Improvement in the Southern Pines water treatment plant and supply is the top issue in the town primary and election. The plant shown above is old and pushed to capacity. All candidates agree action is needed. —(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Economic Situation In Moore To Be Aired At Monday Meet

A conference on the economic situation of Moore County will be held October 10 at 2 p.m. at Southern Pines Town Hall.

The conference, which is open to the public, has been called by Governor Jim Hunt to help North Carolina develop a policy on balanced growth and economic development.

State Government representatives will join W. S. Taylor, Chairman of Moore

County Board of Commissioners, E. J. Austin, Mayor of Southern Pines, Marvin Collins, Southern Pines Town Development Director, Talmadge S. Baker, Agricultural Extension Director, and Charles W. Musselman, Executive Director of Moore County Economic Development Committee, to discuss the specific issues facing Moore County.

Hunt termed the conferences

as "information-gathering sessions," as well as an opportunity for state government to hear local citizens' ideas on improving North Carolina's standard of living.

Participants will divide into three sub-groups for roundtable discussions on agriculture, the manufacturing and processing industry, and service industries, including transportation, finance, wholesale and retail sales and tourism.

The purpose of the conference is to find out what local communities believe are their own economic problems, and what they suggest local, state

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Boy, 7, Running To Car Hit By Auto and Killed

A seven-year-old boy was instantly killed about 2:20 p.m. Saturday when he ran across NC 705 in front of his home, about three and a half miles north of Robbins, towards his brother's car parked on the opposite side.

State Trooper R. W. Shepherd said that Keith Elmorris Davis ran into the right front fender of a car driven by William Arthur Terry, of Trinity, Rt. 3, who drove over the crest of a hill on pavement still wet from a recent shower, and skidded in his effort not to hit the child.

He was unable to stop in time, and the boy was thrown onto the shoulder, dead of head injuries and a broken neck, according to Coroner A. B. Parker.

Larry Ray Davis, an older brother, had just driven up and gotten out of his car when he saw Keith running toward him, and the Terry car coming over the hill, though he did not see the actual blow.

Shepherd said he found no law violation on Terry's part, deemed the accident unavoidable and filed no

charges. The coroner's ruling was also that of unavoidable accident.

Keith was one of eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Ellis Davis of Robbins, Rt. 2. Their home is just above the 705 Trailer Park, near the intersection of RPR 1422.

The highway fatality, Moore County's fourth of the year, occurred only a few miles from the site of an accident of that morning, in which one youth was killed and several injured when a pickup truck overturned. That accident, however, was on

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Town Meetings

The Southern Pines Town Council will meet on Thursday night, Oct. 13, instead of on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

The regular meeting date was changed because of the town primary on Tuesday.

A meeting of the town Planning Board will be held at the Town Hall tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 o'clock.

Contract Let On Sewer Line; Industry Hunter Resigns Job

The Moore County commissioners in regular meeting Monday with all members present, authorized letting the contract on the South Southern Pines interceptor line; received with regret the resignation of the county's first economic

developer, and approved the establishment of the Moore County senior citizens' program as an independent public agency.

These were among a variety of matters, small and large, which occupied them from 10 a.m. until well past the courthouse' regular closing hour.

On recommendation of Les Hall, representing the engineering firm in charge, they

voted to accept the net base bid of Central Builders of Rocky Mount, in the sum of \$489,283. The bid, lowest of four which were opened Thursday, was termed by Hall an "excellent bid," considerably better than had been anticipated.

He said it brought the total project cost down to \$590,247, or \$156,853 less than the original estimate of \$737,100.

For the total project cost, he

added to Central Builders' bid on construction the following items: administration, \$10,000; engineering base fee, \$5,000; project inspection fee, \$39,400; O&M manual, \$5,000; rate study, \$5,000; contingency, \$24,464.

These will be funded as follows: EPA (federal grant, 75 percent of total), \$435,185; Clean Water bonds (state 12 and a half (Continued on Page 10-A)

Fire Prevention Week Will Be Observed Here

Next week, Oct. 9-15, is Fire Prevention Week, the oldest of national weeks in the U.S.

The Southern Pines Fire Department will hold open house Sunday, Oct. 9 starting at 2 p.m. For two hours, firemen will

conduct demonstrations, and show movies and displays. They will give away a smoke alarm and a fire extinguisher.

The Southern Pines Rescue Squad will be present and will work with the Fire Department on emergency rescue. The squad will hold a free Blood Pressure Clinic at the station.

Firemen will demonstrate a reverse lay with one of the trucks, showing how firemen pump water out of the hydrant if the truck gets to the fire before it passes a hydrant. Also firemen will set a fire in a pan in the street and demonstrate the uses of a fire extinguisher.

Fire Prevention Week was proclaimed by President Harding in 1922 and is held each year during the week that Oct. 9 falls, the day in 1871 of the Great Chicago Fire. Its purpose is to promote fire safety by directing public attention to the need for fire prevention in the home, business, community and nation.

In connection with the week's observance the local firemen issued the following statement: (Continued on Page 10-A)

Jobless Rate Low In Moore

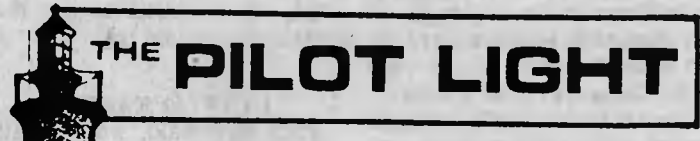
Unemployment dropped to 4.3 percent during August in Moore County, compared with 5.8 in August, '76, for one of the best months on record.

There was a labor force of 21,410 in August and 20,480 of them had jobs.

Employers, particularly in construction, are hiring more people and students are not seeking jobs, but are back in school, to account for the low figure, the office of Frank Fuller in Carthage explained. The job office is run by the Employment Security Commission.

Unemployment had been higher in July (5.6), June, (5.1) and May (4.6).

Many persons found jobs through the Carthage office, (Continued on Page 10-A)



CANDIDATES — The Moore County Young Republican Club will sponsor a "Meet the Candidates" night, on Thursday, October 6 at 7:30 p.m. The forum will be held at the Southern Pines Town Hall.

Dr. John Tierney, Chairman of the Young Republican Club, said, "The Moore County Young Republican Club feels that a lot of interest and enthusiasm has been generated among Southern Pines citizens about this forum. All 14 candidates have accepted our invitation to appear and we encouraged concerned citizens to come out and address their questions to the candidates. We feel that our involvement, although this is a non-partisan election, will encourage more people to become involved in the political process and let their voice be heard through their right to vote."

GOVERNOR — The Governor's Dinners at the Mansion in Raleigh have been well attended.

Last Saturday there were around 1000 people from the Eighth and Ninth Congressional districts calling on the Governor and Mrs. Hunt. Most of them took a tour of the Mansion and then went outside for a barbecue on the grounds.

When someone remarked that it was a fine thing for them to have so many people come visiting, the Governor replied, "It's their house."

SUCCESSION — With no real organized opposition to it, there is a feeling among many state leaders that the Constitutional amendment allowing a Governor and Lieutenant Governor to succeed themselves for one more (Continued on Page 10-A)

Free Food Stamps Approved But They're Long Time Coming

Congress has passed Food Stamp Reform legislation which makes the most drastic changes in the program since 1971.

President Carter signed the comprehensive Farm Bill which contains the legislation last week.

John H. Kerr, head of the Food Assistance Branch in the N.C. Dept. of Human Resources which administers the program for the state, cautioned recipients and potential recipients not to expect the changes to go into effect

before next summer.

Kerr said that there will not be free Food Stamps right away. The elimination of recipients having to pay for Food Stamps is the major change in the program.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has estimated that it will likely be April 1, 1978 before final regulations are adopted and sent to states for implementation.

The new law, in addition to eliminating the purchase

requirement, reduces the amount of net income a family may have and still be eligible for Food Stamps. A family must have net income below the poverty level to be eligible under the new law. Under the present law, a family of four could have a net annual income of \$6,804 and be eligible. Under the new law, the maximum net income for a family of four is \$5,850, the current poverty level. The poverty level will be adjusted (Continued on Page 10-A)

Chamber Directors Nominated

Six persons have been nominated for the Board of Directors of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce.

They are Don Calfee of the Sheraton Motor Inn, Felton Capel of Century Associates, Jim Craven of Carolina Galvanizing Corp., Marvin Crow of J.P. Stevens Co., Dr. John Ellis of the Pinhurst Surgical Clinic, and Burt Grant of the Carolina Power & Light Co.

Unless other nominations are received by Oct. 10 the above will be declared elected.

In order to make further nominations for director a member of the chamber must obtain a petition form from the Chamber office and then get 10 members in good standing to (Continued on Page 10-A)

Dr. Dingfelder Is Named Mental Health Director

Steven Dingfelder, Ph.D., is expected to come here in November from Wisconsin to be the Director of the Sandhills Mental Health Center.

Mansfield Elmore of the Center staff has been interim director since Director David Culbreth resigned June 1 after the Center had contract difficulties with four staff psychiatrists.

Dr. Dingfelder has been a clinical psychologist with the Northern Pines Unified Service Center in Cumberland, Wisc. as administrator of Alcohol and Drug Abuse programs.

Last weekend he was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors at the local Center, according to Personnel Officer Linda Russell.

Dr. Dingfelder received his BA degree in child psychology at the University of Minnesota and his Masters in psychology at Indiana State. He received the Ph.D. degree from Indiana State in clinical school psychology. He is now working on his MA in mental health administration at the

University of Minnesota, which involves only a few weeks on campus.

Dr. Dingfelder has three children, a nine-year-old daughter and a one month old daughter, and a year old son. His wife is named Claire.

Mrs. Russell says that the Center has had 24-hour (Continued on Page 10-A)



Dr. Steven Dingfelder

Program, Premiums Announced For Moore Fair On Oct. 17-22

The Carthage Jaycees have announced the program and premium list for the 1977 Moore County Agricultural Fair October 17-22, saying they hope it will be the best fair in history.

Entertainment will include Bill Deal and the Rhondels, Tuesday; The Embers, Wednesday; and Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs Thursday.

The fair will open Monday, October 17 at 5 p.m. and continue through Saturday, October 22 at midnight. The fair exhibits will

be received in the Exhibit Buildings on Sunday afternoon October 16 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. and Monday, October 17 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Exhibits entered in previous fairs will not be accepted or judged. Entries must have been completed during the past year, or never have been entered in a fair.

The Fair Officers are President, Wilbur Rogers; Vice President, Mike McLean; Secretary, Bill Cummings and Treasurer, Hurlay Thompson.

All school children will be admitted free of charge on Tuesday and Thursday until 6 p.m.

In exhibits, Youth and Adult classes will be held. Each division will be judged separately.

Gates will open Tuesday at 3 p.m.; Wednesday at 5 p.m.; Thursday at 3 p.m.; Friday at 5 p.m. and Saturday, at noon. It will close each night at midnight. The President of the spon- (Continued on Page 10-A)