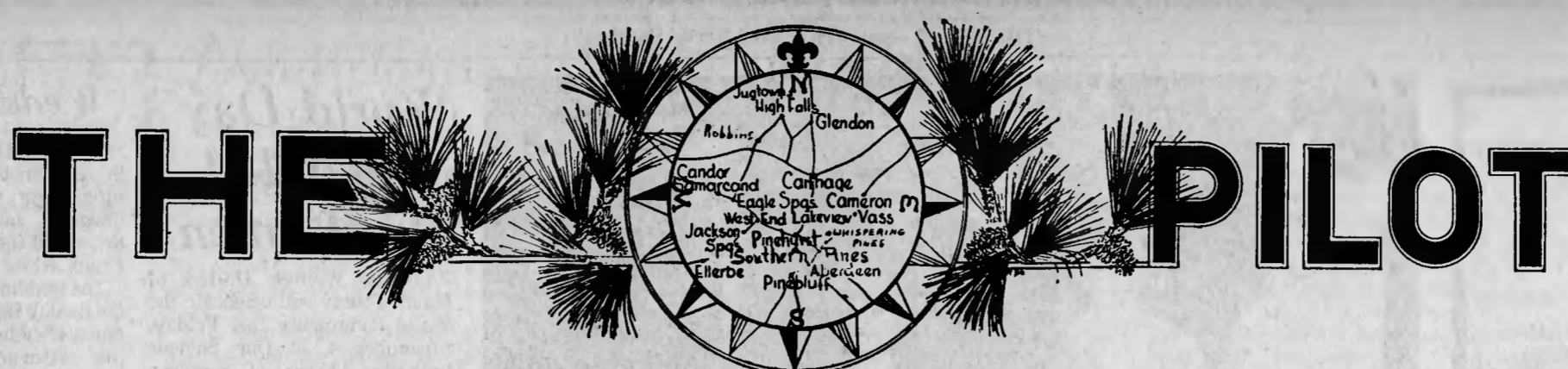


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# Town Votes Tuesday; Other Elections Set

## Five State Amendments, Bond Issues On Ballots

Five incumbents and five challengers will be on the ballot for the Southern Pines Town Council in next Tuesday's election.

The voter turnout is expected to be higher than in the primary election on Oct. 11 when the field of 14 candidates was narrowed to 10.

Primary issues in the campaign for the Council have been the performance of the present Council, a program of planning, annexation and the need for a better water system.

The candidates in Southern Pines are:

E. J. Austin, incumbent and present mayor; Hope M. Brogren, incumbent; Jack F. Carter Jr., Jerry D. Daeke, Frank J. (Jim) Davies, Emanuel S. Douglass, incumbent; Louise Eckersley, E. Earl Hubbard, incumbent; Charles A. McLaughlin, and Michael L. Smithson, incumbent.

Municipal elections are being held in seven other Moore County towns on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Vass held its election on Oct. 11.

All of the elections, except Vass, are being conducted by the Moore County Board of Elections.

Polling places will open at 6 a.m. and will close at 7:30 p.m. Other elections are as follows:

**Aberdeen**  
J. M. Taylor is unopposed for Mayor. Two commissioners will be elected from the following four candidates: Larry Boles, James O. (Joe) Singleton Jr., Hugh Styers and Ray Tundall.

**Cameron**  
In Cameron there are two candidates for mayor—Robert B. Laubscher and James E. (Continued on Page 12-A)

### Market Survey

In order to determine the feasibility of a Farmer's Market in Moore County, the Farmer's Market Study Committee recently appointed by the Moore County Commissioners is conducting a survey.

According to S. R. Ransdell, Jr., of Aberdeen and Nelson Blue of West End, co-chairman of the committee, the survey is very important in order to make the determination. They encourage Moore County residents to complete and return the survey form as soon as possible. Once the survey forms are received, they will be compiled and a decision will be made.

A copy of the survey form can be found on page 8-B of this paper. Also additional copies can be secured from the Moore County Extension Office in Carthage.

A vote on two State bond issues totaling \$530 million and on five proposed Constitutional amendments will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

The largest bond issue is \$300 million for highway construction. The other is for \$230 million in state clean water bonds.

State officials, including

Governor Jim Hunt and Treasurer Harlan Boyles, have assured voters that no increase in gasoline or other state taxes will be necessary to pay off the bonds, which have won widespread endorsement from local government organizations. All counties will share in the bond money.

## Another Car Hit At Same Crossing

A car was hit by a train Saturday night at the New York Avenue crossing where there are no flashing lights, the Southern Pines Police Department reported.

Lewin Mack Blue, 17, of Vass was driving west on New York Ave. about 10:30 p.m., started to cross the tracks and reportedly was hit in the front of the car by a Seaboard Coast Line train out of

Hamlet, conducted by William E. Graham, which was traveling south.

The two passengers in the car were Kenneth Ring, 12, and Rosser Blue, 15, both of Vass. All three sustained minor injuries and two were taken to Moore Memorial Hospital, the report stated. The car was knocked off the tracks and about 10 feet down the tracks.

Mrs. Blue, Lewin's mother, said all three said they heard no horn blow and saw no lights. They said they did not know what hit them.

This is the third car that has been hit by a train in less than two months. The others occurred on Sept. 7 and 12, one at the New York crossing and one at the Illinois crossing. Neither crossing has bells or flashing lights to warn of approaching trains.

### Beer-Wine Vote

A vote on legalizing the off-premise sale of beer and wine will be held in Cameron on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

The vote on the question of allowing off-premise sales only was authorized in special legislation passed by the 1977 General Assembly.

## Sewer Rates Are Lower; Water Prices Adjusted

A moderate downward adjustment in the town's new sewer rate, also a concession in the new water rate for the largest in-town users, were approved by the Southern Pines Town Council in special meeting Thursday morning, on recommendation of Mrs. Mildred McDonald, interim town manager.

To reach reductions in rates which many users had found upsetting, Mrs. McDonald said she had checked with International Systems, Atlanta consulting firm which had made the rate analyses on which the charges were based; the Local Government Commission,

consulting water engineer Les Hall and "our own budget," to see where the possibilities might lie.

In the sewer rate, which was to go up to \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons on the towns joining the new wastewater treatment system, a temporary reduction was made possible by the fact that completion of the regional system was delayed three months, leaving that much longer the old town rates would be in effect. Taking in account also that debt service charges on town bonds issued in connection with the local sewer expansion need not (Continued on Page 12-A)

Of the five proposed Amendments to the State Constitution the one receiving the most attention has been No. 3, which would give the right to the voters to elect a Governor and Lieutenant Governor to a second successive term.

Amendment No. 3 has bipartisan endorsement, as well as bipartisan opposition. It is supported by Governor Hunt and former Governor James Holshouser, as well as many other state leaders, including all of the living former governors. Among state leaders opposing it are former Senator Sam Ervin and former Treasurer Edwin Gill.

The other amendments to be (Continued on Page 12-A)

## Schools Get Bomb Threats

The West End School received two bomb threats last week, and Pinehurst Middle received one, according to Bob Dalton, Attendance and Information Director of Moore County Schools.

Last Wednesday afternoon about 2:30, a man called and said, "There's a bomb in that building, you better get out," and hung up, Dalton said. The school followed normal fire drill exit procedures and sent the children home since it was about time to leave. They searched the building but found nothing. (Continued on Page 12-A)

### 82% Of Goal

When the reporting was completed on Monday, the United Fund campaign had reached \$94,467.80 or 82 percent of the campaign goal.

Monday was the expected campaign closing date, but the campaign drive has been extended to November 10.

The two divisions still leading the campaign are the Industrial Foundation where John Jackson reported \$43,830 or 92 percent of his goal, and Special Gifts where Tom Ardis reported \$34,625 or 95 percent of goal.



MEETING ON WEYMOUTH — Officers of the Friends of Weymouth, Inc., met this week with Governor Jim Hunt (right) to talk about the preservation of Weymouth, the home of novelist James Boyd and Katharine Boyd. From left are Stanley Cohen, vice president, Tom Massengale of the Nature Conservancy, Admiral I.J.

Galantin, president, Sandy Babb of the State Department of Natural Resources, Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, vice president, Secretary Sara W. Hodgkins of the Department of Cultural Resources and Governor Hunt.—(Photo by Walton Haywood).

# Weymouth Drive To Begin Friday; Daniels Says Place Will Bless All

Jonathan Daniels, long-time North Carolina editor and author, believes preservation of novelist James Boyd's home would provide "a scene for refreshment of the hearts and minds of men."

The statement of Daniels, editor emeritus of the Raleigh News and Observer who now lives on Hilton Head Island, S. C., was released by the Friends of Weymouth almost on the eve of a special luncheon Friday which will launch a drive to acquire the historic home here.

"As I drove up the long drive to Weymouth (the Boyd home) when Jim Boyd was alive and in the years after when Kate Boyd presided alone there, I always approached the beautiful house with the certainty that I would find sustenance for the spirit," Daniels said. "A few of the others who I knew came with that sense were Tom Wolfe, Paul Green, and Adlai Stevenson. My hope in

### Weymouth Gift

A \$5,000 contribution to the Friends of Weymouth for the drive to acquire the Boyd home and property and turn it into a cultural center has been approved by the Moore County Historical Association.

Capt. Sherman Betts, president, in announcing the action, said his historical group's board of directors adopted a resolution which states:

"Highest priority should be given to the support of the Friends of Weymouth. A donation of \$5,000 should be made now and further donations should be considered when appropriate, recognizing the deadline for exercising the purchase option."

The plans for the preservation of Weymouth lies in my faith that it may always be such a scene for

refreshment of the hearts and minds of men."

Daniels, who first joined the Raleigh newspaper in 1925 and is the author of more than a dozen books, called Weymouth an historic house.

"In the Sandhills it marked a special place where the best of the North and the South could come together in creative comradeship," the Daniels statement said. "And, though few may recall it now, it was a

house in which the so-long literary silence of North Carolina was broken, when Jim, in 1925, published his great novel 'Drums.' Certainly in this day of the liberation of women, it should be remembered as the house also of Kate Boyd who, as editor and citizen, brought a hard head and a warm heart to the welfare of all about her—never handicapped by her femininity nor the great (Continued on Page 12-A)

## U.S. Senate Candidates Coming Here For Caucus

All Democratic candidates, announced and unannounced, for the U.S. Senate are expected for the annual North State Caucus to be held at the Pinehurst Hotel on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Chairman Willis P. Whichard, State Senator from Durham, announced details of the Caucus this week.

The highlight of the day's activities will be the evening banquet session set for 6 p.m. in the Crystal Room of the

Pinehurst Hotel. The candidates, who will address the gathering at the banquet include State Senator E. Lawrence Davis of Winston-Salem, Joe Felmet of Winston-Salem, Insurance Commissioner John Ingram of Raleigh, Luther Hodges, Jr., of Charlotte, David McKnight of Fayetteville, and State Senator MacNeill Smith of Greensboro. Each candidate is expected to (Continued on Page 12-A)

## 11 Morehead Nominees Tell Of Aims At Meet

BY ELLEN WELLES  
The Morehead Foundation has placed more emphasis on character this year than ever before, Moore County Committee Chairman Henry Graves told guests and this year's nominees at a dinner meeting last Wednesday night.

Principals and counselors of the three high schools and Wallace O'Neal Day School plus

other county education officials and the Morehead Committee met Oct. 26 at the Pinehurst Hotel for the annual presentation of the high school seniors who have been nominated for a chance to receive the full four-year scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill provided for by John Motley Morehead.

Moore County's Morehead Foundation Committee, composed of Chairman Henry L. Graves, C.E. Powers, Floyd T. Cole and Dr. John Monroe, will choose two out of the 11 nominees to go on to the district interviews after November 15.

Each of the nominees spoke on "Why I Would Like To Be A Morehead Scholar." Most mentioned that the scholarship is an honor that would follow them (Continued on Page 12-A)

## Turner Case Again Continued

The re-trial of the Jordan Calvin Mercer case was expected to start at 9:30 a.m. today (Wednesday), the Henry Turner arson and murder cases were continued and the wind-up of the Carlie Tart larceny case Tuesday was just about as puzzling as the whole case had been, from its inception last August.

These were highlights of the first two days of the criminal term now under way in Moore Superior Court, with Special Judge Robert L. Gavin presiding.

Resident Judge John D. McConnell had been scheduled to preside, but the two Moore County jurists swapped (Continued on Page 8-A)

### Jobs Up

Unemployment in Moore County dropped to 3.9 in September, the office of Frank Burch of the Employment Security Commission said Monday.

This compares with 4.3 persons unemployed in August, and 5.9 in September, 1976.

While the office was elated with the low unemployment, it could give no reason for it.

The labor force totalled 20,770; 19,950 persons were employed, and 820 were without jobs.

## Samarkand 'Open House' Has Big Crowd Sunday

Crowds visited Samarkand Manor for an open house to the tune of ghosts and goblins Sunday afternoon.

Legislators and representatives of the Youth Services Division central office were among those who went to learn about the programs and see the campus of this 60-year-old State Training School

for Juveniles near Eagle Springs.

Director Hosea Brower said people seemed impressed with what goes on and sensitive to what the school needs.

"I invited the public to come share a day with us to let them see what we are trying to do and to make them feel a part of (Continued on Page 12-A)



MORGAN — Senator Robert Morgan will speak at Sandhills Community College on Thursday, Nov. 10, on the Panama Canal.

The Morgan address is being sponsored by the Moore County Chapter of the American Association of University Women. The time is 7 p.m. and the public is invited.

SUCCESSION — Several political observers are of the opinion the gubernatorial succession amendment will be close in the voting next Tuesday and whether it passes will depend on how well the

proponents can get out the vote. Supporters of Jim Hunt are pushing for passage and also on the side of succession are former Governor James Holshouser and many of his chief lieutenants such as Phil Kirk and George Little.

Opposing the amendment, however, are such old-time politicians as former Senator Sam Ervin, former state Treasurer Edwin Gill, and Edward O'Herron, who lost to Hunt in the 1976 Democratic primary.

POLL — A recent statewide (Continued on Page 7-A)



FALL IN THE VINEYARD — The yellow leaves on the grape vines on a sunlit afternoon, a weathered barn and the sweep of hills in western Moore made this appealing picture at a vineyard near Samarkand.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).