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Weather

The mercury will drop to a cool 46 degrees Wednesday night, the Southern Pines Forest Tower predicts. The high today (Wednesday) is expected to be 85 and tomorrow, 73. High Tuesday was 88 and low, 67.

High Rise Protests Made; Council Acts For Future

As protests mounted this week to a high rise building the Southern Pines Town Council moved to prohibit such structures in the future.

Several organizations and more than 200 persons registered their objections to the Council's action last week in approving an eight-story residential building at Midland and Pee Dee Roads.

It is not in keeping with the Sandhills area and tends to destroy the image of this resort and retirement community was the tenor of the objections.

Town officials contended, however, that they had no choice but to approve the plan of Robert Kramer of the Pinehurst Area Realty Company as present building ordinances permit high rise buildings.

At the same meeting at which the high rise was approved last week the Council also voted to amend the ordinance to prohibit any buildings more than 35 feet in height in the future. The ordinance will require a public hearing before its final adoption.

Meanwhile, the developer said that the building he is planning is still being studied for its feasibility and it will be several months before actual construction can be started.

Kramer said that it will take from three to six months to get architectural and working plans drawn. Moreover, he said that his company plans to sell the units, or at least a major portion of them, before any construction

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DAY'S END — A Spring day is ending and Photographer Glenn M. Sides caught this spectacular display of sun and clouds over Mid Pines Lake.

Man Dies; Run Over By Roller

Grover Lee Harris, 71, maintenance man for Lee Paving Company of Sanford, died of massive body trauma Monday at an intersection near Pinehurst when he was hit and run over by an asphalt roller.

His left foot was caught by the roller when it was backing in a semicircle and he was instantly killed in the accident, according to Coroner A.B. Parker.

There were several eyewitnesses to the accident, which happened at the intersection of RR 1210 and RR 1211. The State Highway Patrol and other officers are still investigating.

The Pinehurst Rescue Squad was on the scene in five minutes and tried to revive the man without success.

The roller, which weighed between 12 and 14 tons, belonged to the Lee Paving Company. Witnesses said the driver and Harris were back-to-back, and apparently failed to see each

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FOREST FIRE — This forest fire at Highland Trails on Saturday burned over 18 acres before being brought under control by Southern Pines firemen. Three persons were treated at Moore Memorial Hospital for smoke inhalation.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Forest Fires Flare Here; Burning Warnings Issued

Forest fires, fed by high winds and dry conditions, have hit Moore County hard this past week, burning over between 150 and 200 acres of land.

On Monday there had been 15 fires in the five previous days, six of them coming within a few hours of each other on Saturday.

Luckily no lives nor houses have been lost in the fires and Robert Edwards of the North Carolina Forest Service credited the fire departments in the county for keeping damages down.

"The fire departments in the county have done a tremendous job," Edwards said.

One of the most damaging fires occurred Saturday afternoon in Highland Trails when about 18 acres were burned in the vicinity of the home of Johnny Hall, who, along with several others, was overcome by smoke and had to receive medical treatment.

Southern Pines firemen battled the blaze for some time before bringing it under control, but the Hall residence and garage sustained some damage. "Both were scorched," Fire Chief Pete Rapatas said.

The largest area burned–about 50 acres–was in the Lobelia area.

Edwards said the fires this week were widely scattered, most of them believed started by debris burning which got out of control because of gusty winds.

He said there have been five fires in the Eagle Springs area, four in the High Falls–Robbins area, three in the Vass-Lobelia area, two at Crestline, two at Aberdeen, and one each in Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

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Moss Land Is Given For Public

Approximately 1700 acres of the Mile-Away Farms land now forms the base for The Walthour-Moss Foundation.

From the W.O. Moss estate, the land is located north and west of Youngs Road outside of Southern Pines.

The Walthour-Moss Foundation, a charitable organization, holds the property for the public's use for conservation and equestrian activities.

It is to be preserved as open or "green" space. To maintain that aim, no picnicking will be allowed and the land is closed to motorcycles, motor bikes or to any other motor vehicle.

Weymouth Gift

A gift of $5,000 to the Friends of Weymouth from the Mary Biddle Duke Foundation was announced this week.

The gift was specified for the Boyd House in the Weymouth Center, which the Friends of Weymouth plan to establish for the arts and humanities.

Land Use Hearing Slated By County Board May 11

The County Commissioners in their regular monthly meeting Monday set a date for a public information hearing to present to the county citizens all available maps of present county zoning and to concentrate specifically on what type of zoning to have in the land surrounding the Village of Pinehurst.

All interested were urged to come voice their opinions at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in the court room at the Courthouse in Carthage.

Commissioner Tony Parker in particular said he hopes this will lead to the development of a county-wide land use plan eventually.

"A lot of things have happened in the last two or three years that have made people realize a land use program is important," Parker said. "If more people would understand that zoning will upgrade communities but will not make you spend money you don't want to spend...Zoning makes newcomers conform to what's zoned and not encroach on your farms. Then you won't have the type of problem you have with Foxfire now."

Parker suggested the county planning board draw up a land

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Scanner, Mental Health Given Agency Approval

The Cardinal Health Agency Board of Directors approved $489,218 in grants for Sandhills Mental Health Center and installation of sophisticated new diagnostic equipment at Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst at their meeting in Lumberton Wednesday night, March 29.

Responding to the recommendations of the Cardinal Evaluation Committee, developed in a public hearing Wednesday afternoon, the full board also approved construction of a new wing on the North Carolina Cancer Institute in Robeson County. Cost of the project is set at $200,000.

The purpose of Cardinal review is to assure that federal funds are not used to support unnecessary expenditures for health care facilities and services.

The two grant applications must also receive approval from state officials and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) if they are to be funded. As a

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Sayre Resigns Position With Sandhills Chamber

The resignation of Floyd M. Sayre, Jr., as Executive Vice President of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce, was announced this week by Chamber President W. Lamont Brown, to become effective on April 30.

Sayre has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Contractors Association of West Virginia, with offices in Charleston.

"We accept Floyd's resignation with mixed emotions," says Brown. "We are, of course, pleased for him that he has this outstanding opportunity in his home state of West Virginia, but, from our point of view, we regret his loss to the Chamber and the area. We have been fortunate to have him here during the Chamber's first eleven years during which the Chamber has matured into an extremely effective tool through which business and professional leadership is coordinated."

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Zoning

Richard E. Behrman, chairman of the Whispering Pines Village Council, called yesterday to clarify information on the public hearings to be held April 13 on zoning in the Village.

He pointed out that a tract near Camp Easter will be included in the hearing, but not for purposes of annexation. This tract is to be included in the extra-territonial boundaries, and not proposed to be annexed.

Weymouth Friends Get Buy Option Extension

The Friends of Weymouth now has until fall to raise the funds necessary for acquisition of the house and property of novelist James Boyd which it plans to develop as a regional cultural center for the arts and humanities.

This development in the campaign came on March 29 when the Sandhills College Foundation's board of directors approved a six-months extension of the purchase option, held by the Nature Conservancy on behalf of the Friends of Weymouth.

The original one-year option, providing that $700,000 be paid for the property with its 214 acres of unique woodlands, expired March 31. The extension until the end of September was granted by the Foundation's Board with no imposition of penalty.

"There was a warm spirit of cooperation between the Sandhills College Foundation Board and the Friends of

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Jobless At 4.8% In Moore

With the spring opening of more tourist hotels and restaurants, jobs went in February to 4.8 percent of the labor force, as compared with a 7.4 rate for January.

The figures were announced by the Carthage Office of Frank Burch of the Employment Security Commission.

His office said that of a labor force of 21,230 in Moore County, 20,220 were employed, leaving 1,010 or 4.8 percent unemployed.

Clean-Up

An appeal was made this week for a last minute clean-up of yards and streets in Southern Pines on the eve of the annual House and Garden Tour on April 12.

The Town of Southern Pines is making a special effort to collect all yard debris placed at street side.

Proceeds from the House and Garden Tour are used for town beautification projects.

What Would It Be Like Without This Program?

It may shock you to learn that about 2,000 dogs were euthanized last year by the Humane Society of Moore County.

But it should shock you even more to learn that if those dogs, most of which were homeless and unadoptable, reproduced unchecked for five years there would have been literally thousands or possibly even millions more roaming the county.

And, whichever extreme you choose, that's a lot of dogs to be at large considering the problems the county is having now with wild packs killing sheep, goats and calves. The last count shows nine goats, six sheep, two new born calves and

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THE PILOT LIGHT

HODGES--Attorney Sam Poole of Southern Pines has been named to a statewide steering committee for the U.S. Senate campaign of Luther Hodges.

Poole is a former president of the North Carolina Young Democrats and was manager of Terry Sanford 1976 presidential campaign.

He was one of 39 persons appointed by Hodges to the committee. Others included several former legislators, former Chancellor John Caldwell of N.C. State, Chancellors Dean Colvard of UNC-Charlotte and English Jones of Pembroke State University, Attorney Heman Clark of Fayetteville, and former first lady, Jessie Rae Scott.

BOYLES--More than 30 Raleigh persons are sponsoring an "Appreciation Dinner" for State Treasurer Harlan Boyles in the new Raleigh Civic Center on April 26.

Dinner tickets will be $50 a person, and the sponsors are hoping for an attendance of 500.

Boyles has an outstanding debt of more than $50,000 from his 1976 campaign for State Treasurer, and the dinner is to help raise funds to pay off the debt.

HODGKINS--Secretary Sara Hodgkins of the Department of Cultural Resources left Sunday with Governor Jim Hunt and others for a two-week industry

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VOICE OF THE TURTLE—The Clarendon Gardens' turtles are usually a shy lot, but this one is rather indolent, perhaps because of the season's first extended warm spell. So photographer Bob Rufa was able to get within twelve feet of the armored reptile before it decided to seek sanctuary in the lake.

Tax Collector Resigns; Richardson Appointed

Moore County's Tax Collector for the past 10 years, Roy Wallace of Pinebluff, resigned as of March 31 due to health reasons and on the advice of his doctors.

Wallace was appointed in March, 1968, to fill the unexpired term of Douglas David who died suddenly. Since then, Wallace has been reappointed each year by the County Commissioners. Before becoming tax collector, he served with the county for seven years.

Appointed to take his place is a 24-year-old graduate of Elon College, David Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richardson of Carthage. He will leave his position as recreation supervisor at the Grey-Culbreth

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Hearing Slated

A public hearing has been tentatively set for May 15 on a request of Pride-Trimble Corp., to discharge fully treated electroplating waste into a tributary of McDeeds Creek.

Jim Thompson, president of Pride-Trimble, said that the state Division of Environmental Management is looking for a place to hold the hearing and will publish a public notice of the time and place within a few days.