

## Sheriff's Race Tops Runoff Vote Tuesday

### County Budget Requests Contain Many Pay Hikes

BY ELLEN WELLES  
Moore County Commissioners heard budget proposal requests this week from a number of county agencies, many of which requested an across the board six or seven percent cost of living salary increase.

The Public Works Administration requested a budget of \$58,206 for the 1978-'79 year as compared to its \$47,821 budget of last year.

Included in the increase is a request for a six percent salary increase and a phone and

postage jump from \$850 to \$1,300 due to increased phone rates and added use.

The projected budget for the new regional waste water treatment plant at Addor is \$485,375 to be added to the \$20,000 carried over from last year. The system will be funded from user charges but it has not yet been determined what the rates will be. Some \$124,461 will go for salaries and wages, \$220,000 for utilities (a general fuel adjustment) and \$37,100 for other supplies and materials including the chemicals.

Sheriff Wimberly presented his budget in three parts, with his department needing \$319,600, up from last year's \$238,405. This included an across the board salary increase from \$190,000 last year to \$213,524 this year. Also eight of the 24 vehicles in the department need to be replaced, so he asked for a tentative \$30,000 for autos.

In the Communications Department the total budget Wimberly proposed was \$72,333 as compared to last year's \$52,080. The increase is due to a salary increase from \$38,580 last year to \$39,299 and to increases in equipment.

The jail budget asked for is \$89,646 as compared to \$87,196 for last year. The food figure jumped from \$12,500 to \$15,000.

The Commissioners gave E.J. Austin the go-ahead on starting work on the landscaping of the (Continued on Page 13-A)



COMPLETION IN FALL — The Moore County commissioners have officially named it the Court Facilities Building and it is scheduled for completion in the fall. The target date for completion is in October but contractors were

delayed by bad winter weather and are now trying to make up for the lost time. Designed by the architectural firm of E.J. Austin of Southern Pines, the building has 45,000 square feet on three floors.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

## Letters Cost 15¢ In Rate Hike

It will cost 15 cents to mail a letter on Monday.

The new Postal Service rate increase will go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, May 29. That's a holiday (Memorial Day) and the Post Office will be closed, but Postmaster Robert Peele of Southern Pines said the new rate will be in effect anyway. He suggested that persons mailing over the weekend and holiday buy the new stamps in advance.

Other postal rates, including second class for newspapers, will also go up. It will cost 30 percent more to send The Pilot through the mail, for instance.

Third and fourth class (parcel post) rates are being increased by about 35 percent.

Postmaster Peele said Tuesday that the new stamp will not carry the 15-cent price but will have the letter "A" on it. This was because the Postal (Continued on Page 14-A)

### Some Closing

Post offices and banks will close on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day but everything else will be open as usual.

County and municipal offices will follow their regular schedules. Stores and other business places will be open.

Financial institutions, other than banks, also plan to be closed.

## Auman Sees Pay Hike Big Issue

Rep. T. Clyde Auman went to Raleigh yesterday to begin work with the full Appropriations Committee on items that will come up May 31 when the legislature re-convenes for a summer budgetary session.

Auman thinks the big item both in terms of money and discussion will be the proposed pay increase for teachers and state employees.

The state employees have requested a 10 percent pay raise, but the legislature will only be considering a 6 percent raise at this time.

"I think six percent is all the budget can stand," said Auman Monday. "This will be the big item in the budget, accounting for about one-third of all money spent. For each one percent raise, \$18,000,000 is spent."

The budget surplus has been (Continued on Page 14-A)

## Town Plan Sees Each Block As Mall With Several Changes For Parking

BY JENNIFER CALDWELL  
Many buildings in downtown Southern Pines are under utilized.

The Post Office is the social and cultural center of the town. It is difficult to determine when one enters downtown Southern Pines.

Common-sense observations? They are also the observations of a team of planners from N.C. State University, who spent one year studying the future of the downtown area of Southern

Pines.

The most powerful recommendation advanced towards downtown redevelopment is block-by-block revitalization. According to the study, "None of the recommendations involves large expenditures of public funds, since most of the physical redevelopment occurs as a result of the cooperation of businesses and landowners with each other."

The plan further envisions each block as "a small and intimate shopping mall with their

own vehicular access, parking and landscaping."

The parking problem has been one of the greatest issues in downtown Southern Pines. Within the past year, many of the parking places in the core area of Pennsylvania Avenue and Broad Street have been modified from

diagonal to parallel parking—advantageous for safety's sake; deleterious in terms of available space.

The lack of adequate parking in cities all over the United States has resulted in the commercial phenomenon of the (Continued on Page 14-A)

## School Repairs Planned; Get More Teacher Aides

The Moore County Board of Education met Monday night with all members present to approve several plans, all without opposition, including a new roof for West End cafeteria, renovation of the Education Center, and the shifting of a Robbins primary grade.

The board allocated \$12,000 to replace the roof on the West End Elementary cafeteria, which is

in very bad shape.

The fourth grade got an approved transfer from Robbins Elementary School, where it now is placed under crowded conditions, to Robbins Middle, where there is more room.

The board approved plans from Austin Associates, a Southern Pines architectural firm, for restoration of the old (Continued on Page 13-A)

## Sandhills Graduation On Friday

Friday, May 26, will be an eventful day for Sandhills Community College students, faculty, staff and Trustees, as well as for friends of the college.

The main event will be at 8 o'clock Friday evening when some 286 students receive Associate Degrees and diplomas at the Commencement exercises in the Fountain Courtyard on the Sandhills campus.

Congressman W. G. (Bill) Hefner will be the main speaker.

A highlight of the program will be the presentation of distinguished awards to outstanding students in the graduating class. They include the President's Award for the highest academic average in two years at Sandhills; the two C. Foster Brown Jr. Awards to outstanding students; the Gilbert Moreland Award for a student

### Bonds Sold

A total of \$1,300,000 in Town of Southern Pines sanitary sewer bonds were sold Tuesday at a net interest cost of 5.4244 percent, State Treasurer Harlan E. Boyles reported today.

The bonds, authorized in a referendum, will have a 13.19 years maturity and were bought by Wachovia Bank and Trust Co.

Town Manager Mildred McDonald said she was pleased with the interest rate, which is below the index of 5.98 percent. Southern Pines has a Standard and Poore bond rating of A.

## Teacher Drowned In Lake

Carlton Ray Floyd, 43, a graphics art teacher at Pinecrest High School, drowned in a boating accident at approximately 5:30 Saturday afternoon in Aberdeen Lake.

Floyd, of Rt. 2, Aberdeen, was trying out a new boat in the lake. Eyewitnesses say he made a circle of the lake once without difficulty, then veered into a sharp turn. When he turned, the boat capsized.

Floyd tried to swim but never made it to shore. An unidentified man tried to swim out and help him, but was stopped by heavy undergrowth and lily pads.

The Aberdeen Rescue Squad and Police Department were contacted and the body was recovered in six to eight feet of water, about 100 feet from shore.

Moore County Coroner A.B. Parker ruled the death an accidental drowning at 6 p.m.

Floyd has taught at Pinecrest for eight years. A native of Jackson-Hamlet, he graduated (Continued on Page 13-A)

## Industry Sets Shutdown To Halt Air Pollution

HOW Industries LTD, a German-owned textiles plant in Aberdeen, has been found in violation of state emissions standards in their working operations.

About 22 families in the Colonial Heights neighborhood of town filed a petition last November, careful attention was given and, eventually, testing was done by the N.C. Department of Natural

Resources Air Quality section.

On May 2 the commission found the plant in violation of standards and gave it 30 days to bring its stack exhausts to acceptable levels of emission.

Plant manager Bob Whitesell submitted a letter to the department May 17 describing methods it had already started to take to comply with the ruling.

Whitesell said a week's shut- (Continued on Page 13-A)

## Pride-Trimble To Expand To More Space, Workers

Pride-Trimble Corporation, a manufacturer of juvenile furniture, has announced a major expansion in Southern Pines Industrial Park.

As a result of revenue bond financing, Virco Corporation, the parent company of Pride-Trimble, has purchased the existing 150,000 square foot facility and 36.67 acres which they had been operating under a lease agreement.

According to Jim Thompson, General Manager of Pride-

Trimble, it is the long range plans of Virco to have the Southern Pines facility as one of the largest and most complete in their organizations.

As progress is made in this direction, construction will start immediately on an 80,000 square foot addition which will enable expansion in the juvenile line as well as the addition of new products in school and contract furniture.

Pride-Trimble currently (Continued on Page 13-A)

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## Music, Picnic On Slate For Sunday At Weymouth

Popular songs, tunes from Broadway shows, and martial music from the talented Pinecrest Concert and Stage Bands will fill the air over Weymouth this Sunday at a family frolic which is geared for the entire community.

It's a special day sponsored by the Friends of Weymouth and the Sandhills Arts Council, two organizations which are trying to let people in the area know about plans for the home of novelist James Boyd and its surrounding

214 acres of woodlands.

The 14-member Pinecrest Stage Band starts the action at 4 p.m. with renditions of popular music under the direction of Jerry Mashburn.

This musical opening, as well as the later performance by the Pinecrest Concert Band, will be free of charge. So will admission to the grounds, located along the southeastern edge of Southern Pines. The main entrance is at the intersection of Ridge and (Continued on Page 14-A)

## Veterinary Foundation Has Sandhills Leaders

BY GRAHAM JONES  
The North Carolina Veterinary Science Foundation was organized at North Carolina State University Thursday "to encourage teaching, learning and research in the area of veterinary science."

Southport attorney Grover A. Gore was elected as first president of the foundation, which starts operations with a highly assessed tract of 100 acres of land in Moore County. That

land was given to NCSU by Mrs. W. O. Moss and the late W.O. (Pappy) Moss.

In addition the new foundation, the 13th non-profit foundation operating at NCSU, has received advance gifts from the Raleigh and Forsyth County Kennel Clubs and from other organizations and individuals.

To work with Gore, a trustee of NCSU, as officers of the foundation, the following were (Continued on Page 14-A)



MAY MOON — There's a special magic in a full moon of May and Photographer Glenn M. Sides caught this splendid view on Monday night.

## Social Worker Sees Poverty

BY PATSY TUCKER  
"So many people don't believe there is poverty in Moore County because they don't see it," said Melinda Hammrick, a social worker for the Department of Social Services. "They really don't believe Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Carthage have people living as some of our cases live."

Melinda Hammrick is intensely interested in her cases. Some she has followed and helped for over five years. She doesn't just drop in and say "Hi." She sits down and talks and visits for as much as an hour-asking questions, helping to solve problems that people "on welfare" run into.

I went with Melinda for several

hours and several visits. I listened as she asked questions. I listened to the problems some of these people have. One person we visited had recently taken over the care of her daughter's baby. "Let me go in first," Melinda said. "This woman is really a great person but she's an alcoholic and I never know when she's drinking. I'm worried about the baby." Melinda motioned me in where she found a neat, but shabby house. As we sat and talked the woman got the baby for us to see.

"Did you get your food stamps straight," Melinda asked. "No," she replied. "Since one of my girls left they got mixed up and I ain't been able to get them. It's rough going, I'm telling you."

"I'll go with you next week and we'll see if we can't get it straight."

This particular case is a family-husband and wife and seven children. They have lived in this same house all of their family raising years. The mother looks young and you wonder why she couldn't have worked all of those years...beyond a temporary job here and there. "She's had to stay home and look after the children," Melinda said. Even if she was drinking she was always sure to get the children off to school with a good breakfast. She has encouraged the children to better themselves and all are doing well. There are still at home. Their father was in (Continued on Page 13-A)

## THE PILOT LIGHT

CAMPAIGN--Both of the candidates for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate in the runoff election next Tuesday are hustling for votes all across the state this week.

Luther Hodges, the front-runner with 40 percent of the total vote in the May 2 primary, had his campaign buoyed by an endorsement Tuesday by PACE, the Political Action Committee for Education.

Ingram, who polled 26 percent of the vote in the first primary, has collected more campaign funds and is taking to television with appeals for votes between now and Tuesday.

In Moore County the most interest has been in a highly contested race for sheriff between the incumbent, C.G. Wimberly, a veteran law enforcement officer, and A. B. Parker, the present coroner.

Parker led in the first primary, but Wimberly has stepped up his campaign in the runoff and the outcome is expected to be close.

The same applies in the contest for the nomination for county commissioner. H. Clifton Blue Jr., was the front-runner in the first primary and W.E. (Bill) Simmons was runner-up.

LEGISLATURE--Even though Governor Jim Hunt has asked for an \$8 million appropriation from surplus funds for an additional legislative building, many legislators are nervous about (Continued on Page 13-A)