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THE PILOT

Weather

Partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon and evening thunder showers through Thursday. Temperature, 90 today, 72 tonight. Chance of rain, 30 percent today, 20 percent tonight.

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Both Sides Are Quiet On Liquor Issue Vote

Maness Denied Rezoning

The Moore County Commissioners have denied Leaverne Maness's request to change the zoning on his land on Midland Road from RA (Residential Agricultural) to Highway Commercial in light of recent evidence that the deed restrictions have strict regulations which have precedence over zoning.

Maness wants to change the zoning so he can expand his motel and build a swimming pool, but he has been opposed for some time by the Moore County Citizens for Better Zoning which wants to keep Midland Road the way it is.

All four Commissioners voted in favor of the motion made by Commissioner Tony Parker and seconded by Commissioner Arthur Purvis which stated, "I move that we deny the request of Leaverne Maness as long as the restrictions on the property remain. If and when the restrictions are removed, we will reconsider it."

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THE MOON AND VENUS—Photographer Glenn M. Sides thought the sky was unusually beautiful and took this shot Monday night. A call from The Pilot to Astrologer Allen Clarke of the Sandhills Observatory verified this. The close conjunction of the planet Venus with the Moon was awaited eagerly by readers of "Sky and Telescope," scientific journal, because on August 7 a "spectacular narrow miss" would be seen east of the Mississippi River and in Hawaii, the planet would disappear completely behind the moon. A partial occultation of Venus was also visible in Mexico and Texas.

Both the pro and anti-liquor-by-the-drink forces have talked about organizing prior to the September 12 election on the issue in Southern Pines, but neither group has made any decisive action.

The deadline for registration to vote in the election is August 14. The election is only open to residents within the town limits of Southern Pines.

A hearing, presided over by former Governor James Holshouser, got under way at 2 p.m. today. A second hearing by the special committee on liquor sale regulations will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Town Hall. The public is invited to attend and comment.

Lamont Brown, president of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce, said that a Mixed Beverages Committee is in the process of being formed for the purpose of pushing a pro vote for liquor-by-the-drink, but it will not be a Chamber of Commerce action per se.

"The Chamber represents the whole area and Southern Pines is where they're having the vote," Brown said. He said George Little, Chamber vice-president for community development, is helping with the drive.

Citizens opposed to liquor-by-the-drink met in the Town Hall Monday night where the decision was made to hold another meeting Thursday, Aug. 10, due to the small numbers who came.

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AN AUGUST AFTERNOON—Summer clouds rolled over the Sandhills this past week and Photographer Glenn M. Sides caught this

afternoon display at a Southern Pines horse farm.

Scores By Schools Are Reported; Variances Difficult To Interpret

BY JENNIFER CALDWELL The Pilot ran a story last week preceding the state's release of test scores which concern all the state's public school children in

grades one, two, three, six, and nine.

Moore County's students on the whole scored poorly on this test, already called the North Carolina Annual Testing Program by its designers, though 1978 was its first year.

Results are now available for individual schools and in several cases are quite remarkable. Particularly interesting for those

in the Southern Pines area is the fact that students tested in grades one, two and three at Southern Pines Elementary score below the county's own

poor average—only to rise after attending Southern Pines Middle School for fifth grade and most of sixth.

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Pinehurst Has Many Undecided

Pinehurst, Incorporated, announced today it will launch an informational campaign on the facts of incorporation, because survey results show that 40 percent of Pinehurst's voters are undecided on how to vote concerning incorporation of Pinehurst.

Jerry Slade, President of Pinehurst, Incorporated, said 440 homes were visited during the survey July 25-27, and that out of the 179 voters interviewed, 72 of them or 40 percent had not yet decided how they would vote

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Manager To Move From City Hall

The offices of the Town Manager, Town Planner and Assistant Manager will be moved to the new town building complex near the US 1 bypass as a result of action taken by the Southern Pines Town Council Tuesday night.

Town Manager Mildred McDonald, in explaining this move said "That building seemed like it had an awful lot of space to house one public works director." Presently, only Bill Wilson has offices in the new building.

The action, however, serves a double purpose as the move will allow the police department, now cramped for space, to expand into almost all of the present town office space, leaving room only for the Water, Tax and Accounting Departments in the municipal building.

The police department earlier this summer had received approval from the Council to expand in its present location. With the new arrangement, the town

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Tobacco Prices Move Up To \$123.72 At Carthage

Tobacco prices moved upward on one Moore auction market this week, but dropped on the other.

On the Carthage market Monday the average price was \$123.72 per hundred pounds with total sales of 361,805 pounds and total money of \$447,626.07.

This is an increase over opening day.

The majority of the offerings was considered fair to good quality priming with prices good on the medium grades but weaker on the better grades.

"The quality on the floor this year is good," said Frank Bryant of the Farmer's Cooperative Warehouse. "The offerings are good to excellent and much better than a year ago. Most of the farmers' spirits are up but Monday's prices dimmed them a

little because even though we got a top price of \$1.55, it took better quality of tobacco to get than it did on opening day."

Bryant said a very small percentage of baskets went to the Stabilization Corporation (the price support organization), probably less than four percent and one from his warehouse.

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Tobacco Safe

Daily showers have not hurt the local tobacco crop, Extension County Agent Talmadge Baker said Tuesday.

Because of the sandy soil here, the rains have quickly sifted through the soil, he said. Other areas of the Piedmont had reported damage from rain and wilt.

Tobacco harvest is about half complete.

The only crop threatened by the rain is the young soybean, Baker said, where fertilizer has been leached from the soil.

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Katsos Ruling Is Given

Moore County Republicans will not be able to vote a straight ticket and for "Unaffiliated" Tim Katsos at the same time in the November election.

Katsos is a candidate for county commissioner from District One, and will appear on the ballot as "Unaffiliated" with either party.

Republican officials have endorsed Katsos, however, and had asked the Moore County Board of Elections if a straight ticket vote could be made and a vote cast for Katsos. There is no Republican candidate for

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Candor Man Caught In Chase After Hold-Up In Pinebluff

An armed robbery occurred at the Country Cubbard Convenience Store in Pinebluff Thursday afternoon, and Alexander Ingram, 27, of Rt. 2, Candor, was arrested and charged with the hold-up.

According to Pinebluff Police Chief Frank Swaim, the robber entered the convenience store

about 4 p.m. and walked back to where the beer was once sold.

The employee in the store at the time, Steve Bennett, said the man walked back and asked where the beer was now. When he came back with a six-pack, the man reportedly pulled out a gun and told Bennett to put the money from the cash register in

the paper bag he had out to put the beer in.

Then, Bennett told Swaim, the man told him to go in the back room. At this point he ran out the door and to a neighbor's house.

Chief Swaim arrived just after the call was placed and put out

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Memorial Mass

A Memorial Mass in honor of Holy Father Pope Paul VI will be given at the regular Saturday evening Mass at 5 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral with Father Donahue officiating.

Another Mass in honor of the late Pope Paul VI will offer prayers at 6 p.m. Saturday and at usual services Sunday at 9 and at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church by Father Waters.

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More Leaving Than Coming In On Amtrak's Three Trains Here

Amtrak passenger service, which provides train connections all over the country but actually stops in very few places, has three trains daily arriving and departing from the downtown Southern Pines train station.

Southern Pines is a midpoint on the north and south line, which reaches from Canada to southern Florida. For many years, tourists to the Sandhills relied on the train.

Today, station agent Wayne Quinn says that more people depart on Amtrak than come in, during the summer months. In June, July and August about 500 to 550 passengers per month leave from the Southern Pines station, while approximately 320 come in.

During the rest of the year, about 350 to 400 people both arrive and depart.

Quinn said two trains a day go north, stopping along the way at points like Raleigh, Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, New York and small towns in Massachusetts on the way through New England to Mon-

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STORE ROBBER—Steve Bennett of Pinebluff described the armed robbery of the Country Cubbard to Sgt. Lawrence Poindexter of the Moore County Sheriff's Department. Bennett was alone in the Pinebluff store when the hold-up took place.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

THE PILOT LIGHT

REGISTRATION—The registration of new voters for the Sept. 12 referendum in Southern Pines on the liquor-by-the-drink issue has been slow.

Only 24 new voters were registered during July in the four Southern Pines precincts—Knollwood, Pinedene, South Southern Pines and North Southern Pines. The total voter registration this week is 3,468.

The deadline for registering to vote in the referendum is August 14.

LEGISLATURE—Even though state revenue collections are continuing to climb and a sizeable surplus seems assured the big issue at the 1979 session of the State Legislature will still be money.

The reason is that hefty increases are being sought for schools and in every other area of state spending.

Governor Jim Hunt is sticking by his pledge of no new taxes and will hold to it during the legislative session.

On the other hand, if the surplus is large there may be a move toward legislation to refund some taxes.

MORGAN—Senator Robert Morgan has taken the leadership in a move to return the Postal Service to the concept of public service and place it under the control of Congress. In a statement issued this week, Morgan said:

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WAITING FOR TRAIN — A group of passengers sit outside on a summer night to wait for the Amtrak train to come and take them away.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).