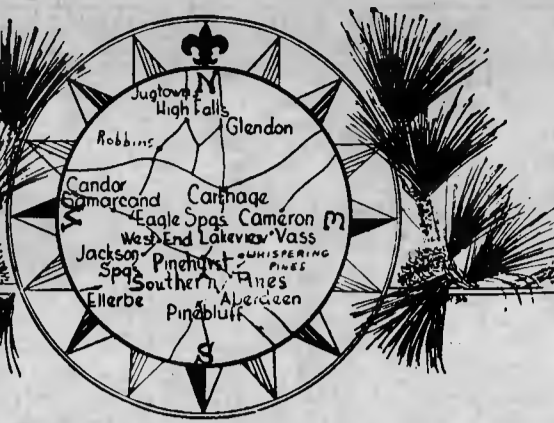


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Group Home Is Delayed By Council After Hearing

BY FLORENCE GILKESON Southern Pines Town Council members will study additional details about a proposed group home for mentally retarded adults before making a decision to amend the town's zoning ordinance, they agreed Tuesday night. Their plans include a visit to a similar group home being operated in Hamlet.

On a unanimous vote, the council decided to postpone a decision until the next meeting.

The Council also postponed again the appointment to fill a vacancy on the Council caused by the resignation of E. Earl Hubbard.

Action to postpone the group home decision came at the close of a public hearing, in which no formal opposition was expressed by visitors. It was an obvious disappointment to the contingent of more than 25 persons present to support the facility, to be operated by a private, non-profit corporation known as Moore County Group Homes.

Charles Stephens, an official of the Sandhills Mental Health Center, warned that if the matter is delayed much longer, this area is in danger of losing the funding for the project. He pointed out that the Moore organization has been working toward establishment of the home for about 15 months and has been unable to overcome such hurdles as this one.

Stephens said the Moore County Group Homes, Inc. expects between \$50,000 to \$60,000 to operate the home in the first year but cannot prepare a budget until a site can be secured. The location cannot be nailed down until the zoning details are worked out, he added.

Mayor Emanuel Douglass hinted at the possibility of approval, however, as the group home supporters were leaving the council. He advised Wayne Hyatt, chairman of the corporation's board of directors, to get to work on a budget proposal.

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New Town Complex Housing Several Offices And Services

BY FLORENCE GILKESON Space to administer, plan, operate and just plain work is the secret of Southern Pines' new municipal complex. Its success is something of a Cinderella story.

Originally designed to accommodate the fire, public works and recreation departments, the facility became home for the town administration and planning offices as well—but almost by accident.

The new complex off Morganton Road was occupied by the fire and public works departments in mid-summer, and that's when everyone discovered there was plenty of room to accommodate the town manager, the town planner and their staffs. Public Works



SPEAKER — State Treasurer Harlan Boyles will be the speaker Saturday night at a Democratic rally and fund raising dinner at Union Pines.



MEET THE PRESS — Elizabeth Taylor Warner, Roger Austin, and former Governor James Holshouser prepare to answer questions from the press. Miss Taylor appeared on behalf of Austin who is a Republican trying to unseat Congressman William Hefner. A \$100-couple reception was held at the Pinehurst Country Club following the press conference Saturday.

Actress Plugs Candidate; To Collect 40% Of Take

BY MARJORIE PIZZUTO Elizabeth Taylor Warner denied she was being paid \$5,000 for her appearance Saturday night at a \$100 a couple reception at the Pinehurst Country Club for Republican candidate Roger Austin.

Austin of Monroe is running against Congressman Bill Hefner (D-N.C.) in the Eighth District. Miss Taylor made the denial at a press conference held prior to the reception. She was asked the question as the conference was winding down and after Miss Taylor answered it, former Republican Governor James

Holshouser said no more questions.

According to Lindsay Swida, Austin's campaign manager, after expenses, 40 percent of the proceeds from the event would go to the Virginia Republican Fund Bank System for all the candidates in Virginia. Miss Taylor's husband, John Warner is the Republican candidate there for the U.S. Senate.

Warner had originally planned this appearance after he lost the primary race and had a large campaign debt, but when the candidate was killed in an airplane crash, Warner was

chosen to carry the party banner. Miss Taylor has been keeping these appearances for her husband. She said she is no longer Miss Taylor, the movie star, but a wife, Mrs. John Warner.

The world-renowned beauty appeared in a violet gown with a black and silk violet caftan capelet. Some of her famous jewels dazzled the eye, but it couldn't be seen if she was

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Aberdeen Official Dies With Funeral Saturday

G. Tommy Gschwind, 53, member of the Aberdeen Town Board and civic leader, died Thursday at Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst after an illness that had lasted since the first of the year. He lived at 1307 Poplar St. in Aberdeen and was a jeweler who owned The Glitter Box until recently.

The funeral was held Saturday at Page Memorial United Methodist Church, where he was a member, with the Rev. Robert Pullman and the Rev. John D. Stone officiating. Burial was in Bethesda Cemetery.

He was a director of First Security Savings and Loan Association and active in the Aberdeen Merchants Association and the Bethesda Cemetery Association, as well as Page Memorial United Methodist Church.

Road Funds Received By Towns

Moore County municipalities this week received a total of \$248,114 in state Powell Bill road funds.

The Powell Bill fund is in reference to a legislative measure introduced by Rep. Junius Powell of Columbus County several years ago providing for a portion of state gasoline tax money to be returned to municipalities in North Carolina.

Distribution of funds is based upon both population and the amount of paved roads and streets within a town.

Southern Pines received the largest amount of any Moore County town—\$120,460. Town Manager Mildred McDonald said that the Town Council, in anticipation of the funds, had budgeted \$119,506 for street work.

Funds received by other Moore municipalities were as follows: (Continued on Page 16-A)

Candidates Night

The West Southern Pines Civic Club will host a Candidates Night at the regular monthly meeting October 16 (Monday) at 8 p.m. at the Community Services Building, 1195 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Southern Pines.

All Moore County candidates with opposition in the November 7 election have been invited to make statements and respond to questions.

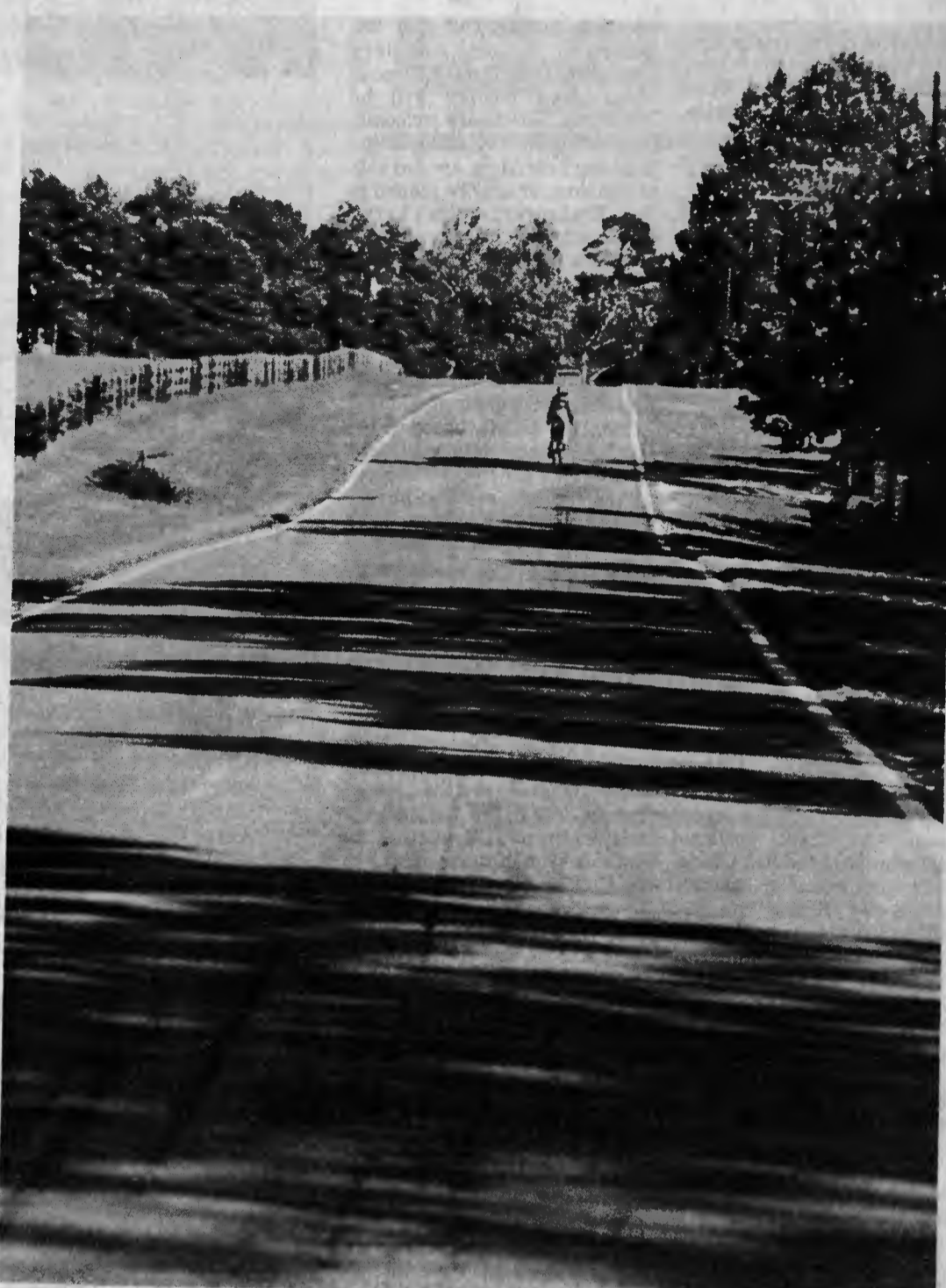
The public is invited—and urged—to attend.

Adequate Hospital Beds Seen To Meet Needs Through 1983

The combined total of 392 acute care beds in Moore Memorial Hospital and St. Joseph of the Pines will be more than adequate to meet anticipated need projected through 1983, according to a draft Short-Term Acute Care Plan prepared by Cardinal Health Agency.

A public hearing on the draft plan will be conducted here at the Cardinal office at 10 a.m., October 18.

Moore County has a projected need for 306 short-term acute care beds by 1983, according to the draft plan. These include 17 obstetric beds, 17 pediatric beds,



LONG SHADOWS — The afternoon October sun casts long shadows but the open road is inviting and a boy on a bicycle cannot resist the call. Photographer Glenn M. Sides caught this camera study on Youngs Road in Southern Pines.

Meet Set For Sanford Nov. 2 To Take Drink Sale Requests

The State Board of Alcoholic Control is expecting 40 applications for mixed beverage sales from Southern Pines, and all licenses will be issued at the same time.

A meeting has been scheduled for Nov. 2 with applicants from Southern Pines and Sanford in Sanford at which time the board will explain administrative

regulations and statutes controlling liquor-by-the-drink sales. The meeting is also for the purpose of receiving license applications.

The State ABC Board met Friday and decided to issue mixed drink licenses en masse to successful applicants in the order in which their locales approved liquor-by-the-drink in

referendums.

Since Mecklenburg County was the first, a meeting with applicants, expected to be 250 from Mecklenburg, will be held Oct. 31.

Regulations governing the sale of mixed drinks will be adopted on Monday, Oct. 16, and will take effect on Nov. 1, at which time

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Get Ready For Big Guns As Firing To Begin Soon

Residents of Southern Pines should get prepared to become all shook-up in the coming weeks. Fort Bragg will be testing a new long range 155mm cannon and it will be close to the town on the nearby reservation.

From Oct. 16 to late January a total of 17,500 rounds will be fired, and an announcement from Fort Bragg frankly declares, "Due to the increased range capability, noise and vibration levels are expected to exceed those caused by present artillery and aircraft life fire exercises."

The new weapon is the M-198 Howitzer and Fort Bragg has been selected by the Army as the test site. The Army claims that the M-198 Howitzer allows U.S. forces to out-range like-caliber weapons of any potential adversaries. It still must be tested and given Congressional approval, however.

The 1st Battalion, 73d Field Artillery, 18th Field Artillery

Brigade, has been chosen as the test unit for the Department of the Army-directed Force Development Testing and Experimentation and Follow-On

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School Holiday

Moore County public school students will get a holiday Tuesday, October 17, as school will be closed for one of the 16½ teacher workdays in this year's school calendar.

Most of Moore County's teachers will be attending the District 8 North Carolina Association of Educators meeting which is being held at Union Pines High School this year. Those not attending the meeting will be working in their respective schools.

Approximately 2,000 teacher, principals, supervisors and administrators are expected to attend the professional meeting.

Wild Dogs Raid Center; Small Child Is Bitten

Police and Humane Society officials have issued an alert for a small child who was attacked by a pack of wild dogs in the Town and Country Shopping Center Sunday afternoon.

If the dog was rabid, the child should receive immediate medical treatment against

rabies, according to the Aberdeen Police Department and Moore County Animal Control Officer Bill Kennedy.

The alert was issued within minutes after the Aberdeen police received the 2 o'clock call to the Town and Country Shopping Center, where the dogs had gathered. A concerned citizen, identified by police as Mike Kelly, called for help after observing the animals' behavior.

Before help arrived, however, the injured little girl was whisked away by her mother, who was heard to declare that she was taking the child to the hospital.

A call to Moore Memorial Hospital revealed that the emergency room had received no such patient. Aberdeen police then called other hospitals in the area, including the Cumberland, Lee, Richmond, and Montgomery County institutions. Not one of these hospitals had received a dog bite victim Sunday afternoon, a spokesman for the Aberdeen police said.

In spite of a radio alert, the

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Pottery Month

The Moore County Commissioners on August 14, declared October as "Moore County Pottery Month" stating: "Whereas the pottery of Moore County is created from its soil, water, trees, and hands of its people and whereas pottery demonstrates the arts of the old world brought to new fruition by the resourcefulness and skills of Moore County's early settlers and whereas the pottery of Moore County is of singular beauty and craftsmanship, the Moore County Board of Commissioners do hereby declare the month of October, 1978 'Traditional Pottery Month in Moore County.'"

THE PILOT LIGHT

HOLSHOUSER—A building named for former Governor James E. Holshouser Jr., of Southern Pines will be dedicated at the State Fair grounds on the opening day of the 1978 Fair on Friday, Oct. 13.

The dedication of the Holshouser building is scheduled for 3 p.m.

Earlier, at 1:30 p.m., there will be a dedication of the Jim Graham Building at the fair grounds.

DEMOCRATS—Chairman J. Ed Causey of the Moore County Democrats is looking for a big crowd at Union Pines High School on Saturday night.

State Treasurer Harlan Boyles will be the main speaker, but all Democratic candidates from Moore County are expected to be present and will be recognized for brief statements.

Causey said that the dinner will officially kick off the campaign for the Democratic Party in Moore County.

"We are very fortunate to have Harlan Boyles as our featured speaker. He has close family ties to Moore County and we always enjoy his visits to the Sandhills," Causey commented.

"If anyone wants tickets to the dinner they should contact their precinct chairman or stop by our booth at the Moore County Fair this week," he said.

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C. Tommy Gschwind He and his wife, the former Marjorie Smith of Cameron, had owned and operated The Glitter Box until recently.



GOVERNOR TO SPEAK — Governor Jim Hunt will speak to the Annual Meeting of the N.C. Forestry Association Friday at 4:30 p.m. at Mid Pines Club in Southern Pines.