

## Pinehurst Restrained By Order

A temporary restraining order against the hiring of a town manager has been served on the Pinehurst Village Council.

The order signed by Judge F. Fetzer Mills on Dec. 7, is scheduled for a hearing before the judge in Wadesboro at 10 a.m. on Dec. 18.

Plaintiffs in the action are James F. Thompson, A. Parker Hall, C.R. McIver, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher and others, and they contend that the Council does not have the authority to hire a town manager.

The temporary restraining order was served on the Village Council and its members, G. Bevens Cameron, Ellis Fields, Jr., Kathryn M. Galiher, George R. Mather, Micajah Wyatt, James R. Wicker, Wheaton Kittredge, William F. Scott, and William Parfitt. Other defendants are Pinehurst, Inc., and Diamondhead Corporation.

Attorneys for the plaintiff are James R. Van Camp and Douglas R. Gill. The defendants are represented by Joseph Monroe, attorney for the Village Council.

The Village Council approved the hiring of a town manager at a regular meeting in August and funds were allocated in the Council's regular budget for

## Airport Receives NC Grant

North Carolina Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw has announced that an airport grant totaling \$5,800 has been approved by the State Advisory Budget Commission for development of the Southern Pines Pinehurst Airport.

"An increasingly important function of the Department of Transportation is administering the state's airport aid program," Secretary Bradshaw said.

"Providing sufficient state funds to allow needed transportation projects to get underway is an important factor in developing a comprehensive transportation system to implement the Governor's balanced economic growth policy for this state," he said.

The North Carolina Aeronautics Council, chaired by

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COMING HERE — Invitations were sent this week for a luncheon at which the nation's former first lady, Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, will speak at the Pinehurst Country Club on Friday, Jan. 12. The luncheon is being held for the benefit of Friends of Weymouth.

## Annexation Plans Heard By Council

BY PATSY TUCKER

In the regular meeting of the Southern Pines Town Council on Tuesday night, Marvin Collins, the Town Planner, presented a report on the study prepared by the Planning Department on the feasibility of annexing the area from the town limits between Highway 22 and Fairway Drive including the Town Reservoir

## Aberdeen Board Selects Robbins To Fill Vacancy

Aberdeen's Town Board of Commissioners elected a new board member, appointed a new fire chief, scolded Southern Pines for an annexation action, and eyed additional annexation for itself Monday night at the regular December meeting.

J.C. Robbins was elected to the board in a 3-1 vote to succeed the late C. Tommy Gschwind.

Robbins was nominated by Commissioner Hugh M. Styers, who voted, along with Commissioners James O. Singleton

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## Col. Koster Named Recipient Of '78 Kiwanis Builder's Cup

Col. Alfred M. Koster of Southern Pines has been awarded the Builder's Cup for 1978 by the Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills.

Presentation of the prestigious award was made Wednesday night at the annual Ladies Night of the club at the Pinehurst Country Club.

Col. Koster was honored for a distinguished military career and for his service of nearly 15 years as director of Civil Defense (later known as the Office of Civil Preparedness) for Moore County.

With him when he accepted the award was his wife, Leone, who has been director of public in-



BUILDER'S CUP — Col. Alfred M. Koster holds the Builder's Cup, presented to him by the Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills, by Dr. R.M. McMillan (second from left). President Kemp W. Reece is at left and Mrs. Koster is at right. — (Photo by Emerson Humphrey).

# Communications Argued; Hearing Slated Thursday

BY FLORENCE GILKESON

In a meeting marked by citizen participation and laced with humor, the Moore County Communications Control Board and the Board of Commissioners aired community concern about a central communications system Friday night.

Questions about haste, financing and partisan politics were debated, but everyone present spoke out strongly in favor of an improved communications system for Moore County, including Commissioner Tony Parker, who has been the chief critic from the board of commissioners of the manner in which the matter was handled at a special meeting on Nov. 30.

Sheriff Jerome Whipple, who has filed a restraining order against the two boards, was not present at the Friday night meeting in the conference room of the Moore County Library building in Carthage. Nor was Whipple's attorney, former Governor James E. Holshouser Jr., and Moseley G. Boyette, county attorney, in attendance.

Moore County officials will defend their stand on a communications system before Superior Court Judge John McConnell in the Union County courtroom in Monroe tomorrow morning. Represented by Moseley G. Boyette, county attorney, they will ask the judge to lift the restraining order issued last week by Sheriff Jerome Whipple.

Expected to join Boyette at the 10 a.m. hearing are Martin Chriscoe, assistant county administrator, Commissioner Carolyn Blue, who is chairman of the Communications Control Board, Southern Pines Fire Chief Pete Rapatas, Southern Pines Police Chief Earl Seawell, and Sanford H. Smith, the consultant who prepared the communications plan adopted by the communications board and the county commissioners. Rapatas and Seawell are board members.

At the special meeting on Nov. 30 the commissioners voted to transfer the day-to-day operation, management, budget,

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## Christmas Trees Used Downtown

Live Christmas trees are decorating the streets of downtown Southern Pines this season as a replacement for the old-style street lights.

A project of the Southern Pines Jaycees, the trees were distributed to downtown merchants late last week. The merchants may decorate the trees as they wish. Lighting and style of decoration are decisions being left up to the merchants, according to James E. Rhodes, who, as Jaycee external vice-president, is in charge of the

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## Christmas Parade Set Saturday; Miss N.C. To Ride In Carriage

Santa Claus comes to town Saturday, when he will be joined for the Southern Pines Christmas parade by Sara Hodgkins, North Carolina Secretary of Cultural Resources, and Debbie Shook, the reigning Miss North Carolinian.

Mrs. Hodgkins, whose home is in Southern Pines, will serve as grand marshal for the festive event.

Sponsored by the Southern Pines Jaycees, the parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will travel both sides of Broad Street in the central downtown business district. Pinecrest High School band, professional and homemade floats, public officials, marching units, Scouts, clowns, horses, the Moore County Hounds, and many other engaging features will comprise the parade.

The Jaycee-sponsored Santa Claus float, complete with sleigh, reindeer and gifts, will bring up the rear.

Bud Byrn is Jaycee parade chairman and is being assisted by David Allen, in charge of float sales, and Sandy McIver, in charge of bands and marching units. The project falls within the purview of James E. Rhodes,

## Group Home Gets Board Approval

The Southern Pines Planning Board met on December 6 in the Municipal Building Council Chambers to consider several requests or changes in the town ordinances.

Dr. Louis Marchetti presided. The most lengthy discussion concerned the opening of a group home for mentally retarded adults.

Marvin Collins, the Town Planner, explained that the location in question is 340 E. Pennsylvania Ave. The house, now vacant, met all of the physical specifications required by the town with the possible exception of an alley that runs between this house and an adjoining house. There was a question as to who owned the property or if it belonged to the town.

One requirement the group home must comply with is the availability of off street parking and access to it, which is now by way of this alley. The alley now serves as the access to parking for the house next door.

Charles Stevens representing Moore County Group Homes Inc., followed Collins presentation with an explanation to the board and others present just what a group home was and its purpose. He explained that the object of opening group homes in

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Debbie Shook

Jaycee external vice-president. Parade participants will assemble on S. West Broad St. at the Indiana Ave. intersection. The parade will follow a northerly route up Broad as far as Connecticut, where it will reverse directions, returning southward to Morganton Rd. The parade will break up at Memorial Field.

Parade planners expect the procession to last from one hour to an hour and 15 minutes.

Miss North Carolina will be riding in an antique horse-drawn carriage furnished by Pinehurst,



Sec. Sara Hodgkins

Inc. Miss Aberdeen and the Moore County Junior Miss have also been invited to ride in the

parade, along with the Southern Pines mayor and town council members, and county commissioners who live in this area.

Debbie Shook, the 1978 Miss North Carolina, is a rising junior at Western Carolina University, where she is majoring in political science. She has worked as a legislative assistant with the North Carolina General Assembly in conjunction with the National Science Foundation.

The 22-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Shook of Spruce Pine, the five foot, six inch beauty was sponsored by the Spivey's Corner Jaycees in the Miss North Carolina Pageant last summer. She has held beauty titles since she was six, when she was selected Little Miss Mountain Laurel. Other

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## Santa Claus Is Getting Letters From Children

Moore County youngsters are writing letters these days to Santa Claus in expectation of receiving a call from the jolly fellow one night next week.

Larry Moubry, director of the Moore County Recreation Department, says he has received about 60 such letters already, and he expects at least 200 by the time Santa gets around to calling his young friends.

The recreation department has made special arrangements with Santa on behalf of the Moore County boys and girls, who were invited to mail their names and telephone numbers to the department if they wanted a call from Santa. Moubry said that Santa has agreed to call these children on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights before bedtime.

Recreation personnel keep the letters in a holiday-decorated box in their Carthage office. Its

contents will be turned over to Santa in time for the calls.

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## Chamber Meet

Something different is planned for the 1979 Annual Meeting of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce on January 17.

Chairman Edward T. Taws announced on Tuesday that his committee has made arrangements for special entertainment at the annual event. It will be held at the Pinehurst Hotel with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and banquet at 7:15 p.m.

Tickets are available from Chamber directors or by calling the Chamber office, 692-3926.

Serving on the committee with Chairman Taws are Harris Blake, Lamont Brown, Dixie Hall, Wayne Robbins, Barbara Bowles, Jim Gambrell and Nick Carrado.

## Grand Piano Given Weymouth By Opera Singer Jean Tennyson

When Mrs. Ernest L. Ives was in Florence, Italy, this past summer one of the many persons she talked to about the efforts to preserve Weymouth, the home of the late novelist James Boyd, was Mrs. Ernest M. Boissevain.

"We need a piano," Mrs. Ives said.

"I'll give you one," replied

Mrs. Boissevain.

And this week the grand piano on which Arturo Rubinstein once played, was delivered to the Weymouth Center in Southern Pines from Mrs. Boissevain's home in Brattleboro, Vermont.

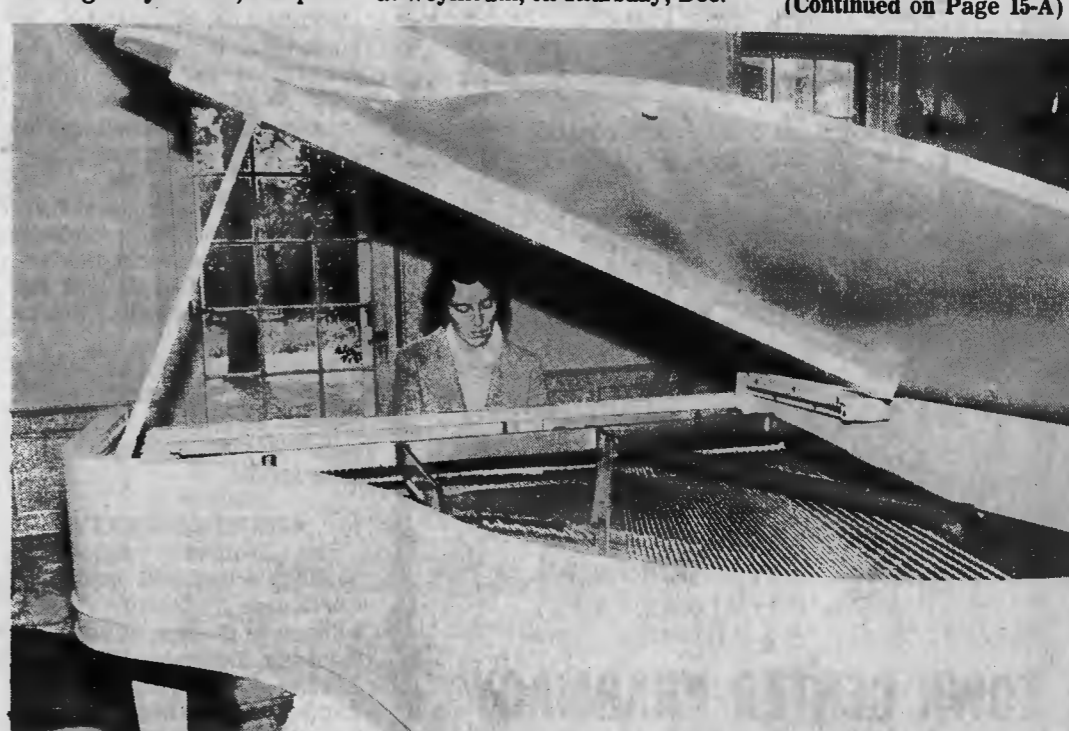
It will be used in a special Christmas caroling, a tradition at Weymouth, on Thursday, Dec.

21, when a poetry reading will also be presented.

Mrs. Boissevain, who also has a home in Italy, is the noted opera singer Jean Tennyson.

She was married in 1931 to the famous scientist, Dr. Camille Drefus, who died in 1956, and in 1958 to Mr. Boissevain.

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GIFT TO WEYMOUTH — This grand piano, which was given to the Weymouth Center by Mrs. Ernest M. Boissevain (the noted opera singer Jean Tennyson), was delivered this week. Shown here at the keyboard is Jane Clark. — (Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

## THE PILOT LIGHT

LIQUOR—The first assault on the state's new mixed drink regulations came in Mecklenburg County last week.

Judge William T. Grist ruled in Superior Court that a state ABC Board regulation requiring a 30-day waiting period for membership at places seeking liquor licenses as private clubs is "unreasonable and discriminatory."

Seven Mecklenburg night club owners had brought suit when they were denied licenses to serve liquor-by-the-drink, and

Judge Grist ordered that they be given administrative hearings on their request as soon as possible.

State ABC regulations had exempted veterans clubs from the 30-day waiting period.

HOLSHOUSER—Former Governor James E. Holshouser Jr., of Southern Pines will receive the first copy of the book containing his addresses and public papers from Governor Jim Hunt in a ceremony at the State Archives

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