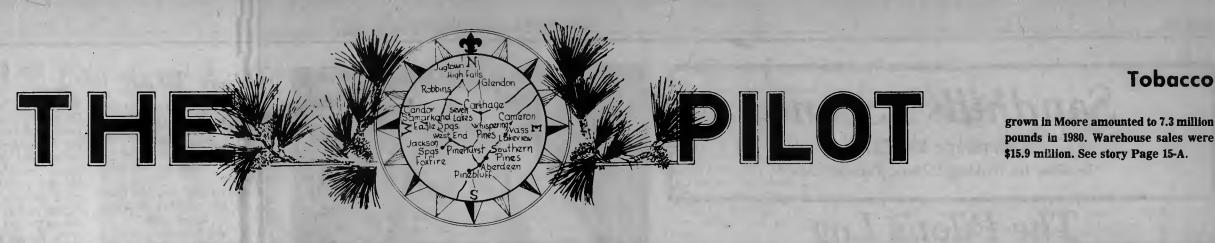
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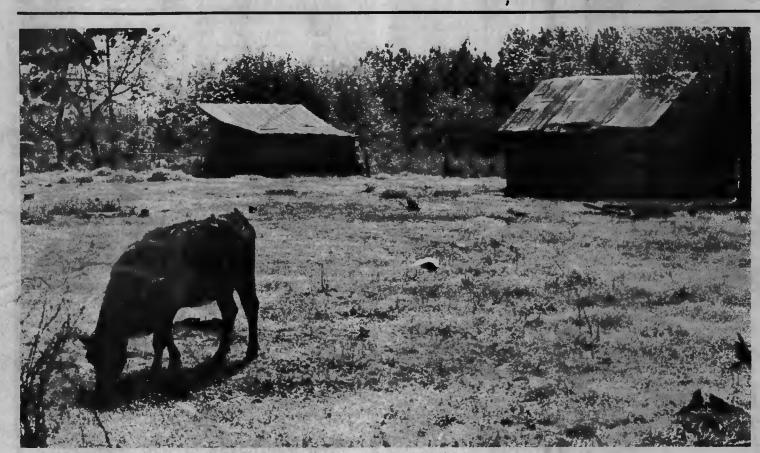
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MAY DAYS - A cow grazes in a barn lot glowingwith the bright yellow flowers of May on this farm on one of the byways near Bensalem as one

of the signs of May days now with us in the Sandhills.-(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

# Fee Hike And Water Problem Seen

An increase in the wastewater cent user rate increase proposal treatment fee and potential water problems in the southern Hope Brogden and Town end of the county came to the attention of the Moore County Board of Commissioners Mon-

"After all, it is the people of day. No action was taken on the 10- these towns who pay for the

**Pinehurst Favors** Liquor By 594-44

Sam Ragan Is Presented

North Caroliniana Award

Sam Ragan confessed Friday secretary of a state department

His confession came in his aspiring writers and has

ments.

after Southern Pines Mayor The recommended fee of 85 cents per 1000 gallons would be Manager Mildred McDonald sufficient to cover operating requested a delay while they costs, debt service and other "discuss it with our people." needs of the sewer system, it was reported by Les Hall, consulting

engineer. The regional system serves the towns of Southern Pines, Pinehurst, and Aberdeen. Based on an estimated flow of 2,247,000 gallons a day, a fee of 83.2 cents per 1000 gallons would bring in the approximately \$682,500 needed to operate the system next year. A tentatively

system," said Mayor Brogden. end of the present year.

The engineer, who designed the plant, said a major need in the new year is a build-up in the equipment maintenance fund in order that adequate spare parts may be available at all times. Because the facility is relatively new, there has been little need for major repairs, Hall said, but he reminded the board that as the plant ages, this need will increase. In his report Hall indicated an

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## **Budget Requests Run** Ahead Of Last Year growth will be sufficient to cover Sheriff Jerome Whipple said Calvin Underwood asked for BY FLORENCE GILKESON

Budget requests mounted Monday as nine agencies carried their proposals directly to the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

Although the requests presented Monday represent little more than a beginning toward the overall budget plcture for the county in the 1981- the budget petitioners. 82 year, the total was appropriated for these same nine

agencies for 1980-81. Not included among these requests was the school system, which will be asking for \$5.9 million, over \$1.5 million more than was appropriated for this year.

County Administrator Larry Moubry said he will present budget requests for most of the remaining offices and departments at the board's meeting on Monday, May 18. The new county budget must be adopted prior to July 1, when the new fiscal year begins.

Except for questions and a few comments, the commissioners had little to say about the proposals.

Moubry said that the final total on anticipated revenues has not been completed, and this figure should be available by the next meeting.

Although the tax base is expected to grow substantially in the new year, it is not likely this

making startling and perhaps process server.

unpopular budget cuts. In recent months the county has tangled with a financial crisis, blamed on underbudgeting and over-estimating revenues for this year. Few frills were admitted by

all of the county's needs without he needs additional personnel, \$22,000 to buy station wagons above the \$2.8 million point a tax rate increase--without including a detective and a which may be used to provide

> Dr. Alfred Siege included one service. His department will ask new local item in the health volunteers to operate the department budget, a \$25,000 allocation for Hospice, the cover the price of the station program which works with the wagons, maintenance, gas, oil erminally ill.

Social Services Social Services Director

emergency transportation

vehicles. The allocation would and insurance. Underwood also asked for \$730 toward the wages

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nevertheless revealing--more than \$400,000 above the amount appropriated for these same nine Federal Budget Cuts Mean **Positions Lost In Moore** 

#### **BY LIZ HUSKEY**

Federal budget allotments for 1981-82 are so uncertain, that Moore County school officials are indicates you have had a very expecting to lose at least nine successful first year and every personnel positions and have effort will be made to issue you a held back renewing contracts of contract as soon as funding has 37 first-year teachers, Associate Superintendent C. Edison program area." Powers told The Pilot Thursday.

Based on the way the federal cuts have been heading, Powers said school officials anticipate a 25 percent cut for schools.

Such a cut will dig deeply into several federally-funded programs such as Child Nutrition, Right to Read and Vocational Education.

But all is uncertain at this point. "Usually by this time we've received in writing anticipated allotments," Powers said. "We have not received any notice, because of the un-

program areas for first year require specially trained perprofessionals in Moore County... sonnel, such as principals and "Your professional evaluation media specialists. cannot just transfer people to the vacant areas. been finalized for your particular

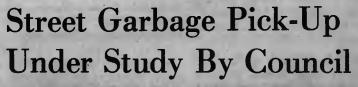
The school administration has received notice of 15 resignations or retirements, but some of these are in areas that are not losing positions, or are in areas that

based on the projected Average Daily Membership (ADM) in the next school year. Based on these projections, the number of personnel allotments is deter-

> mined. In the 1981-82 school year, (Continued on Page 16-A)

Therefore, the administration

The first major allotment is



Southern Pines residents may \$325,000, a savings of \$54,337 on be using heavy duty bags for the new contract price. street garbage collection if a The council will not act on the until lu

emenursi voiers and sure Tuesday that their ed opposition was felt in when this budget was given early resort community is not en- Pinehurst. dangered by pending legislation to strip them of liquor by the Board of Elections, which condrink.

They voted 594 to 44 to retain the sale of mixed beverages Pinehurst - 266 in favor of liquor within the village limits.

Wary of a bill introduced by a Wake County legislator, the Pinehurst Village Council asked for the referendum as insurance that, just in case the bill does pass, the resort will be covered through the referendum.

BY FLORENCE GILKESON

night-to a life long love affair

during a banquet at the Carolina

preservation of the literature of

Ragan, editor and publisher of

with North Carolina.

Inn in Chapel Hill.

his native state."

consideration in order to give the Officials of the Moore County participating municipalities ample time to prepare their

ducted the referendum, reported budgets. this vote by precincts: East Hall recommended that the fee be 85 cents, a 10-cent increase. by the drink and 23 opposed; He pointed out that the user fee West Pinehurst - 326 in favor and has not been increased in the

21 opposed. Two absentee ballots measure. The referendum was called

The Pilot, was the nation's first

of culture. He is a poet, colum-

nist, teacher and mentor of

cultural resources.

after Rep. Allen Adams

past two years, but he did were counted, both in favor of the recommend that the present 75cent fee be continued through the

From the beginning no organiz- recommended in February,

Historical Meet (Continued on Page 14-A)

The annual meeting of the Moore County Historical The original schools budget Association will be held at from county funds was \$5,969,994, Weymouth Center on Sunday, May 10, at 4 p.m., when six new board members will be elected. Dr. George E. Melton, chairman of the History Department at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, will address the association on "History

acceptance of the North emerged as a leader in North In the Public Schools." Caroliniana Society Award Carolina's development of A picnic supper on the Weymouth grounds will follow "He not only writes books, he the meeting. The public is invited Ragan was presented the encourages books, he inspires to attend.

#### prestigious society award in books, he breathes books," said recognition of "his public service Walter Spearman, semi-retired Court Term and his promotion, enhan- professor of journalism, cement, production and University of North Carolina, Will Open Chapel Hill, in his brief com-(Continued on Page 16-A) **On Monday**

The first week of a two-week criminal session of Moore County Superior Court will open Monday. Judge Hal H. Walker will

preside for the session which con-venes at 10 a.m. Monday. Judge Judson D. DeRamas Jr. will preside for the second session, to open Monday, May 18. Twenty felony cases will go to

the grand jury to be returned as bills of indictment and possible trial during one of the two weeks. The trial calendar contains one murder case, that of Charlie Wayne Edwards, who is charged in the January slaying of his mother, Ruby Oakley Edwards. The 34-year old defendant is also charged with assaulting his father, Harvey Edwards, with intent to kill.

True bills of indictment were returned against Edwards on these charges at a previous session of court, but the cases were continued. The trial calendar also contains

almost 100 cases, including felonies continued from previous court terms and misdemeanors appealed from district court. The (Continued on Page 16-A)

## approved budget of \$749,000 was recommended in February, School Budget Lowered **By Cameron Project Bid**

The finance officers of the \$5,911,513, still almost a 40 per-Board of County Commissioners and of the Board of Education of budget last year. Moore County will meet together this week before the proposed

schools budget is presented to the county commissioners May 18. The school board approved a \$5.9 million county budget in a special meeting Monday, slightly lowering the budget after receiving bids for the Cameron school

and with lower bids for the Cameron school project, the schools are now requesting

cent increase over the approved Dr. Charles Phillips and Tony

Parker, county commissioners, attended the meeting, and Chairman Phillips said the school board request was "overwhelming." but said "I hate to see our good school system have to lose anything."

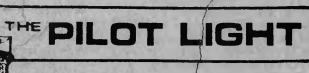
He suggested that the two boards' finance officers meet, at which time schools finance officer Joe Vaughn could present a more detailed report of the school system's other sources of (Continued on Page 16-A)

### Weymouth Near Debt End As Officers Are Chosen

mortgage burning time for the Weymouth for the third one-year Friends of Weymouth.

A big step to reach this plateau was taken at the organization's annual meeting last week and officials hope area residents will climb aboard the bandwagon to years ago to buy the Georgian contribute the \$4,000 more need- style home and tree-studded ed.

"I feel that we are a going enterprise which has assumed a definite role in the community," Sam Ragan told last Thursday's



Hefner was reported this past weekend as being outraged at what he called a "smear cam- did not return his call. paign" against him by the Raleigh-based Congressional Club, founded some years ago to support Senator Jesse Helms and of which Helms now serves as honorary co-chairman. Several thousand letters were

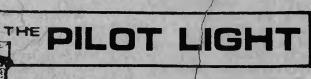
sent to Hefner's constituents in the Eighth District charging that Hefner had voted for money to give away the Panama Canal and had approved aid to Marxists in Nicarauga.

Hefner said, "It is absolutely untrue." He said he had voted against aid to Nicauragua last year, and his vote for the Panama Canal was for an appropriation to keep it operating.

It's getting closer and closer to session as he was named to head

term. When the meeting began, there mission is free. was a \$14,500 balance due on the \$100,000 which Friends of Weymouth had to borrow two **Jobless** grounds from the Sandhills College Foundation, Inc., for \$700,000. Most of the woodlands have been turned over to the state

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HEFNER-Congressman Bill He said he had tried to call Senator Helms to protest the "smear/campaign" but Helms

In the news story out of Washington about the Congressional Club's efforts to pressure congressmen to vote for President Reagan's budget package it was pointed out that the liberal Americans for Democratic Action rated Hefner as 22 /on a scale of 100, making changed. him one of the most conservative members of the state's delegation.

VACKERY-Senator Charles Vickery will meet with members of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce at breakfast on Monday, May 18.

The meeting for a discussion of Continued on Page 14-A)

certainty of the federal budget." The situation promoted school officials to meet with all teachers The suggection is an attmept to who had been in the school save taxpayer's money, Mrs. system only a year, then gave them notice that their contracts McDonald announced at a special Town Council meeting

would not be renewed until Tuesday night, because it would federal funding was made mean a reduction from the cost available in their areas. of garbage services from the The letter to the 37 teachers present collectors. read: "In view of these un-The town presently has a certainties, the Board of contract with Leibers Sanitation, Education is withholding the

and this fiscal year, the company issuance of all contracts in all is asking for an increase in service cost, from the present \$318,000 contract to \$378,337, for

regular pick-up.

The proposal by the manager

### Literary Event

"Southern Literature and the and the collectors would mean South Today" will be the subject residents would leave their of a symposium at Weymouth garbage in heavy duty bags Center Saturday, May 9, from 1 along the road, instead of having to 4 p.m. backyard pick-up and garbage Leading the discussion will be can pick-up that is done now.

Dr. Louis Rubin, author, critic Leibers promised that by using and foremost authority on the heavy duty bags, the town contract would be for only Southern literature; Lee Smith of Chapel Hill, author of "Black Mountain Breakdown" and other novels; and Dr. Guy Owen of N.C. State, novelist, poet, editor

and critic. The public is invited and ad-

Rate Up In Moore

Moore County's unemployment rate climbed by an unexpected percentage point in March. The 7.1 percent jobless rate

reported by the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina was up from the 6.0 percent figure reported for February. In March, 1980 the county's jobless rate was reported as 4.5 percent.

The increase for March places Moore County slightly above the average for the state, which was 6.9 percent.

Moore was one of 20 counties with an increase in the jobless rate. Seventy-three counties showed a decrease, while the remaining seven counties were un-

State ESC Chairman J.B. Archer attributed the cause of the high joblessness across North Carolina to an uncertain economy with its continuing high

interest rates and inflation. In its monthly report released last week the ESC said 23 counties registered unemployment (Continued on Page 13-A)

osal by Town Manager Mildred McDonald is adopted by the council.

opinion is received, but Mrs. McDonald said, "the Town administration is sincerely soliciting the assistance and support of all citizens in this attempt to save your tax dollars, and will appreciate your assistance in helping us to make this work."

In other business, a public hearing was held to discuss proposed uses for revenue sharing entitlement funds.

In this first of the two hearings that are required before disbursement of funds, no one spoke at the meeting, but Mayor Brogden made one suggestion

given to her earlier. Proposed uses included repair of drainage problems on the west side of Southern Pines, near the elementary school.

Mrs. McDonald also relayed a suggestion by Caroline Hodgkins, director of the (Continued on Page 13-A)

**PEACHES** — Early peaches are ripening in the Sandhills and the luscious fruit hangs heavy on the trees in this Bensalem Township orchard.--(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).



AWARD — Sam Ragan of Southern Pines is

shown after being presented the North Caroli-

niana Society Award at Chapel Hill on Friday

night.-(Photo by Florence Gilkeson).