The Pinehurst Village Council starts the new year with a new mayor, a couple of new members and some old issues. The Future of Given Memorial Library is one of them. Built on the historic Village Green in 1964, when the village had 1,700residents, today Pinehurst is the largest municipality in Moore County with a population of 13,000. A plan for the village ot donate eight-tenths of an acre to Given os the library could almost double in size, has drawn the attention of the National Park service, which says the “incremental erosion” of the Village Green could endanger the Pinehurst’s treasured landmark status. Both the library and the village are trying to figure out where to go from here. For one thing, Given Library is private. The village contributes $20,000.00 a year, but the rest of its $289,000.00 operating budget come from donations and the interest earned from endowments. The Southern Pines Library has an annual budget of 770,000.00 and more than 90-percent for its funding comes from the town government. As a result, The Southern Pines Library has 70,000 books, while the Given Memorial has about 15,000 In addition, the Given Library houses The Tufts Archives and its collection of documents and photos chronicling the dawn of the American resort industry. It also has priceless original sketches by Legendary Golf Course Designer Donald Ross, the architect of Pinehurst No2. A University Of North Carolina Library Historian says the Pinehurst Library is likely one of a handful of privately-funded libraries in the entire country.