

US 1 Route Views Given At Hearings

Over 100 people from Vass, Cameron and the surrounding area attended one of two meetings held Tuesday by the state Department of Transportation to determine the future Route of US 1 in that area.

The study concerns US 1 north of Lakeview, where the four-lane road ends, to Sanford. Pieter Van Der Meer, who was conducting the informal hearings for DOT at Cameron Elementary School and Vass-Lakeview School, stressed that the Department has of yet made no decision as to the course of the road.

The four-laning of US 1 at an estimated cost of \$18 million has been approved by the State Board.

The Department has devised an aerial map of the area on which arbitrary lines of proposed US 1 routes have been superimposed. One route bypasses Vass and Cameron from the west; one bypasses it from the east; and one plan calls for an expansion of the existing road to four lanes. There are also other alternatives.

The Department will study recommendations made by citizens at these hearings and (Continued on Page 14-A)

Strike Not Felt Here Yet

Tom Colson of the Moore County Agriculture Extension office said Moore County farmers probably won't be affected too much by the nationwide truckers strike, that has threatened other farmers in the state with losing their crops.

"I really don't think it will affect us very much because most of our crops are sold locally. If it continues on, it could affect us, but we'll be all right for a month anyway," Colson said.

He mentioned that Montgomery County peach growers ship their peaches out of the area, but many have their own trucks.

Several of Moore County's larger crops, such as tobacco, soybeans, corn and grain sorghum, are harvested later in the summer.

New Tax Rates Are Set For 13 Fire Districts

BY FLORENCE GILKESON
New tax rates for the County's 13 fire service districts were adopted yesterday in a special meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

In all but five districts, the rate was reduced for the 1979-80 year because of increases resulting from the revaluation of property within the districts.

The rates were tentatively adopted with the understanding that a copy of each district's proposed budget and tax rate will be posted in the fire station at least until Monday, July 2, when the commissioners will meet to give official approval to the county-wide budget and tax rate for the new fiscal year. People in those districts are invited to inspect the proposals between now and Monday.

Commissioner James Craven made the motion to adopt the rates, and it was seconded by Commissioner Tony Parker. The measure, which passed on a unanimous vote, carries the stipulation that those fire departments which have not submitted signed budget proposals do so prior to the July 2 meeting.

The commissioners later amended the original motion to provide two tax rate changes, from 10 to 11 cents for Eastwood and from nine to seven cents for High Falls.

Fire Marshal Joe Adams and several fire chiefs were present to answer questions and comment on the budgets.

Adams said the county has been somewhat "backward" in (Continued on Page 12-A)

Doors Mix-Up Delaying Use Of Court Facility

Those special design oak doors from the West Coast continue to delay completion of Moore County's \$2 million courts facility.

Architect Karl Stuart of Austin Associates told The Pilot Monday that the overdue doors finally did arrive but were the wrong ones, and it was necessary to send them back and reorder. Now the contractor is waiting for a new set to arrive before the final touches can be put on the building erected across from

Courthouse Square in Carthage. Although he was hesitant to make another prediction, Stuart said he was hopeful that the building could be occupied in mid-July.

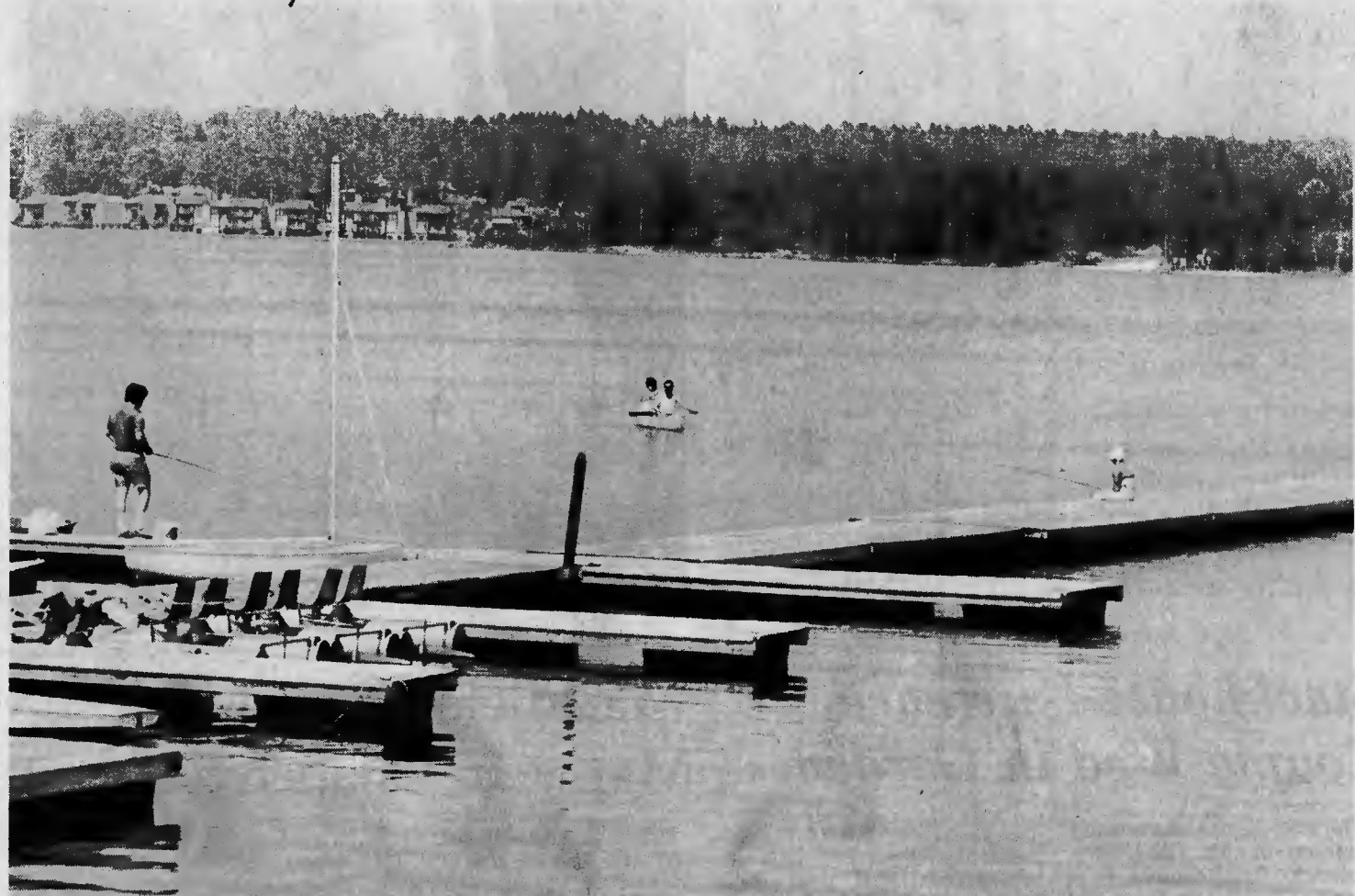
The architect said the building is almost complete. "It's ready except for a couple of small items, including the doors which are in shipment. The door problem hasn't been resolved yet," he said.

The oak laminated doors will (Continued on Page 12-A)

The Sandhills Observatory

Skylab
Ironically, Skylab dying is attracting more attention than Skylab working. It was launched in 1973 and for more than a year it was occupied by successive teams of Astronaut-Scientists who made most significant contributions to our knowledge of outer space. But a public intent on other things, Watergate for example, thought nothing of it; took it for granted as simply another example of cur on going, highly successful space program.

Skylab's death throes and final destruction; giving schedules of times it may be seen and quoting odds on the chance of death or injury that may or may not be caused by its final plunge to destruction. At present the odds causing one injury somewhere in the world is 1 in 152. The chance of any particular individual in the world being injured is estimated as 1 in 600 billion. Compare this with the odds of having an accident driving your car to the grocery store and (Continued on Page 14-A)



SUMMER DAYS — Fishing, boating, swimming and relaxation in general are pursuits followed by a growing number on Lake Pinehurst these early summer days. Here's a scene on a recent afternoon.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Tests Show Moore Doing Better; Only 5% Failing Competency Test

Results on the first re-take of the state competency test and scores made by Moore County children on the Iowa Basic Skills Test were released to the County School Board Monday night.

Dr. W.C. Walton demonstrated that only five percent of Moore County's rising seniors still need to complete the competency test, instituted by state law last year. Seniors must pass this test as a requirement of graduation.

If a student is unable to pass the competency test after repeated trials—November and May of his junior year, and probably two attempts his senior year—he may receive a certificate instead of a diploma.

In November, the competency test was administered to 660

county juniors, 93 percent of whom passed the reading and 89 percent of whom passed the math sections of the test.

In May, those who failed either or both sections of the test were given a second chance to get it

behind them. After that attempt, 95 percent of the original 660 passed both parts of the test.

Currently 13 students, drawn from all three Moore County high schools, need to pass both sections of the competency test in

Louise Suggs Is Named To Golf Hall Of Fame

Louise Suggs, one of the all-time great women players has been elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame, at Pinehurst, it was announced today.

Also elected to the Hall of Fame was deceased Walter J. Travis, a turn-of-the-century golfer who captured several national championships after taking up the game rather late in life.

Members of the Golf Writers Association of America voted Ms. Suggs into the Hall of Fame in the Modern Era category. She becomes the 16th player to be elected into the Modern Era category since the Hall of Fame opened in 1974. The stringent voting rules require that a player must receive at least 75 percent of the votes to gain entry into the Hall of Fame.

Lee Trevino, winner of five

order to receive a high school diploma. No student failed reading alone. However, 22 need to take the math section alone.

This number represents five percent of the entire senior class, from North Moore, Union Pines and Pinecrest. It was estimated, said Dr. Walton, that 50 percent of these students are enrolled in exceptional education classes, or classes for those with a low I.Q.

Results of the "annual testing program," which utilizes the standard Iowa Basic Skills battery of tests, were also given in terms of both percentile and grade rankings.

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Pilot Tuesday

The Pilot will publish on Tuesday next week because the Fourth of July holiday falls on Wednesday, the regular publication day.

The news and advertising deadline will be 5 p.m. on Monday, although late-breaking news will be handled up to 10 a.m. Tuesday.

A deadline of 2 p.m. Monday has been set for Classified Advertising.

All correspondents are urged to get their copy to the Pilot office by Monday.

The Pilot will be closed all day on Wednesday, July 4.

Aberdeen Pageant Is July 4

The "Miss Aberdeen" pageant, long a tradition in Aberdeen's Fourth of July festivities, will begin at 7:30, July 4, at the Aberdeen Middle School Auditorium.

Frank McNeill, Jr., who is chairman of the project, sponsored by the Aberdeen Jaycees, said seven contestants are scheduled to participate in the pageant, which will feature swimsuit, evening gown and talent competition.

Contestants are Marva Denise Gillis, Emily Faye Morrison, Bonnie Clark, Susan Jordan, Denise Meyers, Kelly Haynes and Lynda Young.

The emcee for the 1979 Miss Aberdeen pageant will be Susan Lynn Griffin, Miss North Carolina 1975 and a talent winner in the Miss America pageant.

Featured performers in the pageant will be Miss Griffin, Miss Aberdeen 1978, Alisa Kay Goodman, and Julian Long III of Southern Pines, who will sing.

Capacity crowds are expected at the pageant, a spokesman said.

Revitalization

John May, chairman of the steering committee for the Downtown Revitalization project, said the group will meet sometime this week to discuss future plans for the committee.

The town of Southern Pines had budgeted funds for the committee, but public opinion turned against one proposal, for a downtown merchants' tax, at a public hearing June 12.

Schools Plan New Position On Buildings

Woman Is Killed By Auto

A pedestrian crossing U.S. 1 just outside the Southern Pines town limits was struck by a car and fatally injured Saturday night.

Trooper C.A. Todd of the State Highway Patrol identified the accident victim as 25-year old Diane McLean Moser, 665 S. Bennett St., Southern Pines.

Ms. Moser died early Monday morning at Moore Memorial Hospital of head injuries, according to Moore County Coroner James Andrews. She was employed by J.F.R. Barn.

Todd told The Pilot that the driver left the scene after the 10:45 accident and he has been unable to determine the driver's name or the automobile registration. The investigation is continuing.

The accident took place a short (Continued on Page 14-A)

BY JENNIFER CALDWELL
The Moore County School Board held a lively summer meeting Monday and agreed to meet again July 2, to hear a position paper being drafted by Superintendent Bob Lee in reference to capital outlay projects, or the school system's long-term building plan.

School board members at the close of the formal agenda voiced their concern that no money was allocated in the county commissioner's 1979-1980 budget for the school's building plan, part of which board members believe cannot be delayed.

School board member Debbie Williams said no child should be sent to a building in the condition of Cameron Elementary School and "I wish the judges and the lawyers who are to hold court in the new courthouse would hold it for just one day in Cameron Elementary."

"It may come to the point that we have to remove all the children from the school and we'd have no place to put them," she said.

Another board member, John Sledge, said "I think it's time for the Board to take a firm stand... Cameron has the most (Continued on Page 12-A)

Tobacco Auction Marts To Open Here July 24

Moore County Extension Agent Tom Colson expects local tobacco growers to have leaf ready for marketing by late July when area markets open. The recommended opening dates are about a week earlier than usual.

The 40-member Flue-cured Tobacco Advisory Committee last week recommended July 18 as the opening date for leaf sales within the North Carolina Border Belt and July 24 for Area C markets, which include the Sandhills region.

Some Moore County farmers have already begun the curing process.

"You know it just takes one week to get tobacco ready for the (market) floor, and I'm sure we'll have tobacco for sale when the markets open," Colson said.

Approval of the market opening dates is expected.

Affected by the July 18 date will be markets in Area A (Georgia-Florida Belt) and Area B (South Carolina Border North (Continued on Page 12-A)

Board Dips Into Surplus To Balance New Budget

An expected \$967,000 surplus will be eaten up in the 1979-80 fiscal year if Moore County really does have to use more than \$900,000 from surplus to cover the new budget year.

The county commissioners last week adopted a 50-cent tax rate, projected to cover the county's needs through a \$950 million tax base for the year beginning July 1. In an attempt to hold down the tax rate and to provide as many services as possible, the commissioners decided to dip into surplus funds. The tax rate was approved on a 3-2 split vote.

County Finance Officer Estelle Wicker said this is the first time the commissioners have used this much from surplus funds to balance the budget. And Mrs.

Wicker has been associated with the county over 50 years.

"I don't know how this will work out. I've never had to do it before," she told The Pilot.

Mrs. Wicker also pointed out that the surplus this year is not as big as it was last year, when it exceeded \$1.3 million.

Surplus funds represent a little bit of county money from each of numerous sources, including property, sales, and intangible taxes, electrical fees and other fees charged by county agencies.

Both Mrs. Wicker and County Administrator W. Sidney Taylor said that the accumulation of a surplus is an accepted practice among local governments, which must have cash ready before (Continued on Page 14-A)



HALL OF FAME — Louise Suggs (above) will be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame on Tuesday, August 21, in Pinehurst. Ms. Suggs won 50 LPGA tour titles and several major tournaments including three U.S. Women's Opens and one U.S. Women's Amateur.

THE PILOT LIGHT

DEMOCRATS—Some Moore County Democrats see the hand of the Rev. Kent Kelly in the reorganization and election of officers of the Young Democrats Club here last Saturday.

Kelly, who has taken the lead in the "Christian Schools" movement in the state, is head of the Calvary Christian School and Calvary Memorial Church in Southern Pines.

At Saturday's meeting three persons associated with the Calvary School were elected to office in the Moore YDC. Two of the four officers are teachers at the school and one is a parent of children attending the school.

Some Democrats are saying that Kelly, who was successful in getting the 1979 Legislature to

exempt the "Christian Schools" from most state regulations, including statewide tests, is moving toward a more activist role in state politics and is starting the move in Moore County.

POLITICS—Some 200 or more from the Lee County area gathered one evening last week at Roy Stewart's cabin near Sanford to talk politics.

Special guests at the gathering were Carl Stewart, the Speaker of the House who is planning to run for Lieutenant Governor next year, and Rufus Edmondson, the Attorney General who at this point is planning to seek reelection.

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