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Judge Kivett Gives Praise For Facility

To Judge Charles T. Kivett, a Carthage native, fell the honor this week of presiding for the first superior court session in the new Moore County Courts Facility.

"It appears to be superb," the judge said in describing the \$2.5 million structure, erected across the square from the historic courthouse in downtown Carthage.

"It's as functional as any new facility I've seen. The acoustics is fine, and I've been managing real well without a sophisticated

microphone system here," Kivett added.

Kivett noted that conditions were somewhat crowded when the criminal session was convened at 10 a.m. Monday, but attributed that to an unusual situation, an exceptionally long docket for grand jury action, which included 86 bills, most of which were drug cases. He also pointed out that this is the first superior criminal court session scheduled in Moore County since May, another factor contributing to the crowding.

In keeping with a personal practice, Judge Kivett opened court with prayer Monday. He said he always does this, using a prayer from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, which he has found particularly appropriate. Kivett, a Methodist, said he always tells people in the courtroom that they are not required to bow their heads and otherwise participate in the prayer if they prefer not to do so.

The Guilford County resident superior court judge moved from Carthage to Cameron when he finished first grade. Later, when his father died, the family moved to Star, his mother's hometown. He did his undergraduate work



Judge Charles Kivett

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Citizens Sound Off To Rep. Bill Hefner

BY JENNIFER CALDWELL The format was that of an old-fashioned town meeting, but the questions were those Americans will confront in the twenty-first century and beyond when Moore County voters meet with Eighth District Congressman Bill

Hefner Tuesday night. Energy and the price of oil was the favorite topic of discussion of a broad range that included the economy, health care and the Panama Canal.

"The most critical thing facing

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Liquor Election Drive Leaders Are Appointed

A prominent Pinehurst surgeon and the chairman of the Par Travel Council have accepted leadership roles in the upcoming mixed beverage election in Mineral Springs Township.

Dr. William F. Hollister, a resident of Country Club of North Carolina, will serve as chairman of the effort.

Melvin G. Nelson, a town councilman from Foxfire, will be treasurer. The Mixed Beverage Committee of Mineral Springs Township is in the formative

stage, and a Steering Committee will be announced shortly.

The election, scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, will involve voters from the village of Pinehurst, Seven Lakes, the Country Club of North Carolina, and West End, in addition to Foxfire.

"A favorable vote on September 4 will not only keep our resorts competitive with other regions of the state, but should generate a considerable amount

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Dante Montesanti Dies; Operator Of Restaurant

A funeral mass for Dante S. Montesanti, Sr., 69, of 345 Country Club Drive, was held Tuesday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Father Francis Smith and Father Edward Waters officiating.

A rosary was said Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at Mount Hope Cemetery. Coming here as a child he

has been since 1911 a resident of Southern Pines. He was active in the business community, first operating Montesanti Cleaners, which he opened in 1940, then the Montesanti Development Corp., which was established in 1946, then opening Dante's Restaurant at 672 South West Broad Street on Columbus Day, 1942.

He had also been General Manager of the Pawtucket Country Club in Pawtucket, R.I. in 1948-49.

Mobile Guide honored Mr. Montesanti and his restaurant in 1971 and 1972 and so did the United Nations Committee for the Restoration of Venice in 1972. He studied in 1931-32 at National University Law School in Washington, D.C.

His late wife was the former Frances Occhipinti of Boston, Mass., who died in December, 1977. They were married in 1942 and she worked in business with him until she became co-owner of The Salem Shop.

He was also active in civic affairs, and established the Sandhills Merchants Council, of which



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AUGUST HARVEST TIME — August is the time for the harvesting of Moore County's tobacco crop and it is also the time when the golden weed is sold at auction. Here's a tobacco field near West End where the priming of leaves is under way.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Faye Hamlin Named SCC Trustee On Split Vote; Simmons Chosen

Faye Brewer Hamlin of Carthage was appointed to the Sandhills Community College board Monday on a split vote by the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

She succeeds J.C. Robbins of Aberdeen, who has served two eight-year terms on the board.

Her name was one of six submitted to the board by the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee. The list included Robbins, Hamlin and four other women. It was the first time the Democrats had submitted recommendations for the college board and was done voluntarily, without an official request from the county com-

missioners. Mrs. Hamlin will join another new appointee, Bill Simmons of Pinebluff, who has been appointed to the board by Governor Jim Hunt as successor to H. Clifton Blue. Simmons is principal of Pinehurst Middle School. Blue, Aberdeen newspaper

publisher, has served two terms, both as chairman of the board. In supporting Robbins for a third term, Commissioners Tony Parker and James Craven argued that the Aberdeen man had served the college well and is well respected throughout Moore County.

Craven, who made the nomination, said Robbins "is

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Tobacco Up

Tobacco prices continued a gradual trend upward as the Sandhills Tobacco Markets entered the third week.

Sales on the Carthage Market amounted to \$539,341.75 for 412,553 pounds yesterday. This is an average of \$130.73 per 100 pounds; up from the \$125 average reported for one sale last week.

The Aberdeen Market sold 339,105 pounds for \$418,539 at the Monday sale, for an average of \$123.42, largely unchanged from last week.

The Sandhills Market, which is part of the Middle Belt, opened about two weeks earlier than usual this summer, because of weather conditions earlier in the season and crop maturity.

New Industry Asks \$1.5 Million Bonds

BY FLORENCE GILKESON The way was cleared Monday for the county's newest industry, Brooks and Perkins, Inc., to make application for industrial revenue bonds in the amount of \$1.5 million.

If the application is approved by the N.C. Department of Commerce, it will be the third time Moore County has made use of this federally-tax free means of financing a new industry.

At the Monday board meeting the Moore County Board of Commissioners gave unanimous approval to a resolution needed to push the application measure a step further.

John M. May, county attorney, reported that Brooks and

Perkins is in the process of purchasing property in Aberdeen and wants to finance the endeavor with industrial revenue bonds. Although the Michigan-based firm is not sure it will need bonds, May explained that it is proceeding with the application and needs the approval of the county's governing body before application can be made.

Brooks and Perkins is a manufacturer of air cargo handling systems, materials handling equipment, aerospace and nuclear components, and products for containerization. The company is buying the Twin Lakes facility on Anderson Street in Aberdeen from Key Homes,

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A.B. Parker

A. B. Parker To Fill Post Of Coroner

With one abstention, the Moore County Board of Commissioners on Monday voted to appoint A.B. Parker as coroner, to fill the office left vacant July 1 by the resignation of James Andrews.

Parker, a former coroner, was the person recommended for the office by the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee at a meeting Thursday night.

Parker was sworn in this morning. The oath of office was administered by Clerk of Superior Court Charles McLeod in Carthage.

recommend a suitable appointee for the position.

At a meeting in July the Democrats did not make a recommendation but proposed that the commissioners study the situation and determine if Moore County actually needs a coroner, since many counties manage without such an office. Upon learning that the county is required by law to have a coroner, until legislative action can be taken, the Democrats reversed themselves last week and made a recommendation.

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In taking their action, the commissioners expressed interest in determining whether Moore County really needs a coroner. It would take legislative action to abolish this constitutional office.

The question about need arose with Andrews' abrupt resignation during the board's budget discussions. Andrews, who had served since December, resigned in protest, charging that the commissioners had failed to budget sufficient funds for operation of the office.

Because Andrews was elected on the Democratic ticket, the board asked the Democratic Executive Committee to

Two Children Killed When Car Hits Tree

Two children were killed and four persons injured Saturday when a car driven by an Aberdeen man, Edward Drakeford of 612 Arnold Street, went out of control on Highway 1-77 near Charlotte and crashed into a tree.

Brandy Goins, nine months, and Natasha Goins, three years, died in the crash. The driver of the car and three passengers were taken to a Charlotte Hospital. Drakeford and Bernard McKenzie of Aberdeen, Linda Goins, mother of the two girls

fatally injured, and Mark Goins, five, her son, were injured. Ms. Goins and her children were of 1080 Richards Street, Southern Pines.

Highway patrolman Jerry Murphy charged the driver with DUI, the Charlotte Highway Patrol told The Pilot Monday by telephone.

The wreck came when the car ran into a pine, lost its front door and rolled another 20 yards before hitting a larger tree, crushing the car's left side and

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POLITICS—The leaders in the statewide organization for the reelection of Jim Hunt as Governor have reactivated the various county groups and they, in turn, have been busy raising campaign funds.

The state committee has set up a headquarters a block away from the State Capitol on Fayetteville Street in Raleigh, but most of the activity is taking place out in the state.

Hunt had a well organized campaign in 1976, reaching into nearly every county, and for the

most part those county organizations have been kept intact and are ready to go again.

Most of the Hunt supporters are certain there will be opposition in the Democratic primary next May and most see John Ingram as the most likely opposition candidate.

ELECTIONS—The Moore County Board of Elections has been reappointed and the three members were sworn in for a

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Law On Names Challenged

John Baz-Dresch and his wife, Cheri Casper of Southern Pines, are among three couples who are challenging the state law requiring children to take the same surname as their fathers.

In a suit filed by the N.C. Civil Liberties Union, the couples say that the law violates their right to privacy, liberty, equal protection and free speech. They say they wish to give their child a hyphenated combination of both their last names.

The suit was brought in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

According to a release from the Civil Liberties Union, the parents and children who have brought suit are asking the Court to declare the state law unconstitutional, prohibit the State Registrar from enforcing the law, and award them damages in the amount of \$10,000 each, for a total of \$30,000.

A bill had been introduced in the last session of the General Assembly that would have permitted a child to be given the surname of the mother or a combination of the surnames of the mother and father with a

hyphen between the two names. The North Carolina Civil Liberties Union had lobbied for passage of this bill but it was never voted out of committee.

State officials refused to accept a birth certificate for the daughter born to Baz-Dresch and Cheri Casper as Baz-Casper instead of Baz-Dresch, the father said.

"This is the way the Spanish-speaking world makes up the last names," the father was quoted. "You would find this system used not so much in everyday use, but

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Tobacco Farmers Questioning Settlements On Contamination

BY BARBARA DANLEY About two months ago many North Carolina farmers were unexpectedly thrown into a panic stemming from the appearance of herbicide contamination in their tobacco crops.

How the herbicide, Picloram, mysteriously found its way into one variety of fertilizer remains

undetermined and so does the future of more than fifty farms and their operators in Moore County alone.

"How will we live through the winter? What about the bills? What will the insurance company do, if anything? Can my land be used next year, or will it be contaminated for years to

come?" These are only a few of the questions which have plagued local farmers during the past weeks as they wait word of settlement.

"No settlement is in sight at this time," one farmer commented. "Just a lot of talk and

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CROP DESTROYED — "It's a damn shame!" said Wade Collins, one of the farmers who lost his entire crop to the herbicide, Picloram. Collins cut his 23 acre contaminated crop to the ground this week. (Photo by Barbara Danley).