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New Principal

at Southern Pines Middle School is Herbert Leon Hollerman of Durham. See story Page 10-A.

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Message Set On Budget Thursday

How many millions will the 1981-82 county budget requests total when the tabulating ends?

County Administrator Larry Moubry said Monday that he and Finance Officer Kai Nelson are still adding up the revenues and searching for new sources of revenue before the Moore County Board of Commissioners begins its in-depth work sessions on the new budget.

No new sources of revenue have been found, although a gold mine under the courthouse would be a welcome change.

Moubry will present his budget message Thursday at a special 4 p.m. meeting of the commissioners. The meeting will be devoted entirely to the budget message, and it is not expected that action will be taken on any of the budget requests.

Along with his message, Moubry will present budget requests from the remaining departments, agencies, and offices usually funded by the county. He will also present his recommendations for each agency, except the public schools and Sandhills Community College.

As for the $5.9 million proposal presented by the school board, Moubry said he will "probably show what it would cost to grant the entire request and what it would cost not to grant it." Otherwise he does not plan to make a recommendation.

The school budget is the largest single budget funded by the county.

Moubry said he will describe the overall financial picture on the 1980-81 budget. County finances have been in a critical state for about three months as costs have exceeded appropriations and in some areas expected revenues have fallen short of projections. County officials are con-

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Robbery Arrests Are Made

Two Southern Pines teens were arrested last Wednesday in connection with an armed robbery at the Sheraton Inn and an attempted armed robbery at Fairview Motel earlier in May.

Johnny Lee Lyles, 17, of 959 Richards St., and Reginald Anthony Morrison, 19, of 506 Shaw Avenue, were charged with two counts each of armed robbery with a dangerous weapon and were placed in jail pending a $10,000 bond.

Southern Pines Police Det. Gerald Galloway said Tuesday that Lyles had been released on bond, but that Morrison is still in the county jail in Carthage.

The two men have been charged with the robbery of a man and his wife in their room at the Sheraton Inn. Police reported that the man heard a knock at the

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Moore Has Good Record With Court Case Loads

Moore County had one of the highest rates of caseload disposition in superior criminal court last year in North Carolina.

The 1979-80 annual report of the Administrative Office of the Courts shows that 1,050 criminal cases were disposed of in superior court here. That figure includes 676 felonies and 374 misdemeanors, the latter offenses appealed from district court.

The report shows that Moore County Superior Criminal Court disposed of 91.2 percent of the felony cases and 92.8 percent of the misdemeanors. The average for the 20th Judicial District was 85.6 percent for felonies and 87 percent for misdemeanors, while the average for the state was lower: 77 percent for felonies and 78.6 percent for misdemeanors.

In addition to Moore, the 20th District is composed of Anson, Richmond, Stanly and Union counties.

The annual report reveals that

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INJURED IN ACCIDENT — Sgt. Marshall Thompson of the Aberdeen Police Dept. attends Kenneth Alvin Phinney, 22, of 725 N. Ridge St., who was injured and taken to Moore Memorial Hospital by ambulance after being struck in the side by a car driven by Margaret Weaver Evans, 62, of 280 W. Connecticut Ave.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides)

SHAW HOUSE MAGNOLIAS — A huge magnolia tree which shadows the Shaw House is now in full blossom. The oldest house in Southern Pines, the Shaw House is owned by the Moore County Historical Association, which operates a benefit tearoom there during the winter months.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

School Lunches May Go To $1.25

Students may pay as much as $1.25 for lunch next year, because of an expected 44 percent cut in federal funds to the school food service program, Gail Smith, Moore County Schools Food Service Director, said Monday night.

Mrs. Smith told the Board of Education that the expected cut would mean a loss of $400,000 in revenue to Moore County Schools, meaning that paying students will have to make up the difference in lunch costs.

Elementary students now pay 65 cents for lunch, while high school students pay 70 cents.

Mrs. Smith explained that all the figures were part of a "guessing game" school officials are having to play, not knowing what the cuts will be, but said that the estimated cost for lunches was based on having the same number of free lunches next year, which averages about 4,125 students eating lunch each day.

Reduced lunches could cost as much as 60 cents based on the same estimates of food costs and expected revenue, Mrs. Smith said. There are approximately 1,050 students receiving reduced lunches every day.

Some of the county middle schools have gone to a self-service type of serving line at lunch, Mrs. Smith said, which has saved both money and food waste. At Elise, Southern Pines Middle and Aberdeen Middle Schools, lunch employes have experimented with a buffet-type serving line, in which students only take what they want.

The result is that fewer employes are required on the serving line, there is less food waste and students still are offered the "Type A" lunch which federal law requires.

Mrs. Smith said food waste at Elise School has been reduced to about two number 10 cans per day, compared to a fourth of a 30-gallon garbage can wasted with the regular serving system.

Another alternative to high lunch prices would be to offer children "smaller unit components," meaning offer at a lower price a sandwich and piece of fruit, or other similar packages.

Superintendent R.E. Lee said it was "shocking news that we might have to double lunch prices next year. We want to serve the most inexpensive meal we can serve, and still offer nutritious meals, but we're charged with not spending more than we take in."

The budget cuts would mean that the usual supplement covering the cost of paying students' lunches would be eliminated, thus the reason for the increased price.

"If we charge more, it's going to cut down on participation," Lee said. "I question how many will eat at that price."

School Board Sued

Parents of a young boy killed after leaving a school bus last fall are suing the school board and the state for $50,000 in a surprise action reported by Lee Monday night.

Randy Shaver, 10, died in Moore Memorial Hospital in November following the ac-

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Mrs. Dana Dies At 78; Funeral Held On Monday

Mrs. Louise Popham Dana, 78, of 148 Longleaf Road, Southern Pines, died suddenly at her home on Wednesday, May 20. She and her late husband, Paul Dana, were residents of Pinehurst until his death in 1962. They both for many years were very active in the civic and cultural life of the community.

Mrs. Dana served as Secretary of the Board of Directors of Moore Memorial Hospital as successor to her husband from 1962 to 1980, at which time she was designated an honorary member of the Board. In addition, she was a founder and former President of the Moore Memorial Hospital Woman's Auxiliary.

During World War II she organized and served as Chairman of the Moore County Red Cross Volunteer Services. At the time of her death she was a

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Mrs. Paul Dana

Carthage Awaiting Payment

Carthage Mayor W.M. Carter Jr. said this week that there has been no official notice from the county that it will pay the remainder of $3,500 for garbage pickup around the county buildings from Jan. 1 to June 30.

Carter says, "All I know is what I've heard where Mr. Moubry has been quoted as having said the county would make the payment.

"As far as we're concerned nothing has changed since the action by the town board last week," Carter said.

At that regular meeting of the town, board members voted unanimously to institute court action against the county unless the money is paid.

Dr. Charles Phillips chairman of the Moore County Board of Commissioners told The Pilot Monday that the issue will be discussed at the county commissioners' meeting on June 1.

He also said that the issue has never been before the commissioners.

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REDISTRICTING-- Neither Republicans nor Democrats here are pleased with the latest proposal in regard to reshaping the Eighth Congressional District.

Last week in Raleigh a legislative committee was given a proposal which would place Iredell County in the Eighth and move Anson and Union to the Ninth District.

Democrat Bill Hefner now holds the Eighth District seat in Congress and Republican James Martin represents the Ninth.

Iredell in the Ninth has a heavy Republican vote, while Anson and Union are heavily Democratic.

As it now stands the Eighth is close to the perfect number in population. It does border on other districts which are out of line, however.

LOCAL BILLS--Rep. James Craven has introduced a bill in the current session of the Legislature to increase the membership on the Moore County ABC Board from three to five.

There have been few local bills introduced at this session, but one of them calling for a revision in the Southern Pines charter, introduced in the Se .te, has been ratified.

ARTS AWARDS--Moore County received one of the smallest allocations in the state when the N.C. Arts Council recently awarded $415,130 in grants.

Moore got a total of $400-$200

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Lee Sees More Cuts In Budget

BY LIZ HUSKEY

The Moore County schools budget will probably be cut significantly, Superintendent R.E. Lee said Friday, but he said he was going to leave it to the county commissioners and the people to decide which areas to cut.

Even operating at the same level as last year, with no new programs added, is going to require an increase of at least 10 percent, Lee said.

The cost of utilities, school roof repairs and teachers salaries have all been increased in the proposed budget presented to the commissioners last Monday. All these increases would be required to maintain the school program as is. "It won't take the same dollars to stand still," Lee said.

A 44 percent budget increase has been requested.

Also proposed in the schools' budget are salaries for seven new health and physical education teachers, two cultural arts positions and four media assistants, the latter of which are required for evaluation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The board has also recommended that $31,000 be appropriated to begin gradually replacing the revenue generated by required student fees, which bring in an average of $93,000 per year, so that in three years students will not be required to pay fees.

Lee said he expects that the commissioners will reject this and the new physical education and media assistant positions, but said he does not think they are unreasonable requests.

"A lot of times I put things in the budget that if I were levying the taxes, I wouldn't include," he said. "But I want the people and the board of commissioners to decide what they want. I want them to be the ones responsible for saying no."

He said he had promised the

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Aberdeen To Keep Tax Rate

If the Aberdeen Town Board of Commissioners adopts the $1 million budget tentatively approved Monday night, the municipality will retain its present 75-cent tax rate for another year.

The board did give approval to increases in the water and sewer rates, to go into effect July 1.

At the special meeting Monday night the board voted to hold the legally required budget public hearing on June 29 at 7:30 p.m. in town hall. In the meantime copies of the proposed budget will be available for inspection in town hall.

State law requires a 30-day inspection period prior to the official adoption of the budget.

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Register Of Deeds Asks Funds For Old Records

Requests from the register of deeds and Sandhills Community Action Program were presented Friday morning when a hearing on federal revenue sharing funds was held in the old courtroom in Carthage.

Moore County officials expect to receive $602,280 in revenue sharing for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

County Administrator Larry Moubry and Finance Officer Kai Nelson conducted the hearing for the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

Register of Deeds Grier Gilmore repeated a request for approximately $78,000 to extend data processing to the old index and to re-create old deed books.

At an earlier meeting Mrs. Gilmore said she was not including these needs in her regular budget request for 1981-82 but would ask for funds from revenue sharing.

Data processing has been provided for the index since 1978. She wants to add the index for the years 1974-77, which would provide data processing coverage for the latest and most significant period of growth in the county.

Mrs. Gilmore explained that data processing would simplify the work of attorneys and the public in general, everyone using the index. She noted that everything must be indexed, according to grantor and grantee, and everything must be grouped together. Data processing makes the index easier to follow but does not necessarily lessen the work load of her staff.

Re-creation of the old deed books would be an act of historical preservation, since some of these books will soon be 100 years old. The oldest dates to 1889. The registrar said the threads in these volumes are breaking, causing damage to the books and making it difficult to preserve and to use them.

If the deed books can be repaired in this fashion, they would be re-created in half-size books, making them easier to handle and fitting better into the available shelving.

Pat Brown, equal opportunity officer for SCAP, asked for assistance in developing com-

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Council For Roads Planned

Governor Jim Hunt has signed an executive order creating a County Transportation Efficiency Council in Moore County and each of North Carolina's 100 counties.

Under the executive order, the councils "will examine the work program, policies, methods and operations of each Department of Transportation county maintenance unit" and "make recommendations to the Governor and the Board of Transportation on improving efficiency and productivity in those units."

Each council will have five to 10 members appointed by the Governor, as well as an ex-officio member of the Board of Transportation serving with them.

In announcing his order establishing the councils last week, Governor Hunt said, "this will give citizens someone to go to when they have complaints about a maintenance crew wasting time, or not doing a thorough job, or whatever it may be."

He added, "I would particular-

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Fire Tax Questions Are Aired

Problems with tax collection for Moore County's 13 fire service districts were explained last week to the county board of commissioners.

Complaints about the collection and use of this tax money were aired as questions were asked about such things as non-payment by some citizens and the investment of the money which is collected.

County Administrator Larry Moubry pointed out that the county does not charge a fee for collecting these taxes but does keep interest collected on funds invested prior to payment directly to departments.

"It's quite a problem to collect the money, and we feel we deserve to keep any interest col-

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AVENUE OF FLAGS — The colors mark Memorial Day as the VFW and Auxiliary present a program at Mount Hope Cemetery.