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in the Moore-Randolph area practice an ancient art. Ten of them are listed in a report on Page 5, Section 2.

What's
it like to be in the 'Miss North Carolina' Pageant? 'Miss Southern Pines' tells about it. Page 3, Section 3.

Tentative Budget Is Approved

The Moore County commissioners, in special session Thursday at Carthage, adopted a tentative budget for 1969-70 totalling \$3,054,094, retaining the present tax rate of \$1.40 per \$100 valuation on property estimated at \$117,500,000, plus a 25-cent supplementary school tax—the first for this county.

The budget summary has been placed on public display at the register of deeds' office, to remain until Monday, July 7, when it is expected to be officially adopted with few, if any, changes. The fiscal year it covers will begin July 1.

Of the total, approximately 61 per cent, or \$1,991,273, is for education in the form of maintenance, operating expenses and debt service for the Moore County schools and Sandhills Community College, and capital outlay for the schools.

The budget includes a salary raise of approximately 10 per cent for all county employees of one year's standing or more, with some variations—a tight squeeze because, for the first time in recent years, there was no comfortable carryover in the form of a surplus. Unexpected demands during the year had taken all available funds.

Despite the \$7,500,000 increase in property valuation, the budget total, while record-breaking, is only \$413,419 more than last year.

The final figure was reached only after some last-minute kinks had been ironed out and (Continued on Page 6)



NEW BUILDING — State Parks nature museum is shown at the front of the county's first nature museum, as they attend the final State inspection of the \$120,000 structure designed by John F. Faulk of Southern Pines to "tell the story of the Sandhills." (Pilot photo)

FIRST OF ITS KIND IN NATION

Officials Inspect Nature Museum

By MARJORIE RAGAN

Naturalists from all over North Carolina came to Weymouth Woods Wednesday as the first nature museum in the nation owned by a Parks Commission received final inspection by State Parks, Conservation and Development, Department of Administration, and engineering officials.

The 6,000 square foot, modern, two-story native pine structure is near the entrance of the Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve given by the Boyd family to the State Parks system.

The preserve is a 400-acre tract to tell the story of the Sandhills history, soil, typography, growth, and wildlife to the public.

Built by combined federal and state funds of around \$120,000, the building was designed by Architect John F. Faulk of Southern Pines.

On the first floor of the central portion is a lobby, reception room, ranger's office, and public bathrooms.

On the second floor is a ranger's workroom, library and seminar workroom and storage space.

A wing on the left of the (Continued on page 6)

\$300,000 Fire Protection Work In Downtown Area Nearing End

Southern Pines \$300,000 program for up-dating fire protection in the downtown area is almost complete, and will be finished early in July, Town Manager Bud Rainey said this week.

The project, part of a continuing plan, is being financed through a bond issue.

Already in are 48 new fire hydrants which cost around \$200 apiece and 22,000 feet of 12 inch lines.

A new fire truck, being built

to order in Elmira, New York, at a cost of \$23,000 is expected to be ready any day to bring equipment at the modern, spotless fire station on New Hampshire avenue to three trucks and a pickup. In addition, 2,000 feet of hose have been ordered.

This year, for the first time, Southern Pines has had a paid fire chief, Peter C. Rapatas, who earlier served as a volunteer fireman for some ten years. The chief serves in addition to four paid firemen—Henry Bradford, Paul Siron, John Albert and Ed Baker—plus a corps of some 20 volunteer firemen who are on call at all times. George Wentland, a volunteer, is assistant fire chief.

The program being completed is composed of extending large water mains and looping them with smaller lines for better volume and pressure; clearing water mains; elevating water tanks; water plant improvements and booster pumping station; plus repairs to concrete work and the water treatment plant.

The program was initiated following a community facilities plan outlined by the North Carolina Department of Community Development. (Continued on Page 6)

Junior Tennis Tournery Slated; Support Needed

Dates for the Junior Sandhills Invitational Tournament, being resumed this summer by the Sandhills Tennis Association after a three-year lapse, have been set for August 14 through 17, according to Dick Roberts, tournament chairman.

Plans to make the tournament as successful as in years past were launched at an STA meeting held at the Municipal Building, led by Ed Hardester, president.

Tournament events will include boys' and girls' singles and doubles (no mixed doubles) in three age brackets—14-under, 16-under and 18-under, with invitations mailed to a long list of players in this and neighboring states. Com- (Continued on Page 6)

Licensed Practical Nurse Fees To Rise

Beginning August 1, private duty practical nurses in Moore County will raise their fees from \$16.50 to \$21 for each eight-hour shift.

The action was taken recently in a vote by Area 13 members of the North Carolina Licensed Practical Nurses Association. The area includes nurses in Moore, Montgomery, Richmond and Chatham counties.

There are about 75 members of the association in Moore County. Private duty registered nurses in District 12 recently voted to increase their eight-hour fee from \$22 to \$28, effective July 15.

Sheriff Kelly Drops Grimm After Dispute Over New Department

The resignation of Herman H. Grimm, chief deputy in the Moore County sheriff's department since 1958, was announced Tuesday by Sheriff W. B. Kelly.

Grimm said today that his resignation had been requested in writing by Sheriff Kelly. The resignation is effective at once.

The sheriff said this morning that he was interviewing two prospects as a replacement for Grimm. "Both are experienced men," he said. He expects to announce an appointment within a few days.

Grimm said that the differences between him and the sheriff had come about because of a bill authorizing the county commissioners to set up a separate department of investigation and identification. The bill, which was enacted last Friday by the General Assembly, was opposed by Sheriff Kelly, who contended that such a department was unnecessary.

Grimm said that he and the sheriff disagreed over the proposed department. "I believed, and still believe, that it would be a good thing for law enforcement in the county," he said.

The county commissioners are expected to meet the first of next week, possibly on Monday, to discuss the proposed department, and the situation in the sheriff's department.

Grimm said that he had provided information to the commissioners at their request on how such departments operated in other counties. It was all "open and

above board," he said.

The bill, termed purely permissive legislation, was introduced in the legislature by Rep. T. Clyde Auman at the request of the board of commissioners.

In the meantime, Sheriff Kelly disclosed Wednesday that another member of his force has resigned, giving as his reason the low pay for the

job of night radio dispatcher. Joe Cameron, former Vass policeman, who had been on the 1 am to 9 am shift since last fall, submitted his resignation on Sunday.

Sheriff Kelly said, however, that the new county budget calls for a 10 per cent pay increase for all of his 11 staff members. It's an "across the board" pay increase, he said.

The sheriff's department budget for 1969-70 has been set at \$79,067, as compared to \$56,715 this year. The increase is for pay raises, the salaries of two new deputies now being paid out of contingency funds and the purchase of a new prowl car.

Grimm has been in law enforcement work for 28 years. (Continued on page 6)

First Races Set By Horsemen Of Sandhills Area

Members of a newly formed Sandhills Division of the North Carolina Horse Racing Association plan to meet tonight (Wednesday) at Pineholme on Youngs Road—and they're inviting all interested persons to meet with them to discuss plans for horse racing in this area.

At a meeting Wednesday of last week the new local organization was formed. Sunday afternoon, June 29, was set as time for the first races to be run under sponsorship of the group at the Starland Farm track on Midland Road.

Cleared as legal by an attorney, the races will afford free entertainment to the public. Anyone can enter a horse, said Dooley Adams, local horse trainer and former top steeplechase rider, who is one of the prime movers in the new racing group.

Eight races are tentatively planned, Adams told The Pilot, including one for ladies and one for children 13 years or age and younger, if entries from such riders are received. Entry fees will be held low, he said, hopefully to \$10 or less.

Purses to be divided by the three winners in each race (Continued on page 6)

STORY HOUR TO BEGIN JUNE 21

Story Hour at the Southern Pines Library, sponsored annually by the Southern Pines Junior Woman's Club for children ages four through nine, will begin Saturday, June 21.

It will be held each Saturday from 10:30 to 11:30 am through August 23 with the exception of July 5.

Saturday's event will feature entertainment with Susan Austin and several of her friends playing their guitars and singing folk songs.

The Story Hour will be held in the garden at the library unless bad weather in which case it will be in the art gallery.

Man Killed, 3 Injured As Car Runs Off Road

Willard Causey Shields, 23, of Robbins, Route 2, was killed Sunday night when the car in which he was a passenger left the road and overturned between Murdockville and Pinehurst.

Patrolman H. W. Malcolm said the accident occurred about 7:15 p.m. and Shields died at Moore County Hospital about 12:30 a.m. Monday.

Three other persons were injured in the accident. Thomas Grady Garner, 20, of Robbins (Continued on page 6)

Unified Moore 'Phone Directory Possible, If Interest Is Shown

A unified telephone directory for Moore County is in the works for this year if there is sufficient interest in it from residents of the county.

In a letter sent out this week by James E. Harrington Jr., president of the Sandhills Chamber of Commerce, it was reported that United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, the Sandhill Telephone Company, and the North Carolina Telephone Company had agreed that a unified telephone directory could be printed "if it is desired by the citizens of the county as represented by their elected officials and civic leaders."

Harrington asked that these people write to the Chamber of Commerce by June 25 as to their wishes.

The advantages of a directory listing alphabetically all the numbers of Moore towns together, instead of the inconvenience of looking up numbers in separate town listings, were cited by Harrington.

All of the towns—Aberdeen,

Women Economic Status Low, Says Gilmore's Report

"North Carolina continues to be among the lowest per capita income states of the nation and North Carolina women continue to be at the bottom of our state's own economic barrel."

This statement, along with recommendations for further hearings and studies, was included in a report by Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, chairman of the North Carolina Commission on the Education and Employment of Women.

The report was made today to Governor Scott, Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor and House Speaker Earl Vaughn.

The commission report, prepared by Gilmore, recommended that in the next two years another series of public hearings be held across the state, along with surveys, to determine such questions as: The extent of the need for day care centers, attitudes and patterns of employment of women, along with promotion and pay policies, progress being made against discrimination of women in jobs, and attitudes regarding careers for women.

The commission report said that more than 43 per cent of the State's work force is female—some 905,000 women, with major categories of employment for women in textile and apparel manufacturing (203,000), service trades (141,300) and household work (111,000).

Mrs. John Chase of Eureka (Continued on page 6)

PEACHES MOVING

Rains Wash Out Fertilizer On Tobacco Fields

Heavy rains of recent days have damaged the Moore County tobacco crop, but in general all other crops are in good shape.

County Farm Agent Fleet Allen said Tuesday that the rain had "leached out" the fertilizer under tobacco and that the fertilizer would have to be replaced or the crop would be seriously affected.

Farmers in most parts of the county were busy Tuesday applying side dressing to their tobacco. Some were re-fertilizing their crops for the third time.

Rains had caused some bad washing of fields, Allen said. The corn crop looks good, but small grains have been hurt by the heavy rainfall, Allen said that unless it can be harvested soon the yield will be greatly reduced.

Pastures, he said, are "in the best shape I've ever seen them," and he added that all other crops, especially gardens looked good.

The dewberry crop is good, but dewberries were reported ripening too fast. Picking has been stepped up.

Peach growers in the Sandhills area were picking this week, but most of the early crop is being shipped to northern markets where in New (Continued on Page 6)

Grave Cave-Ins Caused By Rain

More than 50 graves in Mt. Hope Cemetery caved in this week because of the heavy rains, and urgent repairs had to be made, Town Manager Bud Rainey reported today.

Rainey said that a crew of men worked all day Tuesday to fill sunken graves. Four two and one-half-ton truck-loads of soil were needed to fill the cave-ins. Graves were also re-seeded with a mixture of fescue and winter rye.

Rainey said that the town's work forces had been busy for several days unstoping clogged up drains and repairing other damages from the rain. Even the basement of the town hall was flooded.



ON 100TH BIRTHDAY. Few people live to see their descendants to the fourth and fifth generation but Mrs. J. W. Allen, above, has accomplished that feat. Shown with her at her birthday reception at Vass are, at left, Steve and Frankie Coble, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coble, Jr., of Mt. Ulla, and right, Mitch Coe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coe of Vass. Steve and Frankie are Mrs. Allen's great-grandchildren, while Mitch is her great-grandson. Details are in a story elsewhere in today's Pilot. (Photo by Valerie Nicholson)

THE PILOT LIGHT

LEGISLATURE — The revolt against the cigarette tax and the Republican - Eastern Democrats coalition dominated the legislative news last week. But when Governor Scott took the fight for his program to the people with a unique barnstorming tour on Saturday the weight swung back to the administration.

There doesn't seem to be much question but that the Republicans tried to use their strength to get more representation on boards and commissions. Governor Scott called it a "deal" which he would not make. But the Republicans were also trying to develop an issue of "economy" in government which they can use in the 1970 and 1972 elections.

It was almost a foregone conclusion, however, that new taxes would have to be levied. The 1969-71 budget had been

adopted and it called for spending almost \$100 million shy of anticipated revenue.

In voting to send the tax bill, including the cigarette tax, back to committee the Republicans (26 of the 29 in the House) took an opposite position from the State Republican platform which had endorsed a cigarette tax, and also reversed positions many had made individually last fall.

The Greensboro Daily News pointed out that last December it had mailed out questionnaires to all members of the General Assembly. Among the questions was: "If it appears that anticipated revenue for the next biennium will not meet the state's basic needs, would you vote for a tax on tobacco?" Ten of 13 Republican Representatives who returned the questionnaire said (Continued on Page 6)

First Civil Term Of District Court Set

The first civil term in Moore County under the new district court system will be held the week of July 14.

Charles McLeod, Moore County clerk of court, said that Judge Fetzter Mills, chief judge for the 20th district, made the announcement on Tuesday.

A jury list has been drawn for the civil case session. A presiding judge had not been assigned, but McLeod said that Judge Mills may be the presiding jurist.