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squads of Moore County among most active of volunteer groups in United Fund. Page 8, Section Three.

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will flock to Raleigh this weekend for one of State's oldest social functions. Page 3, Section One.

## Special Meeting Planned To Act on Motel Request For Zoning Law Changes

A called meeting of the Moore County Commissioners is expected to be held Thursday, Sept. 11, to consider a public hearing on whether to permit the Motel being operated on Midland Road by Leaverne Maness to be exempted from the zoning laws.

Commissioners have requested transcripts of a hearing by the County Zoning Board of Adjustments at which the "request for variance" from county zoning was denied.

Copies will be sent to each of the five county commissioners.

Commissioner W. S. Taylor said the consensus of commissioners at a meeting Tuesday was that three of them — Taylor, Cole, and Chairman Currie — would like to hold such a hearing.

He said Commissioner Bob

Ewing said making an exception to the zoning laws would be like opening a hole in a dike.

Sanford Attorney Robert L. Gavin appeared unexpectedly before the Commissioners at their Tuesday meeting

to ask for a public hearing on a proposed zoning ordinance amendment.

Gavin told the board it had the power to amend the ordinance if it desired to do so, provided it went through

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## \$100,000 Jewel Theft Is Investigated Here

A \$100,000 jewelry robbery in Southern Pines is under investigation by the Moore County CID and local police, who are being assisted by the SBI and FBI.

CID Director H. H. Grimm said the jewelry was stolen from the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Porteous on East Indiana Avenue while they

were away for the summer. Grimm said he had talked with Mrs. Porteous again on Tuesday. He reported no leads in the case.

A caretaker, checking the home of Mr. and Mrs. Porteous, had notified police and an insurance company July 25 that the house had been broken into, but it could not be determined at that time what, if anything, had been taken.

It was not until Mrs. Porteous returned here Thursday after traveling abroad during the summer that it was revealed she had hidden a box of jewelry in a closet before leaving.

Mrs. Porteous, the former Jane Drexel of Southern Pines, is preparing a list of articles in the box, which she said included heirloom pieces, also a diamond ring, emerald bracelet and other gifts from her first husband, Harry Vale, Jr., who died in 1964.

In addition to the jewelry, only one other item, a 16-

those lines.

Commissioner W. S. Taylor said he had heard from Mrs. John L. Frye, board chairman, that in a telephone poll the members had agreed that their decision of August 26 came too close to the opening of school, and they would let matters stand as they are for this school year,

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## County Line Decision Rescinded by Board

The Moore County commissioners, in regular meeting Tuesday at Carthage, resolved to ask the county Board of Education to reconsider its recent decision not to allow any more Moore County students to attend school in Montgomery County—but it was later learned that the Board of Education had already acted along

## Town Gets Complaints on Dump

By MARJORIE RAGAN

Residents of Niagara and Manly near the town dump disagree with the County Health Officer that there is no air pollution in Moore County.

"I smell that dump" was the last thing my wife said last night," said Leroy Snipes of Niagara.

The dump, or by its more attractive name, the sanitary landfill, is located off the

US 1 by-pass on the western side. All Southern Pines trash and garbage is taken there.

Others complaining about the dump this week included Robert Ferguson, an employee of the Advance Mechanical Service, who lives at Manly. "Every dump that burns in the county is a source of air pollution," Ferguson believes.

Critics of the dump say it draws dogs, flies, and rats,

and that sometimes fires have "gotten away."

City Manager Bud Rainey thinks it unfortunate that the dump bothers people, but he points out that it is constantly cared for by two men.

He said the material at the landfill that is burned is chiefly pine straw and wood. There is a man in constant attendance during the day at the gate, he said, and no difficult products such as auto-

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## Markets Record Average in 70s

The Carthage and Aberdeen flue-cured tobacco markets, opening with the rest of the Middle Belt Tuesday, both reported "fine opening days" with averages considerably higher than last year.

At the three Carthage warehouses, Victory, McConnell and New Farmers, the

average price paid was \$73.94. A total of 307,374 pounds were sold, with a total of \$227,466.16 paid to growers.

At Aberdeen, the average was \$71.72, with total poundage of 300,578 and total price \$215,589.18.

At Aberdeen, four ware-

houses are operating where last year there were three, Hardee's, Planters, and New Aberdeen. The fourth, Farmers Warehouse, was completed last fall too late to take part in the selling season.

On both markets last year, average opening-day price

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL — Marsha Monroe stands briefly at the open door of school. A first grader at West Southern Pines School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Monroe of Eastwood.

(Photo by Emerson Humphrey).

## Sandhills Will Open Fall Term on Monday

Sandhills Community College students, faculty and staff will have a full week of activities September 8-12 which opens the fall term of the 1969-70 school year.

The program of student orientation begins at 9 o'clock Monday morning with an assembly of all students at the Town and Country Cinema on Highway 1 between Southern Pines and Aberdeen. John D. Moore, director of student personnel services, will preside and welcome the students to the College. Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president of Sandhills; H. Clifton Blue, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Dr. James J. Altendorf, dean of instruction; and Harry Jones, president of the Student Government Association will speak briefly. The main address will be given by Judge W. Harry Fullenwider of Southern Pines.

Following the noon until 1 o'clock interval for lunch, the orientation program will continue Monday afternoon, and on Tuesday and Wednesday

mornings on the Sandhills campus. During the three days the students will be briefed on the educational programs, extra-curricular activities including clubs, sports, music and drama, and tour the five

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## Telephone Wire Is Stolen Here Over Weekend

The theft of a large amount of copper wire, valued at several thousand dollars, from the United Telephone Company in Southern Pines was under investigation by local police and the Moore County CID today.

The theft occurred over the past weekend, but was not discovered until Monday morning.

This was the latest in a series of copper wire thefts

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## 9,407 Children Register For Opening of Schools; No Incidents Reported

A total of 9,407 Moore County school children registered for the 1969-70 school term on Tuesday in the three high schools and 16 lower grade schools.

There were no incidents as all of Moore schools were completely integrated, both students and faculty, for the

first time.

Supt. Robert E. Lee described it as "one of the best openings we have had in years."

The registration was better than normal for the first half-day, when it is generally low, with enrollment in recent years building up during subsequent weeks to the 10,000-

student level.

Aside from school bus fouls-ups to be expected with the complete reorganization of schools, everything went smoothly in Area III, which comprises about half the county's students.

Registration was 1,604 at the huge and ultra-modern Pinecrest High School, serving Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen and West End attendance areas. With the consolidation of seven high schools into one, and the division of lower schools into "elementary" and "middle" schools through Area III, full integration of students and faculty came to Moore County.

Schools of Areas I and II were integrated in 1966, with a stay in Area III pending Pinecrest's completion.

"We expected no untoward incidents and there were none," Lee said. He attributed this to careful planning and "the full cooperation" of students, teachers, parents and staff — also the fact that "we are now offering the finest

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## Education Leadership Attributed to Moore

"We have long looked to Moore County for innovation and leadership in North Carolina education," Dr. Jerome Melton, assistant State superintendent of public instruction, told a group of newsmen at a special press conference at Pinecrest High School last Thursday.

The conference, attended by Pinecrest administrators and teachers and Moore County school officials, was held to acquaint news media with the new facility and teaching program.

Speaking of Moore's leadership in education, Dr. Melton called it "the cutting edge" for education in the State and said that Pinecrest will be a "show case school for North Carolina," and a demonstration center for other counties of "what educa-

tion should be and will be in the future."

Dr. Melton said that Pinecrest represented the "ultimate in planning, in technology and imagination in education." He praised Supt. Robert E. Lee and the Board of Education of the county for getting an "involvement of people" in the planning for the school. He called it a "blending of ideas and lead-

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## ASC Nominees Given For Elections Sept. 5

Candidates for election as community committee members of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation have been named, according to County ASC Committee Chairman Norman C. Cagle.

The elections are scheduled by mail during the period September 5-16 in ten areas.

"The ASC community committee is a vital link between the farmer and the men in Washington who administer the farm programs passed by Congress," Cagle said.

"I urge farmers to vote in their community committee

elections for persons they believe will best represent them faithfully and responsibly, and who are well-informed about our local and national agriculture."

In each community a chairman, vice - chairman, regular member and first and second alternates will be named. The person with the largest number of votes will be chairman.

First duty of the newly elected chairmen, vice-chairmen and member will be to serve as delegates to the county convention, at which vacan-

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## Charlie Byrd Quintette Opens Sandhills Music Season Nov. 17

The Charlie Byrd Quintette will open the season for the Sandhills Music Association November 17, it has been announced by President William B. Crews Jr.

Byrd, the famous classical and jazz guitarist who studied under Segovia, will bring with him a flutist, cellist, drummer, and trumpet player. "Charlie Byrd's versatility in the literature of the guitar surpasses that of anyone else. He is a masterful jack of all guitar trades," says Willis Conover of the Voice of America.

Byrd has played with such varied groups as the Woody

Herman band and the National Symphony Orchestra.

President Crews said the concert will be held in the Town and Country Theater for the first time.

He expressed appreciation to Voit Gilmore for helping arrange the concert at the theater and to Stewart and Everette Theaters, Inc. of Charlotte, whose local manager is Bob Dutton.

"We operate as a non-profit corporation and are dependent for our existence from contributions which we hope to receive during our membership campaign which will be launched in late Sep-

tember," Crews said.

Both season tickets and tickets to individual concerts will be sold. Five concerts are planned, to be held in November, January, February, March, and April.

Plans for the season will be made at a meeting this week, Crews said.

He has announced the following committee chairmen: Concert programs, Crews; Membership, Mrs. Walter Newton Jr.; Advertising and Programs, Mrs. R. Edgar Fitchett III; Hospitality, Mrs. Voit Gilmore; Publicity, Mrs. Evelyn de Nissoff; Young Musicians

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## Bookmobile Service is Expanded

A re-routing of the Moore County Bookmobile, with an expansion of service to several new areas, has been authorized by the Library Board of Trustees.

All areas of the county will be covered, in proportion to the density of population, with the re-scheduling of the bookmobile on a twice-a-month basis.

Any Moore County person who has or obtains a library card and takes responsibility for returning borrowed materials may borrow from any of the stops. They may return books to any of the stops or to the Main Library in Carthage. This courtesy is also extended to holders of Montgomery, Richmond, or Anson County Library cards under the reciprocal arrangement existing among the members of the Sandhills Regional Library system.

The bookmobile will carry a full line of books as before and some representative phon-

ograph records. The staff, Mrs. Tennie Kelly and Mrs. Brenda Frye, will also be able to advise, through the main library, about adult films, pamphlets and other book and record holdings.

Sandhill Regional Library Director Vince Anderson said that serving Moore County residents directly from the bookmobile or the main library make the library's materials more accessible to everyone. The bookmobile is on the road four days a week and the library is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 6 p.m. Fridays.

All interested persons are welcome to meet the bookmobile at the most convenient place and see what is being offered, Anderson said.

The new bookmobile schedule will include stops at the new Southern Pines Housing Authority projects off Morganton Road and Vermont Avenue; Sandhill Nursing Home, Penick House, Addor, Taylor-

town, Jackson-Hamlet, Town and Country Shopping Center; areas which have not previously been served.

The bookmobile will also begin direct service to the townspeople of Aberdeen, Pinebluff, and Robbins, where in the past it has only served those town's libraries.

## THE WEATHER

Maximum and minimum temperatures for each day of the past week were recorded as follows at the US Weather Bureau observation station at WEEB on Midland Road.

	Max.	Min.
August 27	84	64
August 28	84	53
August 29	88	55
August 30	88	58
August 31	87	66
September 1	84	65
September 2	84	69

Rainfall — 1.22 inches rainfall recorded from August 27 through September 2.



TOBACCO AUCTION — This was an opening day scene on the Aberdeen tobacco market Tuesday. This picture was made at the New Farmers Warehouse on the

Raeferd road. Earnest Almond (second from left) leads the sales, followed by Auctioneer Lloyd Meekins of Raeferd and buyers from the various companies.

(Photo by Emerson Humphrey).

## THE PILOT LIGHT

DEMOCRATS — Strong support is coming in for Young Democratic leader Jim Hunt of Wilson as the next State chairman of the Democratic Party.

It's generally accepted that James Johnson, the Charlotte soft drink bottler, will step down from the post soon. Several people have been advanced as Johnson's successor, but Hunt is getting considerable backing from a strong element in the party that wants the Democrats to pay more attention to the young voter. There is also need for attention to better organization, these Democrats feel, with a young man needed for the job.

BALD HEAD — Governor Scott's decision on Bald Head or Smith Island — will probably be made known in a few days. State policy as well as State money is involved in deciding whether it will be bought as a wilderness area by the State or allowed to be developed as a resort.

Pilot Light is in receipt of a letter from Dr. B. W. Wells, for 30 years head of the Botany Department at N. C. State University and author of the book, "The Natural Gardens of North Carolina," who expresses the opinion that developing the island off Southport will turn it into a wasteland.

Dr. Wells, now 85 and still

active on his 150-acre tree farm on the Neuse River north of Raleigh, said that he had informed the Governor and Roy G. Sowers, Jr., head of the Department of Conservation and Development, of his findings.

"The complete dominance of liveoak (on Bald Head) is due to the fact that it is the only broadleaved tree which can tolerate the salt toxicity, since the leaves have a pubescence on the under side which prevents the salt water from entering the stomata," Dr. Wells writes. Because of the location of the island at the end of a major cape, he said, salt water is blown in from either side. "Any attempt to develop the island into a resort will have an insolvable problem in plantings," Dr. Wells said.

Other unfavorable conditions for development, he said, are "the steep beach on the northeast side, the treacherous bottom of the shoal sands and innumerable potholes of the southeast side, the inevitable removal of the seven ridges which run the length of the island will permit a hurricane to sweep over the area."

Dr. Wells said he had visited Bald Head many times.

RUTH — In his current newsletter, Congressman Earl B. Ruth, Republican repre-

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