



PEACH QUEEN — Lois Cowan was crowned as North Carolina Peach Queen Saturday night. Here she poses in an appropriate setting of peach blossoms. — (Photo by Bryan Green).

## Lois Cowan Wins Peach Crown; Rosellen Rankin Also Honored

Lois Kathleen Cowan of Pinebluff, who had doffed her title of "Miss Southern Pines" just four weeks earlier, Saturday night at Hamlet won an exciting new one—that of North Carolina Peach Queen for 1973.

Her official task was to preside as reigning beauty over the Carolina 500 races Sunday afternoon at the Rockingham Motor Speedway.

### Wellman Talk

Noted author Manly Wade Wellman will be the speaker at the mid-season meeting of the Moore County Historical Association on Thursday, March 29, at 8 p.m. in the Southern Pines Municipal Building.



OLDEST STRUCTURE? — This cabin, the kitchen of James McLendon, built in 1760, is one of the oldest, if not THE oldest, structures in Moore County. The late Rassie Wicker identified the cabin, near Harris Crossroads on the Pinehurst-Robbins Road as possibly the oldest in Moore County. It was given to the Moore County Historical Society along with the nearby home of James Bryant several years ago. Harris Blake, a director, was chairman of an ad hoc committee which has obtained old boards to repair the Bryant House, repaired a sagging chimney, and boarded it up for protection. One of Mr. Wicker's dreams was restoring what he called a "fine example in an almost perfect state of preservation" after 200 years. McLendon's mill stood nearby, and was an early settlement of Scotsmen. (Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

## Durham Firm Planning Building Program Here

Bobby R. Roberts of Roberts Construction Company in Durham is planning a building program of at least 100 units in the Southern Pines area in the near future, and says "it will bring home ownership into the reach of thousands of working people who could not otherwise afford it."

Roberts plans to build a series of subdivisions one of them here, where the buyer is offered a complete living package of home, lot, furniture and landscaping for one price. He estimates the price of the units at between \$13 and \$15 thousand.

The houses will be produced in assembly-line fashion similar to mobile homes, but will be permanently placed on brick foundations with porches, patios and other extras added. The lots will average a half-acre in size in the event the owners want to construct a larger home in the future, Roberts said.

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# Peach Crop Looking Good; Labor Shortage is Serious

## Prostitution Operations Disclosed

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON  
Wiley Eldon Carrico, 42, and his wife, Faye Frye Carrico, 49, were found guilty Tuesday by a federal jury in Rockingham of transporting women to Pinehurst for purposes of prostitution.

Carrico, who is already under suspended sentence in Moore District Court for aiding and abetting in prostitution, was convicted specifically of transporting Shirley May Prater from Bennettsville, S.C., while his wife was convicted of transporting Charlotte Jean Leitons from Macon, Ga.

Both women testified for the government, as did a third woman, Donna Craig, who was

## Five Face Marijuana Charges

Arrest of five youths on narcotics counts, and the reported break-in and robbery of the Ador family home place Ador, kept the sheriff's department busy over the weekend, and since.

Arrested on felony counts of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute were two Fort Bragg soldiers, names and home addresses given as David Gerard LaChance, 18, of Riverside, R.I., and Paul Francis McDonough, 20, of North Weymouth, Mass.

Sheriff C.G. Wimberly said they were arrested as they were driving out of the old Cumberland Gravel Pit area in Little River Township, in a 1957 Volkswagen which was seized.

Bond was set at \$5,000 each, which they did not immediately make, for preliminary hearing Thursday in district court at Carthage.

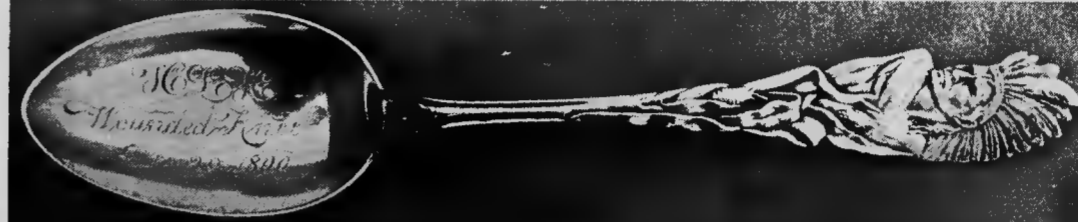
Arrested Saturday night in Southern Pines was Fred Baldwin, 17, of 609 Glover St.,

## Horse Owners Are Urged To Test for Swamp Fever

Horse owners are being urged to give their animals tests for Equine Infectious Anemia, generally known as Swamp Fever, because of outbreaks of the disease in three areas of the State—Knightsdale, Roseboro and the Wilkes-Winston-Salem area.

No new cases have been reported in the famed horse country of the Sandhills, although Dr. C.C. McLean said that it is not an epidemic-type disease and that carriers of the disease can be "perfectly normal

count on that as a permanent thing. Counties may also be requested to take over programs largely financed up to now through federal and state funds. If so, this could have a big impact on county budgets.



WOUNDED KNEE MEMENTO — There's a special significance for Mrs. O.A. Dickinson of Southern Pines in Wounded Knee, S.D., much in the news in recent days. It was there in 1890 when her uncle, Col. Henry LeRoy Hawthorne (then a lieutenant) was wounded in the last big battle with the Indians. He was dragged behind a fallen horse by Buffalo Bill. This spoon was given to Col. Hawthorne by his three nieces, Mrs. Vincent Elmore, Mrs. Frank Wells and Mrs. Dickinson.

## \$8 Million Loan Approved For Moore Memorial Work

Moore Memorial Hospital has received approval from the North Carolina Medical Care Commission of an \$8 million loan from Hill-Burton Act funds for the hospital's modernization and expansion program.

Total cost of the hospital project is estimated at \$11.5 million, with \$3.5 million to be raised in a local fund-raising campaign now underway.

Trustees of the hospital met Tuesday to hear the report from the Medical Care Commission, and Chairman Robert Ewing said, "This is what we had been waiting for, and we are very encouraged now for the success of the total program."

Plans are being made to begin construction in May on a new boiler plant. It will take about seven months to complete, so the hospital does not plan to start borrowing construction funds until December or January.

Jim Klutz, assistant administrator of the hospital, said that Moore Memorial had been expecting to receive a \$1.5 million grant, in addition to the loan guarantee, but that President Nixon has killed the Hill-Burton Act in his budget proposals. There is a move on in Congress, however, to preserve Hill-Burton, and Klutz said that by December "we should know if Congress has been successful."

Under the \$8 million loan approved by the Commission on Friday, the federal government guarantees the loan and also

pays up to 3 percent of the interest.

Klutz said that before construction could start on the new boiler facility that a financial feasibility study has to be made by the HEW office in Atlanta. He said, however, that since the Medical Care Commission has approved the hospital's program and is recommending it to HEW that no difficulty in getting approval from the Atlanta office is expected.

Chairman Ewing reported that

he is pleased with the progress of the fund-raising campaign thus far, and that Phase Two of the drive will get under way in early April.

At its quarterly meeting in Raleigh on Friday the Medical Care Commission approved a total of \$12 million in new hospital and nursing home construction, with Moore Memorial's being the largest. A \$200,000 grant was made to Pitt County Memorial Hospital, along

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BY BRYAN GREEN  
If the weather continues to cooperate with the growers, the Sandhills could have its first full crop of peaches in several years this summer, according to Clarence Black, supervisor of the Sandhills Research Station near Windblow.

He said the cold snap and winds this weekend took some of the petals off the trees, but resulted in no damage. Even Monday morning's 31 degree reading at the station was not harmful to the blossoms, which were in full bloom at the time.

The next five to six weeks will be the critical period for the peaches as far as the weather is concerned, Black said, and temperatures in the 20's are the greatest potential damage to the crop now. Even a single night with a reading in the 20's might be enough to cause problems, he said.

Black predicted the first crop of peaches, which includes the Whynot variety, will be harvested in the Sandhills about June 1, with the popular Candor, Sun High and Redskin varieties coming later in the summer-long season.

He sees the labor shortage as the most serious problem facing

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## Horse Show Slated Here On Sunday

The annual Horse Show for the benefit of the Humane Society of Moore County, Inc., will be held Sunday, March 25, at the Landmark Farm of the Raymond Firestones, just off Youngs Road, Southern Pines.

Gate will open at 11 a.m. and events will be held continually from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A canteen will be open starting at 11 a.m. serving hot and cold drinks, home made sandwiches, cakes, etc.

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## Freeman Seeks Funds For Fellowship Home

BY BILL LINDAU  
Vernon Freeman is looking for \$80,000.

He needs it to pay for construction of a Fellowship Home for men and women who want to recover from drinking problems and can't do it in their own home communities, either because they've no place to live there any more or because the situation makes it virtually impossible for them to quit drinking.

The Fellowship Home was opened in May 1971, in a two-story frame house at 260 E. New York Ave. Southern Pines.

The house is owned by the First Baptist Church, whose building is right next door, and the church has been letting the Fellowship Home administration use the house free of charge.

But now, Freeman says, the church needs the building for church purposes. Freeman is the manager of the home.

In recent months, however, the Board of Moore County Commissioners came through with a big part of the solution to the problem: The board leased four acres of county-owned property adjoining the land containing the now-closed County Home for indigent senior citizens.

How much rent do the com-

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## Youth Work Volunteers Are Sought

BY MARJORIE RAGAN  
Would you like to help a young person in trouble?

Over 50 percent of the girls and boys in nearby correctional institutions are there because their families put them there for skipping school or similar delinquencies of a minor nature, says Bill Brown of N.C. Youth Development.

Brown wants to take some of these carefully screened young people and have them visited by families on a one-to-one basis. Then he would like for the families to take out the young person on a pass for dinner. And maybe other outings. And for

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## Moore Couple's Daughter Starring in Movie Here

Pamela Sue Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom D. Martin of Whispering Pines, is starring in Irwin Allen's production of "The Poseidon Adventure," a sea-adventure tale in which Pamela Sue displays an understated infatuation for Gene Hackman, the current "Best Actor" of the Academy Awards.

A graduate of Saples High School in Westport, Conn., Miss Martin was in her junior year there when she was working at a hamburger place for \$1.40 an hour so she could buy a motorcycle. A friend of hers was

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## Antique Fair

The 16th annual Antique Fair of the Moore County Historical Association opens tonight at 8:30 with a Champagne Preview party at the Southern Pines Armory.

The Fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday.

Mrs. Ernest L. Ives is honorary chairman of the Fair and Mrs. Carolyn Scott is the general chairman.

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Miss Pamela Sue Martin