

Federal Suit On Duncraig Is Withdrawn

A suit against the Town of Southern Pines by Mrs. Constance M. Baker appealing zoning laws which would oust children at Duncraig Manor, treatment center for the emotionally disturbed, was withdrawn in U. S. District Court in Greensboro Monday Mrs. Baker's attorney, James Van Camp, reported.

Papers to that effect were signed by Van Camp and Special Counsel for the Town, W. B. Sabiston of Carthage.

Mrs. Baker will request that she become a party to the dependents in another suit to be brought by the Town against Southeastern Mental Health Center, operator of the Duncraig Manor Center. This suit will be in Moore County Superior Court. "We are glad that the Town has brought this matter into the State courts. It is time it be tried on its merits," Van Camp said. "We are very happy with the merits of our position."

He said three state organizations who have retained Wake Representative Howard Wiggins as their lawyer are expected to ask permission to defend the Duncraig position.

Dismissal of Mrs. Baker's suit will mean further consultation by Town Attorney W. Lamont Brown and Counsel for the Town W. B. Sabiston of Carthage, Brown said yesterday. He planned a conference with

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Samarkand Troubles Continue

Troubles at Samarkand Manor continued as Director J.F. Leathers of the Girls' Correctional School took out warrants for four youths charging them with aiding and abetting in the escape of three girls.

Being held also on littering charges in Montgomery County, the four are Melvin Ellerbee, 22, of Hamlet, Rt. 1; Russell James Anderson, 22, Hamlet; Charles Eugene Copeland, 16, Eagle Springs; and Eugene Lynn Brown, 17, of Rockingham, Rt. 2.

One of the girls involved is Debra Anne Cooke, 16. The other two are juveniles. The warrants were drawn by Magistrate J.H. Allen and trial on aiding escape charges will be in Moore County. All four charged are black. Two of the escapees are white and one is Indian.

Meanwhile, Bobby H. Moore of Candor has been found guilty in Montgomery County by Judge Thomas Seay Jr. of assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to five to ten years in prison in a jury trial growing out of the shooting of Patricia Diane

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Homebound Service Set By Library For Moore

A "Homebound Service" for senior citizens has been announced by the Sandhills Regional Library System, which services the counties of Moore, Montgomery, Anson and Richmond.

The project is in cooperation with the Pee Dee Council of Governments (Region H) through funds provided by Title III of the Older Americans Act. On August 19, Mrs. Foye Lowe Ray of Wadesboro, joined the System staff to implement the program under the general supervision of Mrs. Diana Tope, Regional Library Coordinator. The program is intended to

reach as many of the 3,790 people in Region H, 60 years or over who are not able to avail themselves of library services because of lack of transportation or who are physically unable to get out of their places of residence.

Mrs. Ray will visit these homebound persons and offer them the standard public library services including borrowing of books and materials, reference service and adult programming.

Mrs. Ray said she would greatly appreciate the help of the people in the counties in locating these homebound persons. If you know of someone in the age

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Many Free Clinics in Moore But Often People Don't Come

County health departments offer more services than people realize.

Mrs. Kinny Poe, head nurse at Moore County Health Department, confirms that statement. "We're not getting as many people as we should be," she said, "mainly because they don't know exactly what we can do for them."

The department has five nurses, four sanitarians, a part-time family planning nurse and a full time doctor, along with several other doctors who handle special clinics at the center.

A schedule is followed each week and people may come on a first come-first serve basis. General clinics are held every Tuesday afternoon and all day on



25,000 MILES A WEEK — Moore County's 121 school buses will be on the roads tomorrow transporting about 7,000 children over routes totaling 25,000 miles

each week. The fleet of buses, shown at school headquarters at Carthage, were turned over to drivers yesterday and today.—(Photo by Alvin Davis).

They Roll 25,000 Miles Each Week

School bus routes this year will be basically the same as last year, it was reported this week as the 121 buses of the Moore County fleet were turned over to drivers for their first runs Thursday.

Approximately 7,000 Moore County children will ride the buses this year, Gene Riddle, assistant superintendent, said.

The buses will travel about 25,000 miles a week. A majority of the bus drivers are students, but about 30 percent are adults.

"We hope that everybody will become conscious of the big buses again being on the roads and will watch out for them," Riddle said. "Moore County has a good safety record with its school buses and we want to keep it that way," he added.

Even though a new State law,

Labor Day

Moore County, with the exception of some department stores and grocery stores, will close up Monday to celebrate Labor Day.

The Post Office, Municipal Offices, County Offices, and banks will all be closed. The Pilot will also close for the day. News and ads may be dropped in the slot in the front door.

Special sales will be held at a number of stores.

Thursday. Services offered in these clinics include immunizations of all kinds, AFDC programs for children, TB skin tests, blood tests, chest X-rays, urinalysis, as well as tests for diabetes, tuberculosis, venereal diseases, high blood pressure and allergies. Maternity and family planning clinics are held every Friday afternoon.

Other programs offered are pap clinics, pediatric nurse screening clinics, orthopedic supervisor clinics, orthopedic clinics and glaucoma and eye clinics. Four times each month a clinic is held in Southern Pines on

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Record High

Tobacco prices climbed on Moore County auction markets this week, with sales at Carthage setting a new record high of \$103.95 per hundred pounds on Monday. A total of 412,613 pounds was sold for \$428,901.

Sales were under way at Carthage today.

Aberdeen's two warehouses had sales on Tuesday and will sell again next Wednesday, Sept. 4. Hardee's reported a total of 137,228 pounds sold for \$135,560.56 or an average of \$98.79 per hundred on Tuesday.

Aberdeen on Tuesday sold 357,476 pounds for \$352,170 or an average of \$98.52 per hundred pounds.

HEFNER — Tony Parker, Moore County manager for Bill Hefner in his campaign for Congress, said his candidate will

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passed at the last session of the Legislature, requires that every student riding a bus shall have a seat there will still be some students who will have to stand,

Hall of Fame Resolution

A resolution commending Pinehurst and calling attention to the dedication of the World Golf Hall of Fame has been adopted by the Moore County commissioners. It was as follows:

"The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners would like to commend the Diamondhead Corporation and the Pinehurst Community for the outstanding success it is enjoying in Moore County. The County Commissioners would like to thank the officers and directors of the World Golf Hall of Fame for locating in Pinehurst.

because funds have not been provided for the extra buses needed to meet the law requirements.

The maximum number a bus

"We look forward to the First Annual Enshrinement Ceremonies on September 11 at the World Golf Hall of Fame. Such a national event including a commemorative stamp is indeed an asset to the County of Moore. We would like to ask the Citizens of Moore County to join in wholehearted support of this festive occasion making all visitors to Moore County feel more than welcome.

"To the outstanding officers, directors and honorees of the World Golf Hall of Fame, we look forward to a long association through an ever increasingly successful museum."

Retail Sales in Moore At \$107 Million Point

Gross retail sales of \$107,325,671 for the fiscal year 1973-74 has been reported by Secretary J. Howard Coble of the State Department of Revenue.

The total three percent sales tax collected in Moore for the year ending June 30 was \$2,519,033.61. This does not include the Moore County one percent sales tax.

Southern Pines retail sales were reported as totaling \$26,338,473, with State sales tax collection of \$646,792.98.

Food sales made up the largest volume in Moore County, with a total of \$38,518,434 reported. Automotive retail sales amounted to \$16,186,667, and the two percent tax levy applying to auto, planes and boat sales of \$9,096,494. General merchandise with total sales of \$15,227,254 and unclassified with \$15,230,139 were the next largest group.

Apparel accounted for \$3,438,461 in retail sales and furniture totals were \$3,262,342.

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Social Security Paying Nearly Million a Month

Social security benefits were being paid to residents of Moore County at a rate of \$921,000 a month at the close of 1973, W.W. Thomas, social security manager in Fayetteville, said today.

Of the social security beneficiaries living in Moore County, 4,550 are retired workers and their dependents. Another 1,885 are receiving benefits as the survivors of workers who have died, and 825 are getting benefits as disabled workers or their dependents.

He pointed out that although most social security beneficiaries are older people, about one out of every four is under age 60. In Moore County, 1,970 people under age 60 are collecting social security payments each month. Nearly 1,060 are under age 18, receiving payments because a working father or mother has died or is getting social security disability or retirement benefits. Most of the 200 beneficiaries in Moore County between 18 and 22 years

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Stevens Says He's Happy Ford Picked Rockefeller

Republican Senatorial candidate William Stevens spoke to reporters concerning both state and national problems at a news conference at the Sheraton Inn here last Wednesday.

Stevens expressed his pleasure with President Ford's nomination of Nelson Rockefeller as vice president. He said that he admired Gov. Rockefeller's handling of legislative, political and social matters in New York, where the pressures for government solutions to the people's

problems are particularly great. "I feel that he has reacted to those pressures with responsible, level-headed judgment," Stevens said. "I think that his good judgment can be of particular value to the people of America in these trying times."

Describing himself as a "fiscal conservative," Stevens said that he has been campaigning for the senatorship since February, when he resigned as a member of the State House of Represent-

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Opening Set For Schools; Cost Is Up

Tourism Has Moore In Top Ten

Moore County is one of the 10 counties in which \$550 million was spent by tourists in 1973. A survey made by the Research Triangle Institute for the State's Travel and Promotion Division shows that tourism is close to a billion dollar business in this state.

The estimate on tourism spending in North Carolina during 1973 is \$955.5 million.

The other counties in the top ten in tourism spending are Mecklenburg, Guilford, Durham, Buncombe, Wake, Dare, New Hanover, Cumberland and Forsyth.

Most of the spending—\$611 million—was by out-of-state visitors, with a large proportion of these visitors coming from neighboring states of South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia.

The report breakdown on the visitors showed most vacationers earned between \$10,000 and \$15,000 annually and almost two-thirds spent their time visiting relatives and friends. Scenic attractions rated high with 37

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Street Work

South West Broad St. was partly closed to the public the first of the week, as State Highway Department resurfaced the portion from Massachusetts Avenue to Morganton Road.

The Broad Street project cost \$12,000, and an additional resurfacing on Morganton from the intersection with Broad to the Town limits was completed yesterday at a cost of \$8700. Information officer Greg Allen of the Highway Commission said.

Lee Paving Company had received the contract for paving the street, designated as Secondary Road No. 2035.

Money for the project came from maintenance funds out of Carthage, Bill Rosser, District Engineer, said Tuesday.

Town Audit Is Outlined; Water, Sewer Plan Given

The Southern Pines Town Council, in special meeting early last Thursday morning, learned a lot about new accounting methods from two experts in the field and also approved two steps toward effective participation in the "201 Planning Area"—the county-wide sewer system to be completed in 1977.

T. N. Brafford, a partner in the Raleigh-based firm of Ernst & Ernst, which has done the town audit and supervised its accounting for about 20 years, and J. L. Feagans, a supervisor with

the firm with the speciality of municipal accounting, presented the annual audit with an explanation of numerous changes.

The new procedures, Brafford said, are in accordance with new regulations of the Local Government Commission and the new guide of the American Institute of Accounting, representing the composite work of the Institute and cooperating authorities.

A major change was noted in the water and sewer department, where the funds are set up as

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Only Four Old Covered Bridges Now Remain in North Carolina

BY HOWARD S. MUSE JR. As a nation Americans have spent a disproportionate amount of time destroying the remnants of their architectural past.

A good case is the covered bridge. Covered bridges were once sprinkled across North Carolina from the Coastal Plain to the Blue Ridge. North Carolinians, unfortunately, have always been casual about their covered bridges. They built them, used them, and then casually tore them down. No one knows for

sure just how many there were, but they must have numbered in the hundreds.

Moore County had a large one at High Falls over the Deep River. All that remains are the stone pillars.

Today only four covered bridges remain in North Carolina—the Pisgah and Skeen's Mill bridges in neighboring Randolph County, the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge near Claremont, Catawba County, and Rascos's Mill Covered Bridge,

Bertie County. If the covered bridge in North Carolina is almost extinct, it is an endangered species throughout the rest of the country. A 1954 census revealed 1,617 covered bridges in the United States. Nine years later the number had dropped to 1,342. That same year there were 456 covered bridges in Canada.

It is possible that millions now living in the United States have never seen a covered bridge, but

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ENDANGERED SPECIES — This is one of the two covered bridges left standing in Randolph County. Out of the hundreds that once dotted the North Carolina landscape only four remain.—(Photo by Howard S. Muse Jr.).

THE PILOT LIGHT

CANADIANS — Bill Green, the Duke University news director, was in Canada recently and said he found the favorite subject for Canadians to talk about is the weather. "But when I mentioned that I was from North Carolina," he said, "they started talking about Pinehurst and Southern Pines." He said they all seemed to know about the Sandhills.

HUNT — Joe Grimsley, who managed the campaign for lieutenant governor for Jim Hunt, has resigned his job with the State Department of Administration to join the Hunt staff as an administrative aide. This is a sure sign that Hunt is beginning to make plans for a 1976 campaign for governor.

SANFORD — Duke President Terry Sanford was not too perturbed about the factional split which erupted the other

weekend in Kansas City when the Democratic Party Charter Commission, which he heads, met to discuss the commission's party rule changes.

When the liberal faction staged a walkout after blasting attempts to wipe out party reform measures, such as restoring the old unit voting rule, Sanford calmly closed the meeting, saying there was a lack of a quorum.

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