

Weather

Temperatures dropped into the twenties Tuesday night, but are expected to be in the thirties tonight. High today is predicted in the fifties. Chances for rain over Thanksgiving are 20 percent.

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THANKSGIVING EVE—This huge tom turkey struts proudly but fearfully at the Gozzi Farm near Pinebluff on the eve of Thanksgiving. Long a symbol of America's Thanksgiving Day, the turkey is standard fare for this holiday feast. (Photo by Glenn M. Sides)

Jobless Below State Level Despite Layoffs, Closings

BY JIMSUTHERLAND Unemployment in Moore County crept past the 4 per cent level last week—but is still below the statewide average of a little over 5 per cent and far better than the national figure of more than 6 per cent. The Sandhill plant of Stanley Furniture in West End also is closed this week, idling about 375 workers. Operations will be resumed Monday. Management has not yet determined what it will do over the Christmas period. The rise of unemployment has been gradual over recent weeks, according to Alton Cockrell, supervisor of the Moore County office of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission. Hardest hit have been the textile firms, but layoffs have been spread through most industries in varying degrees, he reported. One result has been that unemployment compensation claims rose to 407 in the county last week, compared with 251 a month ago. In some instances employees have been laid off for indefinite periods; in others, plants have shut down entirely for the holiday-shortened Thanksgiving week. Proctor-Silex, one of the county's biggest industrial employers, reported it has laid off 100 employees and will close all operations for the three-week period December 12-January 6, affecting another 400 workers. Slow sales and an excessive inventory of the electric irons it produces were given as causes for the layoffs and shutdown.



HOSPITAL EXPANSION APPROVED—Final approval was given last week to expand Moore Memorial Hospital. After considerations of the nearly \$13,000,000 bid and consultations with expansion architects, the board of directors voted to proceed with the project. Among those present were: (left to right) Robert Ewing, president of the Board of Directors, J.E. Parker, chairman of the Finance Committee, A.A. McDonald, chairman of the Building Committee, and Crenshaw Thompson, Administrator.

Objections Raised at Meeting To Report On Traffic Survey

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON The mention of parallel parking, closing off of railroad crossings and installation of traffic signals in downtown Southern Pines invariably raises the hackles of many people doing business in that area. So it was Tuesday night, at a special meeting of the Town Council for discussion of the latest traffic and parking study of the business district. This was the fourth such study to be discussed in council meetings in a little more than a year. The first, made by State highway engineers, had been followed by variations by citizen committees, one headed by Councilman C.A. McLaughlin, the other by Charles Sullivan and a Chamber of Commerce committee. The latest was a professional study prepared by Wilbur Smith and Associates, consulting engineers, of Winston-Salem. While only a handful of people were present—probably because of conflicts in this Thanksgiving week—it was the same story as before. While most were articulate in their comments, few agreed with the study's recommendations, or with each other. After a couple of hours of discussion, Mayor Earl Hubbard commented, "I know none of the studies is a perfect solution and I doubt if there is any such thing. I think something can be done, on the basis of all the studies together. But we also have to recognize the human factor—people aren't always ready to welcome change."

Thanksgiving Day Hunt

The famed Moore County Hounds will open the hunt season here on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The Thanksgiving Day hunt is an annual event and has signalled the opening of the hunt season for many years. It is the only drag hunt scheduled and thus the public will have the opportunity to watch. It will be held at Kaylor's Field off old U.S. 1 north of Southern Pines. W.O. Moss is the master of the hounds and Richard Webb is the joint master.

Hospital Awards Contract For 13 Million Expansion

More than five years of planning culminated in a move to expand Moore Memorial Hospital last week by a vote from the board of directors to expend funds totaling over \$13,000,000. A low base bid of \$12,887,000 submitted by the construction firm of D.R. Allen & Son of Fayetteville, was accepted by the hospital's board of directors at a special session of the board on Tuesday, November 19. The base bid involves the four-story addition which will provide 150 new beds, 27 emergency-out-patient treatment rooms, new laboratory and physical therapy space, a new obstetrical area, a newborn and pediatric intensive care unit, and a new dietary department, as well as the medical-surgical beds. "We are very pleased to arrive at this point," said Board President Robert Ewing. "For over five years we've been planning. Our announcement to proceed is the result of the combined efforts of the directors, the administrative staff, the medical staff, and employees at many levels. We have seen much hard work by many dedicated people." In addition to the four-story wing, an alternate bid of \$174,000 was accepted which will result in

Holiday To Be Observed In Thanksgiving Service

With thanks in their hearts for a nation at peace, persons in Moore County will join those in the nation in a day of church-going, feasting, and joining in the traditional rites of Thanksgiving Thursday. An ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in Our Saviour Lutheran Church with the Rev. Mr. John Paschal of Southern Pines United Methodist church bringing the message. Other ministers will also take part. There will be special music including trumpet accompaniment provided by a girls' chorus from the various churches and also the senior

Golfers Held Up, Robbed At Course In Pinehurst

Two men wearing ski masks and pointing handguns robbed two golfers of cash totaling about \$280 Saturday about noon on the Pinehurst No. 4 course. Vincent B. Fuller and K.W. Astrom, members of a foursome from the Philadelphia area week-ending at the Pinehurst Hotel, told police that they rode up to the 11th hole, got out of their cart and were looking for a ball in the edge of the woods, when two men in dark jackets, wearing ski masks, burst out from among the trees. Each was carrying a handgun, which he waved at a golfer, demanding, "Give me your wallet." One forced his victim (Astrom) to throw his billfold on the ground, where he scooped it up, while the second one grabbed a moneyclip from the other golfer, and both robbers quickly disappeared into the woods. They are believed to have fled in a waiting car parked nearby. Astrom had \$250 in his billfold. The golfers shouted, "Rob-

Officials to Take Oaths At Ceremonies Monday

The quadrennial swearing-in of newly elected—or reelected—county officials will take place Monday morning in the office of Charles McLeod, clerk of Moore Superior Court, who, according to precedent and protocol, will be the first to take the oath. Resident Judge John D. McConnell is expected to swear him in, as soon as possible after the clerk's office opens at 8 a.m. Judge McConnell will leave as soon as he can to take part in more such doings in a couple of other places, and McLeod will administer oaths to other county officials—hoping to get done by the time Special Judge Charles Kivett arrives to preside over the opening of the December criminal term. This will not be until 11:30 a.m., as the judge will be delayed by swearing-in ceremonies taking place in his home city of Greensboro. Following the swearing-in, as the court term begins, the county

Christmas Parade Slated; Several 'Queens' to Ride

Southern Pines Jaycees will sponsor the community's traditional Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 5, starting at 6 p.m. The parade will originate at the corner of South East Broad St. and East Massachusetts Ave. and will proceed on Broad St. to East Vermont Ave. After crossing the railroad tracks, it will move south on West Broad St. to West Massachusetts Ave., where it will disband. Headlining the participants will be the reigning Miss North Carolina, Susan Lynn Griffin of High Point. Appearing with her will be the recently crowned Miss Southern Pines, Julie Ann Kivett, and her court. (Continued on Page 8-A)

Dr. Bruton Is Honored By Board

Plans for use of the little old Bellview School building as an educational resource, as well as for the enjoyment of the school children, their teachers and the public in general, also a program by which Moore County school children will share in the purchase of an animal for the North Carolina Zoo, were discussed by the County Board of Education in regular meeting Tuesday night. This was the last meeting for Dr. H. David Bruton of Southern Pines, who was elected to the board as a member-at-large in 1968, reelected in 1970, and, completing the four-year term, chose not to run again this year. A resolution of appreciation for his service to the cause of education, and his contribution of

Open House At Prison Scheduled

The Carthage Unit of the N.C. Department of Corrections is planning five days of "Open House" during North Carolina Corrections Week from Dec. 8 to 14. Captain J.C. Russell of the Carthage unit said that open house will be observed from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday of that week. Monday will be set aside for visits by community leaders such as mayors of towns, county commissioners, legislators and others. Tuesday will be for the news media, and Wednesday will be Citizens Day when the public at large is invited to tour the facility. Thursday has been set aside as Schools Day and Friday will be for civic groups.

Phone Firm Negotiating New Contract With Union

The United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc. and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO-CLE have concluded negotiations for a new contract to be effective December 1, 1974. The current contract expires at midnight Saturday, November 30. The union represents certain employees of the company in the plant, traffic and commercial departments in its Beaufort, S.C., District and its Siler City and Southern Pines Districts. The parties have had a collective bargaining relationship for over twenty years. The company said that its offer was fair and in the best interest of the public, its customers, its employees, the union and its stockholders and that hopefully its offer would be accepted by the membership at their ratification meetings this week. The proposed contract is for three years. There are about 85 to 90 members of the union in the Southern Pines District. (Continued on Page 8-A)

Parade Dec. 7

The Christmas Parade sponsored by the Aberdeen Jaycees and Merchants will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7, beginning at 10 a.m. Anyone interested in placing an entry in the parade has been asked to call Sam Jordan at 944-1114 or Ron Ward at 944-1122.

Defendants Make Reply In Duncraig Manor Suit

Defendants in the suit brought by the Town of Southern Pines in the Duncraig Manor affair are asking that the town's zoning ordinance be declared "unconstitutional and invalid." In an answer filed Tuesday in Moore Superior Court at Carthage, they called the zoning ordinance "arbitrary, capricious and an unreasonable exercise of police power." The Town filed suit August 30 against the Southeastern Regional Mental Health Center, its board of directors and officials to have the group home for emotionally troubled children, operated by the Southeastern Center, removed from Weymouth Heights, a wealthy neighborhood on the outskirts of Southern Pines. The Town contends that the group home in its present location is in violation of the extrajurisdictional zoning law. A jury trial is asked. The defendants, through their

Young Soldier Slain At Vass; Girl, 15, Held In Moore Jail

Angelo Lassiter, 21, of Vass, a soldier stationed on Fort Bragg, was fatally shot Saturday evening at a rural home near Vass, and his 15-year-old girl friend is being held in Moore County Jail on an open charge of murder. Sheriff C.G. Wimberly said it is expected that a hearing will be held Wednesday, at which it will be determined by a judge if the case will be handled in the juvenile or superior court. In the meantime, he declined to give the young girl's name. He did, however, reveal that the shooting took place at the home of Orey Taylor on Vass, Rt. 2, that the girl is Taylor's daughter and a younger sister was an eye-witness. Both girls gave statements to investigators of the sheriff's department indicating the shooting was an accident, which took place while the older girl was "playing with" her father's 12-gauge shotgun in the front room of their home. Lassiter came in the front door just as the gun accidentally went off, the young girls said. Lassiter, a member of the 429th Medical Co. on the post, had come to his mother's home in Vass on weekend leave, as was his custom, and was visiting the Taylors about 6 p.m. The 15-year-old girl had gone into a bedroom and gotten her father's shotgun to "kill a dog" but had stopped to "fool with" the gun when Lassiter came in the door. (Continued on Page 8-A)

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MORGAN—U.S. Senator Elect Robert Morgan made a brief stop in Washington a few days ago while returning from a post election vacation but he had little time to make many plans for his move to the capital in early January. Morgan expects to move into the office now occupied by the man he is succeeding, Senator Sam Ervin, but he is not sure he will stay there. Senators with seniority can lay claim to offices which are being vacated if they like them better than the ones they are now occupying. The new Senator from North Carolina will take long-time friend and associate Carroll Leggett, formerly assistant attorney general, with him as chief administrative aide, but he plans to go slow on filling other

Murder, Rape Cases Docketed For Court Session Next Week

One murder case, one rape case and several involving armed robbery charges mark the calendar of the December term of Moore Superior Court, which will open Monday with Special Judge Charles Kivett back on the bench. It will get off to a late start, as Judge Kivett will be taking part in swearing-in ceremonies in his home city of Greensboro and is not expected to arrive until 11:30 a.m. Jurors are requested to be in the courtroom by 11:15 a.m. Though criminal terms have proliferated in Moore in the past few years, and this one will be the fourth within five months (others were held in August, October and November) it is loaded with cases ready for trial—73 of them calendared for the first three days. The grand jury will not convene for this term, which it is hoped will help get the court caught up with cases for which true bills have already been found. Prominent among them is the murder case against Mrs. Martha Jeannette LeGrand Baldwin, 22, charged with the fatal shooting of her husband, James Odell Baldwin, 32, on October 27 in their farm home near West End. She is being held under \$15,000 bond. Cary D. McRae, 21, is under \$10,000 bond in a case in which he is charged with the rape of Mrs. Alice Wolff, 30, both of Southern Pines. (Continued on Page 8-A)