

Today will be partly cloudy and unseasonably warm, with a high of 78 expected. Tonight's low will be 48. Chance of rain is near zero through tomorrow, with the high tomorrow 70.

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Police Nab Man During A Robbery

A Hoke County man was arrested Sunday night by Southern Pines police, who through the window of the Short Shop on South East Broad St., near Massachusetts Ave., had witnessed a holdup taking place. Charged with armed robbery, there and at another Short Shop, was a man identified by Police Chief Earl S. Seawell as Wilbert Earl Walker, 23, of Raeford. He is being held under \$50,000 bond for preliminary hearing February 14 in Southern Pines district court. Sgt. Joe Davis and Patrolman William McNeill and Roy Atkins, checking the Short Shop while cruising the downtown area shortly before 9 p.m., could hardly believe their eyes when they saw the tall black man apparently pointing a gun at the two operators on duty inside the store. Pulling up closer in order to be sure—which they soon were—they radioed the police station. From then on things moved fast, as for the gunman, coming out with a bank bag full of cash as the officers emerged from (Continued on Page 16-A)

New Bank Will Open Next Month

Construction is nearing completion on First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company's new Southern Pines office, Clyde R. Hester, vice president and city executive of the new bank, announced. The First-Citizens Bank is located at 390 Southwest Broad Street and is scheduled for completion in February. The contemporary building is constructed of beige brick and many interesting design innovations. "The building has been positioned in such a way as to function as two buildings in one," Hester said. "It features a ground level banking area and has additional office space on the second level, both with their own entrances." This unique feature was ac- (Continued on Page 16-A)

Bar Hears Complaint On Lawyer

A complaint regarding one of the members of the Moore County Bar Association has resulted in the creation of a Committee on Ethics and Grievances of the association. The Committee will be composed of the three immediate past presidents of the Association. The action was taken at the regular monthly meeting of the Bar Association at the JFR Barn following dinner. President James Van Camp presided. The Court and Calendar Study Committee reported through Cindy Zelfiff that two new civil terms of Superior Court had been added for Moore County, one in February and one in October of 1975. It also reported that two criminal sessions had been added for 1975. The Program and Entertainment Committee reported (Continued on Page 11-A)



Joseph Garnier

J. Garnier Rites Held

Joseph Garnier, 70, of Crest Road, Knollwood, died Sunday at Duke Hospital, Durham, after several months' illness. Requiem mass was held this (Wednesday) morning at Sacred Heart Catholic church, Pinehurst, conducted by Msgr. Charles J. O'Connor of Fayetteville, former administrator of St. Josephs hospital here. He owned and operated an (Continued on Page 11-A)

Attack Made On Principal

A school principal's harrowing tale of an attack made on him by two 16-year-old boys, the severe disciplinary and deterrent measures he felt had to be taken, and an appeal by the father of one of the boys that his son be given "a second chance," marked Tuesday evening's regular meeting of the board of (Continued on Page 11-A)

Maybe He Won't Have Time To Notice His Shadow



GROUNDHOG DAY — Celebrated for the sixth time in The Pilot by Artist Glen Rounds.

Flu Epidemic Said Now on Wane



GROUP LISTENING — A tape player and book for group listening are used every day in Aberdeen Middle School in the reading center. Children listen to the story while following the words in the book. Later they are able to read the familiar story more easily. In the picture are Mertie Cummings, Donna Dunn, Theresa Fiddner, Marino Gillis, Danny Epperson (holding book) and James Cummings.

The influenza epidemic sweeping the Sandhills and most of southeastern United States now appears to be on the wane, according to Moore County Health Officer Dr. Alfred G. Siege. While the number of persons afflicted with the flu still is high, he explained, the number of new cases is slowly diminishing. Hardest hit area is that encompassing Southern Pines, Aberdeen, and Pinehurst, he reported. Population density is greater in these communities than in the rest of the county. This increases the possibility of a person's catching the flu from someone who is already infected. The flu virus is spread by contact, not through food, water or other secondary means, Dr. Siege pointed out. Sneezes, coughs, kisses can pass the virus from an infected person to a healthy person. Because of this, Moore Memorial Hospital has requested that visitors to hospitalized persons (Continued on Page 16-A)

Teaching Reading Difficult But Fundamental-Teachers

BY DIANE HOGG Reading on the middle school level remains "the most fundamental skill taught in public schools" according to Robert Morrison, principal of Aberdeen Middle School. But often a child does not master the foundation program built in the primary grades. "If a child isn't taught to read in the primary grades it's much harder for us," Morrison says. A child's deficiencies in reading become outstanding in grades 5 through 9 where reading competency is required in math, science and social studies. Linda Dennis, 8th grade language arts teacher at Aberdeen Middle School points out, "If the child can't read, he has trouble in every subject." Moore County schools "try to teach every child on his or her own level," Morrison states.

Multiple adoption of textbooks is one way of managing a class of 30 to 35 children who read on different grade levels. "The reading program is fairly well (Continued on Page 16-A)

Hot Meals

The Pee Dee Council of Governments has recently received notification of the acceptance of its application for a title VII federal nutrition program for the elderly. The nutrition program will offer a hot noontime meal to those persons sixty years of age (Continued on Page 11-A)



LEGISLATURE — Many experienced legislators say it will be the middle of May before they will have any clear idea of what to expect in state revenues for the next two years. That will be after all income tax returns have been filed and processed. That not only means a long legislative session—lasting until some time in July—but it means that a lot of work on the single most important item, the budget, will have to wait until the revenue picture is clearer. For that reason some legislators have proposed a recess of the General Assembly for a few weeks. Some of the veterans argue that while members are waiting around for something to do they might start looking for laws to enact, with the result that some bad legislation might get on (Continued on Page 16-A)

Moore Tries To Find Aid For Jobless

SCC Gifts Run High

Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president of Sandhills Community College, has announced that almost ten thousand dollars in gifts have been received by the college so far this year. "This is indeed a happy day to begin 1975," the president said in expressing appreciation to the friends of the college for the contributions. The monies received have been designated by the donors for the student-work-study financial aid plan, scholarships in several fields of study, and for the development of educational programs. The sums given to the college range from modest \$10 and \$25 checks to four thousand dollars from one dedicated citizen, and more than three thousand dollars from another. Dr. Stone also noted that there will be additional awards for deserving students at the spring graduation ceremony. For many years there have been the C. Foster Brown Jr. Awards to two outstanding students; the President's Award for the highest (Continued on Page 16-A)

Waiting lines are lengthening for food stamps and public assistance as Moore County's Department of Social Services tries to cope with what is "bordering on a desperate" condition among the unemployed. Mrs. Walter B. Cole, Social Services Director, says food stamps have risen from 2,500 in December to 3,282 in January, with 300 more persons awaiting eligibility certification. There were 1,972 in January of 1974. Applications for Food Stamps may be made at the Senior Citizen Club House on N. Saylor Street and West Vermont Avenue on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 to 12 noon. An eligibility specialist and a clerical worker have been added through federal CETA funds, and another eligibility worker is to begin February 1. They are to work six months, which Mrs. Cole hopes will be extended to a year. General assistance has been provided for 20 families, Mrs. Cole said, although the money available as of Friday was only \$600. She expects to ask the County Commissioners for unused hospital funds to supplement the money, which is to be used for paying light bills which (Continued on Page 16-A)

Local People Comment On President's Plans

BY ROSALIND BANBURY Here's the way some Moore citizens responded to the question: What do you think of the President's Tax Rebate proposal, and his plan to raise the price of gasoline to cut down on consumption? Lloyd Solis, representative of the Quaker Oats Co., Raleigh: "This thing seems so totally unworkable that it might work." Ann Williams, Home Furniture Co.: "I don't know. I had not thought about it much." Edward Drinkwater, retired: "Raising the price on gas is a good thing 'cause a lot of people (Continued on Page 16-A)

don't pay taxes anyway. I don't understand the Tax Rebate to give an opinion." Robert E. Long, retired: "I would rather they keep prices lower, but they do what they gotta do." Mrs. McInnis, Windblow: "He's just like the rest of them. They'll rob us all. I don't think anything they're doing is right. They'll steal every penny we've got." Leo Walsh, Sr.: "I've been a Democrat for 55 years, so you know what I think of it." (His initial response was to walk (Continued on Page 16-A)



Drinkwater Kelly Long McInnis

Canadian Money Welcome In Moore County Stores

BY BETSY LINDAU "By mid-February we hope to see red maple leaves all over the Sandhills telling Canadians that they and their currency are welcome here," says Bill Bryant, chairman of Par Travel Council of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce in announcing Par's new project. The maple leaf is Canada's symbol. Par is encouraging local businesses to accept Canadian money at face value and to display a sign, provided by the (Continued on Page 16-A)

Council, that will say "Canadian Currency Accepted Here" with the brilliant red and white Canadian flag. "We understand that Canadian money is not generally accepted anywhere in the United States except along the Canadian border. We think that our acceptance of their currency will make a big favorable impression on Canadians," Bryant says. To kick off the program and to make sure that Canadians get (Continued on Page 16-A)



0939 1975 SOUTHERN PINES MID-SOUTH RESORT CHARTERED 1887

QUICK CHANGE — The green and white license for the Town of Southern Pines is now following the state plan of just changing a sticker each year, rather than the entire license. It is to be pasted on the windshield. The above replica is the exact size it will be.