

More rain and drizzle are in prospect for today and Thursday, with the expected low temperature around 34, the high about 58. Chance of rain is nearly 100 percent tonight and Thursday, 50 percent Thursday night.

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PowerRates ToDrop; Workers Get Pay Cut

Some 11,000 residential users revenue losses resulting from the kilowatt hour of electricity used does not alter the basic rate for of electricity in Moore County rollback.

will benefit from the 25 percent rollback in fuel escalator on bills rendered to customers on the State Utilities Commission. to A.J. Wooddy, district manager But 150 employes of the of CP&L. It is not applied to bills Carolina Power & Light Com- of business firms, municipal pany in Moore County are taking power companies and rural

a 5 percent cut in wages, cooperatives. presumably ordered by company executives to offset part of the been at just under one cent per

The rollback will be effective

plained. The 25 percent rollback will cut this charge to approxicharges ordered on Monday by and after February 1, according mately three-quarters of a cent per kwh. A residential customer using

1,000 kwh a month thus will get a \$2.48 reduction in his bill. Wooddy emphasized that the 25

percent reduction affects only the fuel adjustment charge; it

by customers, Wooddy ex- electricity. The fuel charge is added to customers' monthly bills to compensate the power companies for the higher costs of coal and oil needed to generate electricity.

Taking into account both the current basic rates for electricity and the 25 percent rollback, an "all electric" CP&L customer using 3,000 kwh per month would receive a bill for \$79.71 in February, instead of \$87.17. The rollback thus cuts the fuel charge by \$7.46, from the previous \$37.28 to \$29.82.

 Sheriff Questions Court As Jail Continues Full

County commissioners Monday more cases than they were morning, noted that the grand getting rid of. Also, most of the jury report had indicated his jail was "temporarily full" but he said it was just as full this week as it was before the court term was held.

Of the new Moore County Jail, designed to serve for the next 20 mean to criticize the courts and jurors except those actually years, he said, "I might be able there were undoubtedly good to accommodate six more in- reasons for their calling the mates at this time, but not any cases they did, but many behind more than that."

While the court was grinding two jury cases were held during away at the trial docket during the term and only one of these

Father Considers Appeal

For School Banned Son

Sheriff C.G. Wimberly, making the January term, the grand jury involved a man in jail." Trying his monthly report to the Moore was busy finding true bills in him, the sheriff said, didn't help--he was soon returned, under a two-year sentence to be defendants in the cases disposed served in jail. of were already out on bond, and Watching his full house grow the disposition of their cases did fuller, Wimberly admitted he

nothing to diminish the jail had a "hard time understanding" why, on Wednesday afterpopulation. Sheriff Wimberly said he didn't noon, the judge excused all the serving on a case; and the whole term wound up at the close of business Thursday, leaving one bars waiting to be tried, "only whole day unused.

Children's Center Mrs. Sharon Trent, director of the Moore County Children's Center, a non-profit day care center operating in the former St. Anthony's Parish school building in Southern Pines, presented the commissioners Hunger Plan

with their first budget request for the fiscal year 1975-76. This was

Similarly, a customer with electric appliances but not electric heat who uses 1,000 kwh a month would have paid \$34.18 in February, but the rollback means a savings of \$2.48.

The reduction in residential electric bills will have no effect in Pinehurst, however. Pinehurst buys power from CP&L, so is excluded from the rollback, according to Graham T. Douglass, manager of the Pinehurst electric department.

A 13.2 percent increase in Pinehurst electric rates was put Pinehurst has about 1,000 residential customers.

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The CP&L cut in wages was system-wide, District Manager Wooddy explained. It amounts to



WINTER BROODS — There's a stillness in this the region there is tranquillity as nature waits for the woodland scene as winter broods in the Sandhills. not too distant spring.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides). Golfers play and horsemen ride, but in other parts of



udge Orders Hearing On May 1 Prodded by a grand jury possible sources of federal funds, \$300,000 the maximum ob-recommendation and a court- and with architect E.J. Austin on tainable, but to get such funds, building should be the first order ordered hearing on May 1, the working up preliminary "we need some sort of time- of business, in order to determine

verdict.

Moore County Commissioners on drawings, tentatively by March. frame, and some ball-park the direction we're going." Monday acted to speed up con-Helms said he had two possible figures." This was done, he recalled "ir a general way" in 1972, when Austin gave his view that "a through research he determined just how much space would be needed by each county depart-ment affected. However, the project was envisioned then as a remodeling of the courthouse. Later, it was changed to call for

into effect last January 2 on an emergency interim basis to compensate it for the higher cost of electricity it purchases.

An Army officer maintaining his home in Southern Pines while stationed on Fort Bragg said last sider it "reasonable punishfrom a decision of the Moore opportunity to continue his \$31,000. County Board of Education education while remaining at Mrs. which permanently bars his son home with his family. from attending Moore County schools.

Col. David Q. Cummings of 385 principal, who expelled young East New Jersey Ave., said he Cummings and another student, agreed that his son William, 16, Steve Hinton, for an attack they deserves severe punishment for made on him in the school his part in an incident late last (Continued on Page 16-A)

Rabbit Chase Results In Bad Burns For Man

Donald E. Gillis of Rt. 1, process, the pipe touched high-Aberdeen, was critically burned tension wires overhead. Gillis's companion escaped Saturday in a freak accident that occurred while hunting rabbits injury, but Gillis suffered second along Highway 211 just outside and third degree burns over 40 per cent of his body, according to a member of the Aberdeen the Aberdeen town limits.

Gillis, 26, and an unidentified Rescue Squad which took him to companion chased a rabbit Moore Memorial Hospital. which took refuge in a section of Placed in intensive care, Gillis irrigation pipe. To dislodge the was reported in "stable" conrabbit, the two attempted to dition three days after the acstand the pipe on end. In the cident.

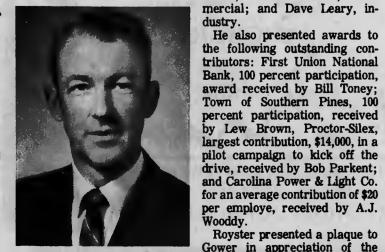
Hodgkins Elected Head Of United Fund for '75

Gower presented awards to the

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Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., Senior present awards and to elect new Vice President of First Union officers and directors. National Bank, was elected Dwyer Sump, representing the president of the United Fund of North Carolina United Way, Moore County, Inc., at its annual praised Royster and 1974 cammeeting on Thursday, January paign chairman Emerson Gower for putting together "possibly the

He succeeds Robert L. Royster strongest team effort Moore under whom he served as vice County has seen in many years." president and chairman of budget and admissions in 1974. following campaign workers: The annual meeting is the Larry Newsom, in charge of occasion on which workers with professional contributions; Greg the Fund join with represen- Allen, public employes (whose tatives of participating agencies contributions were four times as much as last year); Bill Toney, and outstanding contributors to banks; Walter Holden, com-



Norris L. Hodgkins Jr.

for the amount of \$13,428, to help week he is considering an appeal ment" when it denied his son met a total budget of some Is Offered

The original decision was that of Philip L. McMillan, Pinecrest board of directors.

Other sources of funds they said, include the Moore County Association for Retarded Children, its principal sponsor; N.C. rule of Department of Mental Health, prayer. Division of Children's Services (a grant-in-aid), State Depart-

ment of Human Resources, Moore County Department of Social Services, with contributions from civic groups, private Then, in lieu of what would citizens and the proceeds of special events. Tuition fees are (Continued on Page 16-A)

Dow Gifts Presented

Moore County Rescue Squad No. 4, the Crestline Volunteer Fire Department and the Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department were joint recipients of \$4,700 in gifts from Farm Chemicals, Inc., at a

banquet Monday night at the Holiday Inn in Southern Pines. designed to improve the local emergency services of the recipients, were presented in conjunction with the Aberdeen Jaycees as a result of a special marketing program of Dow Chemical U.S.A., Midland, Mich. Dow's program, based on sales performance, provided distributors of its agricultural chemicals with dollars for donations to local charities or

organizations.

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To Squads

The gifts, most of them down. community service

Warren Bell, one-time pro hills as the place to make a about your health. "No matter how well you feel," he says, watch your blood pressure." Bell who, with his wife, Peggy Kirk Bell, a championship golfer, established the Pine Needles Lodge and Country Club, agrees with the Heart Association that there are lessons to be learned from his life style and from his ten-year experience with heart disease

In 1953 the Bells, newlyweds of

Mrs. Trent was accompanied by the Rev. John Speight of West End, chairman of the Center's By Church

Members of Emmanuel Episcopal Church will celebrate Lent beginning Wednesday, February 12 with the customary three-fold rule of worship, fasting and

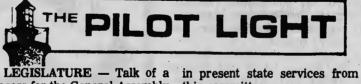
Every household has been asked to have specifically meatless days, but a nutritionous but greatly simplified diet on Tuesdays, or another convenient day. ordinarily be spent for food will be made as an offering to be presented in church in ordinary quart-sized jars on Easter Day. "Your offering will be sent to

meet the needs of the hungry people everywhere, cooperating with fellow Episcopalians all over the world," explains the (Continued on Page 16-A)

facilities for Moore County are needed and should be required." Judge Long appointed James R. Van Camp, president of the Moore County Bar Association, to be in charge of arrangements for the hearing, to which the county commissioners, along with other witnesses, will be

invited. At their regular meeting on Monday, however, the commissioners continued with the plans for the facility, with the hope that construction can be started this year.

They conferred with County Administrator Bob Helms on



recess for the General Assembly this committee. to await a clearer view of the Meanwhile, House Speaker economy cropped up a few days Jimmy Green is proceeding with committee appointments, and it

ago, but almost as suddenly died will probably be another full week before this is completed. It's true there isn't a great deal of activity in these early days of There has been some criticism of the Legislature, but both House Green for slowness in appointing and Senate leaders say there is committees but observers say plenty of work ahead, even though legislators may not know that he is not much behind the schedule of sessions in 1969 and what the state revenue picture 1971. will be until the middle of May.

Work will proceed on a line-bytention for the quick gavel he is line scrutiny of the budget, with a wielding in keeping order in the special committee in the House, House. "He's all business," one headed by Rep. Billy Watkins of member observed, "and I don't Oxford, going over the conthink you'll see much horsing tinuation budget. Look for around at this session." recommendations for some cuts

struction of new court facilities fund sources in mind, with in Carthage. Superior Court Judge James

Youth Given Jail Term M. Long, presiding over last week's criminal term of court, For Shooting Bike Rider ordered a hearing at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, "to determine if, in fact, additional courtroom

A jury impaneled Tuesday in them, Cynthia Smith, pleaded the case of George E. Dixon, Jr., guilty to assault with deadly of West End, Rt. 1, charged with assault with deadly weapon with weapon.

He received the sentence he intent to kill, found two days had requested and on which the prosecution and defense had later that it could not agree on a the Moore County Jail, to work

Following deliberations that continued from Wednesday in and around the jail under supervision of the sheriff. afternoon through Thursday morning, it was reported Superior Court Judge James hopelessly deadlocked and a M. Long, presiding, added also the authorization for Sheriff

mistrial was declared. Wimberly to give Dixon time off Later that day, one of the first cases in Moore Superior Court of for good behavior, as would be official "plea bargaining" under done for him if he were serving a new law effective January 1, time in the State Prison. This Dixon came into court with his could reduce his sentence to oneattorney to plead guilty to a fourth, or three months. reduced charge in the case.

It will be further reduced by the time of about two months The young white man, accused of firing a rifle from a moving young Dixon spent in jail truck at two teen-aged black area immediately after shooting, which did not seriously hurt the girls riding their bicycles on a country road, and hitting one of (Continued on Page 12-A)

High School Teachers Report Reading Lack of high school," says Mrs. Voss,

BY DIANE HOGG chairman of the English depart-Reading is a key to communication yet many students ment at Pinecrest High School. graduate from high school without sufficient reading skills need a reading program," states to insure a productive and wellinformed life.

English teacher at Pinecrest. In high school reading is taught "It's necessary for the kids to as part of the English program but many teachers would like to learn to read if the rest of us are going to teach anything." see reading back in the curriculum.

teachers in high school? Some "A lot of children don't know find fault with new teaching how to read. I was sorry to see the reading program dropped out (Continued on Page 10-A)

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Pinecrest agreed-two years to be spent in Gym Work Started

Construction of the new Pinecrest gymnasium has finally begun.

The gymnasium is being built on the school's campus behind the cafeteria.

The contractors are laying the underground drain pipes and the total construction time is expected to take 13 months with completion scheduled for February of 1976.

The cost of the project is \$1,070,000. The building will be two floors with overall size at 142 feet in length and 116 feet in

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Tag Lag

Auto license plate sales in Moore County are currently running about 2,000 behind last vear.

Bill Bowen, who has charge of academic situation. "We really the auto license bureau on US 15-501, warned this week that unless Tommy Richardson, 11th grade auto owners start buying their plates now there will be some long lines by the time of the deadline for new plates on Feb.

What problems face English Tar Heel motorists have until that date to purchase and install new plates. After that they are subject to arrest.

Bell's Experience Makes Him Heart Fund Booster

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Speaker Green is getting at-

basketball player, has a message dream come true. This was an educated choice. Both of them had toured the country extensively. He as a member of the Ft. Wayne Pistons, a pro basketball team, she as a golfer with a string of amateur and professional titles to her credit.

They knew the best resorts and had acquired a pro's eve-view of their advantages and disadvantages. So they had plans for the future. The ideal golf resort was the goal. The lovely rolling two months, selected the Sand- country of Southern Pines was

the spot Once Pine Needles was under way, nothing would do but perfection, particularly for Warren. He was his own architect and builder; together the Bells worked out the interiors. "We started modestly," he said, "and for three or four years it was a

struggle." The whole project was interwoven so completely with their lives that it seemed only natural for Bell to work 18 hours a day, 365 days a year. Even after the a.m. he felt severe chest business began to mushroom, he discomfort.

continued this schedule. He was to do, although he was not always eating when he should and sometimes falling asleep at his desk. His health? It had always been there. It always would.

was walking the 150 vards uphill from his office to his home at 2 for three weeks.

Still he was not alarmed until doing the thing he most wanted the next night the experience was repeated, and more severely. On the way to bed the top of the stairs seemed like the top of Everest. On Monday morning he was checked at Moore Memorial Hospital by Dr. Joseph Hiatt,

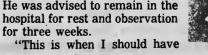
Reading is central to any

heart specialist. Caradiograms indicated that he had had a mild heart attack of the angina type. He was advised to remain in the

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Warren Bell



True, he knew his blood

pressure tended to be high; and that his father had died at 40 of a stroke. But he thought nothing of it until a Sunday in 1965 when he