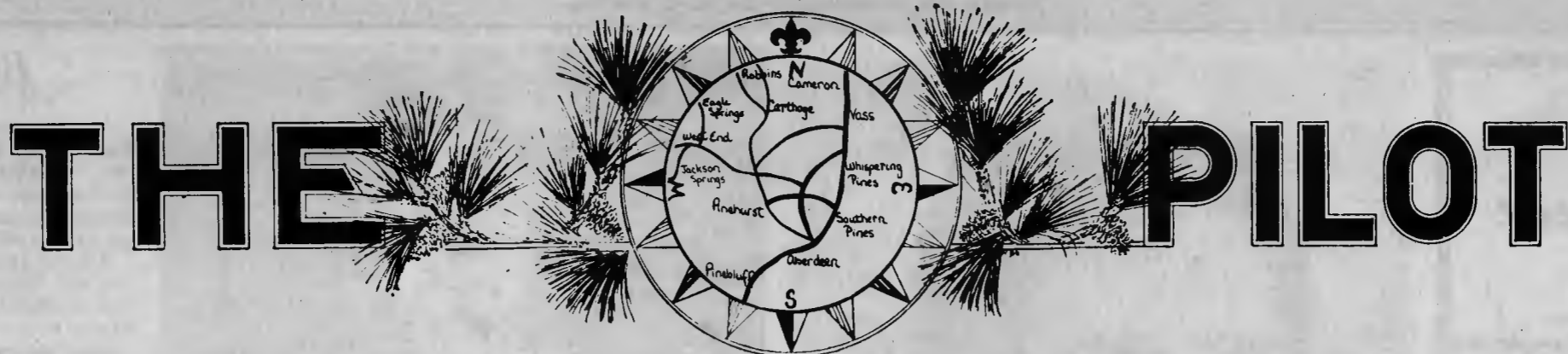


Weather

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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Power Rates To Drop; Workers Get Pay Cut

Some 11,000 residential users of electricity in Moore County will benefit from the 25 percent rollback in fuel escalator charges ordered on Monday by the State Utilities Commission.

revenue losses resulting from the rollback. The rollback will be effective on bills rendered to customers on and after February 1, according to A.J. Woody, district manager of CP&L.

Wooddy emphasized that the 25 percent reduction affects only the fuel adjustment charge; it does not alter the basic rate for 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

Sheriff C.G. Wimberly, making his monthly report to the Moore County commissioners Monday morning, noted that the grand 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.

the January term, the grand jury was busy finding true bills in more cases than they were getting rid of. Also, most of the defendants in the cases disposed of were already out on bond, and the disposition of their cases did nothing to diminish the jail population.

involvement a man in jail." Trying him, the sheriff said, didn't help—he was soon returned, under a two-year sentence to be served in jail.

Watching his full house grow fuller, Wimberly admitted he had a "hard time understanding" why, on Wednesday afternoon, the judge excused all the jurors except those actually serving on a case; and the whole term wound up at the close of business Thursday, leaving one whole day unused.

Of the new Moore County Jail, designed to serve for the next 20 years, he said, "I might be able to accommodate six more inmates at this time, but not any more than that."

Sheriff Wimberly said he didn't mean to criticize the courts and there were undoubtedly good reasons for their calling the cases they did, but many behind bars waiting to be tried, "only two jury cases were held during the term and only one of these

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

The CP&L cut in wages was system-wide, District Manager Woody explained. It amounts to (Continued on Page 16-A)

Father Considers Appeal For School Banned Son

An Army officer maintaining his home in Southern Pines while stationed on Fort Bragg said last week he is considering an appeal from a decision of the Moore County Board of Education which permanently bars his son from attending Moore County schools.

year at Pinecrest High School. But he said he could not consider it "reasonable punishment" when it denied his son opportunity to continue his education while remaining at home with his family.

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

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

Col. David Q. Cummings of 385 East New Jersey Ave., said he agreed that his son William, 16, deserves severe punishment for his part in an incident late last

The original decision was that of Phillip L. McMillan, Pinecrest principal, who expelled young Cummings and another student, Steve Hinton, for an attack they made on him in the school (Continued on Page 16-A)

Rabbit Chase Results In Bad Burns For Man

Donald E. Gillis of Rt. 1, Aberdeen, was critically burned Saturday in a freak accident that occurred while hunting rabbits along Highway 211 just outside the Aberdeen town limits.

process, the pipe touched high-tension wires overhead. Gillis's companion escaped injury, but Gillis suffered second and third degree burns over 40 per cent of his body, according to a member of the Aberdeen Rescue Squad which took him to Moore Memorial Hospital.

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.

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Gillis, 26, and an unidentified companion chased a rabbit which took refuge in a section of irrigation pipe. To dislodge the rabbit, the two attempted to stand the pipe on end. In the

Placed in intensive care, Gillis was reported in "stable" condition three days after the accident.

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Hodgkins Elected Head Of United Fund for '75

Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., Senior Vice President of First Union National Bank, was elected president of the United Fund of Moore County, Inc., at its annual meeting on Thursday, January 30.

present awards and to elect new officers and directors. Dwyer Sump, representing the North Carolina United Way, praised Royster and 1974 campaign chairman Emerson Gower for putting together "possibly the strongest team effort Moore County has seen in many years."

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He succeeds Robert L. Royster under whom he served as vice president and chairman of budget and admissions in 1974. The annual meeting is the occasion on which workers with the Fund join with representatives of participating agencies and outstanding contributors to

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He also presented awards to the following outstanding contributors: First Union National Bank, 100 percent participation, award received by Bill Toney; Town of Southern Pines, 100 percent participation, received by Lew Brown, Proctor-Silex, largest contribution, \$14,000, in a pilot campaign to kick off the drive, received by Bob Parkent; and Carolina Power & Light Co. for an average contribution of \$20 per employee, received by A.J. Woody.

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Royster presented a plaque to Gower in appreciation of the (Continued on Page 16-A)

In 1953 the Bells, newlyweds of two months, selected the Sand-



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

Courts Facility Plans Proceed; Judge Orders Hearing On May 1

Prodded by a grand jury recommendation and a court-ordered hearing on May 1, the Moore County Commissioners on Monday acted to speed up construction of new court facilities in Carthage.

Superior Court Judge James M. Long, presiding over last week's criminal term of court, ordered a hearing at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, "to determine if, in fact, additional courtroom 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.

possible sources of federal funds, and with architect E.J. Austin on working up preliminary drawings, tentatively by March. Helms said he had two possible fund sources in mind, with \$300,000 the maximum obtainable, but to get such funds, "we need some sort of time-frame, and some ball-park figures."

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program of our aims within the building should be the first order of business, in order to determine the direction we're going." This was done, he recalled "in a general way" in 1972, when through research he determined just how much space would be needed by each county department affected. However, the project was envisioned then as a remodeling of the courthouse. Later, it was changed to call for (Continued on Page 16-A)

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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.

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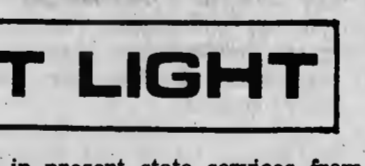
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in present state services from this committee. Meanwhile, House Speaker Jimmy Green is proceeding with committee appointments, and it will probably be another full week before this is completed.

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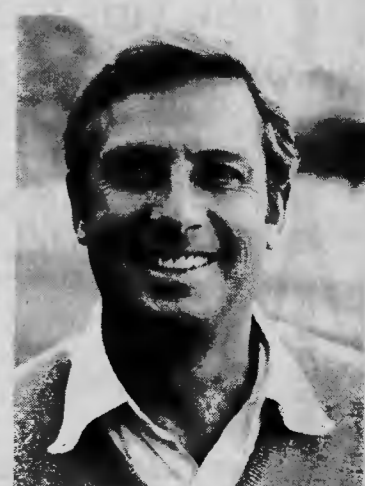
hills as the place to make a dream come true. This was an educated choice. Both of them had toured the country extensively. He as a member of the Ft. Wayne Pistons, a pro basketball team, she as a golfer with a string of amateur and professional titles to her credit.

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

continued this schedule. He was doing the thing he most wanted 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.

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 was walking the 150 yards uphill from his office to his home at 2 a.m. he felt severe chest

Still he was not alarmed until 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, heart specialist. Cardiograms indicated that he had had a mild heart attack of the angina type. He was advised to remain in the hospital for rest and observation for three weeks.



Warren Bell

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