

Weather

Sunny weather Thursday will end the rainy spell which brought 2.64 inches of rain to the Sandhills in the past week.

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PRIZED DEER HERD — Howard McInnis of Lakeview is shown with his prized fallow deer herd—two does, a buck (black) and two fawns.

Notice Sent On Fire Zone Hearing Here

Property owners in the proposed Southern Pines Fire District have been mailed a letter by Chairman W.S. Taylor of the Moore County Commissioners and a notice of a public hearing to be held at Carthage at 2 p.m. on April 17.



WHERE TWO DIED — Shown above is the rubble of a mobile home near Eagle Springs where two small children died in a fire which destroyed the home.

Poole Is Sent To Hospital Following Week of Terror

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON He was transported Saturday night from Moore County Jail to Dorothea Dix Hospital at Raleigh, committed by District Attorney C.M. Lowder of Monroe on order of Judge Robert L. Gavin of Pinehurst, in accordance with special surrender terms arranged at a fire tower in Montgomery County.

Sentences in Bank Cases Given In Federal Court

Bill G. McKenzie of Pinehurst pleaded guilty to one charge of embezzlement of funds from The Carolina Bank in West End when he was tried before Judge Wilson Warlick in U.S. District Court last week.

Two Children Die In Fire As Mobile Home Destroyed

Two young children died Saturday in flames which completely destroyed their mobile home in the Zion Grove Church community off NC 705, about five miles east of Eagle Springs.

Hearing On Rescue Squad Scheduled Here Tuesday

The Southern Pines Fire Department Committee on Emergency Rescue said a public hearing on the organization of a rescue squad to be based in Southern Pines will be held in the Southern Pines Council chambers at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday March 25.

The eyes of the state were fixed on the strange drama being played out at the fire tower, at the foot of which were grouped the sheriffs and numerous officers of both Moore and Montgomery counties, state troopers, some relatives of Poole's who lived nearby and his minister, the Rev. Billy Sullivan of Carthage.

They took turns trying to talk Poole into releasing the hostages and coming down, and tried to meet his demands, including one for a helicopter. While it was doubtful it could fly him "to the jungles of Brazil" as he requested, through cooperation of the Army a helicopter was actually brought in at 4 a.m. and kept on standby for about four hours.

Four Capital Cases Set For Special Court Term

Four cases involving capital offenses, one with a 15-year-old girl as a murder defendant, are among those expected to be called during a special catch-up term of Moore Superior Court to be held at Carthage next week.

Social Services Holds Hearing On Expansion

There are 20,000 persons with \$8,900 income or less for four or under in Moore County, and many of them are in need of services from the Social Services Department.

Commuter Air Service Has First Flight Here

Resort Commuter Airlines got off the ground Sunday at 12:30 with its first flight from the Pinehurst-Southern Pines Airport. The new airline provides Sandhills residents and tourists with two flights daily to and from Raleigh-Durham.

Finally, Poole demanded the promise of "some authority higher than a sheriff" that he would be sent to a state hospital, rather than returned to prison. Judge Gavin agreed to make the promise, reluctantly at first.

He said he wasn't sure of the (Continued on Page 10-A)

Sunday Mail

Postmaster Robert Peele says there has been no elimination of Sunday mail service but there is a slight curtailment of "boxing service."

All essential mail will be boxed, he said, and newspapers, magazines, packages and special delivery service is continuing. All customers who must have mail boxed on Sundays will be served, he said.

Peele said the curtailment was simply a reduction in the postoffice clerk staff from three to two on Sunday.

25,000 Expected Apr. 12 For Stoneybrook Events

BY BETSY LINDAU Saturday, April 12, some 25,000 people from all over the East will come to Stoneybrook Farm at Southern Pines to see the 28th running of the Stoneybrook Steeplechase Races.

Bicentennial Winners Given In Moore Contest

A photographic essay on the Union Pines Museum Project by Sten Wallin, a senior at Union Pines High School, proved to be the most unusual entry in the 1975 Bicentennial Literary Contest for Moore County Schools students.



HOUSE BURNS — Firemen arrived in three minutes to put out this fire in the residence of Mrs. Ellen Dunn on Midlothian Drive Saturday.

Chamber Seeking Members

The Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce mounted a concentrated membership drive this week in which 30 Chamber members are contacting various businesses in Moore County.

At two orientation sessions on Monday, one at 4 p.m. and one at (Continued on Page 10-A)

Break-Ins

Break-ins over the weekend at Union Pines High School and the Southern Pines Country Club halfway house are under investigation by the Moore County sheriff's office.

At Union Pines an electric typewriter and woodworking tools and materials valued at \$1,000 were taken. Entry was gained by prying open a back door.

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CALDWELL — In the months since the announcement by Dr. John T. Caldwell that he is stepping down at the end of this school year as Chancellor of North Carolina State University there has been speculation in various parts of the state that he might run for a high state office in 1976.

The talk about Caldwell is that he has been getting some urging to run for Governor or Lieutenant Governor.

Chancellor Caldwell has given no indication, however, that he wants to get into politics. At one time he and Mrs. Caldwell had given some thought to moving to Southern Pines, but their decision now is to continue living in Raleigh when he moves out of the Chancellor's home adjoining the State campus.

\$23,000 Raised In Walkathon As 1,400 Walk For 20 Miles

The cerebral palsy walkathon sponsored by the Elks Club received \$23,000 in pledges Saturday, as some 1400 persons made the 20-mile trip and only 20 fell by the wayside.



MAKES 20 MILES — Fred Morgan in a wheel chair was among those walking the entire 10 miles and back in Saturday's Elks-sponsored Walkathon.

It was truly a "Happiness Walk" as it was designated by Southern Pines Elks Lodge No. 1692, with girls and adults joining the boys who were in the majority.

Latest stragglers were in by 4:30 p.m. All walkers were served a fried chicken dinner. Following their parade that day, Girl Scouts were picked up and taken to join the marchers and made the rest of the trip.

Exalted Ruler Jack Barron of the Elks Lodge called the walkathon a big success, and gave his thanks to the Citizens Band Radio Club, the local Cerebral Palsy organization, the Sheriff's department, the local law enforcement officers, the Fort Bragg Military Police, and the Par Seekers and BPO Does, women members of the Southern Pines Elks Country Club.