

Weather

After a very hot week highlighted by a high of 97 on Saturday, there will be more of the same, at least today. The high today is expected to be 97, the low 70, with a 60 percent chance of rain. Things should cool off a little Thursday, with an expected high of 87.

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Autos Sales Reported Up In Sandhills

Moore County automobile dealers informally estimated this week that their sales have shown a "noticeable jump" in the last few weeks.

This is in keeping with a national trend in which sales for the spring and early summer of 1975 are 4 percent higher than last year's depressed totals.

Dealers refused to give exact percentage gains, saying that would take too much time, but most reported a definite comeback in sales, especially over the last month.

Sales are still down five to ten percent from the best years, however. Only Clark Chevrolet

and Cadillac in Pinehurst, reported that it has not experienced a noticeable slump in business.

Clark's reported a steady increase of six percent in sales per year.

Bob Brookshire of Brookshire Motors said there has been a definite increase in small and used car sales, but that the big luxury cars are doing well, also. "It is the in-between car that is hurting," Brookshire said. The biggest slump for Brookshire Motors was in the fall of 1974, he said.

Jack Bennett, sales manager (Continued on Page 12-A)



FARMERS DAY — Wagon Master Curtis Hussey, one of the leaders since the beginning in the Robbins celebration of Farmers Day, is shown leading the way in the parade on Saturday. The Wagon Train had formed at High Falls the day before and moved into Robbins on Friday night. — (Photo by Mildred Allen).

Funds Shifts Help Sheriff Promote Men

Sheriff C.G. Wimberly, gratified that the Moore County commissioners on Monday gave him authority to use certain budget savings for salary purposes, promptly announced the promotion of four of his deputies to the rank of sergeant.

These are James Booth, Marvin Kyle, Ricky Whitaker and Richard Graham.

Booth, Kyle and Graham have each been in unofficial charge of his platoon since the sheriff's reorganization of his department last month, and all will now continue in official leadership.

Whitaker has been on leave with a broken leg for more than three months, and his place has been filled by others on a tempo-

rary basis. Wimberly said Whitaker would return to work before September 1, and will be a sergeant when he is back.

"I could not make these promotions before because the starting pay of a sergeant, under our pay plan, is \$676 a month, and it just wasn't in the budget," the sheriff said.

In considering departmental requests and making up the county budget last June, the commissioners eliminated all raises for county employes, also the earned increments under the pay plan.

One of the four new sergeants, James Booth, was already making \$676, but was not promoted to (Continued on Page 6-A)

Drug Use Tapering Off; Choice House Credited

BY JENNIFER CALDWELL

Drug use in Moore County seems to be tapering off, according to Sheriff C.G. Wimberly.

The peak year for drug arrests in Moore County was 1971 when Moore rated fifth in drug traffic in the state.

Since then, Wimberly says, drug users are "more sophisticated." He says no "pot parties" are being "held out in the open."

During the crisis year of 1971 drug prevention campaigns were launched and programs were

started. Eventually "Choice House" emerged to become an important part of drug abuse treatment for the area.

Each day Choice House is open and staffed to provide information and counseling for people who need immediate aid.

Choice House is located at the end of the right-hand side of Kensington Road in Southern Pines. The "outdated" exterior provides for large, comfortable rooms inside where "clients" feel free to discuss with a coun-

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Elections Officials Appointed

Registrars and judges for the 21 voting precincts in Moore County were appointed at a meeting of the county Board of Elections on Tuesday.

Chairman C. Coolidge Thompson said that under new election laws passed by the 1975 General Assembly judges will also serve in the registration of new voters. Public librarians will also be designated to register voters.

Thompson said that board members and staff members will attend an elections seminar, at which new election laws will be explained, in Greensboro on August 14-15.

Precinct election officials ap-

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Hot Day Didn't Dampen Farmers Day at Robbins

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON

It was really a hot Saturday at Robbins, but nobody minded—everybody was having too good a time.

Ladies in long dresses and pokebonnets, kids in jeans and shorts, and teen-agers wearing most anything—or nearly nothing—crowded the streets in what many said was the biggest Robbins Farmers Day crowd of all.

And the parade, while it may not have been the longest in the

20-year history of the event, had more covered wagons, sleeker horses, prettier ponies and smarter-looking rigs.

Curtis Hussey, wagon master, led the way in his 1906 covered wagon, pulled by his big bay mares, Dolly and Pat, in traditional fashion.

As the parade of country vehicles and mounts began breaking up in leisurely fashion at the town grove, Hussey found himself in another, harder job-

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Tobacco Prices Up Slightly

Average tobacco prices rose a few cents this week, from a low of \$84 per hundred at both the Carthage and Aberdeen markets to \$89 at Carthage and \$87 at Aberdeen.

Many farmers still are not satisfied with market prices, however. Tom Colson, Moore County Agricultural Extension Agent, said that prices would have to average \$1.05 per hundred for farmers to break even.

Colson said there is little chance that farmers, like Border Belt counterparts, will ask that markets be closed unless the low prices continue when higher quality tobacco is marketed.

S.R. Ransdell, an Aberdeen farmer, said many farmers believe tobacco companies are holding back, not because of poor quality tobacco but rather to drive prices down. As evidence of this, Ransdell pointed to the hearing before the U.S. Depart-

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New Collins Will Hold Grand Opening Thursday

There is a new Collins in the Sandhills—and it is bigger and better. Three times bigger, in fact. And according to its manager Thad Lowder, "it's three times better and twice as pretty."

The new Collins, scheduled to

open Thursday in the Town and Country Shopping Center, contains 30,000 square feet. The old store, located at 114 W. Main Street in Aberdeen, was less than 9,000 square feet.

Manager Lowder said the new store is stocked with a much greater variety in every department and has a larger number of brand names to choose from. He said there is also an additional department with house furnishings. Other departments such as piece goods and notions are significantly larger.

The new Collins also has a new name. It was previously known as Collins Department Store but will now be called the Collins Company. Lowder pointed out that all Collins stores which are moved to shopping centers usually undergo a name change. There are 13 branches of Collins in North and South Carolina.

The chain store has been located in Aberdeen for 39 years. It was first established on Poplar Street in 1936 and moved to the Main Street location in 1950. It was remodeled and enlarged in 1965.

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Town Election

The Southern Pines Town Council has requested the use of absentee ballots in the municipal election this fall.

Chairman C. Coolidge Thompson of the Moore County Board of Elections said that the request has been forwarded to the State board and will be returned to the county officials.

Candidates may begin filing for the Town Council here on Aug. 15 and the deadline for filing is noon on Sept. 5. If more than 10 candidates file a primary will have to be held before the election in November.

Candidates for municipal office in other towns in Moore County can file on Sept. 12, with a deadline of noon on Oct. 3.

New Postoffice

Leon Keith, Jr. of Cameron offered the lowest of three bids and was awarded a contract to build and lease a new post office building in Vass, Donald H. Burch, manager of the Charlotte Postal District, said today.

The building will contain 2,320 sq. ft. of interior floor space and will be located on a site controlled by the builder at the corner of Bank St. and Seaboard St. in Vass. The lot is 145 feet by 170 feet, for a total of 24,650 sq. ft.

When completed in February, 1976, the post office will be leased by the Postal Service for a basic period of ten years, with renewal options of 20 additional years.

Moore In Travel Top 10; Over \$29 Million Spent

Moore County ranks in the top ten in North Carolina counties in travel spending, with expenditures of \$29,113,208 in 1974, according to a travel survey conducted by the State Travel Development Section.

The 1974 expenditure in Moore was 15 percent above the \$25,347,979 reported for 1973.

Moore was in 10th place, ranking behind Mecklenburg,

which led all counties with \$113,609,382, Guilford, Wake, Buncombe, Dare, Forsyth, Durham, New Hanover and Carteret.

Data for the 1974 North Carolina Travel Survey were obtained from guest register sheets at the five Welcome Centers in the state, and from monthly tax data at the county level obtained by Eugene Dail of the Division of

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Moore Plans Zoo Drive To Aid Leopard Exhibit

Citizens of Moore County will have an opportunity to participate in a membership drive to aid the North Carolina State Zoological Park being developed in nearby Randolph County.

A steering committee headed by James R. Van Camp has elected to sponsor a \$40,000 leopard exhibit for the zoo's interior habitat building from funds raised in the drive. The structure will be the only indoor

building planned for the first phase African section, scheduled to be constructed during the next year. It will house only those animals which require controlled climatic conditions.

"Moore County school children have already raised over \$2,500 to purchase the animals and now it's up to us to give them a permanent home," Van Camp said.

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Debates at Temperance Hall Could Have Been Yesterday

BY JIM BUIE

The skeleton key rattles in the old lock, causing reverberations throughout the hexagonal little building. After a hard push, the wooden door squeaks open, and the journey through an interesting part of Sandhills history begins.

Less than 30 miles from Southern Pines, in Scotland

County near Wagram, stands the Richmond Literary and Temperance Society Hall, one of the first (if not the first), temperance societies in the United States, established in 1855.

The Temperance Hall was, fundamentally, an organization to discourage the drinking of alcoholic beverages and to promote interest in literature

and current events. The two goals were inter-related, the founders believed, because by becoming interested in intellectual virtues, men and women would ideally be "cleansed" and diverted from the temptations of alcohol and late-night carousing.

The society's minute book, (Continued on Page 6-A)



TOBACCO HARVEST — "Barning" tobacco is a family affair on most North Carolina farms, and this scene from the Lewis Foster farm near Vass proves it. Four daughters—Cynthia, Belinda, Teresa and Amey Foster—are shown priming leaves on Monday as the tobacco harvest continues. — (Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

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HYDE — Rep. Herbert Hyde of Buncombe County is expected to run a strong race for Lieutenant Governor, one of the reasons being his leadership for enactment of the Equal Rights Amendment at the 1975 session of the General Assembly.

ERA didn't pass, but Hyde is sure to get support from several women's organizations for his strong fight to get enactment.

At last week's press conference where Hyde announced his candidacy for Lieutenant Governor he said that there were 16 others who are seeking the position. He added, however, that he didn't expect more than five or six to be in the race when

the time comes for filing.

HEFNER — Congressman Bill Hefner of the Eighth Congressional District was one of the Representatives who voted against the pay raise for congressmen in a bill which passed the House by one vote.

In his report this week Rep. Hefner talked about legislation affecting veterans before Congress. He is a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee and he said this fall the committee will be working on programs which involve veterans with non-service connected disabilities, the pension program and the Veterans Administrations hospi-

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TEMPERANCE HALL — Located three miles outside of Wagram, this six-sided little building was the meeting place of one of the first temperance, literary, and debating societies in the country. Note the upside down wine glass atop a Bible on the roof. — (Photo by Jim Buie).