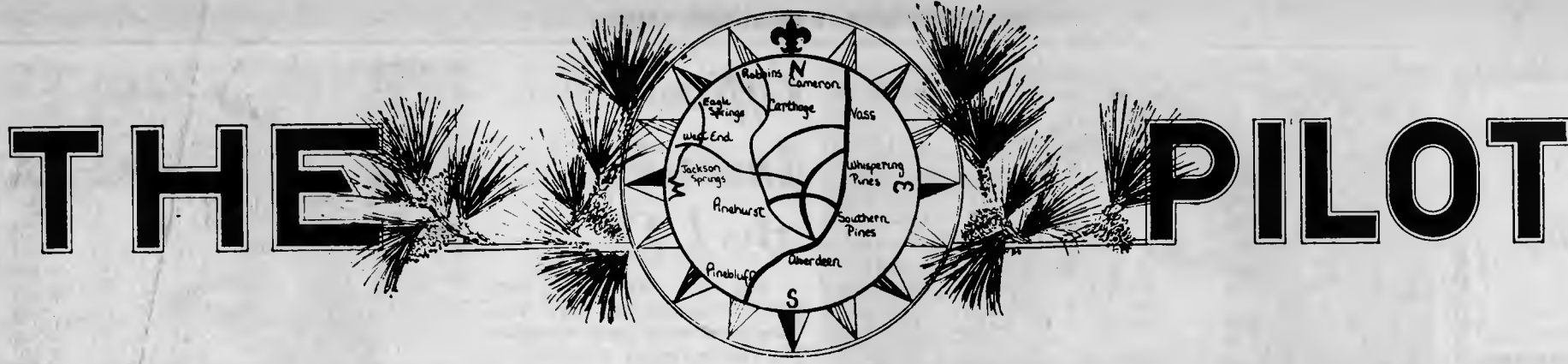


Weather

High temperature of 80 is expected today and Thursday, with possible showers and thundershowers. There's a 40 percent chance of rain tonight and 20 percent on Thursday.



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OPEN HOUSE — Firemen of Southern Pines held an Open House on Sunday during observance of National Fire Prevention Week and in the above picture Fireman Doug Stephenson gives a demonstration on fire-fighting.

Plans Are Talked For Justice Hall

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON

The Moore County Board of Commissioners in regular meeting Monday considered buildings old and new—receiving for the first time a time-table on construction of the new Hall of Justice; approving planning and research into future uses for the existing courthouse, and becoming "updated" on progress of the county's \$5-million school building program and six major projects, one completed and in use, five "in the works" and all "on target."

new courtrooms, rather than two, in view of the expected need around the year 2,000.

Austin estimated the probable cost of the project at around \$1 million, "or maybe a bit more, but not much more than that," depending on different directions the planning might take.

For example, he recommended a two-story building with

16,000 square feet per story, rather than a three-story building of 8,000 feet, or more, per story, as "each story higher it goes, the more complications and duplications must be dealt with."

Courtrooms on separate floors would mean duplication of a number of accessory facilities (Continued on Page 12-A)

New Mayor, Woman Are Elected at Vass

The winds of change blew strong in Tuesday's municipal election at Vass, where newcomer J.O. Richardson won an upset victory over incumbent Mayor D. Hugh McLean, 117 to 77.

Richardson, a native of the area, who recently returned to open a successful business, the Town and Country Fish House, at Vass, was making his first bid for elective office.

McLean has served on the town board for nearly 20 years, including seven terms as mayor, and has had no opposition that anyone can remember.

A large and lively field of 10 competed for the five commissioner seats, and the first woman member was elected to the board.

Jo Ann Hipp ran third in the voting, defeating one incumbent commissioner and also her own husband.

It all happened in a town where frequently, in the past, only the incumbents, and maybe one or two others, would file for office.

This was the case in the 1973 election, when only 41 votes were cast. What fanned the new interest in local politics, drawing the record-sized field and precedent-shattering vote, was not immediately clear.

There were no particular campaign issues, but some said a spirit of "It's time for a change" was abroad in the community.

Four incumbent commissioners were returned to office, with votes as follows: Joseph Frye, (Continued on Page 12-A)



FAIR OPENING — Monday was a busy day at the Moore County Fairgrounds as everything was being set up for the opening. Only part of this ferris wheel was ready when Photographer Glenn Sides visited the fairgrounds. The Fair will last all week.

Many Last Minute Candidates File For Municipal Elections

Things were lively Friday morning at the Moore County Board of Elections office at Carthage, where candidates for commissioner seats from five towns beat the noon deadline to enter their local races.

Just one of the six towns with books still open failed to produce some 11th-hour filers. This was Aberdeen, where the list remained as it had been earlier in the week, with Mayor J.M.

Taylor opposed for reelection by newcomer Larry Boles, and an 11-man race all set to go for the five board seats.

The candidates include four incumbents, William June Bayliff, Hugh M. Styers, Cliff Blue, Jr., and Lloyd Harris, and seven newcomers, William Marts, Lee Cole, Floyd Fritz, Ray Tyndall, Robert Veasey, James O. Singleton, Jr., and Cecil Hutchinson. All the other towns except

Southern Pines and Vass, where books closed in September, produced anywhere from one to five 11th-hour entrants into local races.

In Robbins, where Mayor John L. Frye is unopposed for reelection, Friday filers for the board were incumbent Henderson Britt and challengers Mrs. Lou Lewis and John C. Hancock who joined a record field of nine. Already in the lists were incumbents Henry Williams, Tracy Brown and J.W. Cranford and challengers Bill Thrallkill, H.S. Anderson, Jr., and Billy Edwin Brown.

Pinebluff wound up with eight candidates for commissioner seats—incumbent Wesley E. McMurray and newcomers Virginia R. Grimm and C.E. "Gene" Owen, who filed Friday, and incumbent H.B. Russell and challengers E.E. Brafford, a former commissioner and mayor, Gary E. Bowersox, John S. Williams and Vernon M. Geisler.

Pinebluff Mayor Seth Cole was opposed by John Carpenter, an incumbent commissioner who filed for the mayor's seat, but this week Cole said he would not seek reelection and has resigned.

In Carthage, three newcomers—Mrs. Bill Mackey, Buck Cook and Ed Jernigan—joined incumbent Sidney B. "Brack" Johnson in a last-minute filing (Continued on Page 12-A)

Austin said he had met with a committee of lawyers and had conferred also with Charles McLeod, clerk of court, and from their proposals had winnowed a 20-point list of important features to be studied for possible incorporation in the building, subject to the commissioners' approval.

He had provided them each with a list and did not go into detail on the proposals, other than that some of the lawyers thought there should be three

Contracts Awarded Here For New ABC Facilities

Contracts were awarded this week for the construction of a new ABC store and warehouse on North East Broad Street in Southern Pines.

Construction is to be started immediately, with completion date set for March of 1976.

Total cost of the 9,000 square

foot building will be \$170,177, which Architect E.J. Austin said was about \$20,000 below estimates.

Bids were opened last Thursday and the Moore County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met on Monday and awarded contracts as follows:

General contract to Van Thomas Contractor of Siler City for \$138,266; plumbing to J.J. Barnes Co., of Fayetteville, \$7,982; heating and air conditioning to Cooper Oil Company of Sanford, \$11,700; electrical contract, to Commercial Electrical Company of Rockingham, \$12,299.

Austin, who is the architect for the building, said that it would be (Continued on Page 12-A)

Man Is Shot After High Speed Chase

Multiple charges have been placed against three men involved in a Saturday night speed chase on U.S. 1, beginning at Vass and ending across the Lee County line.

One man, accidentally shot in a scuffle resisting arrest, is hospitalized at Womack Army Hospital at Ft. Bragg.

The incident occurred while Highway Patrolman W.S. Speas was conducting a speed check on

U.S. 1 about 9:40 p.m. When a car driven by Bobby Barnes Godfrey, 36, of Rt. 6, Sanford, was clocked exceeding the speed limit, Speas chased the car at speeds up to 105 miles per hour before it stopped three miles across the Lee County line, according to investigating Patrol Officer H.O. Jarman of Sanford.

Sgt. Jarman said Speas was charging Godfrey with driving (Continued on Page 12-A)

Samarkand Hearing Set Here On Monday

A public hearing on Samarkand Manor, the training school near Eagle Springs, will be held in Southern Pines at the town hall on Monday, Oct. 13, beginning at 7 p.m.

Conducting the hearing will be the Commission of Youth Services and attending will be members of the commission and Director of Youth Services David Jordan.

The hearing will follow a meeting of the commission at the school at 2 p.m. on Monday. There will also be tours of Samarkand Manor and Morrison School at Hoffman.

Purpose of the hearing is to determine how to bring about improvements in the school, and

to make it more responsive to the needs of young people assigned there and to serve the public as a whole.

The commission will hear grievances from anyone, including students and staff members at Samarkand Manor, former students at the school, or anyone who has suggestions for improvements. Commission members said they were especially interested in hearing how the school affects the community, and they hope the public in general will attend the hearing.

The hearing is one of several which Secretary David Flaherty of the Department of Human Resources has scheduled at (Continued on Page 12-A)

Schools Study Set To Start

The Moore County Board of Education has appointed a Steering Committee to head up a citizens' study of the Area III schools, it was announced last week by R.E. Lee, Superintendent.

The purpose of the study is to gather information about the schools and make recommendations to the Board about the organizational patterns for the Area III schools for the years to come. That is—should the high school have grades 10-12 or 9-12; should the middle schools have grades 5-9 or 4-8; should the elementary schools have grades K-4 or K-3; or is some other grade division in the best interest of our students, Lee explained. (Continued on Page 12-A)

Cole Quits Pinebluff Mayor Post

Seth Cole announced this week that he has resigned as mayor of Pinebluff and will not seek reelection.

He said his resignation followed a visit to him by John Carpenter on Sept. 27.

In announcing his resignation, Mayor Cole issued the following statement:

"I have remained a gentleman for nearly two stormy years and (Continued on Page 12-A)

Republicans Reelect Thomas; Platform Adopted At Meeting

James R. Thomas of Southern Pines was reelected chairman for the next two years of the Moore County Republican Executive Committee at the party's county convention held at the courthouse in Carthage on Saturday.

The Republicans also approved a Moore County platform, which among other things calls for the employment of a county manager and the establishment of a county-wide water and sewer system.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Dawn B. Leland of Whispering Pines, vice chairman; Mrs. Ann Thompson of Aberdeen, secretary; and Dr. Louis J. Marchetti of Southern Pines, treasurer.

The following were elected from the floor to serve with the Executive Committee: Mrs. Pat Allen, Mac Ausbon, Floyd Cole,



James R. Thomas

Precinct committee chairmen were also elected.

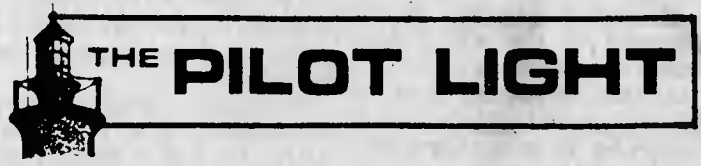
Thirty seven delegates to the Eighth District convention in Salisbury on Saturday, Oct. 11, and to go to the State convention in Raleigh on Nov. 14-15 were also elected.

Speakers at the district convention on Saturday will be Senator Jesse Helms and Senator Robert Dole of Kansas, former national Republican chairman. President Gerald Ford will be the principal speaker at the State convention in Raleigh.

At last Saturday's county convention, which was convened at 2 p.m., the delegates were welcomed by the chairman.

Mrs. Leland gave the invocation and led the assembly in the pledge to the flag.

Special guests were introduced: J.D. Dunham, finance (Continued on Page 12-A)



REPUBLICANS -- North Carolina Republicans are expecting their biggest turnout of record at the State party convention in Raleigh on Nov. 14-15. The reason being the appearance of President Gerald Ford for a party speech on Nov. 14. Moore County, for example, has been allotted 37 delegates and alternates for the convention, and County Chairman James Thomas expects all 74 to attend. In addition to the presidential appearance and speech-making

the convention will also see a whole flock of gubernatorial candidates jockeying for position. These include most of the members of Governor Holshouser's Cabinet--Secretaries James Harrington, David Flaherty, David Jones, Howard Coble and Jacob Alexander. Others who have their eyes on lesser state offices will also be there feeling out party support. TOBACCO VETO--Both Republicans and Democrats (Continued on Page 12-A)

Library Facts

John Creasey (1908 - 1973), who is credited with having the most published novels of any author, received over 700 rejection slips before his first book was accepted for publication. Between 1931 and 1973 this British novelist wrote, under his own name and 13 aliases, 564 books totaling more than 40,000,000 words. Creasey also has the distinction of being the only British member of the Western Writers of America. - Facts from Southern Pines Public Library.

Junked Autos Project Is Moving Slow Here

The campaign to remove abandoned automobiles is not moving as fast as officials of the Town of Southern Pines had hoped.

It's a free service and Town Manager Lew Brown said that the response from property owners has not been as "good as we had hoped."

Thus far only six persons have responded to the notice given some weeks ago that the clean-up program was available.

Brown said that an effort is going to be made this month, however, and he is still hopeful to get most of the old junked cars out of the town. (Continued on Page 12-A)

Inspection Of Houses Gets Fix-Up Response

As of this week 87 houses have been inspected under the program for community improvement in the Town of Southern Pines.

Town Manager Lew Brown said that 41 meetings have been held with home owners, and of this number 37 have agreed to fix up their houses voluntarily and to bring them up to standards.

"This is a remarkable percentage," Brown said, "far greater than anywhere else we have heard about."

Town officials will be working with these home owners and following up to see that the promised repairs are made.

Southern Pines embarked upon the program several weeks ago following an intensive study and (Continued on Page 12-A)

Capitol Restoration Yielding Surprises

Restoration experts laboring over the Capitol of North Carolina feel as much like detectives as anything these days.

The object is to carefully uncover layers of grime and additions to strip the Capitol back to its original condition.

Surprises abound. Public bathrooms on the second floor were built probably in the late 1920s. They are suspended between the first and

third floors by wooden beams, and what appears to be a tiny cloakroom near the east entrance door is in reality a soaring three-storied entryway.

Ripping out the floor and ceiling of the bathrooms, workmen uncovered remnants of an archway, and an ornate plaster frieze. Molds are being made of the remaining pieces of the frieze and will be sent to Philadelphia where reproductions will be made and the frieze replaced.

Fred Senter, supervisor on the

reconstruction job, is determined to have the Capitol emerge as nearly like the original as possible.

A team of building experts from Williamsburg recently aided by stripping paint from walls throughout the building—painstakingly, layer by layer, to discover the original colors.

Architect William W. Dodge, III, is on the scene daily—along with representatives from the state Division of Archives and History—to make sure nothing is

destroyed, and anything of historical value uncovered by workmen is saved.

The fireplaces are a prime example.

Sam Foster of Marble Contractors, Inc., a family-operated business, was busy on a recent day helping his father, brother, and sister tear through walls to uncover the fireplaces throughout the building. Grand marble mantels grace the numerous fireplaces, and those are being carefully restored to

original condition. Breaking through one which had been plastered over, the crew got excited about the find: an ornate grate, and a tong and poker set had been bricked up inside.

"Save that, and sift through the grate for anything you can find—nails, notes, anything," Dodge suggested.

Carefully, Foster has chipped away at firebricks, another layer of handmade bricks, and finally (Continued on Page 12-A)



CLARENDON GARDENS — A North Carolina beauty spot, Clarendon Gardens at Pinehurst, is listed on the October National Geographic "Close-Up USA" map. Clarendon Gardens, owned and operated by Francis W. Howe, is noted for its many flowers and variety of trees, such as azaleas and holly.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).