

Weather

Partly cloudy and windy this afternoon with a little warmer weather tomorrow. Chance of rain is forecast as zero.

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ELECTION HEARING — Chairman C. Coolidge Thompson (standing left) of the Moore County Board of Elections at a State Board of Elections hearing in Aberdeen Monday morning following which the NC board decided a new municipal election would be called.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Board Orders New Aberdeen Election

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON In a history-making personal appearance in Aberdeen, the State Board of Elections conducted a public hearing here Monday, and based on testimony of seven witnesses that they had voted in the town election of November 4, though not residents of Aberdeen—ordered that a new town election be held. The election will be held after mid-January, possibly on Jan. 20.

New Mayor Takes Over At Vass Board Meeting

Moore than 150 persons filled the Vass Town Hall to see the new town board take their oath of office on Monday. Mayor Charles McLeod received the gavel from outgoing mayor Hugh McLean and the new body of Town commissioners were sworn in and seated for business at hand. Commissioners seated for the new term are A. G. Edwards, Jr., Roy Jackson, Joseph Frye, Buster Jessup and Joann Hipp. A. G. Edwards, Jr., was

Thousands Greet Santa Claus In Jaycees Christmas Parade

It was a crisp, cold December night, but thousands turned out in their furry coats and toboggans to witness one of the most festive and colorful Christmas Parades in downtown Southern Pines Thursday evening. Carols filled the air as men, women and children lined the curbs of both Broad Streets, faces shining and laughing, waiting and wondering beneath the bright Christmas lights of the street decorations.



SANTA CAME CALLING — Santa Claus waved to the crowd when he came calling in a pre-Christmas visit to Southern Pines last Thursday night and had the honor position in the Jaycee-sponsored annual parade.

Austin Is Elected Mayor By A 3-2 Vote Of Council

E. J. Austin, an architect, born and reared in Southern Pines, became its new mayor Tuesday night by a 3-2 roll-call vote. Austin, nominated by former mayor E. Earl Hubbard, had the support also of Emanuel S. Douglass, newcomer to the council and its first woman member. Mrs. Hodgkins, top vote getter



Mayor E. J. Austin

in the November election, was nominated by the other new councilman, Michael Smithson. Both Austin and Mrs. Hodgkins had been open and active in promoting their candidacies for the post Hubbard had declared he would not seek again.

Mrs. Hodgkins, becoming the first to tender congratulations to the new mayor, referred to their campaigns in a smiling remark, "I seem to be the one who's been rocking the boat. That was because I felt the responsibility of that high vote. But I pledge to you and to this council my full support, and all that I possess of ability and talent for the good of Southern Pines."

Unity was seen in the subsequent voting, when Douglass was reelected mayor pro tem, and Mrs. Hodgkins treasurer—both by acclamation. There was no evidence during the long evening that followed with zoning hearings, a financial report, an engineering report on plans for sewer expansion and other weighty items—that the five

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NEW COUNCIL TAKES OATH — The new Town Council for Southern Pines was sworn into office Tuesday night. Taking the oath from Assistant Town Clerk Ethel Hare, left to right, Michael Smithson, E. J. Austin, E. Earl Hubbard, Sara W. Hodgkins and Emanuel S. Douglass.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Hearing Scheduled For Dec. 18 On Airport Development Plans

A public hearing at which strong objections are expected to be voiced over a development plan for the Southern Pines-Pinehurst Airport has been scheduled by the county commissioners for 3 p.m. on December 18 at Carthage. A group from Whispering Pines, who lives near the airport, is expected to appear and voice objections to any further expansion of the airport.

The master plan for airport development calls for safety improvements and not expansion in the early stages. However, county officials said that the long-range plans probably would involve a rezoning of the area. At present a taxiway is being proposed, as a safety measure as well as for convenience. A lengthening of the runway is being considered for the future.

Aberdeen Zoning Issue Up

Proposals for rezoning the A. P. Johnson and Kaiser Chemical Company properties on Highway 211, east of Aberdeen, from residential to highway-commercial property was considered by the Aberdeen town commissioners Monday night and a public hearing scheduled at the next town board meeting on January 12.

Recommendation for the rezoning of the two properties was made by the town planning board, following a meeting on December 4 when the requests were considered and felt desirable for the Town of Aberdeen by that group.

In attendance at the town meeting and favoring the rezoning plan were Mayor J. M. Taylor, Lloyd Harris, Cliff Blue, Jr., Vivian W. Green, William J. Bayliff and Hugh M. Styers. Also present were Clyde Johnson, C. W. Harvey, J. H. Mofield, Leonard Russell, Chief Jerome Whipple, John Matthews and William Marts.

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Recovering

Robert Dean, poisoned according to the State Medical Examiners Office by arsenic has been transferred to the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville from that in Durham.

Dean has visited in Southern Pines, where he and his wife have an apartment and he has many relatives.

Friends say Dean is recovering and now walking on crutches. The Sheriff is continuing his investigation into the poisoning case.

Roof Falls In At Plant Of Fletcher Southern

The roof fell in at Fletcher Southern Inc. Monday. But because of "excellent service" by the Fire Department, Carolina Power and Light Company and the Town Water Department, according to Manager Edward T. Taws Jr., only one full days work was lost. Heavy rain on Sunday night caused some 15 per cent of the roof to collapse, Taws said, around 6:40 a.m. Monday. Management opening up the

plant about an hour later discovered the damage. Fletcher Southern is expected to be back in full business by the first of the week, Taws predicted.

No one was in the building at the time of the crash, and machinery was not damaged, he said.

After the roof is replaced, along with some heating pipes and other equipment, it will be business as usual.

Corrections Week Meet Set Saturday at McCain

A series of activities are being held this week during North Carolina Corrections Week at the Sandhills Youth Center at McCain. Highlight of the week will be on Saturday when Secretary David Jones of the Department of Corrections will speak at 12:30, followed by a reception and Open House at the facility.

There are approximately 160 young men between the ages of 16 and 18 now at the Sandhills

center. School groups are making tours of the center each day this week and law enforcement luncheon was scheduled for today (Wednesday).

Proceeding the Saturday program there will be a press conference, with representatives of the Raeford Junior Woman's Club, the Sandhills Business and Professional Women's Club, the

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Holiday Arts Festival Slated Here Saturday

On Saturday, December 13, the Sandhills Arts Council will hold its second annual Holiday Arts Festival at the National Guard Armory on Morganton Road in Southern Pines, featuring handcrafted gift items for the Christmas season, demonstrations, and works of art on display in the public interest. Arts Council members from out of town whose works will be on display are: Anita Stanton,

printmaker from Gibson; Judy Fletcher, weaver, from Charlotte; Robert Jordan, jeweler, from Myrtle Beach, S. C.; Clarence Hall, jeweler, from Fayetteville, and the T. J. Leather Company from Robbins. In addition the show features works of local artists and craftsmen, Joan Arnold Milligan, John Foster Faulk, Danila Devins, John A. Jordan III, (Continued on Page 12-A)

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CENTER—Plans are being made for the establishment of a training center at Samarkand Manor for adults going into juvenile programs on the county and local level.

The training school near Eagle Springs is not now at capacity for students and the Department of Human Resources is considering a proposal for using the facility as a center for the training of counselors and others who will be needed as the community programs are established.

The department has been studying a proposal for a shift in emphasis away from the training and schools to the community center.

better than indicated in a recent series of articles in the Charlotte Observer.

The commander of the Patrol, a native of Moore County, said that the names of most of the patrolman, not identified in the newspaper reports, are known to him, because the individual patrolmen reported to their superiors that they had been interviewed.

Col. Jones said that efforts are being made to improve safety measures for patrolmen, although most of the men do not like the bullet-proof vests because of their bulkiness and discomfort while driving.

PATROL—Col. E. W. Jones says he is confident the morale in the State Highway Patrol is far

GREEN—House Speaker Jimmy Green, who is a can- (Continued on Page 12-A)

The master plan was developed by the engineering firm of John Tolbert and Associates, who were instructed to anticipate future needs in air travels, and the plan they have submitted looks to the development of the existing airport.

Some residents of the Whispering Pines community, however, are requesting that the airport be moved to a new site and that no further development be made at the existing airport. They are objecting to not only

noise but low flying jets over their homes.

There is a possibility, however, that the present runway may be extended in the other direction, with much of the noise being abated by new federal regulations and also low flying eliminated from the Whispering Pines area.

The engineers will be at the airport from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Dec. 18 to answer questions and present details of the master plans to anyone who is in-

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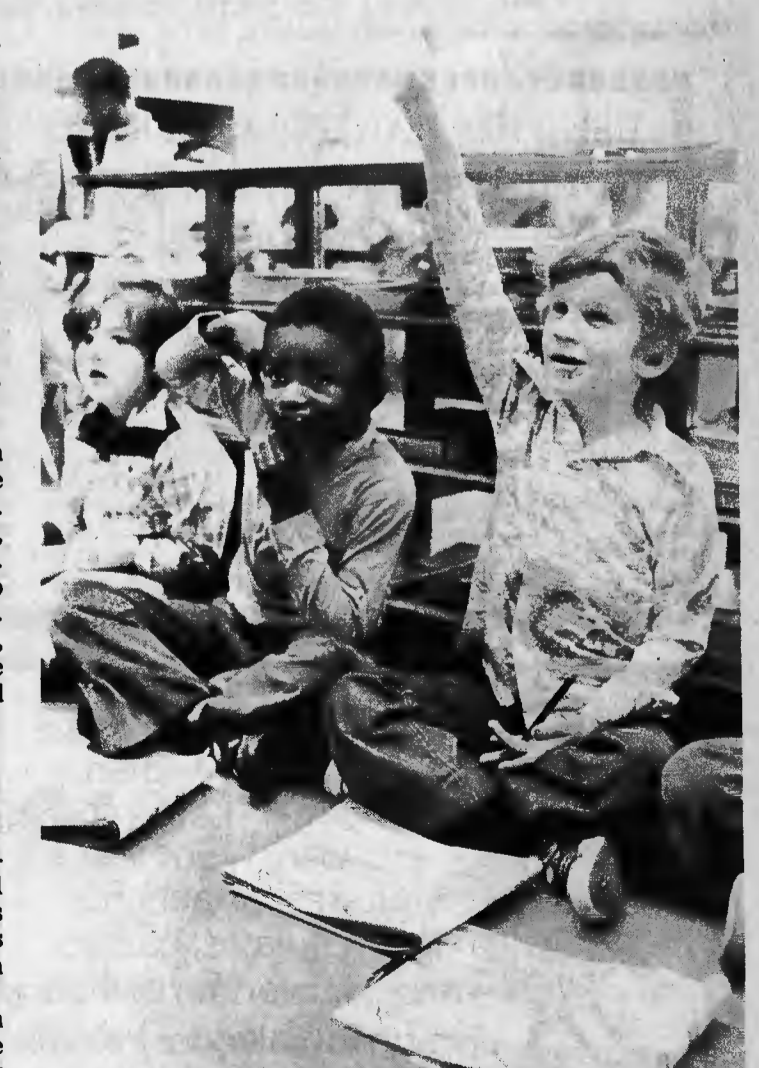
Pilot Reading Program Under Way at Aberdeen

"A lot of change and interest has been noted in our reading program for selected students this year. Having extra people to assist in classroom work and supplementary materials make a great deal of difference," Milton Sills, principal of Aberdeen Elementary School, commented concerning his pilot reading program, one of 40 in the state.

"But," he added, "the real progress and outcome of the

experimental program will not be known until the end of the year when the participants can be measured against a control group."

Known as "the primary reading program," it is designed to find better ways of teaching reading to children by having teacher's aides and volunteer parents in the program's classrooms, along with the use of extra materials, Sills explained. (Continued on Page 12-A)



LEARNING TO READ — Aberdeen has one of 40 pilot reading programs in the State, and conversation and word association is a part of the program. Here taking part are Jennings Walters, Sherman Pride and Sandy Odom.—(Photo by Mildred Allen).