

The drought in the Sandhills continues with sunny skies today and the high 70, the weatherman says. Clear and cooler tonight, in the upper 30's. Tomorrow, zero chance of rain is forecast and highs in the upper 60's.

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Mills Make Pay Hikes

Burlington Industries, the nation's largest textile operation, and J.P. Stevens, second largest, both with Moore County management as well as employees, have announced upcoming wage increases.

According to Jack Brafford, of Southern Pines, manager for Burlington Industries' Raeford plant, a 10 percent increase for all its textile employees will be effective June 16 and will be received by an estimated 50,000 wage employees at various plants.

Burlington Industries is now on a seven day, four shift operation at its Raeford plant. Marvin B. Crow, executive vice president at the J.P. Stevens Aberdeen carpet plant, said his Gullistan operation was planning

Nurse Dies In Wreck Of Auto

Miss Shirly Kay Lantz, 23, registered nurse who worked in the operating room at Moore Memorial Hospital, was killed Friday when the car in which she was riding collided with a trailer tractor at the intersection of N. C. 20 and N. C. 71 at Lumber Bridge around 5 p.m.

Also killed in the wreck was David Sprague, 23, of Providence, R.I., who was driver



BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION — Moore County launched its Bicentennial celebration with a ribbon cutting at the Village of Yesteryear at the county fairgrounds (top) with Chairman W.S. Taylor of the board of commissioners (left), H. Clifton Blue, chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, and Uncle Sam (Sidney Hodgkin) of Sanford. At bottom young people play recorders during the Bicentennial parade in Carthage on Saturday.

Deer Invasion Causing Peach Orchard Problem

Peach grower Clyde Auman of West End is having a deer problem.

In fact, the deer are causing so much havoc in the Auman peach orchards they are having to stay up nights to try and keep them out.

So far, Auman said, between 500 and 750 young peach trees have been severely damaged by

marauding deer herds. The deer come in at night and eat the tops out of young peach trees, and the Aumans have been using spotlights and firing off guns in an attempt to keep them out of the orchards.

"The problem has been growing steadily worse the past three years," Auman said.

Pine On Boyd Estate Declared A Champion

BY HOWARD S. MUSE, JR. There are taller, larger, and older trees in Moore County: Loblolly pines touching the sky at upwards of 125 feet, and oaks around old home places more than a yard wide and well into their fourth century of life.

But commanding a mixed stand of longleaf pines and hardwoods several hundred

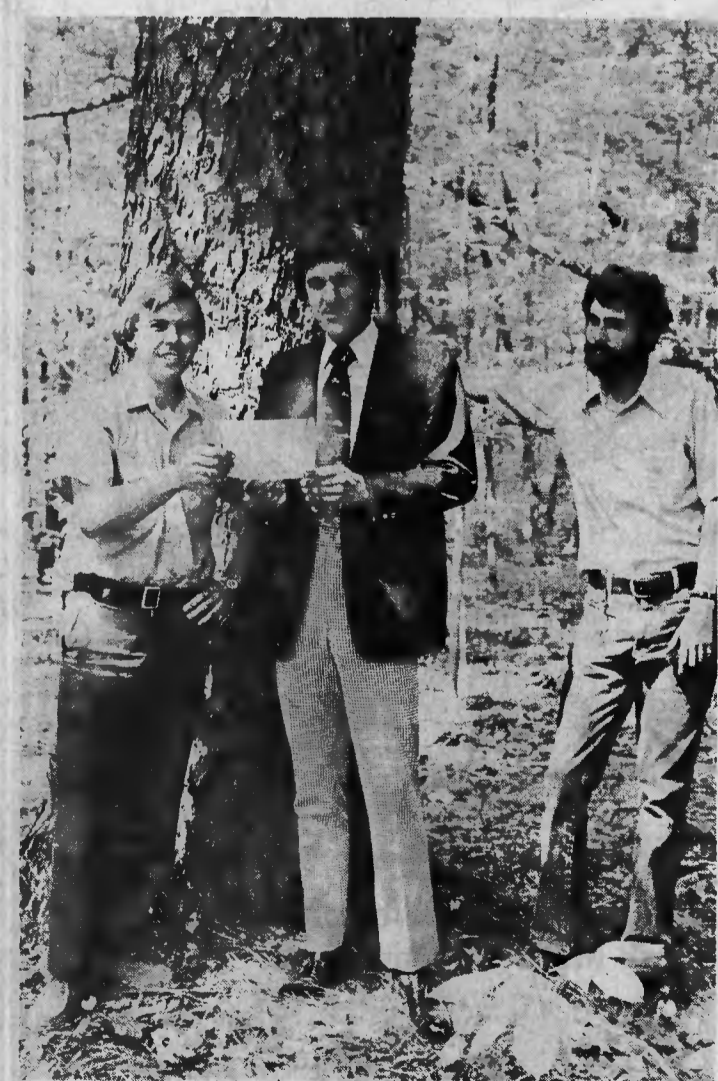
yards from the main residence of the Boyd Estate, which is now the property of Sandhills Community College, in Southern Pines, is a longleaf pine that you could consider a great American survivor as well as a Sandhills landmark.

It stands 92 feet tall, has a girth of 104.4 inches, and an average crown spread of 42 feet, according to measurements taken last fall by J. Thomas Morgan of Southern Pines, a Service Forester with the North Carolina Forest Service. And when these measurements were plugged into a mathematical equation that the North Carolina Forest Service uses to determine whether or not a tree is the largest of its species in the state this longleaf pine emerged as North Carolina's champion longleaf pine with a point score of

Sales Tax

Sales tax collections in Moore County jumped to \$92,150.47 during March, according to a report by Secretary J. Howard Coble of the State Department of Revenue.

Collections of the one percent local sales tax in neighboring counties were as follows: Hoke, \$24,734.18; Lee, \$73,477.56; Montgomery, \$32,619.26; and Richmond, \$80,699.16.



CHAMPION TREE — Robert Edwards (left), Moore County Forest ranger, is shown presenting a certificate attesting to the champion longleaf pine at Weymouth to James Halstead, assistant to the president of Sandhills Community College. Jay Carter, naturalist at Weymouth Woods Nature Preserve, is at right.—(Photo by Howard Muse Jr.)

Yesteryears Relived As Moore Opens Bicentennial Observance

BY MILDRED ALLEN

The sound of the blacksmith's anvil, the smoke of the soap-maker's pot, the mule-powered gristmill, the partying and the work of an old-time corn-shucking, the quilting frames

and weaver's looms once more were the center of community life for three days of history relived at the Village of Yesteryear this week in Carthage.

Demonstrations of old-time ways of life, many of those ways

continuing into more recent years for Moore County's rural and historic culture, official ceremonies of the American Revolution military in full authenticity of dress and firearms were climaxed what has been declared to be the county's largest and the Bicentennial's most successful event.

Reeves Bequests Include Colleges And Hospitals

The will of John Mercer Reeves, prominent industrialist and former chairman of the N. C. State Ports Authority, shows him to be generous in death, as he was in life, toward certain good causes and institutions which were close to him.

Reeves died March 16 at his home in Pinehurst at the age of 88. His will, probated in the office of the Moore County Clerk of

Court, includes a listing of assets of his estate totaling \$4,289,000. Specific charitable bequests—though without any specifications as to their use—include \$125,000 to the Medical Foundation of North Carolina, less any gifts he might make to the Foundation after the date of the will, and prior to his death; \$30,000 each to Oak Ridge Institute and Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., and \$15,000 each to the Southern Pines United Methodist Church, the Pinehurst Community Foundation, Inc., and Centenary College for Women at Hackettstown, N.J.

Following payment of these bequests and several of a personal nature, to individuals, with all tangible personal property and rights and title to their two

Expansion Planned By Plant

The Carolina Galvanizing Corporation is leasing, with option to buy, seven acres and a 70,000 square foot building from the Wickes Corporation of Wheeling, Ill., says real estate broker Louis (Lou) Oberly of Aberdeen.

The property, formerly a mobile home operation one mile south of Aberdeen on Highway 211, contains the building which will be used for expansion by the company, which has another building nearby.

No new employees will be hired immediately, but eventually the expansion will probably hire more people.

James M. Craven of Pinebluff is an official of the galvanizing company, which now works with steel but may branch out into other fields.

A letter from the Wheeling Wickes Company, signed by the general engineer for real estate development to Max Oberly recently said:

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Groups and individuals from all areas of Moore County participated in the demonstrations and exhibits at the Village of Yesteryear and every community participated in the Bicentennial Parade on Saturday.

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Historical Meet

The Moore County Historical Association will hold its annual meeting at the Bryant-McLendon place on State Road 1210 on Sunday, May 2, at 4 p.m.

Following annual reports and the election of directors there will be a talk by Mrs. Ernest L. Ives.

After the regular program there will be a reception in honor of Mrs. Flossie Bryant Davis, the donor of the Bryant House property to the association.



LEGISLATURE—The General Assembly will convene in Raleigh next Monday and if legislative leaders have their way they will be adjourning and going home by the end of the week.

There will be two items on the agenda—an appropriations bill and legislation dealing with medical malpractice suits.

The Joint Appropriations Committee is meeting in Raleigh this week in an attempt to have an appropriations bill, which will include a pay raise for teachers and other state employees, ready by Monday.

Rep. T. Clyde Auman, who is a member of the committee, said

early this week, however, that there is some doubt the appropriations work can be finished before the weekend. He still thinks it's possible though for the Legislature to finish up its work in one week's time.

HUNT—On Monday of this week Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt called on the Legislature to give the teachers and state employees a 6.5 percent pay increase.

Most legislators had been thinking in terms of a 5 percent pay raise, which would cost the state an extra \$70 million. The Hunt proposal would cost something over \$90 million more.

Sandhills Hurt By Budget Cuts

Three Candidates File For Commission Posts

Three candidates filed Tuesday with the Moore County Board of Elections for the Democratic nomination for county commissioner.

Two of the candidates—E.O. Brogden and Leaverne Maness—filed for the commissioner's seat from McNeill Township.

Carolyn Blue of Eagle Springs, immediate past chairman of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee and presently vice chairman, is a candidate from Bensalem and Mineral Springs townships. Brogden, a Southern Pines

attorney, has been active in Democratic party affairs for many years. Maness operates an oil company, a motel on Midland Road and four food centers.

Democratic leaders said they expected at least one other candidate to file from McNeill Township.

Two incumbents have filed for the Republican nomination for county commissioner—Floyd Cole of West End, and John Womack of Southern Pines. Among other filers is Jack

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Sandhills Community College, faced with a \$250,000 cut in state appropriations for next year, may have to eliminate 20 teaching positions or cut out one entire quarter of instruction.

President Raymond Stone said this week that the action of the legislators in cutting the budget in order to give teachers and other state employees a pay raise will have "drastic repercussions" at Sandhills.

He said he will be in Raleigh this week when the Joint Appropriations Committee is meeting to try to point out the serious effects the budget cuts will have on the college's operations. He said he has talked with Representatives and State Senators from this area, but does not know if anything can be done to restore the funds.

Dr. Stone said that some faculty and staff members have resigned and "we are waiting on replacements to see if we will have the money."

"With \$250,000 less money to spend in the next fiscal year we may have to cut out 20 teaching positions," Dr. Stone said. Among other alternatives is the elimination of one quarter of the school year, along with increasing class size.

Dr. Stone said that appropriations are based on enrollment and enrollment increase. Sandhills has had a 300 student increase, the 1975 calendar year showing 1,660 full-time students.

On a statewide basis the community college system has shown a 30 percent increase in enrollment over projections, and other colleges and technical institutes also are concerned about the budget cuts. At Fayetteville Technical Institute the decision was made to

McPherson Dies at 67; Memorial Services Held

Fred Garland McPherson, 67, active in the business and civic life of the Sandhills for the past 30 years, died Saturday morning at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Mr. McPherson, of 430 Crestview Road in Southern Pines, underwent a minor operation at the hospital on Thursday and developed a heart involvement which claimed his life.

He had previously willed his body to the UNC Medical School. A memorial service was held Monday at 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, of which he was a member, attended by

members of his family and a large body of friends, including many from out of town.

Representing the North Carolina Press Association at the service were A. Howard White of Kannapolis, president of the Association; Dr. John Adams, dean of the UNC School of Journalism; and Sam Ragan of Southern Pines.

Mr. McPherson was a former business manager of the Burlington-Times-News and the brother of Holt McPherson, long-time editor of the High Point Enterprise and president of the North Carolina Journalism Foundation.

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Big Increase Is Noted In Moore's Auto Sales

Car sales in Moore County have increased tremendously this spring, and dealers say they are "quite excited."

Wicks Chevrolet Co. of Aberdeen says, through its president, B.W. Wicks, "We are ahead 69 percent through the months of March in the year to date, and look forward to a good April. Now is a good time to

trade."

Brookshire Motors is up some 50 percent during the past two months and advertised in The Pilot for five new salesmen. Brookshire deals in General Motors cars, including Buick, Oldsmobile, and Pontiac, where intermediate, family sized cars are going fast.

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Ford Has Delegate Lead With Moore Republicans

President Gerald Ford, who carried Moore County in the May 23 presidential preference primary, got the bulk of the delegates from Moore County at the Republican county convention in Carthage on Saturday.

There were 36 delegates and 36 alternates elected to the Eighth District convention to be held in Salisbury at the Rowan County courthouse on May 29.

Moore County Chairman James R. Thomas said that the Moore delegates were divided,

with 75 percent for Ford and 25 percent for challenger Ronald Reagan.

At the district convention three delegates and three alternates will be elected to the National Republican Convention at Kansas City.

Delegates elected from Moore will also attend the State Republican Convention at Greensboro on Saturday, June 19, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Greensboro Coliseum.

Thomas said the county

Flu Shot Program Planned

Moore County Health Officer Alfred G. Siegel will meet Friday to plan the county's participation in the massive swine-like flu inoculations to be given nationwide with a representative of the regional Health Office in Fayetteville.

Information on a state and national level will be discussed. Dr. Siegel said Monday that the vaccinations will probably take place in Moore County in September and he advised the people to take advantage of the protection.

However, deaths from flu, such as occurred in the early part of the century when a vast epidemic occurred, were usually caused by complications, he said, which could now be controlled by antibiotics discovered since that time, he pointed out.

Flu is caught by person-to-person contact, Dr. Siegel said.



HIGH JUMP — This horse and rider chose the broad jump over the fan fence, and the horse is shown at mid arc and at full length. Action came at the special horse show here last weekend. See story in Sports section.—(Photo by Mildred Allen).