

designs a cover of his famous characters for a pamphlet supporting the United Fund campaign for \$106,000. Page 6-A.

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Schools To Open Tuesday; 9,600 Enrollment Expected

Moore County schools will open for the new year next Tuesday, Aug. 31, with an enrollment of 9,600 expected.

Superintendent R.E. Lee said, however, that the total enrollment is expected to reach 10,000 before the school year ends.

"We are anticipating the best year we've ever had," Lee said. Actually Tuesday will be only a half day for students and is for orientation. They will not go back to school on Wednesday, as that is a teacher work day, but students will be in the classrooms for a full day on Thursday, Sept. 2.

Labor Day will be a school holiday on Monday, Sept. 6, with classes resuming on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Moore County school teachers reported to work on Wednesday, Aug. 18, however, to begin preparations for the school year. Teachers at all grade levels have been attending in-service workshops at various schools Monday through Wednesday of this week.

An orientation session and luncheon for the 58 new teachers will be held Thursday beginning at 9:30 a.m. at North Moore High School.

Mrs. John L. Frye, Chairman of the Moore County Board of Education, will welcome all teachers at a general meeting following the luncheon at 1 p.m. in the auditorium. Special remarks will also be presented by Superintendent Lee.

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Sales Tax

Sales tax collections, considered one of the best economic indicators, continued high in Moore County during July.

Secretary J. Howard Coble of the State Department of Revenue said that the one percent local sales tax collected in Moore last month amounted to \$93,631.31.

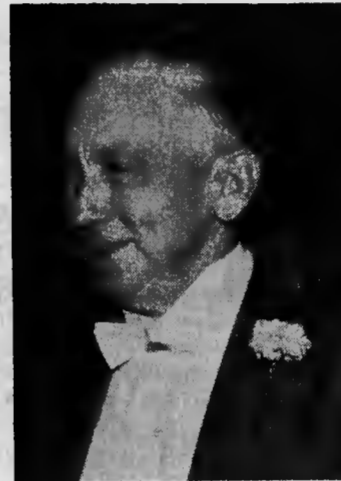
One percent local tax collections in neighboring counties were: Hoke, \$20,576.75; Lee, \$88,864.15; Montgomery, \$32,583.99; Richmond, \$89,279.25.

first service to be held there. Moss had been master or joint master of the Moore County Hounds since 1942, when James Boyd, novelist and poet, and his brother Jackson Boyd turned over to him the famous pack they had established in 1914, at the same time founding the Moore County Hunt.

Mile-Away Farms became headquarters for the winter foxhunting and many other equestrian activities, which annually draw members of many northern hunts and other distant places to the Sandhills.

Moss, a native of Durham County, and his wife Genny, who became a nationally known rider and horse show judge, established Mile-Away as a horse training and breeding center in 1935, one year after their marriage, in the village of Manly, just north of Southern Pines.

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W.O. Moss

acre tract of pine forest, newly designated as a burying place for the horse-loving group—and adjoining that where the Mile-Away horses have long been buried—was conducted by the Rev. John D. Paschal. It was the

Industrial Park Plans Are Announced By Fields

BY CRAIG LAMB

David Fields, Jr. announced Tuesday the opening of a \$6.1 million industrial park to be constructed on Highway 5 between Aberdeen and Pinehurst.

Footings are being poured today (Wednesday) for the first of 25 or more buildings proposed to be built on the 63-acre site within the next three years. This

first building, 3,200 sq. ft., and a second 12,000 sq. ft. building planned to be constructed in mid-September, will house manufacturing production of the Fields Company of Pinehurst, pumps and travel trailer supplies manufacturer, of which Fields is president.

Contracts with several other small manufacturing companies are presently in the closing stages and it is believed that these additions to the park can be announced sometime next week, Fields said.

To be called the Sandhills (Continued on Page 13-A)

Hospital's Completion Is Now Set For April

Moore Memorial Hospital's new wing might be completed by the original April, 1977 date, according to associate administrator Jim Klutz.

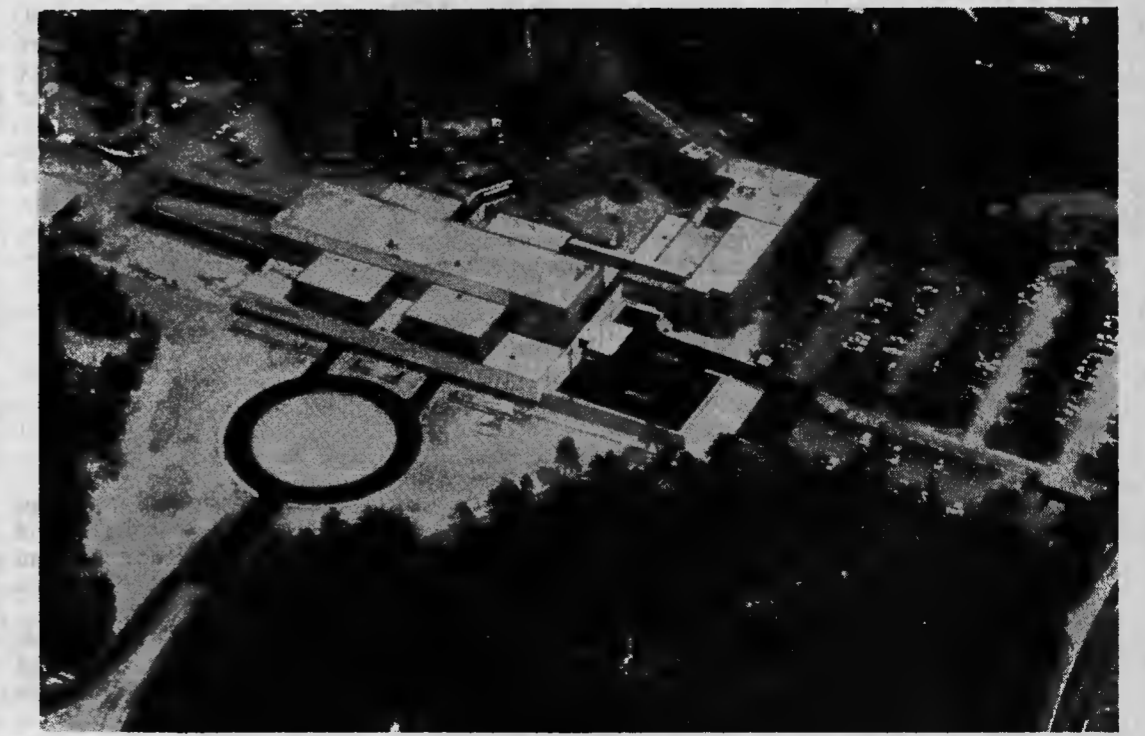
"Some delays added about three months to our building schedule," Klutz said, "but it appears that the construction teams have made up that time, and we are optimistic that we will be in the new wing in April as originally planned." Because of delays, the completion date had been changed to July, 1977.

Construction of the \$13 million wing began February 3, 1975, and

790 days are allowed for the work. The builder, D.R. Allen & Son, of Fayetteville, submitted the low base bid of \$12,887,000 and was awarded the contract.

The base bid involves the four-story addition which will provide 149 new beds, 27 emergency-outpatient treatment rooms, new laboratory and physical therapy space, a new obstetrical area, a newborn and pediatric intensive care unit, and a new dietary department.

A new access road which connects Page Road and Highway 211 will be completed by April. (Continued on Page 14-A)



HOSPITAL WING GROWS—Moore Memorial's new wing will be the entrance to the facility, replacing the Page Road entrance. A circular drive, (left foreground), will be fed by traffic from the new access road which connects with Page Road and Highway 211. The blacktop area on the right will be the new emergency-outpatient entrance.

Home Sales Over 29% In Area Hounds Master Moss Dies; 7 A.M. Rites Held On Farm

Home sales in North Carolina, up 29 percent, have reached an even higher increase here, in the opinion of Dewitt Purvis, Moore County Tax Appraiser.

Interest in golf and confidence in the economy are possible reasons, Purvis said yesterday. Arthur Tenner, building inspector for the Town of Southern Pines, has reported an increase in total building for the past seven months to \$1,772,550 over the entire year of 1975 of \$1,229,000.

While the Golden Corral Restaurant is going up beside Brookshire Motors Inc. here on US 1 South and is reflected in the total building permits, he says that most of the increase is in

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A graveside service was held Tuesday at 7 a.m. at Mile-Away Cemetery for W. O. Moss, owner of Mile-Away Farms, prominent for 40 years in the equestrian life of the Sandhills, who died suddenly Sunday afternoon at his weekend cottage at Lake Surf. He was 73 years old.

A large crowd of friends from all the Sandhills towns, and farther places, attended the service despite the foggy morning and the early hour—chosen because it was an hour beloved by "Pappy" Moss, when he was usually out training his horses or hounds, riding over his wide acreage or checking his firelanes.

The simple service, in a four-

Counties Asking State To Share Income Taxes

A state revenue-sharing plan, and if that is not forthcoming a law which would permit them to levy a county income tax, won the endorsement of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners meeting in Pinehurst this past week.

At the closing session at the Pinehurst Hotel on Saturday, the commissioners, some 600 strong, also asked that the party primaries be changed back from August to May and demanded a law which would require a deposit on all soft drink and beer containers.

The deposit legislation was seen as the "first step" toward

cleaning up the state's highways. The commissioners also want the State to take over all of the non-federal costs of the food stamp program, and, in fact, they demanded that services they are mandated to provide be financed by state or federal funds entirely.

Sam Nobles of Lumberton, chairman of the Robeson County board of commissioners, in taking over as the new president called on all association members to serve as lobbyists with the General Assembly to see that more money comes the county's way. "We are the elected of" (Continued on Page 14-A)

Seawell For Governor Again; On American Party This Time

After 24 years H. F. (Chub) Seawell Jr., is running for Governor again.

This time it's not as a Republican but as the nominee of the American Party, of which there were only three members in Moore County until he made it four when he changed his registration Monday afternoon.

The 71-year-old Carthage attorney, who over the years has developed a statewide reputation as a raconteur, was chosen Saturday by the American Party Executive Board to replace Richard Vanderpool of Wilson as the party's candidate for Governor of North Carolina in the general election on November 2.

Chairman Arlis Pettyjohn of the American Party said Vanderpool withdrew because "he felt the campaign would be too much for him."



H.F. Seawell Jr.

Party officials, however, also expressed the opinion that someone like Seawell was needed to draw more votes. Pettyjohn was the candidate in 1972 and

THE PILOT LIGHT

EAGLE—Carl Eagle, a high school math teacher who lives in Salisbury, won the Republican nomination for Congress from the Eighth District, defeating Gilbert Boger of Mocksville.

Eagle got about 55 percent of the vote, according to unofficial returns. In Moore County he received 943 votes to 539 for Boger.

He will oppose the incumbent Democratic Rep. W.G. Hefner and Brad Ligon who is the candidate of the American Party.

HUNT—Both Jim Hunt and Jimmy Carter should benefit from their Democratic link-up in the fall campaign and general election.

Some weeks ago when a big fund-raising dinner for Carter

was held in Asheville at Biltmore House Hunt was there and was photographed with the Democratic presidential nominee. That picture appeared on the front of the Jim Hunt campaign newspaper which circulated throughout the state in the last days of the gubernatorial campaign.

This tie between the Democratic gubernatorial and presidential nominees is unusual in North Carolina. Most candidates for governor have separated themselves from the presidential candidate. One exception to this rule was Terry Sanford, who also tied his campaign with that of John F. Kennedy in 1970.

In North Carolina the popularity of both Hunt and (Continued on Page 14-A)



SUNSET FROM PAINT HILL - This view from Paint Hill, near Southern Pines and one of the highest points in Moore County, looks toward the valley in which Aberdeen is located.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Court Action Under Way In Dispute On Annexation

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON

Southern Pines town officials are fighting charges of statutory violations and a "cover-up" in a civil trial which started Tuesday in Moore Superior Court, brought by a group of residents of recently-annexed areas, petitioning to have the annexation declared unconstitutional.

In the suit filed June 30, just a few hours before the annexation ordinance took effect, the petitioners are appealing from the ordinance on grounds that it was wrongfully adopted, and that

their property is being taken from them without due process of law.

Taking the stand in the all-day court session were Town Manager Lew G. Brown and Mayor E.J. Austin, followed by Mrs. Mildred McDonald, town clerk, and council members Mrs. Sara Hodgkins and Michael Smithson. The other two councilmen, Earl Hubbard and E. S. Douglass, were called as the trial continued this (Wednesday) morning. A recess was called shortly before 11 a.m.

Also testifying Tuesday were

Bruce Cunningham, a member with James Van Camp of the petitioners' legal team, and Mrs. Elizabeth Underwood, deputy clerk of court.

No Jury Trial

The case began on the motion docket, opening with attorneys' arguments for and against a jury trial, for which petitioners had moved. James Van Camp, counsel, argued that the facts should be determined by a jury, while W. Lamont Brown, attorney for the respondent Town of Southern Pines, argued that the statute under which the appeal had been taken precludes a jury trial, and he backed it up with a Supreme Court decision.

Judge Harvey M. Lupton, presiding, ruled against the motion. The suit moved from the (Continued on Page 8-A)

Don Collett To Receive Citizen Award Thursday

Donald C. Collett, President of the World Golf Hall of Fame, will be the first recipient of North Carolina's newly created Citizen Service Award Thursday at 10 a.m.

Gov. James E. Holshouser Jr. presents the citation in recognition of Collett's efforts in acquiring a mobile van, designing it as a traveling Hall of Fame museum as well as a three-day display and

organizing a national tour for it this year.

The text reads: "Citizen Service Award—Presented to Donald C. Collett, for his outstanding contribution in enriching North Carolina and the Sandhills as golf capital of the world and his innovation that has enhanced the travel industry of the Sandhills and the state. Signed, James E. Holshouser, (Continued on Page 14-A)

Tobacco Prices Up To \$115.09

Tobacco prices reached a new high this week on the Carthage auction market, with an average of \$115.09 per hundred pounds being recorded on Tuesday.

Frank Bryant, sales supervisor for the Carthage market, said that the trend continues upward in prices as better quality grades are being offered for sale.

More cutters and quality leaf grades are appearing on warehouse floors, he said, although there are still some primings.

Aberdeen's sales averaged \$113 per hundred.

Mary Jo Faulkner, secretary (Continued on Page 14-A)

Moore's Sales Top 128 Million

Gross retail sales in Moore County for the fiscal year 1975-76 which ended June 30 amounted to \$128,369,850.

The 3 percent sales and use tax collected by the state from these sales totaled \$2,953,802.38.

The report by Secretary J. Howard Coble of the State Department of Revenue does not include the one percent sales tax collected by the county—a tax which amounted to almost one million dollars.

The largest category in retail sales was for food—\$48,138,277. This was followed by the automotive category which amounted to \$20,213,873. General merchandise was next at \$18,783,625, followed by an unclassified group which totaled \$15,621,335 in sales.

Other categories showed retail sales as follows: autos, planes and boats (2 percent sales tax), \$10,418,116; apparel, \$3,866,916; furniture, \$3,510,847; building materials, \$4,606,665.

Retail sales in Southern Pines amounted to \$30,454,334, for which \$715,949.49 in states sales (Continued on Page 14-A)



SANDHILLS SPEAKER—State Senator Charles Vickery was the speaker at commencement exercises at Sandhills Community College Wednesday.—(Photo by Emerson Humphrey).