

Weather

Clouds and possible thunderstorms are expected for the next few days, with a warming trend expected during the weekend.

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SIGNS OF FALL — Signs of fall in the Sandhills are the persimmons ripening on trees which are bare of leaves. This year's persimmon crop appears to be a big one.—(Photo by Mildred Allen).

Hunt-Flaherty Debate Set At Pinehurst On Tuesday

9th Grade Moving Protest Is Heard

Mrs. Mary Jane Knight of Southern Pines headed a small but dedicated group of parents, which confronted the Moore County Board of Education Tuesday night to protest not only the decision to return the ninth grades to Pinecrest High School, but the manner in which it was made.

freely, and the members listened and responded—presented in detail the feelings of her group that an explanation of the Board's action was in order.

This was done at a called meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 14, of which no public announcement had been made, on a 4-1 split vote. One member failed to attend, another had to leave after two hours, before the vote came up and another "postponed" his vote to a regular meeting.

While obviously opposed to the action, and the complexities which will follow in its train—the removal of the ninth grades from the middle schools for example, presaging that of the fourth grades from the elementary—the discourse contained few criticisms or proposals for an opposite course, but was mainly limited to questions, with recommendations.

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Jim Hunt



David Flaherty

North Carolina's candidates for Governor will meet in face to face debate at Pinehurst next Tuesday, Oct. 5.

Jim Hunt, the Democratic candidate, and David Flaherty, the Republican nominee, will conduct their debate at a convention of the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters meeting at the Pinehurst Hotel.

The debate will be taped and recorded for a delayed broadcast over television and radio Tuesday night. The statewide network of WUNC-TV will carry the debate at 7 p.m.

The debate was first suggested by Hunt some weeks ago and accepted by Flaherty shortly afterwards. Both candidates have agreed on the Pinehurst confrontation, which is now scheduled for 11:30 a.m.

Nominees of other parties whose names will be on the ballot in the Nov. 2 general election will not be involved in the Pinehurst debate.

The two candidates for Lieutenant Governor—Jimmy Green, the Democratic, and William Hiatt, the Republican,

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Airport Action Set Today; Applicant Heard For Post

The Moore County commissioners will meet in called session this (Wednesday) afternoon at 3:30 to take action on airport projects and possibly to vote on the employment of a county administrator.

Bids have been opened on paving of the runways and access strips at the Southern Pines-Pinehurst Airport, and the meeting today was called because action needs to be taken before an Oct. 1 deadline.

Members of the commission were to attend in a body the

funeral of Mrs. Floyd T. Cole, wife of Commissioner Cole, and then to meet afterwards.

Ninety percent of the airport improvement funds are to be provided by the federal government, with the remainder coming from state and local sources.

It had been anticipated the grant offer would be for \$495,000, covering the low bid of \$463,971 submitted by Lee Paving Co. of Sanford, for re-paving the apron and taxiway, plus new lighting systems, but later information to

W.S. Taylor, chairman of the county airport committee, was that the amount would be only \$466,000.

With little time to waste, since a state grant of \$27,500 must be "under contract" October 1 or revert to other uses, Taylor said some cuts had been made in the planned improvements which would, however, not greatly alter the basic work. Part of the apron has been cut out, a parking area eliminated and one of four new lighting systems, designed for various types of land assistance, has also been cut off, or deferred.

Acceptance by the commissioners will meet the contractual requirements, Taylor said, and lead to a pre-contract conference to be held next week.

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US 1 Work Completed; Road Funds Allocated

A project for resurfacing four miles of U.S. 1 in Moore County from SR 1825 to the Lee County line is among 13 projects of 15.12 miles costing \$223,778.25 for Moore, Lee and Hoke to be finished today.

The contract was let to the Lee Paving Co. of Sanford by the State Highway Commission, says Dick Wright of the Aberdeen office, who is in charge of paving.

Other Moore projects already completed totalled .89 of a mile and were on SR 2103, .1 mile from

15-501 to the Hoke line; U.S. 1 from SR 1103 to SR 1155 near Pinebluff and N.C. 24-27 from SR 1802 to the Carthage city limits.

Traffic was delayed and backed up for periods while the work was going on during the past week. One side was finished in the Cameron area during the weekend. The project itself was delayed by rain.

Chairman of the Secondary Roads Council, Cecil Budd of Siler City, has announced that

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'Miss Southern Pines' Pageant Set Here Nov. 6

Miss Southern Pines, Margaret Leatherman, will relinquish her crown on Saturday evening, November 6, when the Southern Pines Jaycees hold the tenth annual Miss Southern Pines Pageant.

She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Harold F. Leatherman of New Bern. She is a graduate of Kinston High School and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Presently, Miss Leatherman is employed as a Music Specialist with the Moore

County Schools.

Since her crowning last November, she has traveled many miles around the state representing the Sandhills in pageants, festivals, parades, and other functions. She, of course, represented Southern Pines in the Miss North Carolina Pageant in Winston-Salem the second week of June. This summer was spent in part as a singer with the Lake Junaluska Singers and the remainder of the time in further

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New Restaurant To Open On Historic Site Here

On the site of one of the oldest residences in Southern Pines, Cheese 'n Things will open Thursday (tomorrow) in a brand new building at the corner of Bennett Street and West Pennsylvania Avenue.

The restaurant, of rustic brick and paneled and beamed inside with a sidewalk cafe outside, has shot up since the property was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Mannie Shaw from Carter's Laundry and Cleaners Inc. June 1.

Of 3,000 square feet in size, the restaurant, formerly in Town and Country Shopping Center, will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. offering gourmet sandwiches, New York style, plus homemade soups, chef's salads, all soft drinks as well as beer and wine, pastrami, turkey, Black Forest ham, Hoagie Fantastiques, Baklava Greek pastry as well as gift items, a selection of wines, cheeses and other gourmet foods.

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Vass Junior Unit Wins Trophy In State Meet

Though rain was dripping all around, smiles shone like sunshine on the faces of 11 happy teen-agers as they drove up in their ambulance to the Vass Rescue Squad hut about 4 p.m. Sunday.

They were greeted by more smiles, along with hugs and hand-shakes, from auxiliary members and other friends and

relatives gathered under a sign, "Welcome Home, Champs!"

The boys—junior trainees of the Vass squad (Moore County No. 2)—had brought home the State championship trophy in first aid, for their first participation in the annual competition of the N.C. Association of Rescue Squads, held at Asheville.

In so doing, they had followed the trail blazed by senior squad members over a 10-year period, during which they had brought home at least one, usually two, state trophies annually, also winning the world championship in heavy rescue in 1971.

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Southern Gets Funds Of Schools

The Southern National Bank's bid for the exclusive handling of the Moore County Schools' bank account of approximately \$5 million per year was approved Tuesday night by the county Board of Education in regular session.

The period covered by the bid will be the 12 months starting December 1, and ending November 30, 1977, when it is anticipated bids will be sought again as the schools shop around for the best offer from local banks.

The action was taken in accordance with the state's new Fiscal Control Act, taking effect July 1, which gives the schools authority over their own funds, formerly the responsibility of the

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Forum Tonight

A public forum for candidates from Moore County in the Nov. 2 general election will be held tonight (Wednesday) at the Southern Pines Civic Club (Pennsylvania Ave., and Ashe St.) at 8 p.m.

Questions on such issues as law enforcement, zoning and other matters will be submitted to the candidates for answers.

THE PILOT LIGHT

REGISTRATION - The deadline for registering to vote in the general election on Nov. 2 is next Monday, Oct. 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Doris Fuquay, executive secretary of the Moore County Board of Elections, said that persons may register at the board's office in Carthage, at the homes of registrars and judges in each of the county's 21 precincts, or at the public libraries.

There are now more than 20,000 voters in Moore County and the last minute registration is expected to add 200 or more voters to the books. Persons who also have changed precincts

should have their registrations transferred.

DEMOCRATS - The fund-raising deal which former State Democratic Chairman James R. Sugg made with a Texas-based firm is not setting well with rank-and-file Democrats in North Carolina.

Under the agreement the Texas firm would solicit funds for the party and after deducting expenses (estimated at \$50,000 or more) would then take half of what was collected or pledged.

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Ford-Carter Debate Is Called Draw With Little New Disclosed

National surveys seem to agree that the debate aired on television last Thursday night between Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter and Republican presidential candidate Gerald Ford was a draw.

Neither man was an obvious winner, most people said, and the people of Southern Pines agree with that on the whole, but most had more to say about the debate than who came out on top.

Of approximately 50 people polled on Friday, 30 (or 60 percent) did not watch the

debate. Following are the comments of some of those who did:

Cynthia McFadden, Southern Pines, Democrat—"I was hoping for a lot more. I remained undecided. I've talked to a lot of people since the debate, and they seemed to feel the same."

Susan Dohrmann, Southern Pines, not registered—"It was about what I expected. Carter sounded like a Democrat and Ford sounded like a Republican."

David Garner, Southern Pines, Republican—"It was so-so. I think Ford might have come out

ahead."

Nicholas Chaltas, Southern Pines, Independent—"It was disappointing. There were not enough fireworks. Carter made a couple of interesting points, but both were pretty dull."

Teresa Heflin, Aberdeen, Democrat—"It was pretty much a draw. I was hoping they would be interesting, but it was boring. There were too many statistics for most people to understand."

more impressed with Ford's sincerity. I don't see how Carter can do what he wants without rising inflation and taxes—and I don't want either."

Mrs. Frank Sohm, Winston-Salem, Republican—"I think it turned out well. It was probably a draw."

Jim Bedsworth, Southern Pines, not registered—"It was inconclusive, didn't swing me one way or the other. It didn't do that much for Ford. The debate was all repetitions."

Susan Garrison, Southern Pines, Democrat—"They didn't say any more than they did at the

conventions."

William Stancil, Southern Pines, Democrat—"It was very interesting, but for the questions asked, there was not anything said that I really hadn't heard."

Sid McLaughlin, Southern Pines, Democrat—"It was a good show, a little better than Kojak—but as far as a debate, it was not a debate at all. They did not answer the questions asked them. It sounded like excerpts from a speech. I don't think either one came out ahead. I think they should give simple answers."

Don Moore, Southern Pines—"I think some good can come out of it—people will get impressions of the man as a man. Both conducted themselves very good, and sounded good."

Edward Caropreso, Southern Pines, Democrat—"I liked Frank Reynolds best—his speaking ability was much better. The debate was a battle of statistics. The questions were basically logistics. It was more of a performance than anything else. It was worthwhile because it put them on the spot. I was more impressed with Carter. He seemed more assured with

himself, and he didn't seem to do as much name calling."

J.D. Hobbs, Southern Pines, Democrat—"It was a waste of television's time. They didn't say anything they had not already said. However, I think both came over very well. I respect and appreciate the way they spoke out, but they said nothing new. It would not have influenced my vote at all."

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OPEN HEADQUARTERS — Three Democratic candidates in the Nov. 2 general election cut the ribbon to open the Moore County Democratic headquarters in Carthage Monday night. Left to right, they are, A.E. (Tony) Parker and Carolyn Blue, candidates for county commissioner, and Rep. T. Clyde Auman, a candidate for reelection to the State House of Representatives.—(Photo by Valerie Nicholson).

Democrats Open Office; Hunt Here On October 8

Moore County Democrats have launched a campaign for the election of the entire ticket on Nov. 2.

A county headquarters office was opened Monday night in Carthage in the old Phillips Motor Company building. Mrs. Daisy Riddle, former executive secretary of the Moore County Board of Elections, will be in charge of the office through election day on Nov. 2.

A county-wide rally will be held at the Vass-Lakeview School cafeteria on Friday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. Local candidates will be introduced, but the principal speaker will be the Democratic nominee for Governor, Jim Hunt.

A rally for Rep. Bill Hefner, seeking reelection to Congress, will be held at the Union Pines school on Oct. 16.

Plans also have been made for a Democratic party booth to be opened during the Moore County Fair on Oct. 11-16.

These and other events in the fall campaign were made at a meeting last week of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee, of which J. Ed Causey is chairman.

Ex-Judge To Write For Pilot

Former Military Judge Colonel (Ret.) Peter S. Wondolowski, who took part in the Mylai trials, has come to Moore County to live, and will be a writer for The Pilot during a course in journalism at Sandhills Community College.

Col. Wondolowski, a former resident of Springfield, Va., ruled in the court-martial of 1st Lieut. James B. Duffy of Claremont, Calif. that he could not be considered innocent on grounds that he was simply following policy laid down by superior officers when he admitted execution of a Vietnamese prisoner.

He also dismissed a false-swearing charge against Col. Oran J. Henderson in a similar case in the 1968 Mylai massacre but let other counts against him

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Fire Escape, Red Ball Projects Planned Here

BY ROBERT PATTERSON

Chief, Fire Prevention

If you woke up in the darkness tonight, what would you do? You may face the most frightening thing that could happen in your life. Fire can occur anywhere at anytime. It has no respect for a person's life or his property, and is terrifying when it involves one's own family.

EDITH - (Exit-Drill-In-The-Home) prepares people to cope with fires in the home at night to

the best of their ability. It is a family plan for Fire Safety and night time Fire escape planning. It could save you and your family from being trapped in a home fire if you take time to set up the plan and practice.

On October 7, at 8:00 p.m. the Fire Department will blow the siren for about 1½ minutes. When you hear it we want you and your family to stop and think of how you would escape from

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