

## Court Hall Bids Set; New Water Issue Look

### Governor Selects Bruton For State Education Post

Dr. H. David Bruton, 42, of Southern Pines was appointed Tuesday by Governor Jim Hunt to the North Carolina State Board of Education.



Dr. H. David Bruton

Dr. Bruton, a former vice chairman of the Moore County Board of Education, was named to a full term on the 11-member board and is expected to move into a place of prominence on the public education policy making body.

Dr. Dallas Herring, the long-time chairman of the State Board whose term expired on Tuesday, was not reappointed by Governor Hunt.

The Governor's appointees to the board are subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The board will elect its chairman.

Confirmation procedures are expected to get under way today. Dr. Bruton and the three other new appointees will attend a

meeting with the State board on Thursday to get acquainted with other members.

A long-time advocate of quality education in the public schools, Dr. Bruton also strongly backs

Governor Hunt's proposals now pending in the Legislature for pupil testing and the Community School Act which seeks greater involvement at the local level in the schools and with greater use being made of school facilities by local communities.

"We need very much to get people behind the schools again," Dr. Bruton said Tuesday night.

Dr. Bruton has been a strong supporter of Hunt since the Governor first ran for public office. He supported him in his campaigns for Lieutenant Governor and during the 1976 gubernatorial campaigns was a "Key" worker for Hunt on both the regional and state levels.

Other appointees of the Governor to the Board of Education are Dr. John L. Tart, 49, president of the Johnston County Technical Institute; Dr. Ben H. Battle, 53, director of student teaching and teacher placement at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee; and the Rev. C.R. Edwards, 52, a black Baptist minister from Fayetteville.

Dr. Bruton will replace Mrs. (Continued on Page 12A)

The Moore County commissioners, disappointed over the defeat of the water-bond issue last week, made preparations this week to launch a new project—the long needed new Courts Facility.

Climaxing years of hopes, frustrations and changing plans, the commissioners will meet at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Carthage Elementary School auditorium to supervise the opening of bids on the new Courts Facility Building by architects E. J. Austin & Associates.

With about \$650,000 on hand toward construction of the \$1.5 million building, bids have been advertised with various alternatives, in hopes that contracts may be left for the basic structure, with additions to be made during the new budget year and later.

The holding of the bid opening in the school auditorium points up one great need for the new building. With a large number of contractors' representatives expected—more than the (Continued on Page 9-A)



WEYMOUTH OPTION — A check for \$10,000 for a one-year option to purchase Weymouth (the home of James and Katharine Boyd, in background) for the price of \$700,000 is presented by Thomas M. Massengale (third from left) of the Nature

Conservancy to Dr. Raymond Stone, president of Sandhills Community College. Admiral I. J. Galantin (left), chairman, and Stanley Cohen (right) of the Friends of Weymouth, Inc., were present for the occasion. — (Photo by Glenn M. Sides)

### Miss Harbour Is Winner Of Junior Builders Cup

Anne Marie Harbour, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes L. Harbour of Cameron and a senior at Union Pines High School, was the winner Friday night of the coveted Junior Builders Cup of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club.

The calling forward of the five nominees by Howard Broughton, the club's chairman for the project, his introduction of them all as very special young people,

and his presentation of the handsome silver cup to Anne Harbour highlighted a memorable and exciting program.

It drew an unprecedented capacity crowd of 2,000 to the huge, beautiful Pinecrest gym for an evening filled with thrilling moments — not only the 16th annual Junior Builders Cup (Continued on Page 12A)

### Schools, Others Taking Easter Season Holiday

Easter Monday, which is a legal holiday only in North Carolina and the Virgin Islands, will be observed here on April 11. Moore County schools will be closed.

In fact, the schools will begin their Spring vacation on Friday, April 8, and continue through Wednesday, April 13.

Supt. R.E. Lee said the schools are now in the seventh month of the school year and when students return on Thursday, April 14, there will be 41 days

remaining, as the ninth month ends on June 10.

All municipal, county and state offices will be closed for the day on Monday.

The U.S. Post Office will be open.

Moore County offices in Carthage, and town offices in Southern Pines and other municipalities will be closed all day. Among state offices closed is the Department of Motor Vehicles driver's license (Continued on Page 12A)

### Excavation Shocking To Board

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON A horrifying sight for the Moore County Board of Education, visiting Robbins' Elise Elementary School Tuesday, was a steep cliff and huge hole adjoining the campus, where half of a wooded hillside had been cut away.

Bulldozers had been at work leveling the hillside, leaving the red brick school buildings and wooded campus appearing to cling to the top of a cliff more than 20 feet high, curving across the back of the enormous excavation, which fronts on NC 705 some 500 feet away.

Assistant Supt. Gene A. Riddle, finding out what was happening just a few days before, had swiftly had 125 feet of a six-foot metal link fence erected along the lip of the cliff to keep the school children from falling off. (Continued on Page 9-A)



COMING HERE — Perry Como will be here on May 27-28 for the second annual Tar Heel Sports Celebrity Golf Tournament, along with many other stars in the sports and entertainment world. (See story on Sports page).

### Jim Willis Dies at 110; Leaves Many Descendants

James (Jim) Willis was 110 years old March 22 and received congratulations from the President of the United States before he died three days later.

Eulogistic services were held Tuesday, March 29 in the First Missionary Baptist Church in Southern Pines with Dr. W.J. Haire, pastor, officiating. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Born March 22, 1867 in Robeson County, he had lived in Southern Pines since 1924 as a widely known horse trader and farmer. He built his home at 1860 West New York Avenue more than fifty years ago and lived many years with his daughter, Mrs. Mary Smith, there. His wife, the former Betsy A. Bethune, died in 1966.

He had four children, 13 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and 50 great-great

### Weymouth Nominated For Register; Former Governors To Aid Campaign

Weymouth, the James Boyd House in Southern Pines, has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by Larry E. Tise, State Historic Preservation Officer.

The Register is described as a national list of distinctive properties worthy of preservation because of their historical or other cultural value.

Meanwhile, this past week the Nature Conservancy and the Friends of Weymouth, Inc., signed papers and turned over a check for \$10,000 to the Sandhills Community College Foundation for a one-year option to purchase the Boyd estate from the

Foundation for \$700,000. The Friends of Weymouth organization immediately started preparations for a fund-raising campaign.

On Tuesday Mrs. Elizabeth

Ives, Admiral I. J. Galantin, Stanley Cohen and R. J. Reynolds III of the Friends of Weymouth met with Former Governors Terry Sanford and Robert Scott and with Paul

Green, their honorary directors. The meeting was held in President Sanford's office at Duke University to discuss plans for Weymouth.

The Honorary Directors were pleased, Admiral Galantin said, to learn of the progress to date on the preservation of the estate and especially of the fact the Nature Conservancy has joined with the Friends of Weymouth in obtaining the option to purchase. At the meeting Paul Green (Continued on Page 12A)

### Chamber Industry Goals Cite Research, Offices

Regional headquarters offices and research facilities of major corporations are the types of new industry which the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce think would be most desirable for the region.

Such "new industrial citizens" would be "compatible with our resort and agricultural interests in appropriate areas of Moore County," the Chamber stated in its published Program of Work for 1977 this week.

President Edward T. Taws said that the RUDAT study which was made here in 1976 was incorporated in the Chamber of Commerce's goals and guidelines.

There is a strong emphasis on maintaining "our quality of life" in the program, which also included many other goals, such

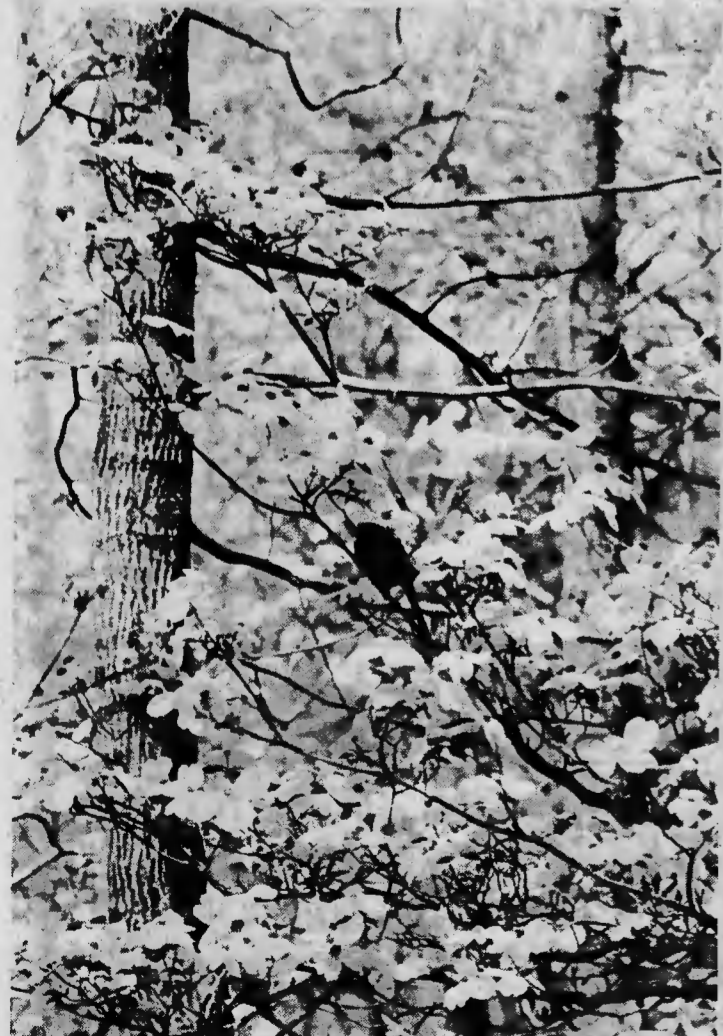
as: — "Protect the Good Life of the (Continued on Page 9-A)

### Easter Services Set By Churches

Churches throughout the Sandhills and Moore County have scheduled special Easter services this week, and in Southern Pines a community-wide Good Friday service is planned at Emmanuel Episcopal Church from 12 noon to 3 p.m. on April 8. At a new church in Southern

Pines—the First Baptist—services will be held for the first time on Easter Sunday, April 10, at 11 a.m., Pastor John Stone announced.

Earlier the same morning at 9:30 a.m. the Youth Choir of First Baptist will present a 15-minute (Continued on Page 12A)



TAR HEELS SYMBOLS — The red cardinal and the white blossoms of the dogwood are symbols for Tar Heels. The cardinal is North Carolina's State bird and the dogwood is the State flower. Photographer Glenn M. Sides caught this picture on a recent day in Southern Pines.



James (Jim) Willis

### THE PILOT LIGHT

ELECTIONS--The Moore County Democratic Executive Committee has recommended three names to the State committee for appointment by the State Board of Elections to the county board.

Those recommended are Angus M. Brewer of Carthage, present member and former chairman of the Moore County Board of Elections, Felton J. Capel of Southern Pines, and Mrs. Daisy M. Riddle of Carthage, former executive secretary of the board.

With the change in administration from Republican to Democratic, two of these will be appointed to constitute a Democratic majority on the three member county board. (Continued on Page 12A)

Chairman George Little of the Moore Republican Party said this week that his committee has not made any recommendations as it has not received any notice to do so.

Chairman J. Ed Causey of the Democrats said that following party precinct meetings on May 4 a list of recommendations for Democratic registrars and judges will be compiled for the county board.

HEFNER—Congressman Bill Hefner will send two of his staff members to Southern Pines on Thursday, April 14 to make themselves available to any citizen of Moore County who has a problem which they feel the (Continued on Page 12A)

### Revaluation Contracts Studied

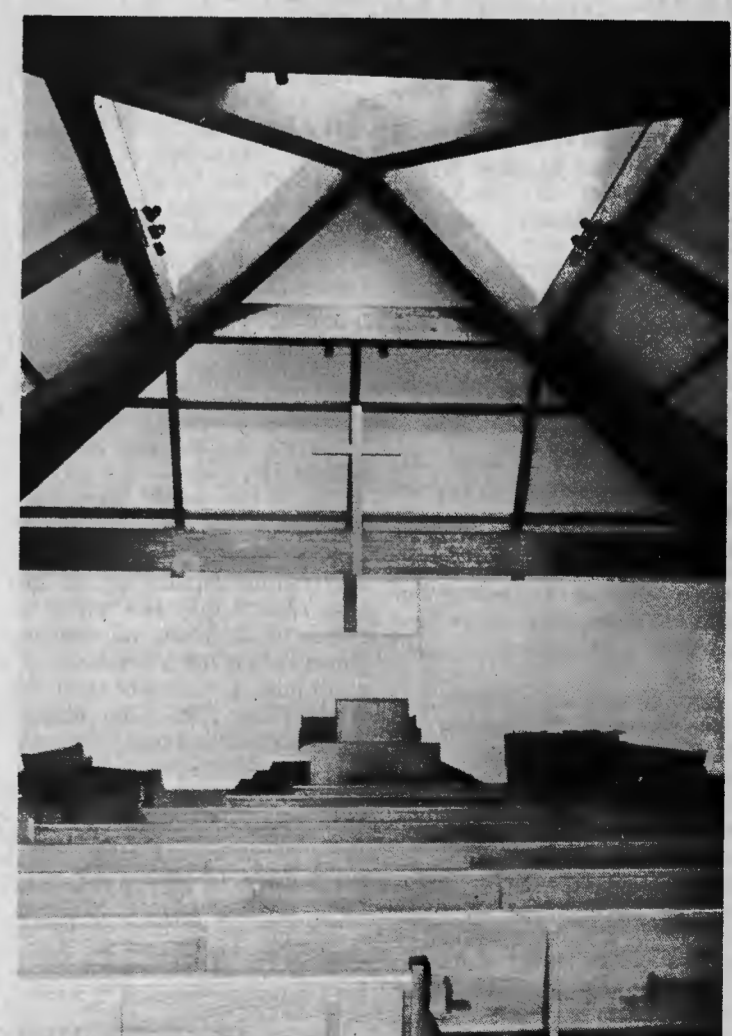
The Moore County commissioners, meeting Thursday in special session over the opening of bids on the county's octennial revaluation, found that a lot of things had changed since the last contract was let in 1971.

Not only have the costs mounted impressively, but computerization has added new aspects which had to be considered, even though the county is not going on computers at this time.

The new complications made the six bids differ from each other to the extent that it was hard for the commissioners to compare them, and see which offered the best deal for the county.

DeWitt Purvis, county tax appraiser and assistant tax collector, opened the bids before a crowd of contractors' representatives which nearly filled the meeting-room, and who discussed the bids and answered questions, of which the commissioners asked many.

The bids and bidders: Automated Valuation Services, a Pennsylvania firm with a Raleigh office, \$370,000, not (Continued on Page 12A)



EASTER SYMBOL — The Cross—the traditional symbol of Easter—is a noticeable feature in the new sanctuary of the Southern Pines First Baptist Church, which will be used for the first time on Easter Sunday. The striking new church has a seating capacity of 400, with space for an additional 75.