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Weather

Price 15 Cents

Partly cloudy today and tomorrow with a 50 percent chance of rain today and 20 tomorrow with possible thundershowers. Temperatures in the 80's during the day, the 60's at night.

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Turner Case Mistrial As Jury Splits 10-2

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON degree murder of his mother, Benedict, Jim Bowden, Gene

Judge William Z. Wood of without information as to how the jury was leaning, and this was not revealed in Court.

that the vote was 10 to 2 for acquittal.

Receiving the case at 3:10 p.m. Friday, the jurors had returned to the courtroom at 5:30 p.m. to report through their foreman, W.L. Baker of Southern Pines, that they "could not agree." They were sent back by the judge to continue to seek a verdict.

Called back at 6:45 and asked how close they were, they gave the count of 10 to 2, whereupon Judge Wood set the unusual Saturday session, to start at 10 a.m. After three and a half hours of deliberation, with a one-hour lunch break, they reported at 2:30 "no progress whatsoever." Judge Wood withdrew a juror

and declared a mistrial. The action ended one of the most dramatic, disturbing and mystifying cases of recent history in the Moore court, presenting many puzzles, no matter how it came out.

Turner, who with his mother, Mrs. Julia McIntosh Turner, 70, managed an art studio and picture-traming shop which she owned, is an artist, popular socially, and a member of the community's young intelligensia. A number of friends of all ages, from college age on up to greyheads, were on hand during much of the trial, some remaining for the full four day sessions and showing their loyalty for the defendant in many ways. A young lady whom he had been dating, Miss Olive Jenkins, a distinguished harpist and visiting artist at Sandhills Community College, sat beside him throughout the trial, and testified for the defense. On the other hand, his sister, Mrs. Beth Turner Bowers, well-known portrait painter, sat with the prosecution, and her husband, James R. Bowers, testified against the defendant.

Testifying at the close of the ding further action of the court. Attorney Carroll R. Lowder The trial of Henry Webster trial as character witnesses for It was not immediately know sought, and received, true bills Turner, 35, of Southern Pines on the defendant were Jack Reid, when, or if, a new trial would be on both the arson and murder charges of arson and the first- Watts Auman, Mrs. Peggy sought. The case had been dismissed which started Wednesday in Phillips and Glen Rounds. by Chief District Judge F. Fetzer

Moore Superior Court at Car- Another friend, David Drexel, Mills on preliminary hearing thage, ended Saturday in a had made his \$10,000 bond, which February 24, because of inmistrial, with the jury hung 10 to was continued for Turner pen- sufficient evidence, but District

counts from the grand jury March 7. The investigation continued, and considerable new evidence was presented at the trial.

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winston-Salem, presiding, had asked for the vote count, but without information as to how the Dr. Bruton Is Confirmed; jury was leaning, and this was not revealed in Court. It was learned later, however, Takes State Board Office

Dr. H. David Bruton of member on Thursday morning Southern Pines was sworn in this He is expected to be elected (Wednesday) morning at 11:30 chairman at the June meeting of o'clock as a member of the State the board, succeeding Dallas Herring of Rose Hill in that post. Board of Education.

The oath-taking in the old Dr. Herring, who has served as House Chamber followed con- chairman for 20 years, was not firmation of the appointment by reappointed. He resigned Governor Jim Hunt by recently before serving out his unanimous vote at a joint session full term and the board elected of the House and Senate of the Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green as interim General Assembly at 2 p.m. on chairman. Tuesday. Dr. Bruton spent the

Dr. Bruton, who is the remainder of today in Raleigh Governor's choice to become attending meetings of subchairman of the Board of committees of the board. Education, will attend his first Also confirmed by the meeting of the board as a Legislature on Tuesday were two our young people," he said.

other appointed members, Dr. John L. Tart, president of Johnston County Technical Institute, and Dr. Ben H. Battle, director of student teaching and student placement at Western Carolina University. They also took office at the ceremonies in the Governor's office this morning.

Dr. Bruton said Tuesday that he looked forward to serving on the board. "It's a great challenge and I know of nothing of greater importance than the education of

Town Council Award Contracts For Fire Station, Work Center

The Southern Pines Town Brown, Edwards and and Miller. project had been included in the Council, in an "early bird" Representatives of both firms, bond issue approved by the which had done the preliminary

voters last May, at an estimated

TOUR DE MOORE WINNER - Jim Huff, a row the annual bicycle race here. It was a record across the finish line of the 100-mile Tour de Moore, 10 3:57.47 .- (Photo by Glenn M. Sides). yards ahead of the pack, to win for the second year in a

29-year-old school teacher from Michigan, coasts number of entries--146 riders--and a record time of

Tour de Moore Declared Success; Huff Repeats As Bike Race Winner

Sponsors of the second annual railroad station and there were Tour de Moore were jubilant this hundreds others who watched the week at the success of Saturday's race along a route which circled event, which saw a field of 146 Moore County. bicycle riders competing but It was a satisfying victory for

It was also a record time for from Waterford, Michigan. the winner--three hours, 57 He had driven the 800 miles

with Jim Huff repeating as the 29-year-old Huff, a seventh champion of the 100-mile race. grade social studies teacher

bers in the U.S. National team in who wins." Foxfire Election Held; year's time was four hours and 19 There were 46 entries last **Beer-Wine Vote Sought**

from Michigan to Southern Pines the race, and he said he was not on Thursday, traveling in a the strongest. camper with his wife and two

After the race, however, he felt children, and he knew at the like he was smartest. "That's beginning he was not the favorite one of the neat things about in the race. After ail, there were bicycle racing," he said. "It's two members of the 1976 U.S. how you play your cards, not how Olympic Team and four mem- strong you are that determines

Huff came in 10 yards in front (Continued on Page 14-A)

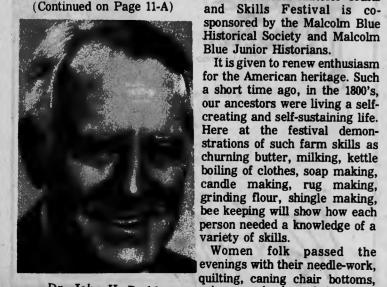


Physicians Meet Here This Week

More than 400 physicians will be in Pinehurst for the 123rd Annual Sessions of the N.C. Medical Society Thursday through Sunday as their wives attend the 54th annual meeting of the Medical Auxiliary.

The President-Elect of the American Medical Association Dr. John H. Budd, and Dr. Jesse B. Caldwell, N.C. Medical Association President, will speak Saturday at 1 p.m. at a President's Luncheon at the Country Club of North Carolina and a reception, dinner and ball will be held in the Cardinal Ballroom of the Pinehurst Hotel that night.

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Dr. John H. Budd

meeting held at 8 a.m. Thursday, approved the letting of contracts for construction of a new fire station, public works center and related municipal facilities, totalling \$732,393.

missioners are getting up to their

ears in budgets, and so far have

approved only one--an ap-propriation of \$7,000 as the

county's share of the otherwise

federally funded Adult

Developmental Activities

ADAP, which has been holding

its classes for adult mentally and

physically handicapped persons

at Camp Easter since mid-

December, needed its money to

help with the move they are

making into the old classroom

building of the former West End

school, now a Community Ser-

Other budgets received

Monday by the commissioners in

regular meeting were those of

the Agricultural Extension

county office, and the Moore

The bi-annual Historic Crafts

It is given to renew enthusiasm

using corn shucks and pine straw

Crafts Festival Slated

featured Saturday, May 7, at the ladies Saturday. Malcolm Blue Farm near Craftsmen pl

At Blue Farm Saturday

Traditional crafts, needle- for decorative and utilitarian

work, art, farm skills and household items. These too will

machinery and antiques will be be shown by many Moore County

Program.

vices Facility.

Aberdeen.

recommendation of Town

Bids had been opened April 7 and 14 by the architectural firm fact that the total amounted to of Hayes, Howell and Associates, nearly \$100,000 more than had and the engineering firm of been anticipated a year ago. The

present at the meeting.

Manager Lew G. Brown that the low bids be approved, despite the

With Budget Requests

The Moore County com- County Library.

cost of \$635,000. While the bids on work on the project, were The council voted to accept the

They received a presentation

of the Moore County Schools'

budget last Thursday afternoon,

and on Monday set a special

meeting for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

(tonight) of this week, at which

they will consider budgets of the

sheriff's department, recreation

department and Economic

Fort, chairman, Mrs. Cecil

Smith, Mrs. Joe Rosy, Stuart

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Craftsmen played an im-

portant role in the old days of

little industrialization.

Blacksmiths were vital to the

farmers in designing, creating

and repairing farm equipment.

Carvers were needed to create

handles, decoys, bowls, yokes

and artistic creations of life

likeness birds, animals and

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at the festival.

The Sandhills Community

Development Committee.

Review.

the buildings themselves had been generally in line with the estimates, plumbing and heating costs, paving, storm drainage and sewer had increased more than had been expected, Brown Moore Board is Busy

said. However, the council determined that there were other sources of funds to be tapped, and acted to get the contracts signed, and construction under way, without further delay. Low bids were outlined in the

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Democrats Will Meet Thursday

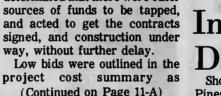
Moore County Democrats will hold their precinct meetings at the various polling places on

Thursday, May 5, at 8 p.m. Chairman J. Ed Causey of the College budget will be heard Thursday afternoon, following a Moore County Dmeocratic express their views. sitting of the commissioners as a Executive Committee said that if Board of Equalization and a quorum is not present for the organizational meeting Making the ADAP appeal were Thursday the alternate date for Wayne Hyatt, director, and the required session is May 12 at several members of the Citizens the same time. Advisory board, including Jim

held at the courthouse in Carthage on Saturday, June 18, at 2 p.m. Chairman Causey said the

dates for the precinct meetings and other conventions were changed from last winter to the elected, the Council members

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Hundreds were on hand for the finish at the Southern Pines

minutes.

Elections In Town Discussed

Should the Mayor of Southern Pines be elected by popular vote and should Town Council members be elected for four-These questions will be up for public discussion as one of the

first items on the agenda for the Council meeting on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

are anxious to get public reaction to the questions and have invited citizens of the town to come to Tuesday night's meetings and

Following the November, 1975, election for the Town Council, municipality in the state. several Council members expressed their concern about various aspects of the election and organization process under The county convention will be which the Southern Pines Town Council is now structures.

Should the Mayor of Southern the average permanent resident Pines be directly elected by the population, and were gathered public? Presently, all candidates according to statutes which call run for positions on the Town Council. Once the Council is

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DEMOCRATS - Vice President Walter Mondale made a good impression on North Carolina Democrats at the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh on Friday. Chairman J. Ed Causey of the Moore County Democrats said he

people to marvel at. Weavers found Mondale "very friendly made the cloth for all clothing, and dynamic." curtains, linens and rugs. Causey estimated that 3,000

Musical instruments were often persons turned out for the hand-crafted for perfection of People's Party held at the State sound. Furniture makers were Fairgrounds. vital and often created traditions

Prior to the reception and in design, revealing thoughts and dinner at the fairgrounds Mr. feelings of the time. These and and Mrs. Causey were guests of other crafts were needed in the the Governor and Mrs. Hunt at a old days and also are to be shown lawn buffet at the Governor's Mansion. All of the county The Junior Historians have chairmen were invited and done a great deal in preparing Causey said about three-fourths attended.

MOORE - About 20 persons from Moore County attended the Jefferson-Jackson Day events, which also included a breakfast Saturday morning at which Mrs. Richardson Preyer was the speaker.

Among those from Moore attending the day's events were the Causeys, Joe Monroe, Voit Gilmore, Peter Gilmore, Woodrow McDonald, Herman McCrimmon, Carlyle Clark, and the four children of Rep. and Mrs. T. Clyde Auman-Bob and Watts Auman, Nancy Cunning-

ham, and Laura Auman. Also Gail Rimer, Richard McDonald, Elvin Jackson, Hurley and Carol Thompson.

LEGISLATURE-Legislators (Continued on Page 11-A)

Ralph W. Olmstead has been attend the meetings. elected as Mayor of the newly The residential area of Foxfire incorporated Village of Foxfire. was incorporated by special act In the first election of Village of the North Carolina General

officers at which Olmstead was Assembly on April 21. elected, Robert M. Cooper was chosen as mayor pro tem, week a Planning Board was George Anderson as treasurer, appointed, with General Joseph and Katie McWilliams was Donovan as director. Other named Village clerk.

members of the board are Boyd The Village Council will hold Anderson, Leon Moultrip, its official meetings on the first Richard Biggins and Ed Dorsett. Monday of each month at 10 The Village Council has year terms on a staggered basis? a.m., and the public was urged to

Whispering Pines Tops ight at 8 o'clock. Members of the Town Council In Moore County Growth

> Whispering Pines has grown for "reasonably accurate" population estimates. from 362 to 800 at a rate of 121 percent, the Department of

County grew 9.1 percent for a total 42,600 persons, the report Dr. Kreps For the five year period, Moore Administration for North Carolina estimates from 1970-75, said. The population in 1970 was Talks Here and is the tenth fastest growing

At a meeting on Monday of this

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Southern Pines has changed Vass grew from 885 to 1,000, the 33.9 percent from 5,937 to 7,950, report showed, some 13 percent; the Office of State Planning said, and Pinebluff, from 570 to 640 and Aberdeen, 31.9 percent from was just behind it with 12.3 percent. The figures were estimates of

Other towns in the county were: Cameron, 204 to 220, 7.8 percent; Carthage, 1,034 to 1,120, (Continued on Page 11-A)

would have a person appointed

administration and principals'

inservice education program this

A Speaker's Bureau and a

Traveling Exhibit to inform the

public on child abuse and neglect

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summer.

necessarily be an attorney.

Family Issue Crucial In Child Abuse Cases

Helping strengthen or restore other attorneys in the County, as the family of an abused child is "essential," members of the Moore County Child Abuse and Neglect Committee said Thursday night in discussing a possible therapy program led by Sandhills Mental Health Center

Such a program could be based on the national "Parents Anonymous" program for adult members of the family, they said.

Parents who are close to abusing their children can call for help in this program. It is an organization of parents who are learning to overcome abusive tendencies. By helping each other, they help themselves.

Dr. Robert Byrd of the Center was asked to lead the effort to provide a program here. Frank Thigpen, Robbins at-

will be set up, after exploring these ideas with the Jaycees. torney, was asked to discuss a guardian ad litem service with

Board Choices

The Moore County Republicn Party Executive Committee at their May 2 meeting nominated three candidates whose names will be submitted to the State Board of Elections, one of whom will represent the Republicn Party on the Moore County **Elections Board.**

John Womack of Southern Pines, Ken Smith of Whispering Pines, and Jimmy Garner of Robbins were selected in order of preference by the Executive Committee.

A resolution recognizing Coolidge Thompson for his service as Chairman of the Elections Board and Mrs. Janice Batchelor for her service as the other Republican member of the Board was adopted by the Committee.

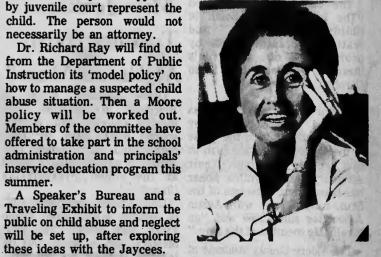
On Energy

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Dr. Juanita Kreps told a District **Rotary International convention** Friday night in Pinehurst that her department underscored President Carter's economists on the need for energy

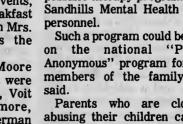
conservation. "By the year 2000, unless something drastic is done, at least two-thirds of our oil supplies for the country will have to be imported," she said. well as with Juvenile Court

"Eliminating waste in every authorities and Locke Gifford, a segment of our population" will Greensboro attorney who began cause a significant result in the service in his area. Such a law, now before the legislature,

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Dr. Juanita M. Kreps



1,592 to 2,100.