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Southern Pines, North Carolina Wednesday, October 12, 1977

Medical Charges

Mercer, 53, of Asheville on two

counts of false pretense, which

started Tuesday in Moore

Superior Court, and went to the

ended at 1 p.m. Friday when

Special Judge Robert L. Gavin

withdrew a juror and declared a

Judge Gavin called the jury in

He had 61 while his challenger,

Voting was light, as only 124

These were Joe Frye, who led

Jr., 97, and Ray Jackson, 73.

Carthage Rt. 2 was found dead

with numerous head wounds,

early Saturday in his home in the

that McIver's wife, Emma, 41,

charge of murder, and, on a

magistrate's order, had been

Hospital at Raleigh for

Saturday afternoon and, though

it was incomplete, Coroner A.B.

Parker said it established that

McIver had died of multiple

psychiatric examination.

Sheriff C.G. Wimberly said husband.

carried to Dorothea Dix was notified.

the Rev. Jesse Mansfield, had 57.

voters turned out, returning to

for the town board.

jury at 10:10 a.m. Thursday, opinion,

Case Is Mistrial

The trial of Jordan Calvin though without revealing how it

several times during its hours of confirmed to this newspaper by

In Tuesday's municipal years' absence, with 78 votes,

election at Vass, Mayor J.P. and James Key, with 73. Also-Richardson was reelected for a rans were Jesse Coore, Jr., 56;

second term, winning by only Arnold Futrell and Wendell

office not only the mayor but the Two incumbents who did not

three incumbents who had filed seek re-election were JoAnn

with 106 votes; A.G. Edwards, All other municipalities in Moore

Also elected were Russell Tate, conducted by the Moore County

returning to the board after 11 Board of Elections.

Axe Handle Said Used

In Slaying Of Husband

to say how the count stood, (Continued on Page 10-A)

Richardson Is Reelected

In Light Vote At Vass

deliberation to ask the foreman a member of the jury.

deadlocked."

was leaning. It was 10 to 2 from

11:25 a.m. Thursday until the

final count Friday, when it was 11 to 1-and, in the foreman's

General feeling among the few

persons left in the courtroom

conviction, and this was later

appeared to be that it favored

Enzo, tied with 46 votes each, and

The newly elected officials will

Vass conducts its own election.

County have their elections

be sworn into office the second

N.C. Parker, Sr., 12.

Monday in December.

Hipp and Buster Jessup.

wound in the left temple.

Mrs. McIver went to her

sister's house near her own about

Members of the family

returned with her to the house,

where they found McIver's

bloodcovered body. The sheriff

Mrs. McIver told the in-

vestigating officers that she and

went to bed, and it turned into a

fight, with each one threatening

the other. While she made no

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Price 15 Cents

# Douglass Leads Primary;

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE - Secretary Thomas Bradshaw of the State Department of Transportation addresses a Moore County economic conference in the Southern Pines town hall. Other participants were (left to right) Mayor E.J. Austin, Chairman W.S. Taylor of the county commissioners and Talmadge Baker, Moore Extension chairman.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

# Varied Views On Industry Aired At Economic Meet

A sizeable group of citizens attended the conference on the economic situation of Moore Pines Town Hall at which Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw represented Governor

the state between Oct. 6 and Nov. 8 to allow individual citizens to tell state government what they believe the local economic County Monday at the Southern problems are and what area, state and federal governments should do to solve them.

These conferences are forerunners to a larger statewide This was one of the 100 county gathering set for January, 1978 meetings being held throughout and a later White House

## Moore Towns Will Get \$241,079 In Road Funds

will receive a total of \$241.079.20 56.49 miles of streets, and will in Powell Bill or street receive \$114,910.26. maintenance funds from the one-cent gasoline tax allocation

#### Council Meet

A special meeting of the Southern Pines Town Council has been called by Mayor E.J. Austin miles of streets, \$33,144.83. for tonight (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock at the Town Hall.

Engineer Les Hall will present the report on the Sandhills area water feasibility study which has miles streets, \$16,637.69. been under way for some time by the firm of Henningston, Durham and Richardson.

The regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on streets, \$15,345.38. Thursday at 8 p.m.

SUCCESSION — Members of

the staff of Governor Jim Hunt

are fairly optimistic about

some warnings against such

weekend by such state leaders as

Stewart was quoted as telling

persons attending the Vance-

Aycock Dinner in Asheville that

if the election were held today

the succession amendment

Speaker Stewart felt, however,

that some active campaigning

for the amendment could result

would be defeated.

House Speaker Carl Stewart.

optimism were voiced this past Nov. 8 election.

Moore County municipalities estimated population of 7,960 and

Secretary Thomas Bradshaw Jr., of the State Department of Transportation The largest amount comes to made the announcement of the Southern Pines, which has an annual allocation of state street aid funds.

Allocations for other municipalities in Moore are as

Aberdeen, estimated population of 2,250 and 16.92 estimated

Cameron, estimated population of 210, 2.29 miles of streets, \$3,598.04. Carthage, 1,090 population, 9.03

Foxfire Village, estimated population of 50, 6.37 miles of streets, \$4,915.22.

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# Pinebluff, 740 population, 11.94

Invitations are being mailed PILOT LIGHT

BOND ISSUES - An informal fund-raising campaign for the survey across the state showed a purchase of Weymouth, the home favorable opinion for the \$300 of novelist James and Katharine passage of the gubernatorial million road bond and \$230 succession admendment, but million clean water bond issues. Sandhills Cultural Center.

The Friends of Weymouth have Both will be voted on at the an option to purchase the estate No opposition to either bond issue has been voiced, and both have strong support from county and municipal leaders in various and municipal leaders in various Jim Hunt, Secretary Howard Lee of the Department of Natural Resources and Community The Development, President William Constitutional amendments and Friday of UNC, President Terry the bond issues will be discussed Sanford of Duke University, at a gathering of Eighth District former Governor Robert Scott,

Present to aid discussion were W. S. Taylor, Chairman of Moore County Board of Commissioners, E. J. Austin, Mayor of Southern Pines, Marvin Collins, Southern Town Development Director, Talmadge S. Baker, Agricultural Extension Chairman, and Charles Musselman, Executive Director of Moore County Economic Development Committee.

A lively discussion followed reports from Peter Runsey of the State Policy Development Board

"What the Governor wants to do is to have a statewide program for economic development," Bradshaw explained at the beginning of the discussion. "North Carolina is often called the Sunbelt and it has several good points: We have hard-working people, good climate, railroads and a dispersed population. But some of the bad points are that one-fifth of the adult population can't read and even though we did come up from 41st to 38th in had been arrested on an open per capita income, that's still too

"One of the biggest assets is that North Carolina has the (Continued on Page 7-A)

far down for most of us.

#### Weymouth Lunch

this week to the Friends of Weymouth luncheon on Friday, Nov. 4, at the Pinehurst Country

The luncheon will launch the Boyd, and its conversion into a

(Continued on Page 7-A) and Playwright Paul Green.

Aberdeen Commissioners of Aberdeen's sewage on this made way for a new shopping date, Parker said. Discussion of center Monday night by approving the change of property on the West side of US 15-501

An autopsy was performed her husband quarreled after they

Aberdeen Board Approves

from residential to Neighborhood Request for the change was from Sandhills Community made by Bill Seymour, who proposed the Center. His family now owns the nearby Center

Park Shopping Center. Mayor Taylor read a letter from Parker Lynch, Public Works Director for Moore County, who said that the new County Waste-v ter Treatment System is expected to be completed by December 1. They will also be ready to treat and dispose

the User Charge System will be discussed at a special meeting Thursday after the Board has studied the report and Les Hall of Henningson, Durham and Richardson presents a Feasibility Study at 4 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burger

of 1105 N. Poplar St. appeared before the Board to complain of dogs running loose in their neighborhood and barking at night. The Board agreed that a leash law would be enforced and that Commissioner Singleton and Police Chief Whipple have a pen and house built to impound dogs (Continued on Page 10-A)

They Stand On Moore Buses But It's Legal over the county for the handicapped and gifted schools in Pinehurst. They have only a 15

> Riddle said state officials have said even with student drivers, North Carolina has one of the best safety records in the nation. Although discipline is always a

problem on buses, Riddle said he has not noticed any more problems than usual and the principals do a good job controlling the kids. He said they

STICK TO KNITTING - Election officials at the South Southern Pines Precinct had a lot of time to tend to their own knitting as voting was

light in Tuesday's primary. Judge John Sledge (center) just sits while Lynn Taylor and Mary Chatfield do needlework .- (Photo by Valerie

### Three Mayors Without Opposition On Nov. 8

no opposition in Moore County in all of the towns of Moore ex- the polls. municipal elections on Nov. 8. cept in Vass, which conducts its They are Mayor J.M. Taylor of own.

Incumbents Survive Vote

Mayor John H. Carpenter of Southern Pines.

Aberdeen, Mayor W.M. (Billy) There are no primary elections Carter Jr., of Carthage, and in any of the towns, except in

There are contest for mayor in Friday noon for candidates in the Cameron and Robbins, but in Nov. 8 election, here are the Cameron the five candidates for candidates in the various towns the town council are unopposed. as announced by Mrs. Doris The Moore County Board of (Continued on Page 10-A)

#### Region Education Center James Edward McIver, 44, of blows to the head and a stab May Locate In Carthage

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON sister she could not rouse her afternoon in the library of the establishment of four regional State Department of Public for each one.

board that plans are moving

ahead for the State Department The Moore County Board of to disseminate some of its ser-Carthage Elementary School, centers, as already approved by were excited by the possibility the General Assembly, which has Harrison, Dr. Stone sees as his that the Region IV Center of the provided \$60,000 in start-up funds

Instruction will be established at He said Dr. Craig Phillips on a Supt. Robert E. Lee told the County Education Center and (Continued on Page 10-A)

#### Fair Will Open Monday; Over \$4000 In Premiums

Monday, October 17 at the Moore repeated at 10 p.m. Tuesday, psychological testing plus a County Agricultural Fair gates are open at 3 p.m. Highway Shopping Center sponsored by the Carthage Jaycees.

Over \$4000 in premiums is offered during the Fair, which lasts until midnight Saturday,

October 22. School children will be admitted free Tuesday until 6 p.m., when a free bicycle will be given

away to school children and Bill

Judging will take place Tues-

ior Chamber of Commerce booth on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Fairgrounds Sunday, Oct. 16 from 1 until 6 p.m. and Monday, Deal and the Rhondels give a Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. to themselves or others, Dr. free performance at 7 p.m. The

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All five incumbents made it into the top 10 in Tuesday's primary for the Southern Pines Town Council, but if it had been a final voting day, two of them would not have been reelected. In the totals from four

precincts, Mayor E.J. Austin and Michael Smithson were in a tie for seventh place.

In the voting to whittle the list of 14 candidates down to 10 for voting on Tuesday, November 8, mayor pro tem E.S. Douglass, the council's only black member, led going away with 886 votes, while the newest and only woman member, Hope Brogden, who was appointed to the council last winter, came through her first election a strong second, with 722

In the third spot, C.A. "Mac" McLaughlin, a former councilman defeated two years ago appeared to be making a strong comeback with 689 votes.

Fourth with 641 was Earl Hubbard, incumbent councilman and former three-term mayor, while fifth place was captured, with 623, by Jack Carter, a challenger from one of the newly annexed areas.

Voting was light throughout the day, as only 1,262 out of a Three incumbent mayors have Elections conducts the elections registration of 3,049 made it to

The 10 surviving candidates, whose names will be on the (Continued on Page 10-A)

# With the filing deadline of Duncraig By Stone

Dr. Robert Stone has become social worker-clinician for six boys and girls from 10-16 years of age at Duncraig Manor, and four of the emotionally disturbed youngsters are now enrolled in the public schools. Two others Haw Branch section northeast of 4:30 a.m. Saturday, and told her Education, meeting Monday vices about the state through are being tutored in the home, he said Monday.

**Working with Director Harriet** job the devising of treatment that will enable the Manor to put these children, that are recent visit inspected the Moore disfunctional at home, at school or in the community, back into a normal pattern. That four are now in public

school he sees as definite The children now number six,

with alternating pairs of houseparents, a cook, a Gates will open at 5 p.m. free performance will be secretary, a person for parttime psychologist. As many as nine can be cared for at day morning with a modified Duncraig Manor, a former Danish system the policy. Pre- residence on 17 acres on miums will be paid at the Jun- Connecticut Avenue Extension. The children come from a

11-county primary area, and Exhibits will be received in those from eight other counties exhibit buildings at the can be accepted when there are The children are not dangerous

> Stone, a former counselor at (Continued on Page 10-A)



FULL BUSES — School buses in Moore County are full, with many students standing. But school officials say those standing are within legal limits.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

school bus may be 60, all seats with 45. Schools Gene Riddle.

for standee capacity.

carry approximately 6,500 whole trip.'

parts of the state.

DEMOCRATS

students aboard, according to dangerous to have people program before they become bus Westmoore," he said. Assistant Superindentent of standing up," he said. "But this drivers. year we have fewer standing up

students on each trip and travel About one-fourth of the drivers number of standees. approximately 25,000 miles per are adults and three-fourths are

week, Riddle said. Bus capacity students. Drivers are paid \$2.47 the Aberdeen area because that Although the official seating on most buses is 60, 67 or 75, an hour and receive both is where our main problems are capacity on a Moore County although there are two or three classroom and on the road with standees. The population is training from a representative of very dense there compared to could be filled with only 50 "I believe it's always the State's driver education other districts such as the one for

He explained that to determine than ever before. We try to en- from about 20 minutes in most worn out but the county must buy the seating capacity of a bus, the courage the principals to elementary districts to one and the first bus and right now the state counts the number of adults schedule the buses so they don't three quarter hours to a school county lacks the money to buy it can seat and adds 20 percent have passengers standing for such as Pinecrest or Westmoore. another bus. very long. At least that's safer Riddle said the size and density The county has 123 buses which than having them standing the of the district determines the needed to serve the special distance traveled and the

"Right now we need a bus for Students are picked up from all

Riddle explained that the state The length of bus routes varies will replace any bus that has

He said another small bus is education students who attend the schools in Pinehurst.

passenger van to transport them

usually have most buses running (Continued on Page 10-A)