



THE PILOT



Money Woes Hit Hospital; Rates Raised

BY MARJORIE RAGAN
Facing low occupancy of beds plus expensive interest on the \$11 million funding of the big new wing, Moore Memorial Hospital is finding new ways to meet its costs, Crenshaw Thompson, administrator, said yesterday.

With only 217 beds used in August and 216 on an average in September, when many more could be used, the hospital authorities figured that costs must be cut by \$166,000 to come out even.

Appealing to department heads to try to cut the workload, the hospital found the department heads could make the figure \$169,000 by freezing salaries; offering some 35 hour days; giving extra holidays and closing all wards when the new hospital opens the middle of November.

Interest on the new wing amounts to \$18.50 per room, he said.

When the new wing opens, wards will be eliminated entirely. Page, Chapin, the present OB and Boyd will be closed.

Four labor rooms in the new wing will be used with 20 beds for the newborn and 20 beds for pediatric intensive care. There will also be a new recovery room. The administrator said that care of the sick would never be jeopardized, and pointed to the new specialists recently added to the hospital.

When the new wing opens soon, the hospital will have 258 rooms. Private rooms will cost \$102 per day; in Jackson and Tufts, \$95. Semi-private rooms will cost \$90; in pediatrics, \$85, and in Meyers Hall, \$85. Mental Health rooms will cost \$115 and Intensive Care in Waldrup Unit (Continued on Page 16-A)

Council Has Water Proposal

The Southern Pines Town Council will hold a special meeting at 8 a.m. Thursday to consider a proposal for an agreement with the Town of Carthage on the use of Nicks Creek as a water source.

Les Hall, project engineer, is expected to present figures on quantities and costs, with analytical data which will help the council approve a practical offer to be made to their sister town.

The council and the Carthage town board talked things over unofficially last Thursday night, exchanging information in an informal meeting at Carthage, and Mayor W. M. Carter, Jr., and his commissioners expressed their desire to cooperate.

Nicks Creek is used as a supplementary water source for the county seat, and is believed to have plenty of water to spare. If an agreement is reached, Southern Pines will purchase raw water from Carthage to be piped from Nicks Creek, west of NC 22, to the Southern Pines reservoir about one mile away, to raise the level of the reservoir and maintain it at or above the safety level.

Southern Pines, which has suffered a serious water shortage since early summer, has an application now being processed for a federal grant which, if approved—and if the state's Clean Water Bond referendum passes—would cover (Continued on Page 16-A)



HALLOWEEN TIME — There will be plenty of pumpkins for jack-o-lanterns, as well as pumpkin pies, for Halloween next Monday night. This huge pile of pumpkins is on the Glenn Horne farm near Hillcrest.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Fund Drive Hits 58% Of Goal

The third United Fund report luncheon was held Monday, and at the end of all reporting \$66,500 was totaled to put the campaign at 58 percent of the goal.

With less than a week to go campaign volunteers will try to wrap up their solicitation and reach for the \$115,000 goal.

Mitt Younts reports that the Commercial division will try to complete its solicitation this week, and hopes to have all the pledges in by Monday.

Tom Ardis, chairman of Special Gifts, has reached the 75 percent mark and reported that contributions were still coming in to the campaign office. Anyone not yet contacted is urged to call (Continued on Page 16-A)

Child Is Killed Waiting For Bus

A six-year-old girl waiting for a school bus at the Riverview Acres mobile home park, seven and a half miles east of Vass, was instantly killed at 7:45 a.m. Monday when she knelt at the side of the road, and was struck by a pickup truck making a right turn.

Stacey Lynn Smith had been waiting with other children from Riverview Acres for the bus, which was late picking them up for the journey to Vass-Lakeview School.

State Trooper C. A. Todd said she was seen to kneel or bend over on the traveled portion of the road, putting her hands up to her face, so she could not have seen the truck coming.

She was below the line of visibility of the driver of the truck, Jerry William Denton, 36, also a resident of Riverview Acres, who told investigating officers he did not see the child or feel that he had hit anything. Denton said he had stopped at (Continued on Page 8-A)

Facility Changes Approved

The Moore County commissioners in special meeting Thursday made several changes in plans for the new Courts Facility building now under construction on the Courthouse Square; accepted bids on about \$44,000 worth of heavy equipment for the nearly-completed regional wastewater treatment system; and gave their unqualified enforcement to the \$300 million State highway Bond issue, which will be voted on by the people November 8.

The main change in the Courts Facility Building, authorized in conference with architects E. J. Austin and Karl D. Stuart, was (Continued on Page 6-A)

Bond Fund For Moore \$895,129

Candidate Pays Taxes After Item

C.A. McLaughlin, the only candidate for Town Council reported last week by The Pilot to be owing back taxes to the Town, paid his business property taxes for 1974, 1975 and 1976 last Wednesday, soon after the paper came out.

The amount, covering the overdue taxes, plus penalties, was \$705.41.

In addition, McLaughlin checked the next day with the Moore County tax office to know what he owed there, and on learning the amount, delivered a check Friday for the total.

It came to \$1,129.17—the sum not only for the three years listed above but for one farther back, 1967. The penalty on this one, overlooked for the past decade, ran the total up considerably higher than it would otherwise have been.

Personal property taxes on furnishings and equipment used in his business, the Style Mart Store, were all that were owed. (Continued on Page 16-A)

Moore County will receive a total of \$895,129 from the \$230 million clean water bond issue if it is approved by voters on Nov. 8.

A breakdown of funds announced this week by the N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development Moore would receive: —\$288,132 for wastewater collection systems. —\$606,997 for water supply systems.

The Department also reported that two municipalities in Moore County—Carthage and Robbins—are under a moratorium on growth because their sewage treatment facilities are now over-loaded.

The allocations announced for each county is automatic with voter approval of the bond issue. In addition, \$113.5 million will be available on a statewide basis for wastewater treatment and water supply systems.

The purpose of the \$230 million in clean water bonds is to provide matching funds to eligible units of local government (city, county, water and sewer districts or sanitary districts) for improving, expanding or construction of new facilities for wastewater treatment and water (Continued on Page 16-A)

Put Weymouth To Use Is Urged By Mrs. Ives

Old houses are being put to practical use across the nation and Mrs. Ernest L. Ives believes the Sandhills area has a chance to do just that with Weymouth, the home of novelist James Boyd.

"They are doing this all over America so we will have a visual history of what we were," said Mrs. Ives, a Vice President of Friends of Weymouth, Inc. which is ready to launch a drive to acquire the property.

Mrs. Ives, who lives at Paint (Continued on Page 16-A)

Hill Farm, knew both the late James and Katharine Boyd and was a visitor in their Southern Pines home including times with her brother, the late Adlai E. Stevenson, twice the Democratic Party's Presidential Candidate, United Nations Ambassador and Illinois Governor.

Stevenson's son, who bears his name and now is a Democratic Senator from Illinois, is scheduled to be on hand November 4 with a host of other State and national (Continued on Page 16-A)

Arts Council Program Announced For Season

The Sandhills Arts Council (SAC) recently moved its offices from the Campbell House to Town and Country Shopping Center and has planned programs in films, musical events, art and in the schools for this season.

"The Sting" will be shown at the Town and Country Cinema Thursday, Oct. 27 at 3:20, 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. Admission is by Arts Council membership or single ticket at \$2.50 for adults. Other films scheduled are "A (Continued on Page 16-A)

Man and a Woman" on November 10, "The Slipper and the Rose" on December 8, "Robin and Marian" on January 19, 1978 and "Small Change" on February 16.

The Council is discussing plans for decorating and setting up policies for The Gallery, its art gallery in Town and Country Shopping Center above Storey's. The Council's new staff member, Janet Burgess, a Third Century Artist last year, is working at (Continued on Page 16-A)

Family Shared With Bing 'The Best Week He Ever Had'

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON
The weekend of October 14, when Bing Crosby died, was a sad one for the Frank Swaim household near Pinebluff. Swaim, who is Pinebluff's police chief, and his son Jay, 20-year-old junior at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, who was home from college for the weekend, spent their time going over warm memories they had of Bing, and souvenirs of his (Continued on Page 16-A)

visit nearly nine years ago. The souvenirs include a scrapbook full of pictures, several personal letters, Christmas cards which have arrived every year showing the Crosby family in a scene from their Christmas show, and a couple of gifts—a gold metal key chain and a medallion to wear on a neck chain for his wife, both engraved with the word "Thanks" and the scrawled (Continued on Page 16-A)

signature "Bing." It all brought back that first week in December of 1968, which Bing often described as "the best week he ever had" and which Frank Swaim says came pretty close to being that in his life, too.

It was a week in which Bing came to Pinehurst to make a hunting film for the ABC program, "The American Sportsman," with bird hunting the chosen sport, and the 2,000-acre Pinehurst, Inc., hunting preserve the locale. Frank Swaim, a retired State Highway Patrolman and longtime hunting guide with his own dogs and kennels, was at that time a guide on the preserve and was assigned to the two famous guests, Bing and baseball star Gaylord Perry for the full week. It wasn't the first time Frank had served as guide for celebrities. He has a scrapbook full of them, people he has hunted with year after year, and thinks the world of. But this time it was different.

"Bing was such a nice, friendly fellow," he says. "He was the kindest, most considerate person I've ever known. He was fun to be with. And he was also a fine hunter, who knew his way around in the woods."

The first day they went out with the filming crew. Frank (Continued on Page 16-A)



BING IN SANDHILLS — Ready for a bird hunt in the Sandhills are Bing Crosby (left), Gaylord Perry, a major league baseball pitcher, at right and Frank Swaim of Pinebluff (seated), holding two of his best bird dogs.—(Photo by Geoffrey A. Hall).

Young Davis Found Shot; Condition Is Said Critical

Alvin Davis, an 18-year-old graduate of Pinecrest High School last June, was found shot and critically wounded in St. Petersburg, Fla., on Monday.

He underwent surgery at a St. Petersburg hospital on Tuesday and last night a hospital spokesman described his condition as only "fair."

A relative said a bullet was lodged in his brain and could not be removed, but that doctors were encouraged to believe he would recover. His condition, they said, was "critical and guarded." He was reported as (Continued on Page 16-A)

semi-conscious Tuesday night. There were no details on the shooting, and a relative said it would be at least a week before anything could be known.

His mother, Mrs. Marjorie Davis, had gone to St. Petersburg to be with him shortly after getting word of the wounding about 4 p.m. on Monday.

Young Davis, who formerly worked at The Pilot and was an editor of the Pinecrest newspaper, The Courier, was working on a newspaper in St. (Continued on Page 16-A)

Case Focuses Attention On Selection Of Juries

BY ELLEN WELLES
A ruling by Judge Maurice Braswell in Johnston County on Grand Jury composition has turned the light on the make-up of juries in other counties.

The attorneys representing two black men charged with murder had argued that the Johnston County Jury Commission systematically denied blacks of proportionate representation on juries in the (Continued on Page 16-A)

county. Judge Braswell did not rule on the racial makeup of the Grand Jury but ruled that the jury was not legally constituted.

Selection of the juries, however, is made without knowledge of race, said Moore County Clerk of Superior Court Charles McLeod.

According to Chapter Nine of the General Statutes of North Carolina, each person on the jury (Continued on Page 16-A)

THE PILOT LIGHT

SUCCESSION—A recent statewide poll shows sentiment almost evenly divided over the Constitutional amendment to allow a Governor to succeed himself for one term.

The succession amendment was given a slight edge in the poll, but most observers across the state are predicting a close vote which could go either way.

The statewide committee to Reelect or Reject is now running advertisements on television and radio and in newspapers urging support for the amendment. While there is no organized opposition to the amendment the supporters are aware that there is a large body of "anti" voters around.

HODGKINS—Secretary Sara (Continued on Page 16-A)

W. Hodgkins of the Department of Cultural Resources will be on the Carolina News Conference television program Thursday at 7 p.m.

News Director Richard Hatch of WUNC-TV said the interview is being taped in advance, but will deal with all aspects of the department.

The program can be seen here over Channel 4.

ABSENTEES—The deadline for applications for absentee ballots in the Nov. 8 municipal elections is Wednesday, Nov. 2. Mrs. Doris Fuquay, executive director of the Moore County Board of Elections, said this week.

The election in Southern Pines (Continued on Page 16-A)



FOREST FIRE — Members of the Pinebluff fire department fight a fire which threatened several homes in the Sherwood Park section Sunday afternoon. The woods fire burned for about 45 minutes before being brought under control.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).