



GIFT TO CHILDREN — The plantation home of John B. Cameron (shown above) and 900 acres of land, four miles from Vass, has been given by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Read of Vass to the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. The house is more than 100 years old. Cameron was the grandfather of Mrs. Read.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Land, Home Given For Children's Use

A gift of 900 acres of land and a plantation home more than 100 years old has been made to the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc., by a Vass couple, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Read.

The property is the plantation home of Mrs. Read's grandfather, John B. Cameron, a veteran of the War Between the States who died in 1929. It is located four miles from Vass. The Baptist Children's Homes

plans to use the Cameron homestead, farm land and forests in its wilderness and outdoor therapeutic camping activities and educational programs.

Dr. W.P. Wagoner, president of the child care agency, which has children's homes at Kinston, Thomasville and Pembroke, accepted the gift from Mr. and Mrs. Read, and said: "This is one of the largest gifts ever received by the Children's Homes. Mr. and Mrs. Read will be privileged to see boys and girls benefit from wholesome outdoor life and training at that location."

who worked for his reelection and declared, "It has been a great privilege to serve the citizens of Southern Pines. I will continue to work for the good as I understand it in my new capacity as a concerned citizen."

Mayor Austin's letter was as follows: (Continued on Page 11-A)

Austin Leaving Office But Urges Water Plan

In a letter to The Pilot this week Mayor E. J. Austin, who was defeated for reelection to the Southern Pines Town Council last week, emphasized his belief that a regional water system makes "economic sense" and that "controlled growth" is in the best interest of all.

Mayor Austin thanked those

Sandhills Now Getting An Extra Mail Service

Postmaster Robert E. Peele has announced that an additional dispatch of mail is being made out of Southern Pines, Pinehurst, and Aberdeen daily.

This added dispatch, which has just begun, leaves Aberdeen at 2 p.m. Pinehurst at 2:15 p.m. and Southern Pines at 2:30 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday.

This new dispatch of mail will move up the dispatch of first class and priority mail, by as much as four hours, if deposited

at the local office 15 minutes prior to the dispatch time listed above. This means that any person or firm must carry his first class or priority mail to the local Post Office, and deposit inside, or in box located in front of the office, 15 minutes prior to the new dispatch time.

All Northbound Air Mail and Priority Mail, will meet a 6 p.m. flight out of Fayetteville, which will advance this type of mail (Continued on Page 12-A)



TOLL OF FALL — Only a few leaves remain on this chinaberry tree near Roseland as fall has taken its toll. An old bird nest remains firmly in place, however.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Candidates Present Views On Unseating 'Senator No'

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON Big, shaggy-haired Joe Felmet sang a song, young, cheerful David McKnight played his violin, and McNeill Smith, a Greensboro lawyer and long time state senator, recalled his native county of Robeson where "there are four ethnic groups and everybody in the county is in a minority."

The other guests, Lawrence Davis and Luther Hodges, Jr., also had a few quips to differ, though without songs or musical instruments, and all five men buckled down seriously to their speech-making, tackling the issues head-on in their different ways.

For they were very different, though with one big thing in common: they were all announced—or just-about-to-announce candidates (Smith announced Monday)—for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate seat now occupied by Republican Jesse Helms.

The five men starred as guests and speakers at the "get-acquainted" party and dinner meeting, held Saturday evening at the Pinehurst Hotel by the North State Caucus.

It was a fund-raising event for the Caucus, a statewide Democratic organization of younger men—lawyers, bankers, politicians—with party unity as its objective, which provides a forum for candidates and a means of communication between candidate and voter.

This was the second such event for the Caucus, and the second to be held at Pinehurst. The first, in the summer of 1976,

an election year, brimmed with candidates in many races. This time, it was different—not only was it not an election year, but there had been insufficient advance notice given and there were several conflicts including the Moore Memorial Hospital Benefit Ball, held in the Cardinal Ballroom in the hotel, that same night, and attended on long-standing commitment by most of

Young Mother Is Killed

A young mother was fatally injured Sunday evening, and her two young children were also hurt, in a head-on collision at 6:30 p.m. on a rural paved road about five miles north of Carthage.

Mrs. Elizabeth Key Spivey of Eagle Springs, Rt. 1, was admitted to Moore Memorial Hospital, and died while undergoing surgery a short while later.

Melissa Faye Spivey, aged five was also admitted, with a broken jaw, along with her sister, Crystal Renee, aged four, whose leg was broken.

State Trooper W.M. Gay said Terry Malone Brunson, 20, of Cameron, Rt. 1, driver of the other car, had been charged with driving on the wrong side of the road, driving under the influence and manslaughter. He was given first aid treatment for a minor injury and placed in Moore County Jail, where he remained (Continued on Page 11-A)



CANDIDATES HERE — These candidates for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate were present for the North State Caucus at the Pinehurst Hotel Saturday night. They are, left to right, Lawrence Davis, Joe Felmet, Luther Hodges Jr., and McNeill Smith.—(Photo by Emerson Humphrey).

Rabid Bat Is Found Here; Dr. Siege Gives Warning

Dr. A.G. Siege, Moore County health officer, this week urged residents to be careful around bats after a rabid bat was found here last week.

"This is the very first case of rabies in Moore County that I can remember," Dr. Siege said.

He went on to say that if anyone sees a live bat that should be careful. The rabies virus, he said, can be transmitted to any warm-blooded animal.

Four boys at Southern Pines Middle School were known to have handled the bat which was found to be rabid, but none of them was bitten and none had to take the shots for rabies.

Dr. John T. Freeman, a

veterinarian with the State Division of Health, called Dr. Siege after the dead bat was sent to the state labs. He advised Dr. Siege that the bat had rabies.

The bat was found by a sixth grader on Tuesday of last week under the overpass bridge on US 1 at Midland Road.

Robert B. Lyne of 23 Castlewood Lane said a Smith boy found the bat and captured it by throwing his coat over it. He took it to school in a paper bag.

Lyne said, "He gave it to a Reid boy, who sold it to a Martin boy for \$2.50. The Martin boy sold it to my son for \$2.60 and he brought it home."

By noon on Wednesday the bat was dead and Lyne took it to the Animal Shelter near Carthage where Mrs. Catharine Kennedy packed it in ice and sent it by bus to Raleigh.

Dr. Siege said they should have notified the Health Office and he (Continued on Page 11-A)

\$1.5 Million Is Coming To Moore Each Month

Social security benefits were being paid to residents of Moore County at the rate of \$1,487,611 a month at the start of 1977, a spokesman of the Fayetteville social security district office said.

Social security benefits can be paid to retired persons age 62 or over, to workers who become severely disabled before age 65, and to survivors of deceased workers, also to certain dependents of a worker who has retired, become disabled or died.

Of the 8,509 social security beneficiaries living in Moore County, 4,456 are retired workers and 675 are disabled workers.

Another 877 persons are receiving benefits as the wives or husbands of retired or disabled workers. Widows, widowers and dependent parents of deceased workers number 1,115.

In Moore County, 3,240 people under age 65 and 5,269 people age 65 and older are receiving monthly social security benefits. Of total beneficiaries, 2,941 are men, 4,183 are women and 1,366 are children.

Statewide, 389,951 retired workers receive an average monthly benefit of \$200.49. For every 1,000 persons aged 65 or (Continued on Page 12-A)

Hearing Set Tuesday On Future Of McCain

A hearing on the future of McCain Hospital will be held at McCain by a Task Force of the N.C. General Assembly on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 2:30 p.m.

Rep. T. Clyde Auman of West End is a member of the Task Force which already has held hearings at two other specialty hospitals at Wilson and Black Mountain.

John Watson of McCain said that invitations have been sent to health departments in 30 counties inviting them to be represented at the hearing, and he also expects many private citizens and organizations, as well as former patients, to attend.

The hearings were authorized at the last session of the Legislature and followed a recommendation of the Base Budget Committee that the hospitals at Wilson and Black Mountain be closed, but that McCain be kept open.

Dr. Sarah Morrow, Secretary of the Department of Human Resources, later requested the legislative appropriations committee, of which Rep. Auman is chairman, to defer action until further study could be made. The Task Force was appointed to make such a study (Continued on Page 12-A)

75% Have No Choice For Senate

BY JENNIFER CALDWELL Three-fourths of the respondents in a random-sample poll of North Carolina's adults were not able to indicate any choice for their U.S. Senator in 1978.

Journalism students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill asked 477 people the following question: "Next year, North Carolina will elect a United States senator. Right now, who would you like to see elected?"

Seventy-three percent could not answer the question. Of the 27 percent who specifically

responded, 14 percent said they favored the incumbent, Sen. Jesse A. Helms, R-N.C. The remaining 13 percent was divided between a host of Democratic candidates and other people.

The results of the poll demonstrate that North Carolinians are far from decided on the 1978 Senate race. Typical of many respondents was the woman in Cumberland County who answered all the Carolina Poll questions until the one on the Senatorial election. "Well," she hesitated, "I don't know. Who is running?"

Officially five candidates have announced their campaign for the Democratic nomination. Luther Hodges, Jr., a Charlotte businessman, E. Lawrence Davis, state senator from Forsyth County, David McKnight, a newspaperman from Fayetteville, and Joseph Felmut, another ex-journalist from Winston-Salem.

State Senator McNeill Smith is the latest to become a candidate. Smith has set up campaign headquarters in Raleigh in addition to his Greensboro offices, and has employed both a campaign

manager and press secretary. Another name frequently mentioned is State Insurance Commissioner John Ingram. Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green has taken himself out of the race.

The Carolina Poll, taken the week of Oct. 16-21, indicates that none of these individuals has yet attracted a large following. The poll was taken before Luther Hodges began frequent television advertising, and before Davis announced his candidacy. Already one candidate, Raleigh lawyer Hugh Cannon, has withdrawn from the race, (Continued on Page 12-A)

Schools' Money Short; Ask County For More

With operation and maintenance funds for the schools running out because of budget cuts last June, the Moore County Board of Education in regular meeting Monday afternoon unanimously approved an amendment to appropriations in their current budget, to be submitted to the county commissioners.

Supt. Robert E. Lee told the board that "we are now running up utility bills we cannot pay," with the gravity of the situation ahead dependent largely on the severity of the weather.

The amendment is for restoration of a number of items which were cut from their budget request for 1977-78. The total as presented by Joe Vaughn, finance officer, was for \$601,000 in both current expense and capital outlay, toward payment of which Vaughn listed the following assets: \$170,000 in contingency funds, \$150,000 in budgeted surplus, and \$250,000 in

new surplus, committed by the commissioners to be paid "when available," expected to be around the middle of the school year.

The assets total \$570,000, and Supt. Lee told the board, "If the commissioners fulfill their pledge, I believe we can get by." Otherwise, he said, they faced (Continued on Page 11-A)

Arts Grant

The Sandhills Arts Council has received a \$4,000 challenge grant from the North Carolina Arts Council.

The grant and 70 others totaling \$124,840 to various organizations in the state were announced on Monday by Secretary Sara Hodgkins of the Department of Cultural Resources.

Challenge grants are made to stimulate local fund-raising activity and must be matched by the local arts council.

THE PILOT LIGHT

CANVASS—There were no changes in the official canvass of votes in the municipal election in Southern Pines and other Moore County towns when the Moore County Board of Elections met last Thursday.

In Southern Pines four incumbents won, with Emanuel S. Douglass, the present mayor pro tem, leading the voting. Others winning were Hope M. Brogden, Jerry Daeke, E. Earl Hubbard and Michael Smithson, E.J. Austin, the present mayor, was defeated in his bid for reelection to the Town Council.

It has been customary in most instances for the top vote getter to be elected mayor by the Town Council. However, last year this was not the case. Sara W. Hodgkins was the top vote getter and Austin was in second place.

Auman was elected on the basis of previous service.

MORGAN—Senator Robert Morgan, who spoke at Sandhills College last Thursday night, and his wife, Katie, are building a new home at Buies Creek.

The site is adjacent to the Campbell College golf course and on the river. It's the community in which Morgan grew up. Morgan, who spoke on the Panama Canal and the proposed treaties, was subjected to a barrage of questions after his talk, but most observers said he handled them well.

AUMAN—Rep. T. Clyde Auman of Moore County was awarded a Citation of Merit at a Tri-County Industries for the (Continued on Page 11-A)