



Airport Plan Announced At \$1 Million

County Administrator W. Sidney Taylor said this week the Airport Committee is hoping to get started this fiscal year on an improvement program at the airport costing more than \$1 million.

Taylor's statement followed announcement in Raleigh by Secretary Thomas W. Bradshaw, Jr., of the N. C. Department of Transportation that approval has been granted for projects which were previously recommended by the Aeronautics Council and approved by the Advisory Budget Commission.

The sponsor of both projects is the Moore County Airport Commission.

A \$785,000 project will include construction of a parallel taxiway and stub taxiway; installation of Medium Intensity Lights; installation of 21,000 feet of perimeter fencing; transition clearing, building removal and relocation. Costs will be met from \$706,500 in federal funds; \$39,250 in local funds, and \$39,250 in State funds.

"The FAA has indicated at airports with large aircraft operations and those served by scheduled commuter airlines," (Continued on Page 16-A)

Court Term Scheduled Next Week

Though Resident Judge John D. McConnell of Southern Pines was assigned as Moore County's presiding jurist for the current six-months period, he has again swapped court assignments with Special Judge Robert L. Gavin of Pinehurst, so that it will be Judge Gavin back on the bench at the upcoming criminal term, opening Monday at Carthage.

With only 15 cases, so far, grand jury action, 14 cases listed for trial Monday and 12 on Tuesday, with the rest of the week left open, it appears to be the lightest calendar seen in Moore County in a number of years.

However, the usual heading on the calendar states that all cases not reached on the specified day may be called for trial on any other day during the term, and that, "although no cases are set for Wednesday, November 30," (Continued on Page 16-A)



THANKSGIVING — These young Pilgrims and Indians are preparing to celebrate the first Thanksgiving Day at Emmanuel Episcopal Day School. All but two are in kindergarten, and their faces are both solemn and merry.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Downtown Improvement Plan Offered

Holiday Observance Under Way

Thanksgiving is traditionally a family holiday and that's the way most people in Moore County will observe it on Thursday.

Just about everything will be closed for the day. All federal, state and local offices will be closed on both Thursday and Friday.

The Post Office will be closed on Thursday and there will be no mail deliveries. It will also be a bank holiday.

Most retail stores in the Sandhills area will be closed, with some scheduling after-Thanksgiving sales on Friday and Saturday before moving into the Christmas shopping season. The Pilot will be closed on Thursday, but will be open on Friday.

Many churches in Moore County have announced plans for Thanksgiving services and in Southern Pines the annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held tonight (Continued on Page 16-A)

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON
A report on a 10-months study of the downtown area of Southern Pines, presented Tuesday night in the Southern Pines council chamber, proved stimulating and provocative to a gathering of enthusiastic citizens.

Some of the most enthusiastic were a group of about a dozen students of the N.C. State University School of Design, who had participated in the "10,000 manhours" which had been spent on the in-depth study.

As slide after slide was presented, and interestingly discussed, many could hardly contain their jubilation in the fact that at last, it had all come together.

Their leaders, Peter Batchelor, a professor at the Urban Design Center, planner and architect, and Spurgeon Cameron, assistant director of the Urban Design Center, as partners in a brilliant exposition and analysis of the downtown problems, also stirred an infectious enthusiasm.

Winding up the two-and-a-half hour presentation with a series of colorful slides created by the students, in demonstrating how signs can be coordinated "in the spirit of the town," Batchelor summed it all up in declaring (Continued on Page 16-A)

Couple, Two Men Given Cocaine Raid Sentences

A young Moore County couple and two men from Carthage and Asheboro have been sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in federal court to possessing cocaine for the purpose of sale.

The four were arrested this past summer in a raid on a house between Vass and Carthage when more than a pound of cocaine was seized. Officers said it was the largest seizure of cocaine ever made in North Carolina.

The four pleaded guilty before U.S. District Court Judge Eugene A. Gordon in Greensboro.

Jack Lee Tart, 24, of Asheboro, received a seven-year prison sentence; Steve Eugene Morrison, 24, and Danny Fred Garner, 21, both of Carthage, were given sentences of indefinite length under the Youth Correction Act; and Garner's wife, Deborah Ann Garner, 19, was sentenced to 36 months in prison, with all but six months suspended.

During plea bargaining, each defendant pleaded guilty to one count of a four-count indictment (Continued on Page 16-A)

Sewer System Is Again Delayed--Now Set Dec. 15

Delays are still being encountered in readying the regional wastewater treatment system for operation, and the date of December 15 has now been set for the opening instead of December 1, it was reported to the Moore County commissioners in special meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Al Walpole, director of construction for the engineering firm of Henningson, Durham & Richardson, said work is still going on to clear the "bugs" out of the complex wiring system through which the raw sewage pumps are operated, via "push-button" controls in the administrative building, the essential thing which makes the whole plant operative, and which won't work till the circuitry is completed.

interceptor lines of the county system have been completed. (Continued on Page 13-A)

No Home Here

There WILL be a Whispering Pines Nursing Home—but it won't be in the Moore County Village, Town officials are relieved to learn.

The home, announced the health agency for 15 counties, the Cardinal Health Agency of Lumberton, would be in Whispering Pines in Moore County. Town officials said Tuesday they had not approved such a home.

"You're talking to a red-faced official," said a spokesman for the Agency in a Pilot interview. "The home is to be in Fayetteville."

First Moore Memorial Baby Was Paid For In Gold Coins

"He's worth his weight in gold," said the father of the first baby born at Moore Memorial Hospital in 1929.

Wyndham Lee Clarke was born on Thanksgiving Day that year, weighed nine pounds, and,

according to his mother, Mrs. John Foster Faulk, (Mrs. Louise Clarke then), the first baby was "gor-geous."

The father, the late Lee Clarke, paid the hospital bill in gold coin. Last year, almost 47 years to

the day later, the first mother, first baby, and the first doctor met again in Southern Pines.

Wyndham Lee Clarke was spending Thanksgiving Day with his mother when they were (Continued on Page 16-A)



FIRST DOCTOR, FIRST MOTHER, FIRST BABY — Wyndham Lee Clarke (right) was the first baby born at Moore Memorial Hospital, having arrived on Thanksgiving Day, 1929. He is the son of Mrs. John Foster Faulk (Center), who was Mrs. Lee Clarke then. Dr. Clement R. Monroe of Pinehurst was, as he says, the "acting" obstetrician. The late Lee Clarke paid the bill in gold coin, according to the framed 1929 receipt.

Design And Function Emphasized In New Moore Court Facility Plan

Moore County commissioners were guests Monday night at the Sheraton Inn of the architectural firm of Austin Associates of Southern Pines, at a presentation of proposed plans for the Courts Facility building now under construction at Carthage.

The firm, which prepared the plans for the basic contracts, let last June, had been asked to develop separate plans for a "turnkey job" on landscaping and interior design of the building, and this was done by specialist consultants working with the architects, by means of color charts, diagrams and drawings of various sorts.

They answered questions, indicated problem areas, discussed alternates and gave cost estimates for an audience including all five commissioners; Mrs. Estelle Wicker, county finance officer; Charles McLeod, clerk of court; Sheriff C.G. Wimberly; W. Lamont Brown, chairman of the Courts Facility committee of the Moore County Bar Association, and

members of the press who have covered the development of plans for the building over a number of years.

They found the proposals interesting and exciting, embodying many innovative ideas for efficiency and economy, and the commissioners gave general approval, which, with some revisions, and further decisions to be made, will be reduced to specifics for official approval at a later meeting.

Geoffrey McLean, landscape architect of Raleigh, in his

proposal covered not only the planting of trees and shrubbery but the paving of parking areas—the general area at the rear of the building, bounded by Dowd and Saunders Streets, and the Carthage Baptist Church property; and the Williamson lot across Dowd St., behind the Carolina Bank.

"These included a good deal of "earthwork engineering," and design and function were the main thrust of McLean's talk, with the problems generated by the sloping terrain on both sides

of Dowd St., which must be controlled and put to best use through a system of retaining walls. These were subject to variations and a considerable portion of the presentation dealt with the different proposals, with the number of parking spaces to be provided—or sacrificed—with each. (Continued on Page 16-A)

Hunt Season

The 1977-78 Hunt Season will get under way Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Hunter Trials Course on Youngs Road.

The Thanksgiving Day opening of the season is a tradition with the Moore County Hounds, founded here in 1914. Mrs. W.O. Moss is Master of the Hounds.

Judge Mills Is Given Superior Court Post

F. Fetzer Mills, chief District Court judge, has been appointed by Governor Jim Hunt as a Superior Court judge for the 20th Judicial District.

It was the first judicial appointment by Governor Hunt. Judge Mills will join Judge John D. McConnell of Southern Pines as resident Superior Court judges for the district which is composed of Moore, Anson, Richmond, Stanly and Union Counties.

Judge Mills, of Wadesboro, was first elected a District Court judge in 1968 and was reelected in 1972 and 1976. He has served as Chief District Judge since 1968.

Governor Hunt will also have the appointment of a judge to replace Mills on the District Court. In addition, there will be another appointment to fill the vacancy of Judge Edward E. Crutchfield, who has announced plans to retire from the District Court on Jan. 1. Such appointments are usually made



Judge F. Fetzer Mills

from recommendations made by the district bar association.

Judge Mills, a Democrat, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the UNC Law School. He began the practice of law in his (Continued on Page 16-A)

THE PILOT LIGHT

SUCCESSION—A lot of people were surprised by the vote on gubernatorial succession, especially the areas from which came the highest percentage of favorable votes.

Eastern and Western counties were strongest for the Constitutional Amendment to allow a Governor and Lieutenant Governor to serve a second term. The Amendment carried by 52.5 percent of the vote.

Three Eastern and Two Western counties had the highest percentage of votes for the Amendment, with Scotland County leading the list with 73.3 percent. In second place was Swain County in the far West with 68.2 percent and Dare County in the far East with third with 67.1 percent. Perquimans in

the East and Polk in the West tied for fourth place with 64 percent in favor.

SPORTS—Former Governor James Holshouser said one of the things he enjoyed about being Governor was being able to drive right up to the stadium or coliseum for football and basketball games. He was also always assured of a good seat.

Governor Jim Hunt, a strong Wolfpack fan at basketball games, is getting ready to enjoy the same thing this season. He will be on hand for the N.C. State opener this weekend.

The Governor is also expected to be on hand when State plays in the Peach Bowl and Carolina in the Liberty Bowl. (Continued on Page 16-A)

Need For Services Of McCain Stressed At Tuesday Hearing

A special legislative committee which conducted a two-hour hearing at McCain Hospital on Tuesday afternoon came away visibly impressed with the needs for the hospital's services both now and in the future.

In fact, there were proposals made for expanding the services offered by the specialty hospital. The hearing was called after proposals were made in the 1977 General Assembly to close two of the specialty hospitals, formerly for tuberculosis patients, at

Wilson and Black Mountain. Secretary Sarah Morrow of the Department of Human Resources decided, however, to study the place of all three hospitals before making any decisions as to closing any of them.

More than 150 persons filled the auditorium at McCain and there were public and medical representatives from as far west as Union County and as far east as Onslow and New Hanover Counties.

Rep. T. Clyde Auman, a member of the special committee, said that all "gave good reasons for keeping the facility open."

In addition to Rep. Auman, other legislators present for the hearing included the Robeson County delegation, Rep. Tom Hunter of Richmond County, Senators Russell Walker, Robert Jordan and James Garrison.

Auman said the legislators reacted favorably to keeping the (Continued on Page 16-A)



DOWNTOWN SOUTHERN PINES — This scale model of downtown Southern Pines has been on display at the town Library the past week. It was constructed by N.C. State students in the School of Design, and the downtown plan was presented to the Town Council this week.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).