

Tax Job Is Given To Straus

Steve Straus, administrative assistant on the town staff since July 1, was appointed tax collector by the Town Council in special meeting Friday, and was also made town clerk and assistant manager by appointment of Town Manager Mildred McDonald.

While the town charter authorizes the manager to do the hiring of all employees, the General Statutes require that the tax collector be appointed by the council, it was explained by Mayor E.S. Douglass, presiding.

This was done unanimously, on recommendation of the manager, who asked, and received, the Council's "blessing"—not necessary, but nice—on her choice of Straus, 27, as town clerk and assistant manager.

It was also specified by the Mayor that the duties of assistant manager include acting for the town in the absence of the manager.

All three jobs were formerly held by Mrs. McDonald before her appointment to the manager's post by the Council January 10, and the changes were made by way of shifting the burden so she could devote her full time to the top position, Mayor Douglass said.

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Pinehurst To Delay Incorporation Move

The movement to incorporate Pinehurst has encountered some technical delays, but the attorney for the Civic Group which is pushing for incorporation says that a petition will be filed in late February.

Rodney W. Robinson, attorney for the Pinehurst Civic Group, said that two requirements will have to be met before the petition for incorporation can be filed with the State Municipal Board of Control.

It was the opinion of the Attorney General's office that only three persons who signed the petition for incorporation may serve as temporary officials

in order to supervise a hearing before the Board of Control and a referendum to follow.

Robinson said these three persons will be designated soon. The other requirements relates to the boundaries of Pinehurst.

It was stated by the chairman of the Municipal Board of Control, after conferring with the Attorney General's Office, that a revised metes and bounds description, as well as a revised survey map would be necessary.

The Pinehurst Civic Group is in contact with the engineering firm which prepared the metes and bounds description and the (Continued on Page 14-A)



ACCIDENT SCENE — This is the scene of the accident Friday on US 15-501 in which one person was killed and several others injured. Two of the cars involved in the three-car collision can be seen. —(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Youth Killed In Collision Of Three Cars On 15-501

Franklin "Trey" Toole III, who would have been 18 years old Saturday, was killed Friday in a three-car collision on US 15-501, around the curve a short distance south of the junction with the Morganton Road.

A Pinecrest High School senior, he had two classmates with him in the 1976 Mustang he was driving to his home in the

Magnolia Apartments, Aberdeen, during a break between morning classes.

State Trooper R. W. Shepherd said the accident occurred when a northbound car, slowed down because the road was still wet and slick after a rain, was

rammed from behind by another and knocked across the center line, into the Mustang's path.

The 1972 Pontiac, driven by Everett Davey, 65, of Pinehurst, struck the right front of the Mustang with a force that ripped the right side nearly off, instantly killing young Toole.

John Harris of the Laurinburg Road, Aberdeen, who was on the back seat of the Mustang, received injuries believed critical, and was placed in

intensive care at Moore Memorial Hospital, while Charles Seawell, of Southern Pines, who was beside the driver, received only minor bruises and lacerations, was given first aid and released.

Shepherd said his investigation showed no law violation on the part of Toole or of Davey, who has recently retired and moved from New Jersey to Pinehurst.

However, he said that, while Davey had moderated his speed to 40 or 45 miles per hour because of road conditions, the driver of the third car, a Buick, Mrs. Geraldine Shaw Broadway Williams, 45, in his opinion had been going about 60.

Shepherd said Mrs. Williams (Continued on Page 16-A)

Ice Storm Again Hits Hard At North Moore

Rape Cases On Court Docket

The first of eight regular terms of Moore superior court calendared for 1978—with the possibility of a special term or two being held if needed—will open Monday at Carthage, with Judge Peter W. Hairston of Lexington presiding.

Cases up for grand jury action totaled 28 this week, exclusive of any that may be added in district terms Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Carthage and Southern Pines.

Among cases calendared so far are one charging rape against Rodney Vincent Davis of High Falls; one for secondary rape and two for crimes against nature against James Eugene Hoxworth of Vass; eight for breaking, entering and larceny, or larceny alone, and others for forgery, felony assault and embezzlement.

On the trial docket are murder cases against Matt Donell Wilson, dating back to December 1976; Gary Lynn Brady, and Emma Chesway Johnson McIver.

Two cases of assault with intent to commit rape, against Robert Thompson and Tony Taylor, have been held over from term to term since the fall of 1976.

Twenty-two cases against seven defendants, Tony Cummings, Amon Locklear, Danny Puckett, Jeff Lambert, Jerry Lambert, Harley Cummings and Sylvester Locklear, involving secret assault, felony riot and firing into occupied property, are listed for trial Tuesday.

A number of companion cases have been dismissed, or tried as (Continued on Page 16-A)



WINTER VIEW — The ice covered trees and the hovering fog combined to provide this wintry view of US 1 north from Morganton Road in Southern Pines on Thursday. —(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

S&L Hearing Set Feb. 9; Gambrell Named To Post

A hearing has been scheduled in Raleigh on Feb. 9 on the application of Sandhills Savings and Loan Association, Inc., for a charter to operate in Southern Pines.

The association announced this week that James B. Gambrell Jr. of Southern Pines has been named president and chief executive officer for the new organization and will assume his duties on Feb. 16.

The stockholder - owned savings and loan association lists former Governor James Holshouser, George W. Little, Dr. Louis Marchetti, Clyde L. Sullivan, Jerry Slade and several

others as initial stock subscribers. Last week a representative from the North Carolina Savings and Loan Division of the State Department of Commerce was in Southern Pines investigating those involved in the application and seeking comment from citizens of the area. She said the commission hearing on the application will be open to anyone who wishes to speak for (Continued on Page 16-A)

School Holiday

Students of the public schools of Moore County will get a holiday Friday, January 27, as that day has been designated as one of the 16 1/2 Teacher Work Days of this year.

Teachers will be working at their regular assigned schools Friday grading papers and working on their records as semester examinations are being given this week.

The next scheduled school holidays are the Easter holidays or Spring break which begin on Monday, March 27.

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Town Gets State Grant To Aid Water Projects

A grant of \$86,226 has been received by the Town of Southern Pines from the State for the construction of water supply projects.

The grant was one of 92 amounting to \$31 million made to local governments and announced in Raleigh this past week by Secretary Sarah Morrow of the Department of Human Resources and Governor Jim Hunt.

These are the first grants made from the Clean Water Bond Act of 1977, for which a bond issue was approved, and the 11th group of awards for water supply projects made since the program

was begun in 1972. Town Manager Mildred McDonald said the State grant amounts to 25 percent of the estimated total cost of constructing a water line to Nicks Creek, two new wells and installing water recycling equipment at the town's water plant. Fifty percent of the cost has been received in a federal grant from the Farmers Home Administration.

Mrs. McDonald said that bids on the construction projects will be opened by the Town Council on Feb. 7, with the expectation that construction will be under way by the end of the year.

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Allen Gets Top Award Of Local Jaycee Unit

Gregg O. Allen, James R. Miles and George W. Little were presented special awards by the Southern Pines Jaycees at their annual D.S.A. and Bosses Night Banquet at the Lob Steer Inn on Wednesday night, January 18.

Allen was presented the Distinguished Service Award by Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., the first Southern Pines Jaycee Distinguished Service Award winner in 1968.

Allen was recognized for his outstanding contributions and services in this community over the past few years. Hodgkins outlined many of his

accomplishments. He has held numerous offices in the Southern Pines Jaycees which included President during the year 1976-77 and was recognized by the North Carolina Jaycees as one of the outstanding local presidents in North Carolina. The Southern Pines Jaycees, for the first time in their history, received the Gissenbier award which is presented to the most outstanding club in their population division. Allen is currently serving as chairman of the Board of the Southern Pines (Continued on Page 14-A)

VA Loans Are Good In Moore

A larger than normal list of foreclosed homes was put up for sale by the Veteran's Administration on January 1, but state loan guaranty officer and N.C. Director of the VA, William Speaks said it is not because of an increase in defaults which lead to foreclosures.

"Rather, it is because we are reducing our inventory of homes that has built up over the past months," Speaks explained. "We have put up some homes for sale without the full repainting and redecorating, what we call cosmetics of the home. We have made the necessary repairs so that all the houses are liveable, but on some, have not redecorated."

According to this month's report, cost will take this into account. The Veteran's Administration started a program in 1945 under which all veterans with a certain amount of service, from World War II through the present, are (Continued on Page 16-A)

Flu Cases Remaining Same Here

The number of flu cases found in Moore County this winter has been approximately the same or a little more than at this time last year, but there are no hard core numbers, according to County Health Director, Dr. Alfred Siegel.

Although there have been many cases of sniffles and upset stomach, Dr. Siegel said, in North Carolina only three influenza cases actually have been documented with tests, (Continued on Page 16-A)

Asheboro Woman Files For State Senate Job

Asheboro businesswoman Alice W. Ward has announced that she is a Republican candidate for one of the two seats in the North Carolina State Senate from the 16th senatorial district.

The 16th district includes the counties of Randolph, Moore, Chatham, and Orange. A native of Rowan County, Mrs. Ward grew up in Salisbury, and attended Catawba College. Moving to Asheboro in 1938, she worked as an accountant, and later as an executive secretary in Burlington Mills. She worked for 17 years as a buyer and manager in General Hardware, Inc. and later served as secretary-treasurer, and general manager of the company. Mrs. Ward has participated in



Alice W. Ward a wide variety of community, civic, and political activities. (Continued on Page 16-A)

88% In Poll Say 'No' To Califano's Anti-Smoking Campaign

BY J.A. PLYLER AND MARION BOWDEN Eighty-eight percent of the people surveyed by The Pilot on Thursday morning responded "No" to Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Joseph Califano's multi-million dollar anti-smoking campaign.

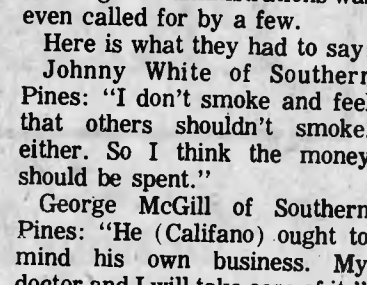
Of the 16 people polled on Broad Street, only two persons expressed favor toward the campaign against smoking by the Federal Government.

Many others questioned simply flashed packs of cigarettes and continued on their way with set



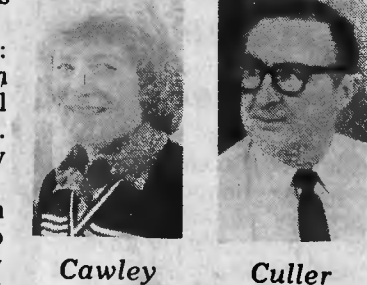
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Those who were more vocal in their opinions expressed concern for the state's tobacco industry and the right for personal choice.



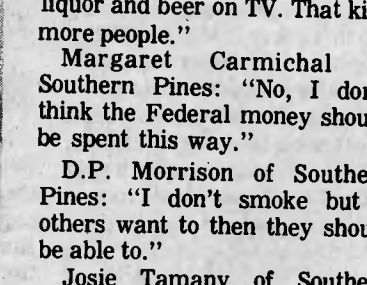
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George McGill of Southern Pines: "He (Califano) ought to mind his own business. My doctor and I will take care of it."



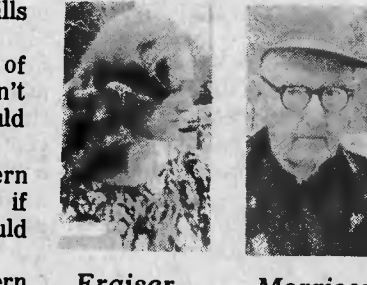
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Elaine Cawley of Southern Pines: "I don't think the money should be spent this way. They should change administrations. They either ought to ban smoking



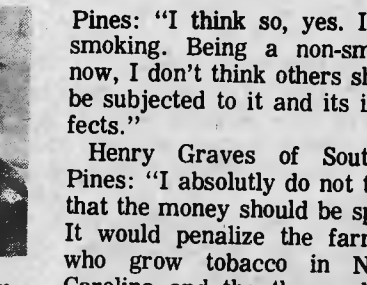
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totally like marijuana or it should be a personal choice." Randy Culler of Southern Pines: "He'd be a whole lot better off if he quit advertising



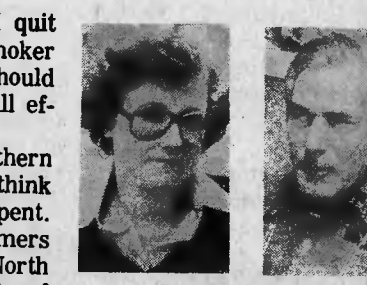
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liquor and beer on TV. That kills more people." Margaret Carmichael of Southern Pines: "No, I don't think the Federal money should be spent this way."



Morrison

D.P. Morrison of Southern Pines: "I don't smoke but if others want to then they should be able to." Josie Tamany of Southern Pines: "No. There are more important things."



Cole

Sharon Cole of Sanford: "No, I don't. A lot of people in this area are farmers and if people want to smoke then it should be a personal choice. You might as well make it illegal to drive to the store for a Coke because you are wasting natural resources." Rennee Fraiser of Southern



Monroe

Pines: "I think so, yes. I quit smoking. Being a non-smoker now, I don't think others should be subjected to it and its ill effects." Henry Graves of Southern Pines: "I absolutely do not think that the money should be spent. It would penalize the farmers who grow tobacco in North Carolina and the thousands of workers in the tobacco industry. Drinking liquor kills more people. They should fire Califano. It's going to cost Jimmy Carter many, many votes if he doesn't. It's unfair. We can't say enough about it. I strongly disagree." Dan Webb of Southern Pines: "If people want to quit smoking (Continued on Page 16-A)