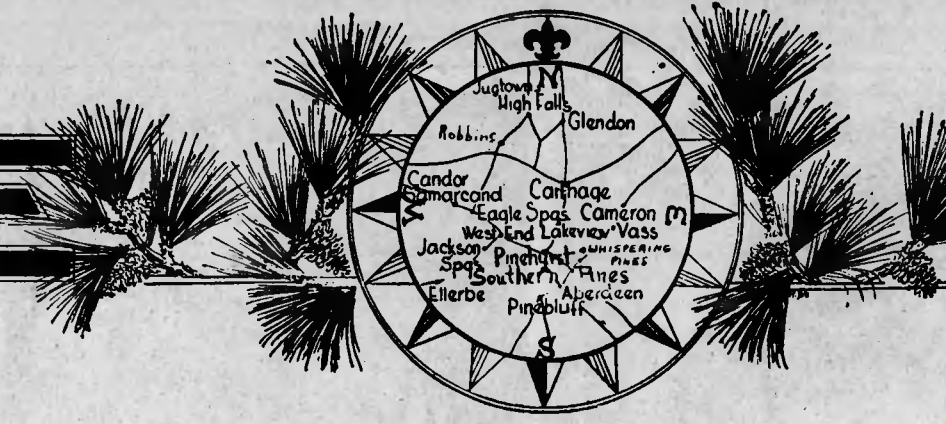


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# THE PILOT



Schools are closed today because of the snow and ice and the high today is expected to be 37 degrees. The temperature today was 24 degrees at 11 a.m. and the chance of further precipitation is 20 degrees today, 0 tonight, and 20 tomorrow.

## School Tests Start In Moore Next Week

### Sewer System Expense Up; \$3 Million Loan Is Sought

It's going to cost more to operate the Moore County Regional Sewer System and customer costs may also go up. That was learned on Monday night when the Moore County commissioners, meeting in Carthage, were presented an operating budget by Parker Lynch.

The budget showed operation and maintenance expenses going from \$229,955 this year to \$485,645 in fiscal year 1979 and to \$548,671 in 1980. An increase in costs of chemical for wastewater treatment will account for a sizeable part of the budget increase.

Chairman W. S. Taylor, approved a resolution requesting a loan of \$3 million from the Farmers Home Administration. The loan application was raised from an earlier figure of \$2.6 million, with the difference to reimburse the county for tax revenue expended on the project.

More than 4,000 Moore County students will begin taking state-mandated tests next week—but the first series of tests will be a dry run.

The trial run of the State Competency Test Program will be for approximately 700 juniors in the three high schools.

They will begin at Pinecrest on Tuesday and the 11th graders at North Moore and Union Pines will take the tests on the following days.

Actual testing in five other grades—one, two, three, six and nine—will be held between April 4 and 19, with between 3,500 and 4,000 students taking these tests.

Results of these tests will be made known to the parents before the end of the school year. Some time in the summer the public will be informed as to test results by classes and schools.

The trial run next week of the test in which high school students will have to demonstrate "minimum competency" in the basic skills in order to receive a high school diploma in 1979 will last about five hours in a two-day period.

In Moore County the 11th graders will not be tested on all skills, however. There will be no (Continued on Page 15-A)

## Hoke Plant Closes; Over 400 Jobless

The Summerfield plant of Raeford, formerly Knit-Away owned by Richard Bruce of Southern Pines, was closed Monday and has no plans for reopening.

primary products, double-knit fabric, have been getting worse and worse, while the cost of raw material-yarn and other items—as well as other expenses have increased substantially.

Some four hundred to five hundred workers are without jobs. Bob Hughes of the accounting department would only refer to a prepared statement that said: "Market conditions for

"As a result, we now find ourselves in a position that makes us unable to continue business profitably. "In recent months we have explored avenues of mergers (Continued on Page 16-A)

The commissioners also adopted resolutions pledging equal opportunity and non-discrimination in employment or service.

Budget estimates on income for the Sewer System will exceed operation and maintenance expenses and also allow for repayment of loans and interests. Income for 1978 is estimated at \$379,219, for 1979, \$670,614 and for 1980, \$794,680. This income will come primarily from the towns of Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines, municipalities served by the system.

For example income from Southern Pines this year is placed at \$87,097, increasing to \$288,394 in 1979 and \$324,396 in (Continued on Page 15-A)

## Anxious Moments For Patrol Before False Alarm Sounded

It turned out to be a false alarm, but there were some anxious moments for the State Highway Patrol or US 1 Monday night. It all began at 8:18 p.m. when a call came into Patrol offices at

Raleigh that a white tractor-trailer truck bearing a sign on the rear warning of radioactive material was leaking. The truck had been sighted near Cary and the person who spotted it relayed a description

and also a license number. Messages went out on the State Highway Patrol radio to be on the watch for the truck and to stop it, but not near any water which might become contaminated.

## Town Medal Approved By Council

For the first time since the Town of Southern Pines was chartered in 1887, the Town Council has adopted a resolution authorizing the agents of International Systems, Inc., to produce a limited number of official historical medals for the Town.

The obverse of the medal recreates the sculpture's model of the historic Shaw House, built in the 1830's on Charles C. Shaw's 2,500 acre plantation. Travelers found shelter there as they journeyed the Morganton Road from Winston-Salem to Wilmington. The reverse of the medal portrays the famed Southern Pines official seal, which points out that Southern Pines is a Mid-South resort with tennis, golf, and horseback riding.

ISI has designated that East Coast Coin Exchange of Atlanta, Georgia, be the official distributor of the medals. East Coast Coin Exchange has been designated not only the distributor of the official North Carolina Bicentennial medals authorized by the Governor but also the distributor of the official (Continued on Page 15-A)

## Young Man Killed In US 1 Car Wreck

Alvin Orlanda (Sonny) Garner, Jr., 25, of Aberdeen died in surgery Monday at Moore Memorial Hospital after a car accident near Pinebluff.

The State Highway Patrol said Garner was driving a '72 Ford Pinto north on U.S. 1 about two-tenths of a mile south of Pinebluff at 10:10 a.m. Monday, went off the road to the left for 157 feet and struck two trees in the median.

Funeral services were held today (Wednesday) at 11 a.m. at Bethesda Presbyterian Church with Dr. W.C. Neill officiating. Burial was at Bethesda Cemetery in Aberdeen.

The Aberdeen Rescue Squad took him to Moore Memorial where he died at 1:05 p.m. during surgery.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin O. Garner of Aberdeen, Garner Jr. was a student at Sandhills Community College and lived with his wife and two children at 402 N. Poplar St., Aberdeen.

Coroner A.B. Parker said cause of death was massive and traumatic injury resulting from an automobile accident. Garner (Continued on Page 16-A)

It turned out that the truck had been purchased recently from another trucking firm and the new owner had not removed the radioactive warning sign from the truck. The truck in question was loaded with pine shavings and was en route to a plant at Moncure.

It was all over by 9:12 p.m., but in the meantime the Highway Patrol along US 1 and US 64 were on the alert to what could have been a serious danger.



MAGNOLIAS WITH SNOW — The magnolias which line the railroad tracks in downtown Southern Pines had a new look this morning as the first real snowfall came to the Sandhills.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

## Farmer's Market Approved But Water Slide Is Denied

In a special meeting of the Southern Pines Town Council Thursday night approval was given to a zoning amendment which will allow a Farmer's Market in town when operated or sponsored by a governmental body in the Public and Conservation Zoning districts.

No objections from residents were heard, and Town Manager Mildred McDonald spoke for the amendment, saying, "I would like to see this done because I would hate to go back to the county and say no."

In December the town council had tentatively approved the idea of the Farmer's Market which will be located at the garage site on West Pennsylvania Ave. The garage will be empty when the public works center is completed.

The county is backing the Farmer's Market and the town has said it will lease the site for \$1 a year with an option to continue the lease after a year.

Marvin Collins, Southern Pines' development director, said the town decided to amend the zoning ordinance rather than

rezone the garage site to a commercial district.

The council turned down a rezoning request which would have allowed a water slide to be located on U.S. 15-501 between Murray Hill Ave. and Morganton Road.

Mrs. Allie M. Davis was the purchaser under contract of the lot who made the request to change the zoning from residential-agricultural to (Continued on Page 16-A)

the airport to acquire land for a clear approach zone and for relocation of buildings constituting obstructions. A state Airport Aid Grant to assist with the project was approved by the North Carolina Department of Transportation in November. Formal grant agreement papers for the federal (Continued on Page 16-A)

## Sandhills Visited By Snow

The first real snowfall of the winter came to the Sandhills Tuesday night.

It amounted to from one to two inches in most places and caused schools to be closed.

A freezing rain which preceded the snow caused many roads to be icy early today and driving on them was hazardous.

The snow, which had been forecast to arrive around noon on Tuesday, did not come until night time. Around 7 p.m. rain started falling and soon thereafter there was hail and freezing rain.

The snow came in flurries. The first fall was around 8 p.m., and then it stopped. But it started up again around 11 p.m., and soon covered the ground.

The snowfall here was part of a storm which came out of the southwest.

The sun broke out soon after 9 a.m. today, and the snow was not expected to last long.

There had been traces of snow on two earlier occasions this winter, but hardly enough to measure.

## Airport Federal Grant Is Announced By Hefner

Congressman Bill Hefner announced today that an airport development grant has been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration for the Southern Pines-Pinehurst Airport.

Hefner informed W.S. Taylor, chairman of the County Commissioners, that the grant of \$183,540 had been awarded for

the airport to acquire land for a clear approach zone and for relocation of buildings constituting obstructions. A state Airport Aid Grant to assist with the project was approved by the North Carolina Department of Transportation in November. Formal grant agreement papers for the federal (Continued on Page 16-A)

## Fox Furs Fashionable And Animal In Danger

BY EDITH FALLS The fox is in danger again. While ecologists have been nodding, the demand for natural furs has been making a comeback.

Wildlife Enforcement Officers of this area, which includes Moore, Richmond, and Anson counties, report that taking foxes by illegal methods is on the increase.

Fur buyers in Hoke County are offering up to \$45 for red fox pelts in prime condition. It is not illegal to buy these hides, not if they have been taken legally. Taken legally means hunted with gun and dog in daylight and in season.

Also legal is cross-country fox hunting so fashionable in Moore County. This traditional sport, as mannered and stylized as a ballet, involves magnificent horses and hounds, but has

minimal effect on wildlife. Legal methods can be supervised carefully and their restrictions can be adjusted to keep the animal population in balance.

As for illegal methods—foxes and other game animals may not be trapped. Nor may they be hunted at night. But the number of traps confiscated, the number of night hunters, and the quantities of frozen pelts of foxes and raccoons going south portell trouble ahead for wildlife.

Night deer hunting, on the other hand, is not on the increase. (Continued on Page 16-A)

## Historical Meet

The winter meeting of the Moore County Historical Association will be held Sunday, Feb. 26, at 4 p.m. at Weymouth (the Boyd House).

Mildred McIntosh, librarian at Given Memorial Library in Pinehurst, will talk on what the library is doing to bring Pinehurst history to life.

## Hounds Birthday Slated; Biddle Is Special Guest

Weymouth, the object of a preservation campaign for present and future generations, will harken back to its colorful past this week.

It was back in 1914 that James and Jackson Boyd founded the famed Moore County Hounds at Weymouth, the family home with its surrounding, unique woodlands.

And, the Hounds will meet at Weymouth on Thursday morning, Feb. 23, to commemorate the founders and masters—the Boyd brothers and W.O. "Pappy" Moss. The colorful attire of the riders will prevail.

Then, following the hunt, Mrs. T.T. McLane will sponsor the Hunt Breakfast by invitation at the old Boyd house which will be in honor of James Biddle, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C. Weymouth's historical

significance is recognized by the federal government through its inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The Nature Conservancy and Friends (Continued on Page 16-A)



DEATH CAR — State Highway Patrolman Myron Gay (left) inspects the car in which Alvin Orlanda Garner, Jr., 25, of Aberdeen was fatally injured in a wreck near Pinebluff Monday morning.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

### THE PILOT LIGHT

VASS—Plans are being made for a petition to hold a referendum this spring in Vass to legalize the sale of beer and wine.

A request has been made of Mrs. Lane Bullock, chairman of the Vass Board of Elections, for the legal forms for filing a petition for an election.

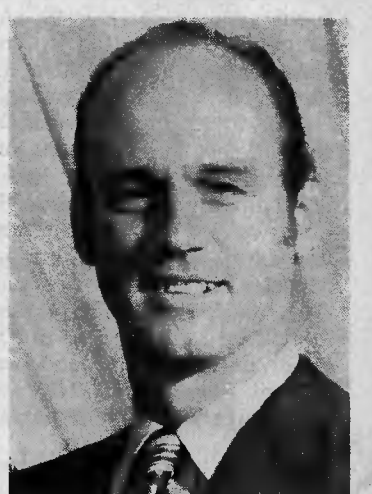
Circulation of the beer-wine referendum petition is expected to be started within a few days. Moore County as a whole is legally dry, but beer-wine and ABC referendums may be held in municipalities.

HODGES—Some changes in campaign personnel have been

announced by Luther Hodges, a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate.

V.B. (Hawk) Johnson, who has traveled extensively with Hodges since he started his campaign last summer, has quit the campaign to return to North Carolina National Bank, where he was public affairs officer.

Taking his place is Mrs. Becky Kirby of Chapel Hill and Dwayne Walls of Pittsboro, a former newspaper reporter and author, who has been working part-time in the campaign. They will assume responsibility for the statewide campaign organization, Hodges said. (Continued on Page 16-A)



James Biddle