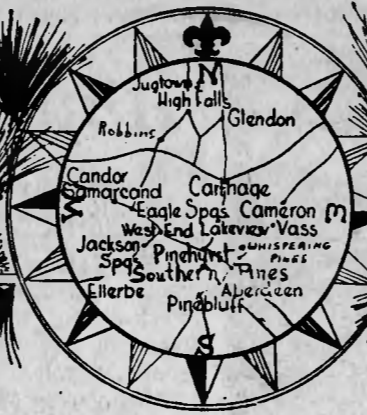


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Antiques Fair

The 21st Antiques Fair sponsored by the Moore Historical Association is open at the National Guard Armory Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Preview party tonight at 6:30. Benefits Weymouth.

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Treatment Of Cancer Approved

Radiation therapy for cancer patients in Moore, Anson, Montgomery and Richmond counties at Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst has been approved by the Cardinal Health Agency Inc.

Use of a cobalt machine to cost \$58,000 is awaiting review by the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

The only such machine now available in the 15-county Area 5 is at New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington.

The Agency calls directing a beam of x-rays or gamma rays into the body "one of three widely used and effective treatments for cancer." This can be done by the machine.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Health Service Area V. For the period 1973 through 1975, the death rate from all cancers was 142 per 100,000 population in the area. The rate for new cases of cancer detected each year is more than twice that: 300 cases per 100,000 population. With improvements in radiation therapy, plus surgery and chemotherapy, the prognosis for cancer patients is improving.

A public hearing on the draft plan for radiation therapy services will be held in the Cardinal agency's Lumberton office (Continued on Page 16-A)

Barbecue Will Host Scots Meet

The sixth Annual Celtic Conference sponsored by the Harnett County Historical Society opens at 10 o'clock on Saturday, March 18, at historic Barbecue Church. Several Moore County personalities will speak on the day long program.

Tony Parker, Moore County Commissioner, will speak on "Genealogy and Graveyards." Following Parker, the Malcolm Blue Historical Society members have chosen the topic "The Bethesda Community and the Malcolm Blue Farm." Ms. Claudia Blair will present a slide program. Lo Juanna Blue and Lee Clayton will tell the gathering about the Malcolm Blue Junior Historians and their involvement in preservation.

Also attending the conference will be Mrs. Doris Blue and Mrs. Martha Clayton, president and former president of the Malcolm Blue Historical Society. Ten members of the Junior (Continued on Page 16-A)

Death Rate For Infants Is High In Moore County

The infant death rate in Moore County is 24.5 per 1,000 births, compared to a 20.9 rate for the state as a whole and for Health Service Area 5, 22.2.

This was announced in a current publication of the Cardinal Health Agency Inc., which gave the infant mortality rate for 1971-1975.

"There is genuine cause for concern in Health Service Area V, especially in the discrepancy in death rates between white and non-white infants," the agency

said. Moore County infants die at the rate of 35.4 among non-whites and 18.9 for whites.

"The rate for deaths among non-white infants in these 15 counties (of area V) is 28.6 and two counties, Montgomery and Harnett, have a non-white infant death rate over 40," the agency said.

The rate should not exceed the state total, according to the agency goal. There should be (Continued on Page 16-A)

Why Irish Eyes Are Smiling-- It Was Doing Of St. Patrick

BY MARGARET McMAHAN A saint named Patrick was the cause of it all. And he wasn't even Irish.

He was a Scotsman who brought Christianity enlightenment and good cheer to the Emerald Isle when the rest of the world was still in the Dark Ages (432). His teachings made the people happy, the sky bluer,

the grass greener, and the soil richer so that the whole land was vitalized. He even banished snakes and other varmints from the land and made it a "little bit of heaven." Why shouldn't Irish eyes smile?

Patrick tells how it all came about in his "Confessions" and at the same time teaches us a lesson in living for all the ages.



GOLF COURSES FULL — The many golf courses in the Sandhills were full this past weekend as warm, sunny days, the fore-runners of Spring, came to the area. Here is a scene on the West Course of the Whispering Pines Country Club.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides)

Snow Days Make Up Set Mar. 29-31; Advisory Council Members Named

Moore County Public School children will make up missed snow days March 29, 30 and 31, the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the end of Spring Break, it was decided at a meeting Monday of the Moore County School Board at Southern Pines Middle School.

If the second alternative had been chosen, with snow days at the end of the year, the last day of school would have been June 14.

Renovation of the old gym at the Pinckney High School in Carthage will begin within 60 days and is to be done by E.J. Austin Associates. This gym is being used now by persons in the area, but is in need of repair for further area use. No completion date has been set.

The Board decided that instead of selling the old Robbins Primary School to John L. Frye Company, the highest bidder at \$50,000, they would have Superintendent Robert E. Lee negotiate with a lawyer for the

school system to sell the property on its own. The appraisal value on the property is \$101,800 and the Board hopes to sell it for more than the \$50,000 bid by the John L. Frye Co.

Isaacs Gets Top Post With NC Teacher Group

Lloyd S. Isaacs, a former teacher and principal in Moore County Schools, has been named the new executive secretary of the North Carolina Association of Educators.

Isaacs will succeed A. C. Dawson Jr., a former teacher, principal and superintendent of the Southern Pines schools, who announced his retirement several weeks ago. Isaacs was elected Saturday on a secret ballot of the 22-member Board of Directors of the NCAE at a meeting in Raleigh. He will direct the organization, which has 50,000 members, and a staff of 64. He has been serving as assistant executive secretary for information services.

A native of Boone, Isaacs holds bachelor and master degrees from Appalachian State University. He taught for three

years at Robbins, was principal of the Carthage schools and is a former president of the Moore County NCAE chapter. His master's thesis was on the

additional equipment which will update their system. This will provide more service to the schools and will allow an expansion of the computer program the students are taking. In other action the Board decided to nominate Sandhills Community College Trustees and County Board of Alcohol Control members in May and to elect them in June. This will give them 30 days to consider the nominations before the election. The present Sandhills Community College Trustees appointed by Moore County Board of Education serving eight-year terms are: Norris Hodgkins, Sr., Dr. Francis Owens, Dr. A. A. Vanore and Jere N. McKeithen.

Trustees appointed by the Moore County Boards Commissioners are: Dr. W. E. Alexander, J. E. Causey, L.L. Marion and J. C. Robbins. Those Trustees appointed by the Governor are: H. Clifton (Continued on Page 16-A)

Pinebluff Churches Vandalized

Pinebluff's churches were vandalized in the last few days and its post office building bothered by litterers and loiterers in its lobby after dark.

Believed to be children by church officials, the vandals damaged the organ in the Ives Memorial Baptist Church by scratching the console and ripping off the cloth netting on it.

In the Methodist Church no damage was reported by its pastor, the Rev. Lester C. Bissette, who said "They just pushed things around."

The vandals made their entrance into the churches, both of which have their front doors open. At the U.S. Post Office, Postmaster Robert Buff has posted a warning that unless the littering problem is solved he will be forced to close the post office lobby after hours. "We did this once before and the people didn't like it. However, if littering and loitering continues I shall be forced to resume the closing." (Continued on Page 16-A)

RR Safety Is Delayed By Council

Water Plan Study Set By State

A preliminary report on a capacity use investigation of the Drowning Creek and Little River basins will be presented at the meeting.

The study has been requested by the Southern Pines Town Council, which is looking to other water sources in its plans for the future.

A regional water system which would serve the three larger towns and smaller communities in the Sandhills area has been discussed for the past year. An environmental study is necessary before further plans can be developed.

The preliminary report of the EMC staff is that Drowning Creek and Little River are the two major drainage basins in the (Continued on Page 16-A)

The issue of making railroad crossings in Southern Pines safe got snarled up in some confusing discussion and action at the Town Council meeting Tuesday night.

The Council voted to leave the New York Ave. railroad crossing closed, to close the New Hampshire Ave. crossing at the time the new fire station is completed and to leave both crossings closed for six months while a traffic count is made on the crossings left open.

Included in the proposal was a provision to stop the planning already in progress to signalize the New York crossing with lights and gates and to ask that these plans be made for the Illinois Ave. crossing instead.

Before making this decision the Council had word from Town Manager Mildred McDonald that plans for signalizing the New York Ave. crossing had been expedited so that construction would begin in two weeks, and that the town had agreed to go ahead.

The proposal to delay the safety program again was advanced by Earl Hubbard, who will shortly be leaving the Council. The motion was made by Michael Smithson.

The Council decided that it felt (Continued on Page 16-A)

Acting Chief Commended By Board At Aberdeen

The Aberdeen Town Board commended Acting Police Chief Edward L. Rose and his department for "excellent service" during the past 30 days at a meeting Monday night in the Town Hall.

Chief Rose has served since because of his filing for sheriff and having "problems in the police department," according to the Town Attorney.

A delegation from the Berkley Section asked the Board for

better town services in sewer service, streets and housing. One spokesman, Preston Reaves, reported residents were applying for a \$750,000 block grant to help improve their area. The Board promised to support the grant. The Board appointed Special Projects Director Gary Mofield to look into the complaints and report his recommendations to the Council.

Speaking on the Berkley situation were, in addition to (Continued on Page 16-A)

Board Delays Decision Again In Midland Road Zoning Issue

BY ELLEN WELLES The County Commissioners in a hearing session Thursday night decided to postpone making a zoning change decision concerning the property of Leaverne Maness on Midland Rd. until a decision is handed down from a previous court case

involving the Maness' property. Maness has requested that 2.95 acres of his land on the south side of Midland Rd. that has 200 feet of frontage on the southern right of way of Midland Rd. and is 500 feet deep running along Thomas Rd. beside his motel be changed from residential-agricultural to

B-2 highway commercial so that he can expand his business. A head count of those attending the hearing showed three were in favor of the change and 32 were against.

Several persons voiced opposition to the change (Continued on Page 16-A)



OFF TO HUNTER TRIALS — John M. Seabrook, owner and whip of this Coach and Four, or Four-in-Hand, called at Landmark Farm on Saturday to carry Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Firestone to the Hunter Trials. With them are Mrs. Hugh Hunter and Richard Webb (guard), sounding the coaching horn. Seabrook is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Moss of Scotts Corner.—(Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

THE PILOT LIGHT

DEMOCRATS—Moore County Democrats will hold precinct meetings Thursday at 7:30 p.m., with the election of delegates to the county convention on the agenda.

Chairman J. Ed Causey also announced that Moore County has a quota of 28 tickets for the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner to be held in Raleigh on April 1. Tickets may be obtained by calling Causey.

HEFNER—Several from Moore County attended an appreciation dinner at Pfeiffer College on Saturday night for Congressman Bill Hefner.

Rep. Jim Wright of Texas, the House Majority leader, was the principal speaker. Governor Jim Hunt was a special guest.

Among those from Moore attending the event were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Causey, Voit Gilmore, E.J. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. John McPhaul, Tony Parker, Elvin Jackson and Sharon Fratepietro.

SCOTT—Former Governor Robert Scott should know within the next three weeks whether he will be appointed Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

Scott's name, along with four others, is being sent to the White (Continued on Page 14-A)



ZONING CONFERENCE — Moore County Commissioners and Southern Pines town officials examine a map showing zoning areas requested by Southern Pines Thursday night. Those shown are Carolyn Blue and Arthur Purvis, Commissioners, Dr. Louis J. Marchetti, chairman of the Southern Pines Planning Board, Lee Williams, Commissioner, Marvin Collins, Southern Pines Town Developer, and Commissioners Tony Parker and W.S. Taylor, chairman.—(Photo by Ellen Welles)