



LONESOME TRACKS — Wildflowers grow alongside the tracks of the Norfolk Southern Railroad which cuts across northern Moore County, serving such places as Spies, Robbins, Parkwood, Putnam, Glendon and Haw Branch. The trains still run, hauling freight, but it has been a long time since passengers traveled this route.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Jogger Finds Dead Woman But Death Said Mystery

The death of Mrs. Christine Willie Lloyd, 50, of 890 West Indiana Avenue Monday will remain a mystery until the N.C. Medical Examiner's office in Chapel Hill reports back on blood tests.

Acting Coroner James E. Andrews, just named by Coroner A.B. Parker to the job, stood by Tuesday as Dr. James E. Laningham performed an autopsy, and said his ruling was still pending.

Andrews said a son of Mrs. Lloyd, Frank Lloyd, had not seen his mother since she came home from work at 10:30 a.m. Monday from Moore Memorial Hospital, where she worked in the laboratory. Lloyd told the acting coroner that his mother had left for the nearby Brown's Grocery on Gaines Street.

Her whereabouts were unknown until her body, stripped of some underclothing, was found by jogger Bill Tighe, on a dirt road off Midland Road, near Radio Station WEEB, around 6:45 p.m.

Tighe called the Sheriff's department and Sgt. Poindexter did the preliminary investigation. The body was taken to Moore Memorial Hospital by the Southern Pines Rescue Squad.

Investigating officers have questioned a man, who they said admitted going with the woman to some woods near where the body was found. Clothing believed to be that of the woman was found in the woods.

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Boy Killed When Struck Riding Bicycle By Car

Seven year old Kindrick Lamont Ross, 7, of 1000 S. Hardin St. was killed Friday afternoon when his bike was struck by a car driven by Dan Eugene Johnson of Niagara.

According to witnesses, the Ross boy was riding on the front of a bike, steering his cousin Charles Ross, also seven years old.

The boys were riding on S. Mechanic Street, and ran into the car at the corner of S. Mechanic and W. Illinois Avenue. Johnson had the right-of-way on the road, and did not even have time to put on his brakes before the children came through the stop sign and ran into the car, Southern Pines Police reported.

Both boys were taken by the Rescue Squad to the hospital. Charles Ross received a bad cut on his forehead.

Kindrick Ross had been living with his grandfather, Thomas Ross. His father is stationed Germany and his mother at the time of the accident was reportedly at the beach.

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Error Delaying Release Of School Tests Results

Moore County will have to wait another few weeks to find out how its students averaged in basic skills tests that were given to grades 1, 2, 3, 6 and 9 state-wide.

Although school administrators had planned to report results to the Board of Education Tuesday night, they were halted by word from Raleigh that the data was incorrect.

The tests are called the North Carolina Annual Test of Basic Skills, although this is the first year they were issued.

Parents received test scores for their children just before school was out this spring, but comprehensive data for individual schools, counties and even the state was delayed for further computer processing.

Dr. W.C. Walton and Mrs. Glenna Brendell, who directs testing for the Moore County Schools, said they received a

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Jobs Wanted For People Having To Leave Moore

Sanford native Homer Faulk began work January 1 as Moore County's new Economic Development director.

Faulk comes to Moore County after 10 years with the N.C. Industrial Development Commission and says the county is fortunate to have 65 industries that employ 6,000 county residents, but he is concerned about those who go out of the county to work.

"Approximately 2,500 people leave the county every morning to work in other areas (such as Sanford, Fayetteville and Rockingham), and over 2,000 of these are blue collar workers, mostly male," Faulk said. "It's my suspicion these are some of our more skilled people. I'm not saying everybody who lives in Moore County should work here, but I'm saying they should have the opportunity to if they want to."

Figures show that some 1,000 industrial workers come into the



Homer Faulk

county every day, but these are mostly women in low-paying jobs, he said.

Faulk said people tend to see Moore County mainly as a resort and retirement area and although these are important parts of the economy, industry

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Schools Leaders Take Trip

Twenty-one Moore County school principals and instructional supervisors, superintendent Robert E. Lee among them, returned Saturday from UCLA where they attended a two-week course on clinical supervision and at Tuesday night's Board of Education meeting they gave a report.

School Board Chairman Mrs. Lou Frye called the occasion "a great hour for Moore County and a real landmark for our children," after comments were made by William C. Walton, assistant Superintendent and three principals who attended.

The trip was funded totally by Federal and State grants. No local funds were used. After receiving a State Title IV-C grant to send four principals and five staff members, the Board was able to obtain funding under ESAA, a federal project which paid expenses for five more people, Title I, which paid for three and Title VI which paid the way for four more. Several administrators took family members along at their own expense.

Philip McMillan, principal at Pinecrest High School, said he was impressed with the teaching strategies and instruction improvement methods of the instructor, Dr. Madeline Hunter, principal of the Demonstration School at UCLA.

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Road Funds

Moore County has been allocated \$255,533 for secondary road work by the State Department of Transportation.

The allocation is based on 219.73 miles of unpaved roads as of last Jan. 1.

Division Eight of the Department was allocated a total of \$1,648,547 out of \$23,327,785 for the entire state. There are seven other counties in Division Eight.

Foxfire Sold, New Owners Discuss Expansion Plans

The new owners of Foxfire Golf and Country Club have assumed management of the resort community and are making plans for expansion.

Sale of the 1,785-acre resort complex to a New Jersey partnership for "an amount exceeding \$2 million" was announced this week.

The new owners are Marcus H. Russell, president of the civil engineering firm of Russell and Russ of Toms River, N.J., and the Terrax Corp., an investment firm headed by Henry D. Mayer of the Citizens State Bank of New Jersey.

Russell said Tuesday that he is now in residence at Foxfire and will run the project.

All employees of Foxfire are remaining on the job, he said.

Tom Porter is the manager of the club and Harvie Ward is the golf pro. Wayne Maples is the golf operations manager.

Russell said that the golf architectural firm of Reece-Jones has been employed to make a feasibility study on expanding the 27-hole golf course. It may be nine holes or 18 holes, he said.

A master plan for development of a "Country Club Village" is also being developed, and the

new owners plan to build and sell from 25 to 50 homes a year.

No lots without homes will be sold, Russell said. "As soon as the first model for viewing is built, we will start selling the new homes," he said. He estimated that it could be from three to six months.

Foxfire is an incorporated village, with about 100 homeowners now living at the resort.

Russell is a consulting civil engineer and a specialist in "leisure technology."

Foxfire is in western Moore County near Jackson Springs.

Russell will be in charge of marketing and sales with an office at Foxfire.



LAW OFFICES BURNED — Southern Pines firemen look over damages to the Van Camp and Gill law offices on South East Broad St. which were hit by fire Saturday night. Arson is suspected. Firemen pictured are, left to right, Bobby Overton, Bob Ryder and Julius Fren.

Drug Arrest

The Moore County Sheriff's Department arrested Robert Lee Chalmers, 37, of Cameron, Rt. 2 Monday on drug charges.

Chalmers was arrested at 9:30 p.m. and charged with two counts of possession of heroin and two counts of possession for sale, it was reported.

He is in jail under \$4,000 bond and court date is set for July 20.

Cases Grow But Court Doesn't Use Full Time

Moore County has had an increase of civil court cases that remain pending, eight cases that took up to four years from filing time to ordering of a disposition, and one case from 10 to 20 years old—yet the county only uses 42 percent of the civil Superior Court time allotted by judicial district.

This observation and many more comes not from court watchers but from actual statistics—compiled in a 200 plus page book, the "Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts."

Statistics for each of the state's 100 counties for 1977 are available in this extensive survey of judicial proceedings.

Other statistics for Moore County show that its increase in pending cases is 107, the highest by far in the judicial district of Anson, Moore, Richmond, Stanly and Union counties. The number of pending cases involving "special proceedings" have also gone up; special proceedings being any action that is neither criminal nor fitting with general civil proceedings, often handled by the Clerk of Court.

Felony cases in Moore County likewise are higher than other district counties. Of the total 473 felonies tried in the district, 147 were in Moore, an increase of 48

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Arson Suspected In Blaze Which Guttled Law Offices

A fire that gutted the ground floor of the law offices of Van Camp, Gill and Crumpler at about 10:15 Saturday night is believed to be arson by persons concerned.

The fire apparently started in the back porch area of the red brick building at 245 South East Broad Street.

Chief Earl Seawell of the Southern Pines Police Department said that there are "indications the office had been broken into and the fire set by the entrance at the back door."

James Van Camp, principal attorney in the firm, said that he and his partners have been able to reconstruct the records and cases contained in the building's files.

Van Camp said he has no clue as to who would want to set the

fire. Minor vandalism to his car and the office has occurred within the past six months, however.

Chief Seawell and Detective Harold Hunley of the Southern Pines Police Department and Bob Adams, State Bureau of Investigation officer who works out of Southern Pines, are all working on the case.

Debris from the fire has been taken to the crime lab in Raleigh for testing. It has not been determined how the fire was set.

Smoke damage was a factor all over the first floor, but the upper floor and basement were not

damaged, according to spokesmen. One room was completely gutted, and the firm's Xerox machine was destroyed.

The Southern Pines Fire Department stayed with the building until about 4 a.m. Van Camp said he was not notified of the fire until about 11 p.m., when a friend called to tell him his building was burning down.

The law offices have temporarily re-located on the second floor of the First-Citizen's Bank building, where Van Camp had had his phone lines rechanneled by Monday morning.

College Gets More Funds For Extension, Salaries

The budget for Sandhills Community College, which became effective July 1, will result in \$445,000 more for extension programs and salary increases than the meager budget passed by the General Assembly for 1977-78.

However, it is not the large budget hoped for.

Last year, the Legislature used a formula to determine how much money schools could get that was biased against community colleges, said Dr. Raymond Stone, president of SCC. The Legislature during the summer's short session continued to use this formula, which is based upon full-year enrollment.

Dr. Stone said it is the recommendation of Dr. H. David Bruton, chairman of the state Board of Education, that only figures for the fall, winter and spring quarters should be used. Because Sandhills submitted enrollment figures which included the meager summer term, it was forced to fire some 14 persons last year.

"Universities use only fall and spring figures," Stone said. "Our problem thus far is we've had to use those summer figures."

Last year the legislature reduced enrollment estimates upon which the budget was made. Stone said these were not true estimates, that they "had gotten out of kilter during the years, but we'd been living on those estimates. We had been under-funded. The community

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Andrews Named

Moore County Coroner A.B. Parker has named James E. Andrews of Carthage, Democratic candidate for coroner, as assistant coroner. Andrews has acted as coroner in Parker's place in recent county incidents.

Parker said that Andrews is "very interested in learning the position before the election. I told the Republican candidate he could do the same thing but he hasn't shown any interest."

Council Hears Criticism On New Area Sewer Work

An item not technically on the agenda drew the most comment from the many citizens of Southern Pines who attended the Town Council meeting Tuesday night.

The citizens, who live roughly in the eastern part of town, are concerned that sewer lines being installed by Dickerson, Inc. are not being properly put in.

Mildred McDonald, town manager, noted that she received a petition from the loosely organized group too late for inclusion on the meeting's agenda.

However, Mayor Emanuel S. Douglass recognized many when they requested to speak, including John Ponzer, Mrs. Ponzer, John Bell, Stuart Higginbotham, Ellis Hawthorne, Eleanor Carter, General William Yarborough and representatives of the companies whose work they were criticizing—Dickerson Construction Co. and Hennings, Durham and Richardson, Inc., the engineering firm.

Hawthorne began the citizens' complaints by noting a petition has been sent to the Town

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Quality Growth Seen As Goal By Chamber's New Executive

BY JENNIFER CALDWELL

The new executive Vice President of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce has had a varied career, aspects of which evidently pleased the search committee when they set about to replace Floyd Sayre, who returned to his home state of West Virginia.

Ed Robbins, Jr. has been on the job just a couple of weeks, but has already met many people in the area. He and his wife Ellen, a native of Tennessee, with their son Sam came down a week early in order to "get acquainted with the area and the people."

Robbins came to the Sandhills from Crossville, Tenn., where he spent the past few years heading the Chamber there. "Crossville is very similar to this area," Robbins said. "The town is about the size of Southern Pines, and is a resort area with the county's population clustered around it. Land sales and tourism are



Ed Robbins Jr.

important money-making sources.

"For years their Chamber was basically a tourist bureau, void of industrial growth. They wanted someone who could bring in industry without upsetting

local, existing industry. To some extent my experience there qualified me for this job."

Before accepting the position at Crossville, Robbins worked in diverse capacities in Knoxville, North Carolina and Florida. A native of Greensboro, he attended Elon College and received his Master's Degree from UNC in communications.

For several years Robbins was a teacher, working in Greensboro and Lee County, where he taught English, speech, drama, debate and radio skills and Florida Southern College, where he was assistant professor of communications and organized the debate team there.

Eventually Robbins moved back to Greensboro, where he opened a recording and photographic studio. The studio specialized in multimedia presentations for companies, producing radio spots, television

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STEWART—Speaker of the House Carl Stewart is gearing up to seek statewide office in 1980, and what office he seeks depends upon what Governor Jim Hunt decides to do.

If Hunt seeks reelection, as he can now do under a new constitutional amendment, Stewart will likely run for Lieutenant Governor. If Hunt decides one term is enough Stewart will probably seek the Governor's job.

Recently Stewart, accompanied by Russell Clay and Sid Eagles, attended a political seminar in Chicago.

As of now Stewart, of Gastonia, will likely break precedent and become Speaker of the House two sessions in a row when the

General Assembly convenes in January.

WALKER—Senator Russell Walker, of the 16th District has been appointed by Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green to the newly established Intangibles Tax Study Commission.

Walker was the sponsor of the intangibles tax study resolution in the State Senate. During the past session of the General Assembly he served as vice chairman of the Committee on Insurance and the Committee on Wildlife.

Other members named by Green to the commission are Senator Marshall A. Rauch of Gastonia and Waverly F. Atkins

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