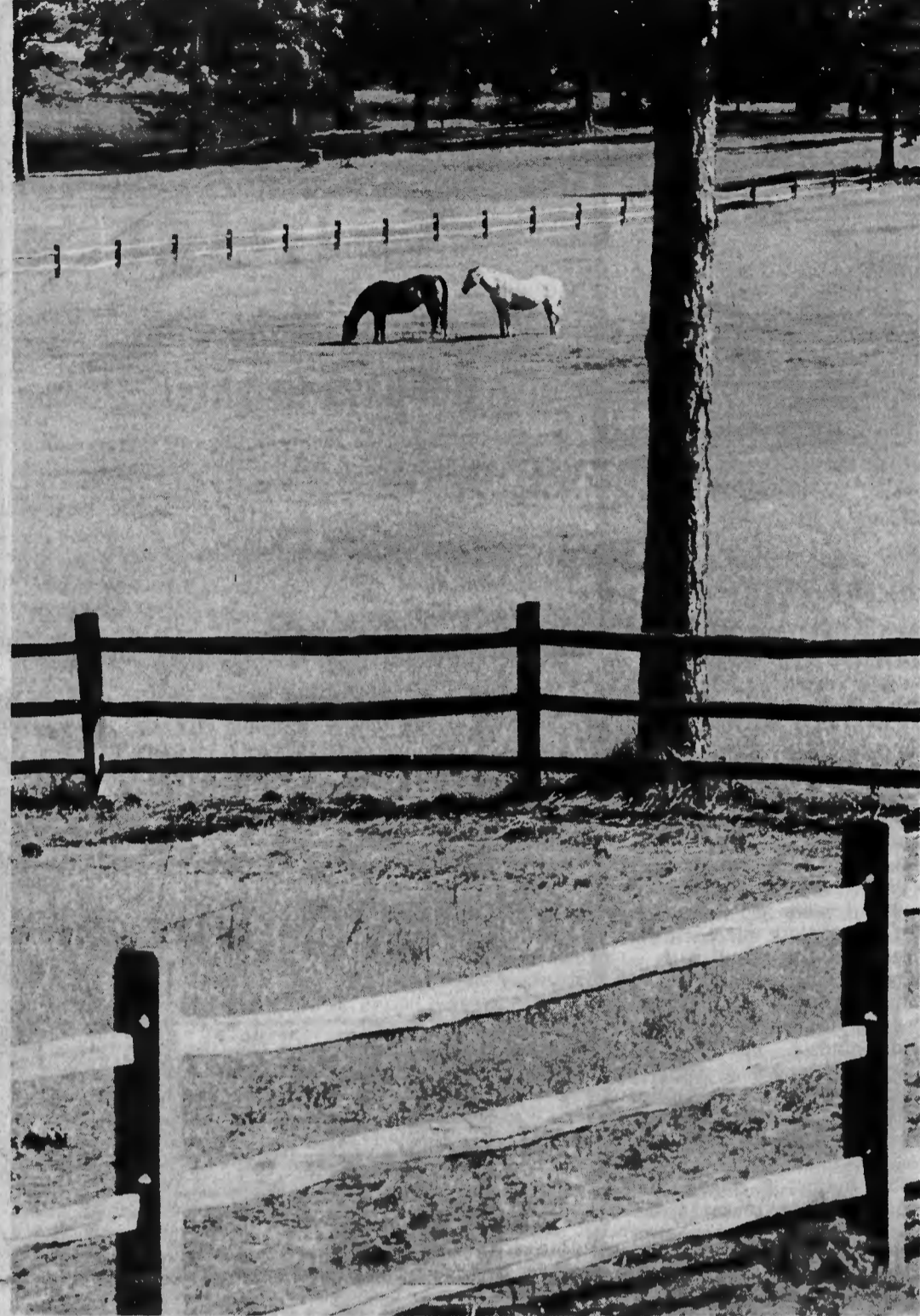


A new phone number for all emergency calls in Southern Pines is 692-7031—for Police, Firemen and Rescue Squad.

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STUDY IN BLACK AND WHITE — A Fall day on the Stanley Cohen Farm off Youngs Road provides the setting for this study in black and white by Staff Photographer Glenn M. Sides.

Moore Votes Next Tuesday On Congress, County Posts

Moore County voters will have six ballots facing them when they go to the polls next Tuesday, Nov. 7, in an election for offices ranging from the U.S. Senate to the local soil and water conservation committee.

There are 20,372 persons registered to vote in Moore County—12,623 Democrats, 6,889 Republicans, 859 unaffiliated and one Libertarian Party member.

Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. in the 21 county precincts. There have been no changes in the polling places since the last election.

In the last "off year election" (non-presidential) in 1974 a total of 9,873 votes were cast out of a total registration then of 18,439, or more than 50 percent of eligible voters.

Some political observers are predicting that voter participation will be less than 50 percent this year. However, there are several factors not present in 1974 which may affect such predictions. These factors concern candidates who were not on the ballot in 1974.

While local races draw the most attention in off-year elections, there is also considerable interest this year in the contest between the controversial incumbent Republican U.S. senator, Jesse Helms, and the Democratic nominee, John Ingram.

Chairman J. Ed Causey of the Moore County Democratic party says that the party campaign has been on the election of all Democrats, with the emphasis on the party and no single candidate.

Chairman George W. Little of the Moore County Republican party has taken much the same approach, but with the emphasis on the local or county races.

In addition to the U.S. Senate race, there is also a contest for the U.S. Representative from the Eighth Congressional District,

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Inadequate Facility Gives Moore Exemption From Speedy Trial Law

BY FLORENCE GILKESON
By action of a superior court judge Tuesday, the courts of Moore County were granted temporary relief from a new state law requiring that all criminal cases must be brought to trial within 120 days.

Judge F. Fetzner Mills issued an

order staying the sanction aspect of North Carolina's "speedy trial" law, which went into effect Oct. 1. Judge Mills announced his order at 2 p.m. Tuesday, when the current criminal session of Moore County Superior Court resumed after a lunch break.

The judge's action was taken in

consideration of the county's present shortage of adequate courtroom facilities and with the understanding that a new courts complex is under construction. The new \$2 million courts facility is not expected to be complete until sometime in 1979.

Assistant District Attorney Mary McL. Shelton made the motion for the delay shortly after court convened Monday morning. In her motion Ms. Shelton called attention to the heavy caseload facing superior court officials here, including 98 misdemeanor cases appealed from district court, all in addition to the regular felony caseload.

With the court's action, Moore County would be subject to the dismissal of criminal cases upon

motion by defendants if their cases are not tried within the required 120 days.

Judge Mills' order decrees "that a period of delay in excess of 120 days which is occasioned by venue lying in Moore County shall have no effect on the disposition of cases set for trial in the Superior Court" and "that the provisions of North Carolina General Statute, Section 15A-703 shall not affect the disposition of cases set for trial in the Superior Court."

Summarizing his findings, the judge declared "that in view of the pending caseload in Moore County Criminal Superior Court in addition to the available courtroom facility and the number of sessions currently

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Suspended Sentence Is Given In Murder

In a plea bargaining arrangement in Moore County Superior Court Monday Milton Nixon entered a guilty plea to the charge of second degree murder and received a 15-20 year suspended sentence.

Nixon pleaded guilty to the May 13 slaying of 27-year old Lee Austin, Jr., which occurred in Nixon's yard at Eastwood. The weapon was described as a 12-gauge sawed-off shotgun.

Judge F. Fetzner Mills of Wadesboro ordered the sentence suspended for five years and placed the 49-year old Nixon on

probation with the conditions that he pay court costs and restitution of \$1,836 to the murder victim's widow. Restitution is to be paid within 12 months. The defendant was represented by attorney James Van Camp.

The Nixon murder case was one in a long series of guilty pleas accepted during the early days of the criminal session, which opened Monday. Almost 40 cases were disposed of in the first day and a half of court, and not one jury trial was held. District Attorney Mary McL. Shelton is

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Farmers Market Is Busy With Produce Variety

Summer and fall seasons are merging each weekend at the Moore County Farmers Market, where the colorful displays of vegetables, fruits and flowers make an artist's paradise.

"We have more variety now than we had in August," said market manager Duncan (Gene) Maples Friday morning. The display was almost endless with fall vegetables mixed with fruits and vegetables usually associated with the summer growing season. The offerings included pumpkins,

four kinds of squash, peanuts, cucumbers, apples, tomatoes, corn, turnips and greens, butterbeans, collards, sweet potatoes, white potatoes, peppers, onions, eggplant, mustard greens, peas, cabbage, eggs, apples, hay, flowers, canned goods, and decorative materials.

There were also oranges and grapefruit and other items not grown in this section of North Carolina, but 90 percent of the produce was from the local area.

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Road Action Taken By Board; Building Renovation Studied

The Moore County Board of Commissioners has passed a resolution covering an agreement with the State Department of Transportation for construction of a road to serve the county-supervised

landfill. Action was taken at a called meeting Thursday afternoon.

Board Chairman Sid Taylor stated that the resolution was furnished by Henry Jordan, highway engineer for the Eighth

Division. The county needs approximately 3700 feet of a 60-foot right-of-way easement before the road can be completed.

Board members learned that Hayes-Howell and Associates has offered to prepare a use feasibility study for renovation of the courthouse. Copies of the proposal were not available, and the board received this as information and took no action.

One other architectural firm, Austin Associates, has prepared a proposal. The county plans to convert the courthouse to local government purposes after the

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Farm-City Week Slated For Moore Observance

Lee Williams has been named Moore County Farm-City Week Chairman for the 1978 observance of Farm-City Week.

The appointment was announced by J. Wilbur Cabe of

Statesville, state Farm-City Week Chairman.

Serving with Williams as co-chairman for the county committee is Talmadge Baker, County Extension Chairman. Other committee members are Louise Frye, Ellen Allen, Jean Hubbard and Donald Matthews.

Farm-City Week will be observed across the nation on November 17-23, ending on Thanksgiving Day. The purpose of the event is to help create a better understanding between rural and urban people. The theme for 1978 is "Farm and City—Partners in Economic Progress."

In appointing county Farm-City Week Chairmen, Cabe

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Deputy Resigns Position

Deputy Sheriff William Bradford turned in his resignation to the Moore County Sheriff's Department on Tuesday.

Sheriff C.G. Wimberly issued the following statement: "Although Bradford was on suspension, his resignation was voluntary, and had not been requested by Lt. Ritter, or by me.

"Any organization or business must have certain rules and regulations. Upon the acceptance of employment, our employees also accept the requirements of this department.

"Deputy Bradford was on probation as a result of violation of regulations at the time. He again willfully neglected his duty, and was therefore suspended for a period of five days.

"Due to restrictions upon revelation of employee personnel matters, this is as much as I feel may be disclosed at this time."

Still No Rain

Dry weather continued as November began today, with almost six inches less of rain than is usual in September and October.

There was 60 percent of Moore County "very short" of moisture and 40 percent "short," the N.C. Crop Reporting Service said yesterday. There was a minus 5.7 inch comparison of rain with the average at the Jackson Springs weather station.

Dry weather was worse only in the Cape Hatteras area, which reported precipitation of minus 6.09.

Hand-Me-Downs Put To Use Here

"You might say they took a sow's ear and turned it into a silk purse," says Robert Edwards, Moore County forest ranger.

His language may bring chuckles from area firefighters, who know he is referring to brush trucks converted from government surplus.

Since 1976 the North Carolina Forestry Service has helped nine local fire departments in Moore County to obtain these trucks with federal funds under Title VI, Rural Community Fire Protection Act of 1972.

Five local fire departments have been allocated more than \$3500 in cash grants through the same federal act in 1978.

"So far these fire departments have done a remarkable job of transforming these government hand-me-downs into very serviceable mini-pumpers," Edwards told The Pilot. He added his personal praise to local fire chiefs for their alertness in handling fires in their own communities and for their assistance to the Forestry Service, especially in dry seasons.

Crane's Creek Fire Department received the largest grant this year, \$1,500. Four others, Pinebluff, Eagle Springs, Robbins, and Seven Lakes, received \$507 apiece.

Eastwood and Seven Lakes departments received brush trucks in 1976, the Southern Pines department received one in 1977, while Pinebluff, Robbins, High Falls, Crane's Creek, Cameron, and Eagle Springs received trucks this year. All are 1963 models.

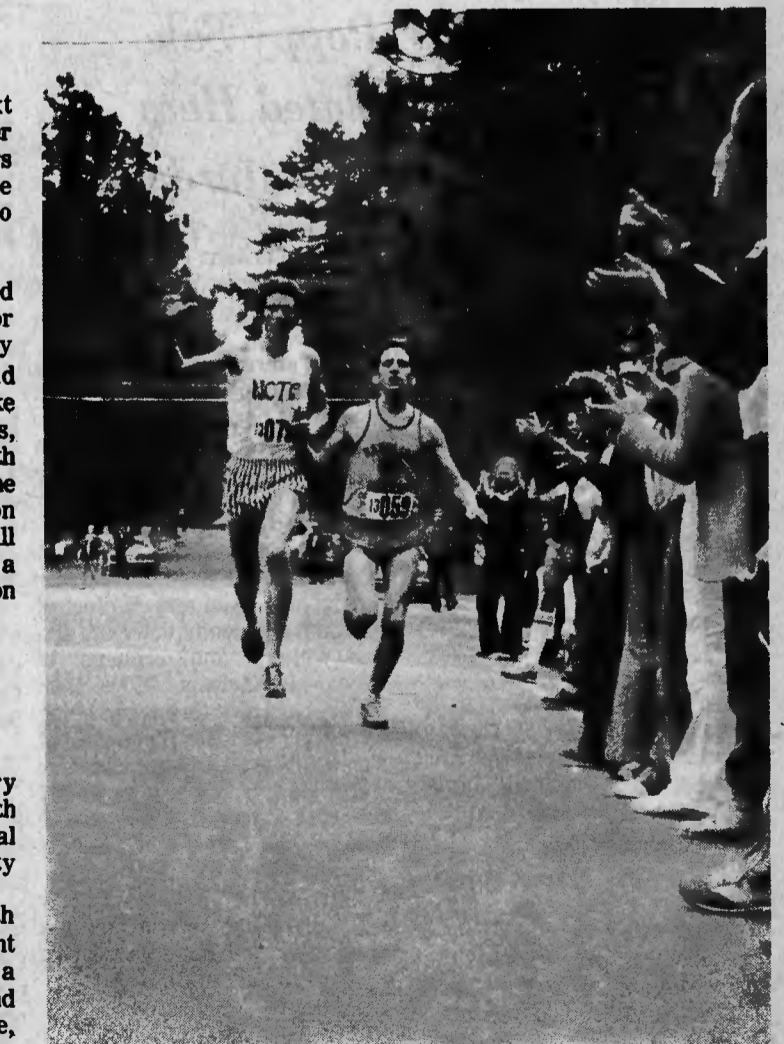
Applications for both funds and the surplus trucks are made

through the State Forestry Service, an agency of the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

To be eligible for the cash grants a rural fire department must serve a community with a population of less than 10,000 and with a legal basis for existence, such as being incorporated. The department must answer all fire calls without discrimination, Edwards explained.

All departments are given an opportunity to apply for the

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FINISH LINE — Jeff Cushing (left) and Walter Fowler hit the finish line together in the 13-mile run of the First Federal Mini Marathon here Saturday. (See story and other pictures on Sports page).—(Photo by Cy Gray).

THE PILOT LIGHT

HEFNER—Congressman Bill Hefner campaigned in Moore County and on Monday was the guest of honor at a "Mayors of Moore County" luncheon at the Sheraton Inn.

While here Hefner also taped a television interview which was shown on WUNC-TV Tuesday night.

The taping, conducted by Dick Hatch of WUNC-TV, was held in the office of Voit Gilmore at Town and Country Shopping Center, and during it Rep. Hefner answered questions on textile imports and exports, veterans benefits, and the economy in general.

AUMAN—In answer to charges made last week by his opponent in the N.C. House of Representatives race Rep. T. Clyde Auman this week issued the following statement:

"I'd like to clarify my position on the North Carolina Right to Work Law. I have supported the right to work all during my years of service in the North Carolina

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