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temporary relief from a new

state law requiring that all

criminal cases must be brought

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

Nixon pleaded guilty to the

May 13 slaying of 27-year old Lee Austin, Jr., which occurred in

weapon was described as a 12-

Judge F. Fetzer Mills of

gauge sawed-off shotjun.

suspended sentence.

to trial within 120 days.

Moore County were granted Oct. 1. Judge Mills announced his

Judge F. Fetzer Mills issued an The judge's action was taken in

In a plea bargaining probation with the conditions

Suspended Sentence

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Inadequate Facility Gives Moore

Moore Votes Next Tuesday

On Congress, County Posts

order at 2 p.m. Tuesday, when

the current criminal session of

Moore County Superior Court

resumed after a lunch break.

that he pay court costs and

victim's widow. Restitution is to

be paid within 12 months. The

defendant was represented by

The Nixon murder case was

one in a long series of guilty pleas

accepted during the early days of

the criminal session, which

attorney James Van Camp.

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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.

# Road Action Taken By Board; **Building Renovation Studied**

Commissioners has passed a called meeting Thursday resolution covering an afternoon. Department of Transportation for construction of a road to furnished by Henry Jordan,

stated that the resolution was serve the county-supervised highway engineer for the Eighth

## Farm-City Week Slated For Moore Observance

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

The appointment was announced by J. Wilbur Cabe of

### Jobs Steady

Unemployment remained at three percent during September, the office of the Employment Security Commission reported Monday. The figure was unchanged from August.

The Carthage office of Frank Burch reported that the labor force totalled 22,000 with 21,340 employed. Unemployed reached 660 for the three percent. September, 1977 had 4.3

percent unemployed, the office

Week Chairman. Serving with Williams as co-

chairman for the county committee is Talmadge Baker, County Extension Chairman, government purposes after the Other committee members are Louise Frye, Ellen Allen, Jean Hubbard and Donald

Farm-City Week will be observed across the nation on November 17-23, ending on of the event is to help create a October. 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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HEFNER-Congressman Bill 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

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.

He voiced strong support for Hefner campaigned in Moore President Carter's voluntary wage and price guidelines as a "You might say they took a means of controlling inflation. sow's ear and turned it into a He said that everyone should at silk purse," says Robert least give it a try.

> AUMAN-In answer to charges made last week by his opponent in the N.C. House of Representatives race Rep. T. Clyde brush trucks converted from Auman this week issued the government surplus.

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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The Moore County Board of landfill. Action was taken at a Division. The county needs approximately 3700 feet of a 60foot right-of-way easement agreement with the State Board Chairman Sid Taylor before the road can be

> 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

the courthouse to local

## Still No Rain

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

the average at the Jackson

Springs weather station. Dry weather was worse only in the Cape Hatteras area, which

completed. Board members learned that

a proposal. The county plans to convert

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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 5.72 inch comparison of rain with

reported precipitation of minus

#### Moore County voters will have six ballots facing them when they go to the pools next Tuesday, Nov. 7, in an election for offices ranging from the U.S. Senate to the local soil and water con-There are 20,372 persons registered to vote in Moore County Exemption From Speedy Trial Law

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 Is Given In Murder predicting that voter parpercent 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 Nixon's yard at Eastwood. The U.S. senator, Jesse Helms, and the Democratic nominee, John

Chairman J. Ed Causey of the Wadesboro ordered the sentence Moore County Democratic party suspended for five years and Attorney Mary McL. Shelton is 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, (Continued on Page 12-A)

## 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

"Any organization or business must have certain rules and regulations. Upon the acceptance of employment, our employes 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

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

#### For Vass On Saturday Jubilee. Something is offered to interest everyone.

The Vass Firemen and At 12 noon a parade will Auxiliary are busy as beavers, proceed down Broad Street scurrying about arranging last kicking off a full day of events. minute details to pull off another perfect Fireman's Jubilee Last minute entrants will be Saturday, November 4. accepted.

Fireman's Jubilee Set

At 1 p.m. a water fight, a The annual Jubilee, which tug-of-war type contest, will be began eight years ago as a money making project to secure held at the intersection of James Street and US Highway 1 back of Angus Mills. Using water funds for enlarging the building and purchasing equipment, has pressure, different departments grown into the largest single will try to prevent their opponent event in the town. Whether actually taking part

from pushing a barrel, suspended from a line in the air, in the various events or just coming out to enjoy the to the opposite end. At 1 p.m. on the ball field festivities, people in Vass and the surrounding towns have played a beside Vass-Lakeview School,

#### large part in the success of the (Continued on Page 9-A) United Fund Over 50% Toward \$125,000 Goal

The second report luncheon for November 13. The next the Moore County United Fund was held Monday at the Sheraton Motor Inn, with \$65,500 reported

raised thus far. John Jackson, Campaign Chairman, recognized Ron Kirby, Rodney Young, and Jim Correll for having reached a total of \$39,500 toward their industrial

goal of \$55,000.00. Special recognition went to St. Joseph's Hospital and Mrs. Jean Capel for their efforts. Mrs. Capel feels confident St. Joseph's will attain or exceed their goal this week.

John Jackson reminded the group that to reach their goal of \$125,000 pledges need to be in by

scheduled luncheon is November 6, and United Fund volunteers will be calling on many Moore County citizens in the next two

For twelve months United Fund provides assistance for poor, aids community projects, and health and rehabilitation services. "Unlike other charitable organizations, United Fund is not staffed with expensive administrators. The United Fund depends on volunteers who feel it's a small contribution toward providing a quality community," Jackson

# Hand-Me-Downs Put To Use Here

Edwards, Moore County forest

His language may bring chuckles from area firefighters, who know he is referring to

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 Service, especially in dry Protection Act of 1972.

Five local fire departments have been allocated more than Department received the largest \$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," added his personal praise to in 1977, while Pinebluff, Robbins, local fire chiefs for their High Falls, Crane's Creek, alertness in handling fires in Cameron, and Eagle Springs their assistance to the Forestry 1963 models.

Crane's Creek 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 Edwards told The Pilot. He Pines department received one their own communities and for received trucks this year. All are

Applications for both funds and the surplus trucks are made

Fire 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 (Continued on Page 8-A)

order staying the sanction aspect consideration of the county's motion by defendants if their By action of a superior court of North Carolina's "speedy present shortage of adequate judge Tuesday, the courts of trial" law, which went into effect 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.

restitution of \$1,836 to the murder With the court's action, Moore County would be subject to the dismissal of criminal cases upon

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 (Continued on Page 9-A)

### Farmers Market Is Busy With Produce Variety

opened Monday. Almost 40 cases were disposed of in the first day Summer and fall seasons are four kinds of squash, peanuts, and a half of court, and not one jury trial was held. District 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 mixed with fruits and vegetables usually associated with the summer growing season. The

offerings included pumpkins,

merging each weekend at the cucumbers, apples, tomatoes, Moore County Farmers Market, corn, turnips and greens, where the colorful displays of butterbeans, collards, sweet potatoes, white peppers, onions, eggplant, mustard greens, peas, cabbage, eggs, apples, hay, flowers, canned goods, and decorative materials.

There were also oranges and endless with fall vegetables grapefruit and other items not grown in this section of North Carolina, but 90 percent of the produce was from the local area. (Continued on Page 8-A)

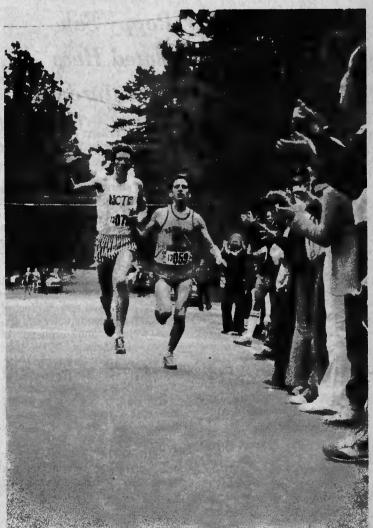
## Council Approves Bids For Water, Street Work

Council this morning approved a bid for resurfacing and new low base bid of \$118,374 for paving of town streets. construction of the Highland

previously estimated. At the same called meeting the

The Southern Pines Town council approved a \$50,280 low

Blue Contracting Co. of San-Road Water Project. With ad- ford was the low bidder among ministrative, engineering costs six bids received for the water and contingencies added, the project. The low bid was acproject is expected to cost cepted on a motion by Coun-\$149,978, about \$5,000 lower than cilman Michael Smithson, seconded by Councilman Hope (Continued on Page 8-A)



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 Cye Gray).