

Williams To Head Board; Taylor Set To Retain Post

Duffield Appointed To Council; Rezoning Voted For Group Home

The Southern Pines Town Council has appointed Joann Duffield to fill the Council member spot vacated when Earl Hubbard officially resigned August 31.

Mrs. Duffield was nominated by Council member Hope Brogden at the regular Tuesday night meeting, who said she has been impressed with the way Mrs. Duffield has worked on the Downtown Revitalization Committee and feels "she is a person of intelligence and ability."

Council member Mike Smithson seconded the nomination and Mrs. Duffield was voted in unanimously. There were no other nominations.

Mrs. Duffield has been a resident of Southern Pines since



Joann Duffield

1970 with her husband, Joe. She owns and operates The Quarter. In other action the Council

amended the zoning ordinance to allow group homes for mentally retarded individuals who have demonstrated independent living skills and are capable of living in residential areas.

A large crowd of supporters was present at the meeting to back the group home, a subject which has come before the Council several times in recent months and which the Council

has investigated thoroughly. The home will be a private, non-profit project under the direction of Moore County Group Homes, Inc. and, according to the Council's amendment, will be set up to house either (a) five or less persons in a family care arrangement, plus appropriate house managers (this includes visually and physically han-

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Plans Are Given By New Sheriff

Training and public relations are the key factors which Moore County Sheriff-elect Jerry Whipple plans to emphasize when he takes office next month.

By public relations, Whipple means a cooperative relationship between the general public, local law enforcement agencies, other emergency personnel and the sheriff's department.

How does it feel to be Moore County's first Republican sheriff in this century?

"It feels good to know the people have enough confidence to elect me," says the man whose

experience includes service on the Southern Pines Police Department and six years as chief of police in Aberdeen.

In an interview yesterday Whipple told The Pilot that he plans no blanket firings within the sheriff's department. He is presently running an evaluation of the deputies now serving the department to determine which ones to retain.

"If they are competent and well-trained, then I plan to keep them," the sheriff-to-be says.

Whipple believes strongly in

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Official Count Shows No Change In Election

There were no changes as far as winners were concerned when the Moore County Board of Elections met last Thursday for an official canvass of the Nov. 7 election.

There were, however, some errors in total votes tabulated in several races, although Mrs. Doris Fuquay, executive director of the board, said that precinct reports remained the same in the official and unofficial returns reported last Wednesday.

The corrected totals were as

follows: U.S. Senate race-Ingram 4,880 and Helms 7,499; U.S. Congress-Hefner 6,298 and Austin 5,516; State Senate-Russell Walker 5,439; Clerk of Court-Charles McLeod 6,382; county commissioner--Lee Williams 5,797; board of education--Davis 4,630 and Shamburger 4,020. Votes for unopposed candidates for the board of education were: Troutman 7,534, Frye 8,089 and Sledge 6,906.

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Eloise Whitesell Named Moore Teacher Of Year

Mrs. Eloise J. Whitesell, a Pinecrest High School English teacher, is Moore County's "Teacher of the Year."

Mrs. Whitesell won this award over five nominees submitted to a selection committee composed of teachers, administrators, students and parents.

A scrapbook emphasizing Mrs. Whitesell's biography, her philosophy of teaching, and her educational and civic services will be compiled and submitted to the president of the NCAE-ACT District Eight, in which Moore County is located, for regional judging. There will be 15 regional representatives and from this select group, the new District Eight "Teacher of the Year" will be selected. The

district winner will be nominated for the North Carolina honors. Mrs. Whitesell is a native of Oxford, and attended the University of North Carolina at

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1979 GOAL: \$125,000

UNITED FUND—A total of \$100,000 toward the goal of \$125,000 was reported on Nov. 13 by the United Fund of Moore County.

Midland Rezoning Is Voted Down

After a spirited and sometimes emotional public hearing Thursday night, the Moore County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to deny a request for a zoning change along the historic and scenic Midland Road.

In so doing, the board overturned a recommendation from the county's Planning Board, which on Sept. 27 voted 2-1 in favor of the request by Alex Leaverne Maness to amend property on Midland Road from Neighborhood-Shopping to a Conditional-Use B-2 (Highway

Commercial) District.

When more than 30 persons showed up for the hearing, the commissioners moved the hearing from their small meeting room to the courtroom. The lively gathering, which lasted more than an hour, ran the gamut from stirring speeches about history and beauty to inspirational poetry.

Gertrude Maness, who owns the 2.33 acre tract of land with her husband, was the only person to speak in favor of the zoning change. The Manesses operate a motel on their Midland Road

property; a use of the land which is permitted under a "grandfather" clause in the zoning ordinance. They requested the change in order to expand their operations with one or more of these additions: eating establishment, swimming facilities for motel occupants, additional motel units, playground or open space for motel occupants.

Mrs. Maness said her husband was unable to be present because of illness.

When Helga Wilson called for a show of hands in opposition to the zoning change, 30 hands were

counted. County Commissioner Chairman W. Sidney Taylor asked Mrs. Wilson to do the counting. Mrs. Maness raised the only hand favoring the change.

Taylor called on Tony Carlyle, county zoning administrator, to explain the zoning request.

The discussion was opened by County Commissioner Tony Parker of Southern Pines, who called the proposal "a sore subject my two years on the county board." He charged that any change in the zoning "would have a domino effect with more

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NOVEMBER DAYS—There's a certain starkness which comes across the land in November, and there is also a quietness, as this picture at Mid Pines by Staff Photographer Glenn M. Sides suggests.

Youth, 17, Slain; Husband Is Held

Shot twice with a .22 caliber semi-automatic rifle, Jimmy Ray Biby, 17, was declared dead on arrival at Moore Memorial Hospital early Sunday morning, according to reports from the Moore County Sheriff's Department and the county coroner.

Biby's home was on Carthage, Rt. 3, but the shooting took place at the residence of Wanda Collins in the Sunset Drive Mobile Home

Park, on Robbins, Rt. 2, the sheriff's spokesman stated. The park is located off N.C. 705.

Held without bond on a murder charge is Bob Ranford Collins, 36, Robbins, Rt. 2, pending a district court hearing today. He is the husband of Wanda Collins, who notified authorities of the incident at 2:25 a.m. Sunday.

The sheriff's department declined to give details other

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Morrison, Lassiter Get Selections For Morehead

Two Moore County high school seniors have been selected to continue in District Three competition for the 1979 Morehead Scholarship awards, Henry L. Graves, chairman of the Moore County Morehead Scholarship committee, announced today.

They are Glenn B. Lassiter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn B. Lassiter, Sr. of Robbins, and Mary Anne Morrison, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. Maxwell Morrison, Jr. of Southern Pines. Lassiter, a senior at North

Moore High School, ranks second, with an average of 97.55, in a class of 1340 students. Not only does he excel in academics, but in outside activities as well. He has been named All Conference golf player for the past two years and was selected "Most Outstanding Golf Player" his junior year. Lassiter also plays the trumpet. He was in the All-County band last year.

When he is not working as a clerk at Tar Heel Drug after school, Glenn works as a

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COUNTRY STORE—This store in Vass is on US 1 but it offers country produce, such as the pumpkins in front, boxes of apples and hams hanging on the porch posts.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Facility To Be Dedicated To Veteran Mrs. Wicker

When the Moore County Courts facility is occupied in 1979, the structure will be dedicated to Estelle T. Wicker, tax supervisor and veteran county employee.

The Moore County Board of Commissioners on Thursday night gave approval to the working for a brass plaque which will be placed in the building. Approval was given with minor changes in wording.

Chairman W. Sidney Taylor brought up the subject during a called board meeting held at the close of a zoning hearing.

The plaque, designed by the architects, Austin Associates, states that the facility is dedicated to Mrs. Wicker "for her long and devoted service over the many years to the citizens of Moore County." It also bears the names of the five county commissioners and of the

Moore County Bar Courts Facility Committee, of which W. Lamont Brown is chairman, along with the names of the architects and general contractor.

A long-time project for the county, the \$2 million facility will

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Aberdeen Board Seeks To Find Town Doctor

Martha Clayton has been appointed to head a committee to try to find a doctor to locate in Aberdeen to serve the people of the town and the immediate area.

Mrs. Clayton was appointed by Aberdeen Mayor Jack M. Taylor, with her gas expenses in the search to be paid by the town. She was asked to select two persons to serve with her.

The appointment was made at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners Monday night.

A license to operate a taxi from Town and Country Exxon Service Center on US 1 was approved for Clifford Monroe, who appeared before the Board.

Alvin Garner reported that Well No. 1 had been repaired and is in operation, pumping about 160 gallons per minute.

J.H. Mofield told the Board that sewer rehabilitation work is

nearing completion and that final inspection would probably be this week.

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Historical Meet Set On Sunday

The Fall meeting of the Moore County Historical Association will be held at Weymouth (the Boyd House), E. Vermont Avenue, Southern Pines, on Sunday, November 19, at 4 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Mrs. John S. Bell and she will talk about a member of an historic Aberdeen family and President Wilson's Ambassador to the

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HEFNER—Rep. Bill Hefner carried all eleven counties in the Eighth Congressional District.

His margin of victory over Roger L. Austin of Marshville was small in some counties—three votes in Davie and 17 in Yadkin—but he won big in several others, including Anson, Cabarrus, Rowan and Richmond.

The Democratic Congressman will be beginning his third term in the U.S. House in January.

HUNT—Governor Jim Hunt feels that he did all he could do for John Ingram in the U.S. Senate race, and he agrees with

State Democratic Chairman Betty McCain that the \$6.7 million thrown into the campaign of Jesse Helms was a big influence on the outcome.

In his speech conceding defeat to the Republican incumbent, Ingram singled out Governor Hunt and President Carter in expressing appreciation for their help in the campaign.

Governor Hunt saw no significant trends in the North Carolina election last week, but he does feel that the people across the country are demanding more efficiency in their government.

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