



Holidays For Many Set Here

Thanksgiving will mean two holidays for many Moore County residents who work in public offices.

This evening (Wednesday), the Fellowship of Southern Pines Churches will host a Community Thanksgiving Service at the Church of Wide Fellowship (Bennett at New Hampshire). The worship will begin at 7:30 p.m. All community residents are invited.

The public school system will be closed Thursday and Friday, in keeping with tradition. Also taking two days are most county, municipal and state employees, who are substituting the Memorial Day holiday for the Friday after Thanksgiving Day. They worked on Memorial Day in order to get the two days for Thanksgiving.

Post offices will be closed all day Thursday, when the usual holiday schedule will be followed. There will be no rural or city delivery, nor will there be window service in post offices. All will reopen for the regular schedule on Friday.

Many retail businesses will be closed on Thursday, and the

Young Man Is Killed In Wreck

A former Pinecrest High School athlete died early Thursday morning in a motor vehicle accident on N.C. 211 bypassing Eagle Springs. Darval Ray Locklear, 23, played on the football and wrestling teams at Pinecrest, where he graduated in 1974. He later joined the wrestling team at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Locklear had attended Sandhills Community College for the past two years and also worked with his father for Williams Lumber Co., Eagle Springs.

Trooper Howard Higgins of the State Highway Patrol said that Locklear was operating a 1971 Chevrolet Blazer, which swerved into the path of an on-coming tractor-trailer rig at 1:30 a.m.

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Next Week's Court Term Has Heavy Case Docket

A docket heavily loaded with break-in and larceny, forgery, embezzlement and drug-related cases awaits action in Moore County Superior Court next week.

Judge Robert L. Gavin of Pinehurst will preside for the one-week criminal session, which convenes at 10 a.m. Monday. Court will open at 9:30 a.m. on the following days. Seven cases will be presented to the grand jury for possible

return as bills of indictment. Those cases which are found to be true bills of indictment may be tried during the week.

On the bill calendar are: Gerald Wayne Nunnerly, manufacturing marijuana; Charles Ray Pope Jr., assault with deadly weapon attempting to inflict serious injury and assault with deadly weapon inflicting serious injury; Wayne T. Sanders, embezzlement.

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Lynn Morrison, 17, Is Chosen As Moore County Junior Miss

Lynn Morrison, 17, a girl whose happiest moments are "dancing, sharing thoughts and good times" with friends, is the 1979 Moore County Junior Miss.

"I'm shocked!" Her voice quavered. "I just can't believe it..." Her poise momentarily was shattered.

First runner-up in the Moore County Junior Miss Pageant, held Saturday night at the

Pinehurst Middle School Auditorium and sponsored by the Pinehurst Lions Club, is Bonnie Clark. Bonnie and Lynn are seniors at Pinecrest High School.

Second runner-up was Marva Hogan of Wallace O'Neal School.

Lynn Morrison won an additional honor for being selected for the "Spirit of Junior Miss" award by the other girls in the pageant.



THANKSGIVING — Members of the three-year-old class at the Wide Fellowship School have been preparing for Thanksgiving and are shown here wearing their handiwork and sitting in front of the teepee and totem pole which they helped to make.

Seven Places Start Liquor Sales Under New Local Option System

Seven Southern Pines establishments will begin serving liquor-by-the-drink today.

Out of ten who made applications seven received their licenses from Marvin Speight, chairman of the State ABC Board, at a meeting in Sanford Tuesday morning.

The first drink to be served was scheduled for 2 p.m. today

Holiday Deaths

Sixteen persons could lose their lives and approximately 1,000 injured in traffic accidents in North Carolina over the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the N.C. State Motor Club has estimated.

The state will count its toll over a 102 hour period beginning at 6 p.m. today (Wednesday) until midnight Sunday, November 26. Last year 15 persons were killed and 982 injured on Tar Heel highways during a similar period.

(Wednesday) at the Sheraton Motor Inn, with Mayor Emanuel Douglass, W. Lamont Brown and James Godfrey invited by Manager Don Calfee to take part in the ceremonies.

One Hurt In Explosion At Plant In Pinebluff

An electrical equipment explosion seriously injured the electrician and resulted in the evacuation of the Pinebluff Industries plant Thursday morning.

Ed Wicker, the electrician, suffered burns to his head, face and chest in an explosion which occurred while he was installing a piece of electrical equipment at

Property Bids Are Made In Foreclosure Action

Two high bids totalling \$400,000 were received Friday in a foreclosure sale of Whispering Pines property, coming in the wake of a second foreclosure action against property controlled by A.B. Hardee, developer of the Lake Surf resort property as well as Whispering Pines.

The Lake Surf property is valued at \$2.5 million.

Southern National Bank, the high bidder at the public sale, was also the holder of the Whispering Pines notes, on which foreclosure notices were filed early in October. The bank's bids were for \$388,000 on the property covered in an original note for \$652,000 and \$12,000 on

the plant, according to Moore County Fire Marshal Joe Adams. The electrician was putting in a breaker fuse and something shorted, the fire marshal explained.

Wicker was reported in satisfactory condition at Moore Memorial Hospital on Tuesday.

Pinebluff Fire Chief Roland

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Brown is president of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce and a long-time advocate of the local option mixed drink plan. Godfrey headed up the drive which led to overwhelming approval of mixed drink sales in a special referendum on Sept. 12. Mayor Douglass and the Southern Pines Town Council had requested the referendum and given unanimous endorsement to the plan.

Other establishments which received the state licenses to sell mixed drinks were Pine Needles Club, Mid Pines Club, the Elks Lodge and Country Club, the VFW John Boyd Inns, the Sheraton and Holiday Inns, and the JFR Barn, a restaurant.

Three other places had applied, but action on their applications were deferred. The Canopy, which will be known as the Village Shed, told ABC officers they were not ready for an investigation, and the Sandspur and Damn Yankees were investigated but no action has been taken on their license request.

Each applicant had to pay an initial \$500, which is not

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Alert Men Save Life Of Woman

Christmas Parade Set Dec. 16

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The 1978 Southern Pines Jaycee Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 16, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Parade Chairman Bud Byrn announced today.

"By making this years parade a day time event the entire community should benefit," said Byrn.

"The aim of this years' parade committee is to attract the maximum participation from the Southern Pines areas as well as surrounding counties. The committee has invited as many as 14 area marching bands from Cumberland, Hoke, Richmond, Montgomery, Lee and Moore counties. We also expect 8-10

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Aberdeen Annexes Store In New Shopping Center

Aberdeen moved into satellite annexation Monday night by annexing a portion of the property at K Mart Plaza on US 15-501 which will house the new Big Star Super Market.

The action was taken at a called meeting and the vote to annex the Big Star store was unanimous, despite several protests from citizens at the meeting.

Among those protesting was the Aberdeen Merchants Association in the downtown area.

The motion to approve the ordinance of annexation was made by Commissioner Hugh M.

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BY FLORENCE GILKESON Smoke and fire belched out when three young men kicked in the door of a burning farmhouse near Carthage early Thursday morning, but the rescuers plunged into the collapsing house and pulled a woman to safety just as the walls were falling in.

"The walls and ceilings were popping and crashing down just as I pulled her out of the house," said David Talbert of Aberdeen, one of the three rescuers.

Talbert stated that he pulled Mildred Blue Hall across the floor because the smoke and fire were no more than two feet off the floor. He explained that he crawled on hands and knees to the point where she had fallen, then dragged her across the floor to safety.

Mrs. Hall's husband, William Edison Hall, 61, died in the fire, although no one knew it at that time. His body was found at the rear of the house, where he had fallen while attempting to escape through a screen door from the porch.

"There's no doubt in my mind

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Role Of Research Discussed At Meet Of Educators Here

A group of 50 top educators, journalists, business and industrial leaders gathered at the Pinehurst Hotel for two days this past week to discuss the place of research universities in the state and to plan for the future.

Principal speaker at the Pinehurst Conference was Dr. Charles Frankel, president and director of the National Humanities Center in the

Research Triangle Park. In preparation for the conference a special committee of 12 faculty members from UNC and N.C. State had prepared a "working statement," in which they declared the goal of North Carolina's state research universities should be:

"To maintain and develop further North Carolina's Triangle area as a research and

educational center of national and international excellence and thereby to advance North Carolina, the region and the nation."

The conference had been planned by Dr. E.M. Adams, chairman of the UNC faculty, and Dr. Roger C. Fikes of the N.C. State faculty. Dr. Adams presided at the session at which

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JUNIOR MISS — Lynn Morrison is shown being crowned as the new Junior Miss from Moore County by Julia Metcalfe, the 1977-78 Junior Miss, at Pinehurst Saturday night. Bonnie Clark, first runner-up, is at left, and Marva Hogan, second runner-up, is at right.—(Photo by Emerson Humphrey).

THE PILOT LIGHT

PINEHURST—There are reports that Pinehurst will seek special legislation at the 1979 session of the General Assembly to allow the unincorporated village to vote on the sale of liquor-by-the-drink.

Under the present local option statute Pinehurst, although it has an ABC store, is not eligible to vote on mixed drinks because it is not incorporated, and in a September vote the residents of the village voted against incorporation.

There's a belief that the '79 Legislature will be highly reluctant to bring up the liquor-by-the-drink issue, even with a local special bill.

Moreover, Pinehurst's heavy Republican vote on Nov. 7 is not likely to help it in a heavily Democratic Legislature. Both of the State Senators from this district—Charles Vickery and Russell Walker—lost by big

margins in Pinehurst precinct, and even Rep. T. Clyde Auman trailed the Republican candidate C. Coolidge Thompson, by 44 votes there.

TAXES—It's beginning to look like Governor Jim Hunt's proposed tax rebate will not come to pass at the next legislative session.

It was, nevertheless, a popular proposal when it appeared the state might come up with over \$100 million in surplus revenues, and the prospect of a \$50 tax rebate was meeting with wide approval.

Some cautious revenue estimates for next year and expressions of favor for other forms of tax relief, such as repeal of the sales tax on food, have slowed the tax rebate talk. It is now evident that there will be demands for state spending far beyond not only surplus funds

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FATAL FIRE — One person died and another was injured in the fire which destroyed this old homeplace off N.C. 22 near the Sandhills-Farm Life School. Mildred Hall was rescued from the burning home early Thursday morning, but her husband, William E. Hall, died. The farmhouse was the Blue homestead, where Mrs. Hall was raised.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).