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Good Luck

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## Hospital Can Spot Poisons More Quickly

There are about 175,000 accidental opportunities for poisoning yourself this year; at least, that's the number described in Moore Memorial Hospital's new "Poisondex" system, the latest addition to the Emergency Department.

Accidental poisoning is nightmarish, especially for parents of small children who have swallowed or inhaled an unfriendly substance. Thanks to the new system, an alarmed parent can call the Moore Memorial Emergency Department and learn, in minutes, how much danger the child faces, and what immediate action is needed.

Moore Memorial emergency personnel already know how to manage many poison problems, but some episodes could require hours of research, when such hours could be critical for the victim. Accordingly, "Poisondex" is a welcome addition, says Dr. Robert Jacques, one of four Emergency Department physicians at Moore Memorial. "Not only can we immediately identify the poisonous substance, we can, at the same time, review the recommended emergency treatment for any one of nearly 175,000 items. This means that, when someone calls in a

### Auto Tags Sale Opens On Jan. 2

The Division of Motor Vehicles of the North Carolina Department of Transportation reminded motorists today that validation stickers and plates for 1979 will go on sale throughout the state on January 2.

Renewal cards necessary for obtaining a 1979 sticker or plate were mailed December 18 and should be received by December 29. Anyone not receiving a renewal card should notify the Division of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh by mail at 1100 New Bern Avenue or by telephone at (919) 733-3025.

Elbert L. Peters Jr., Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, said, "It will take from ten days to two weeks to obtain a card and new plates or stickers must be displayed by midnight, February 15."

Newcomers to North Carolina or those buying a car for the first time should make application for a license plate at the nearest



SKYLINE AT SKYLINE — There's a special quality to a late December sunset, and here's a scene which Pilot Photographer Glenn M. Sides caught on the US 1 by-pass, looking southward. Note the car which appears hemmed in by two trucks on the highway.

## New Facility For Airport Nearly Ready

### New Year's Holidays Coming Up

Another holiday—New Year's Day—will follow on the heels of our major holiday of the year.

For almost everyone, however, the holiday will be one day only, although this year it represents another long weekend.

Monday will be a holiday for most public offices, ranging from municipal and county government to state and federal offices.

Post offices will be closed for a complete holiday, which means that no mail will be received and none will be dispatched. There will be no home delivery and no window service in the post offices.

Monday will be a holiday for the Moore County schools, but it will mark the end of a week and a

BY FLORENCE GILKESON  
If the weather cooperates, the local airport may move into its new facilities by Feb. 1.

Moore County Administrator W. Sidney Taylor believes the terminal building and hangar may be occupied as early as the Jan. 15-20 period. Jim Meals, executive vice-president of Resort Aviation, is a little more cautious in his predictions but admits the move is only a few weeks away.

The structures are "under roof" and the plumbing and electrical work has been completed at the terminal, Meals reports. The offices have been framed-in, but the siting, mill work, and finish remain to be done. The hangar doors have yet to be installed, and the maintenance offices and work area are not complete, according to Meals.

Meals states that construction work has been delayed from two to three weeks, largely because of a rainy period in late November. Myrick Construction

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## Sewer System Note Is Extended; Tax Favors Given New Industry

As result of county commissioner action on Dec. 20, a grant anticipation note will be renewed for \$620,000 water and sewer lines will be extended to the community's newest industry, and matching funds for the airport will be accepted from the State Department of Transportation.

The Moore County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting last week to act on several emergency and last minute items. The board will

### Schools Give Tests In March

It won't be long until students in grades 1, 2, 3, 6, and 9 in Moore County will be gearing up for the second administration of the annual testing program.

Approximately 500,000 North Carolina students will participate in the annual testing that will be administered between March 20 and April 9. Approximately 500,000 students took the test last year.

Students will be asked to demonstrate their skills in the basic subjects as part of the annual testing program.

First and second graders will take a criterion-referenced test. This type of test is designed to reveal whether or not students have mastered, or learned, certain specific objectives. This format will indicate specific skill weaknesses and strengths of students, which will help educators in the planning of instruction. Third and sixth graders will take a norm-referenced test, which will compare the performance of North Carolina students with the performance of a national sample representing students at

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hold its regular January meeting on Tuesday rather than on Monday, which is a holiday. Parker Lynch, county public works director, appeared before the board with a resolution for renewal of the \$620,000 portion of the Series A note and covering

### Masseuse Brings Warning Of Massage Parlors Here

Several subjects arose at a called meeting on Dec. 20 which are expected to appear on the future agenda of the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Tony Parker expressed his opposition to establishment of massage parlors in Moore County and recommended that the board consider prohibiting such businesses in the land use ordinance.

The subject arose when the board considered additional communications concerning a request for a permit from Gail Braithwaite, who is a Swedish masseuse. At the November

### Criminal Court Session Will Open Here Tuesday

Moore County Superior Court will crank up Tuesday morning for its first criminal session in 1979.

Court will convene at 10 a.m. Tuesday with Judge Ronald Barbee of Greensboro presiding. On subsequent days court will probably begin at 9:30.

Four felony cases, constituting an unusually short docket, will go to the grand jury for possible bills of indictment. Those cases which are found to be true bills of indictment will be worked into the trial docket later in the week.

Felony cases listed on the bill calendar include these: Richard Francis Hess, possession of

retirement of \$130,000 from that note. The resolution passed unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Arthur Purvis and a second by Carolyn Blue. Estimated completion date is June 1, when construction on the waste water plant should be

complete and the permanent water supply readied, Lynch reported. The project, operational almost a year, has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, which is expected to release a federal grant covering the full amount of the note prior to Dec. 28, 1979.

Lynch told the board that the due date had been moved up from Jan. 1 to Dec. 28 because of the holidays. The resolution was prepared with assistance from the Bond Council and the Local Government Commission.

As of Dec. 28, the county will pay \$130,000 from the note, plus interest, to the Carolina Bank, and the remaining \$620,000 will be renewed. Lynch called the 5½ interest rate "an excellent rate" reflecting the good experience the bank has had with the local county government. He noted that the best interest rate on ad valorem tax bonds in recent months has been 5.57 percent, and this rate is usually better than that for a grant anticipation note, which is considered riskier.

In response to a question from Commissioner Tony Parker, Lynch stated that the well for the water supply is being drilled and the lines are being laid. Lynch said the county has been

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marijuana; Marvin McKinnon, breaking, entering and larceny; William C. Ingram, assault with deadly weapon inflicting serious injury; and Bobby Howe Grannis Jr., larceny of motor vehicle.

The calendar was prepared by District Attorney Carroll R. Lowder. No cases are scheduled for Thursday and Friday of next week, and those cases docketed for trial on Tuesday and Wednesday but not tried on those days are subject to consideration on Thursday or Friday.

Forty cases are docketed for trial Tuesday. They include: Gregory Lee McLean (Charles

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## Two At Sandhills Named For Distinguished Award

Albert Einstein once wrote—"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."

Sandhills Community College each year presents two prestigious awards to members of the faculty deemed outstanding in their ability to "awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge" in their students. Nominated for the honors by fellow instructors and students, and selected by a special committee, the two are named recipients of the C. Foster Brown Jr. and the John R. Sibley

"Distinguished Professorships." Each award carries a stipend of one thousand dollars.

The 1978 awards were presented by Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president of Sandhills Community College, at a general faculty meeting December 19.

Arthur E. Bryant, instructor in physics, was presented the C. Foster Brown Distinguished Professorship. It was established in 1967 by Mrs. Joseph Davidson as a tribute to her first husband who was instrumental in securing the campus on Airport

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## Retiring Dean of Judges Voices Ideas On Courts

BY BILL NOBLITT

The extremely high prison population in North Carolina is more due to political and public pressure on the state's judges than any other factor says the retiring dean of superior court judges.

The "politically sensitive" nature of the job causes judges to reach to popular demands for stricter punishment, according to Hamilton H. Hobgood of Louisburg.

Hobgood retires soon from a career on the bench which has seen him called upon to exercise his widely regarded even hand

and judicial temperament in such volatile situations as the trial of Joan Little on a murder charge.

He took the occasion at a recent meeting of the Governor's Crime Commission which he serves as a member to offer what he termed some blunt but necessary comments on where this state is now, and where it is going, in terms of criminal justice.

His years on the bench, his membership on the crime commission and on legislative study commissions, leadership in

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## THE PILOT LIGHT

DEMOCRATS—Letters have gone out from Governor Jim Hunt to a number of leading Democrats around the state urging them to attend the third annual Democratic Gala to be held in the Raleigh Civic Center on Jan. 10 from 7:30 to 11 p.m.

The Gala will be held on the same day that the 1979 General Assembly convenes, and the Governor and Mrs. Betty McCain, State Democratic chairman, are hoping that will help attract a record number for the \$100 per couple fund-raising event.

Appointed state co-chairmen for the Gala were State Senator James Garrison of Albemarle and Mrs. Martha Speed of Louisburg, wife of State Senator James D. Speed and current

president of the Sir Walter Cabinet.

Both the Governor and Mrs. McCain said the fund-raiser is needed to retire some campaign debts and rebuild the campaign chest for the future. Both also stressed "it is also important that we have as much party unity as we can in the 1979 General Assembly and the Gala will serve that purpose, too."

WHICHARD—As matters now stand State Senator Willis Whichard of Durham is a likely candidate for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor in 1980.

Not long ago Whichard publicly said that he is giving serious consideration to making

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## Day After Is No Letdown

BY PATSY TUCKER

Much is seen and much is said about the built up excitement on the days before Christmas. The hurry and scurry of last minute shoppers—the pitch of excitement that finds itself reaching a peak on Christmas Eve—then the stuffing of stockings, opening presents, Christmas dinner and then the letdown begins.

What do you do the day after Christmas? To some it's a wonderful day of relaxation to others it's a dull day with nothing to do—that is if you don't have to teach somebody to ride a bicycle

or learn to play a game.

Our town is the quietest I've witnessed this day after Christmas. Even the basketball court at the town park is empty. The tennis courts have only two people playing. No doubt they got rackets for Christmas. The churches are quiet, the streets are quiet. The houses are quiet. But there are a few people on the streets. A few people who are seeking exchanges or first person sale items.

What does the man on the street think and feel this day after Christmas?

"I'm in a terrific mood. We're just shopping around. We're new to the area and it's fun looking in the shops that are open," said Dawn Leinin.

"Perfectly wonderful," said Mrs. Le Fever of Pinehurst. "Of course we are very much prejudiced to this area and it's just a marvelous day."

"I feel good, but when you're used to snow at Christmas it's not quite the same," was the comment from Alma Dreyfus who spends the warmer months in the North. "The church services

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PRESENTATION — Governor Jim Hunt (left) presents to his predecessor, former Governor James E. Holshouser Jr., of Southern Pines, the first copy of the book of published public papers of Holshouser during his term as Governor from 1973-77. The ceremony took place in the Archives and History-State Library Building in Raleigh on Dec. 15.