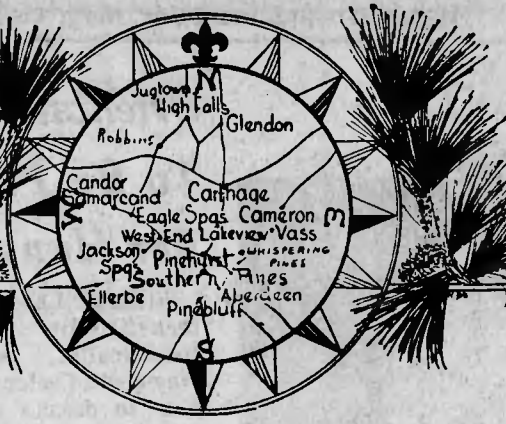




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Split On Liquor Tax Brings Town Reaction

Four Held In Store Slaying

Murder and armed robbery charges have been lodged against four Moore County young men accused of holding up and slaying an Asheboro store clerk Sunday.

Randolph County deputies were assisted by a detective from the Moore County Sheriff's Department in arresting one of the four, Roy Junior Letterlough, Monday morning. The arrest was made after a car in which Letterlough was a passenger was stopped on N.C. 705 a short distance inside Moore County.

The other three were brought to the Randolph Sheriff's Department by their parents. They were identified as: Clarence Melvin Barrett, Robbins, Rt. 1; Robert Anthony Chisholm, 16, Robbins, Rt. 2; Christopher Stella Maness, 18, Robbins, Rt. 2; Letterlough, 18, lives at Seagrove, Rt. 2.

Randolph County Sheriff Robert Mason said his deputies worked with tips furnished by informants during an intensive investigation which extended around the clock.

The body of David E. Thornburg, 24, of Asheboro, Rt. 5, was discovered at about 5:15 a.m. Sunday; the first arrest was made about 2 a.m. Monday.

Thornburg, whose body was discovered by a morning newspaper carrier, had been shot between the eyes with a .25 caliber weapon. He was working as a clerk in The Pantry store on U.S. 220 about a mile south of (Continued on Page 16-A)

Town Cost On Sewer Advances

Southern Pines' proportion of the capital cost for the regional wastewater treatment plan has been projected to \$4,160,750, or 27.6 percent of the total.

At a special meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners Tuesday night, the Southern Pines town officials expressed concern that the municipality's percentage has climbed 3.8 percent over projections originally advanced.

The meeting was called to give International Systems, Inc. an opportunity to explain an amendment to the user rate study prepared by the Atlanta-based firm. Speaking for ISI was Mike Nugent, who had prepared summaries of the cost figures for the system serving Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines.

No action was taken on the proposed amendment. Instead, the session was called to explain the amendment and to give officials of the three towns an opportunity to ask questions. (Continued on Page 12-A)

Food Stamp Delays, Needs Cited At Social Service Hearing

Delays in getting food stamps, confusing guidelines, lack of transportation, needs of senior citizens and children were among the subjects tossed at the Moore County Department of Social Services Thursday afternoon in the first in a series of public hearings.

Thursday's hearing was held in the Community Services Building in Southern Pines. A second was held Thursday night in Carthage, and the final



FLOOD CONDITIONS — Heavy rains this past weekend brought on flood conditions in many parts of Moore County. This high water warning was erected at Lakeview.

Heavy Rains Cause Flood Conditions

Heavy rains measuring 4.34 inches fell in Moore County beginning Sunday, reaching 1.34 inches by the end of the day and causing flood conditions.

Flooding occurred in Glendon, Lakeview, Whispering Pines and Lobelia, as well as in other parts of the county.

Flood conditions were expected to subside by mid-week along the banks of Little River in the eastern tip of Moore County.

Residents of Riverview Acres, a mobile home park, found themselves too wet for comfort during the weekend when melting snow and warm rains brought on flooding.

Water was chest-high in some yards, and one family reportedly

used a fishing boat for transportation. A few families moved to Ft. Bragg facilities as a temporary measure. Most of the men living at Riverview Acres are stationed at Ft. Bragg.

At least 12 families were affected by the flooding. The park is located near Lobelia and Mt. Pleasant just north of Ft. Bragg.

Until Saturday, melting snow had been the chief cause of high water.

A cold front had drifted southward across the state Wednesday and remained in the area for the remainder of the week. A flow of warm weather persisted and widespread rains (Continued on Page 12-A)

Republicans Will Hear Delaware's Gov. du Pont

Governor Pierre S. du Pont, IV will be the featured speaker at a Lincoln Day Dinner sponsored by the Moore County Republican Party, at the Southern Pines Country Club Friday, March 16.

The Delaware Republican was elected Governor in 1976 following three terms in the United States House of Representatives.

The Governor is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School. He is 44

years old and his home is Rockland, Delaware. He and his wife, Elis have four children and now reside at Woodburn, the Governor's mansion at Dover, Delaware.

The dinner will be held at 7 p.m. George Little, chairman, commented, "I'm really pleased that Governor du Pont has accepted our invitation to come to Moore County. I think that the 1978 election results and the (Continued on Page 16-A)

BY FLORENCE GILKESON

Stung by a tie vote rejecting their request for the mixed beverage tax money, members of the Southern Pines Town Council caucused after a special meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners Tuesday night and called a meeting for Friday morning to discuss procedures for establishing a separate ABC system for the municipality.

Led by Mayor Emanuel Douglass, the council made an appeal for the county commissioners to allow Southern Pines to collect \$9 of the \$10-a-gallon tax affixed to beverages sold to establishments licensed to serve "liquor by the drink."

Under the present arrangement, \$1 goes to the State Department of Human Resources, the remaining \$9 to the county with the municipality collecting 10 percent, or 90 cents per gallon. The 10 percent is the same portion of sales profit which goes to the municipality from the Southern Pines ABC store.

The subject sparked a heated debate between the two bodies and between differing factions of the commissioners.

Commissioner Tony Parker of Southern Pines made the motion to turn all \$9 of the mixed beverage tax money over to the municipality. Commissioner James Craven of Pinebluff made the second.

And when it came voting time, Parker and Craven were the commissioners supporting the measure with Commissioners Arthur Purvis and Carolyn Blue dissenting. Chairman Lee Williams had already expressed disfavor.

Obviously disappointed, the Town Council left the board meeting room and conferred briefly. Upshot of this informal session was the calling of a meeting for 8 a.m. Friday "for the purpose of discussion of submission of a local bill with regard to establishment of a local ABC system for the Town of Southern Pines."

At the close of the board (Continued on Page 12-A)

Foreign Tourists Sought By Conference Held Here

The fifth Governor's Conference on Travel and Tourism was held for the first year at Pinehurst on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

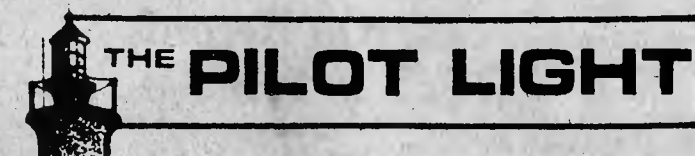
A surprise to those present came from a major speaker, Lauch Faircloth, Secretary of the N.C. Department of Commerce, when he suggested the travel industry itself does not spend enough money promoting North Carolina.

According to William Arnold, director of the travel and tourism division of the state's Department of Commerce, the industry in North Carolina does

not spend proportionately as much as its counterparts in other states.

Other ideas brought forth during the Pinehurst Hotel conference, attended by over 275 from across the state, were for foreign and domestic tour packages in North Carolina and a firm opposition to any law that would oppose gasoline sales on weekends, a time that much travel takes place.

Those who spoke at the conference included Southern Pines resident Voit Gilmore, former Director of the United (Continued on Page 16-A)



LEGISLATURE — Legislative leaders are now saying that if nothing happens to disrupt the machinery of the General Assembly the May 15 target date for adjournment can be met.

Some troublesome issues, such as the Equal Rights Amendment, have been dealt with, and others will be referred to study committees.

The No. 1 issue—money—is not as pressing as it appeared when the Legislature convened in January. A report last week that revenues for January were much higher than expected has encouraged legislators to believe they can provide for all major needs in the new budget and still give taxpayers a break with some measures of tax relief.

One of the tax relief bills, introduced by Rep. Dan Lilly of Kinston, would raise income tax exemptions all down the line for families and individuals. The Lilly bill is being looked upon more favorably each day of the session.

HUNT—Governor Jim Hunt, in pressing for an appropriation to get one of his pet projects—the special Science and Math School—started, is contending that it will have a beneficial effect on all public schools in the state.

Some opponents of the special school are still arguing that it is too elitist and contend that the money could be better spent in bolstering the science and math (Continued on Page 16-A)



DEATH CAR FOR THREE — This was the automobile in which three persons died when it was struck head-on by a big truck on fog-shrouded US 15-501 near Aberdeen.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Three Die In Car-Truck Collision On Fog-Shrouded Laurinburg Road

Moore's worst highway fatality thus far in 1979 or in many years occurred during dense fog conditions this past week when three Hoke County residents were killed instantly.

A tractor-trailer truck owned by Southchem, Inc. of Durham and driven by William Minor Pegram of Creedmoor collided head-on with the car transporting Willie Wilson McMillan, 54, his wife Katie B. McMillan, 52, and a neighbor, Bertha Mae Johnson, 39.

An eyewitness said that Pegram tried to pass a car on US 15-501, 1.8 miles south of Aberdeen, and drove straight into the McMillan car.

He has been charged with careless and reckless driving and involuntary manslaughter.

Visibility at the time of the wreck, which occurred about 4:40 Wednesday afternoon on U.S. 15-501, was described as "awful" by investigating Patrolman C.A. Todd. He said

the fog that was present was as bad as any he had ever seen.

Despite that fact, Pegram was clocked at going 50 m.p.h. at the time of the collision. He attempted to pass the car before him in the northbound lane of 15-501, according to three witnesses in that car.

McMillan, his wife and their neighbor of Raeford's Route 3, Bertha Mae Johnson, were all employed in Moore County and traveled to work together. McMillan was employed by the J.P. Stevens Company in Aberdeen; both women worked in the housekeeping department

of Moore Memorial Hospital.

The funeral for Mr. and Mrs. McMillan was held Sunday at Oak Church Junior High School auditorium, with the Rev. R.J. Avery officiating. Burial was in the Avery Chapel Cemetery.

Surviving the couple are sons, Clyde, Frederick, Larry, Allen and Dennis; McMillan of Brooklyn, N.Y.; daughter, Mrs.

Michelle Hargrove of Eastwood.

Surviving McMillan are brothers, Lesley and Alex McMillan of Raeford, Tommy and Herman McMillan of New York, N.Y.; sisters, Mrs. Pearl Roper, Mrs. Pauline McMillan and Mrs. Doris McMillan of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mrs. Bertha Mason of the Bronx, N.Y.; Mrs. (Continued on Page 16-A)

CETA Jobs Extension Given Board Approval

BY FLORENCE GILKESON

Three CETA proposals, totalling more than \$379,000, were given approval Thursday night by the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was the same one postponed from the previous Monday night because of the snow. The board recently re-instituted an earlier practice of holding one night meeting a month, on the third Monday.

Later in the meeting the commissioners heard a proposal from the Law Enforcement Association concerning a piece of property and received a proposed purchasing policy for

the county. They approved a request from the social services department for two additional food stamp eligibility workers and a request to buy a used support vehicle for county work crews, the latter funds coming from insurance money covering a wrecked vehicle.

Tony Carlyle, county CETA director, advised the board that the contracts must be signed in March if the county is to be assured of funding for the April 1-Sept. 30 period. CETA is the Federal Comprehensive Employment Training Act.

Two Title VI contracts were (Continued on Page 16-A)

Controlled Burning Plan Proposed For Preserve

A proposed plan to protect the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker and preserve an extensive stand of longleaf pine trees at the state's Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve will be the subject of a public meeting March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the interpretive building at the preserve near Southern Pines.

The N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation prepared the plan. Major elements of the draft resource management plan include controlled burning, restoration of endangered species, and public use of the

preserve for educational purposes.

Weymouth Woods features an extensive stand of longleaf pine trees and is the home of more than 600 species of plants and animals, including the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker. The pine forest and the plant and animal habitats within it depend on recurring fires for their existence.

In an effort to preserve the forest environment, the proposed plan calls for using controlled man-made fires instead of depending only upon the un- (Continued on Page 16-A)

Child Abuse Workshop Slated; Plans For Shelter Considered

A workshop on child abuse is expected to attract 150 persons to the Holiday Inn on Thursday, March 8, and may well set the tempo for eventual development of a local shelter "for battered women and their children."

Dr. Robert Byrd, a member of the Sandhills Mental Health Center staff and workshop leader, says the all-day workshop is expected to attract nurses, teachers, law enforcement officers, staff

members from the mental health center and the social services department, other educators and lay persons with a special interest in the subject. Continuing education credit will be offered.

Sponsors are the Sandhills Mental Health Center, the Staff Development Department of Moore Memorial Hospital, and the Continuing Education Center of Fayetteville State University. Emphasis will be placed on identifying and solving problems

related to the abused child and his parents and on exploring the community resources available.

At the close of the workshop, participants should be able to recognize possible or potential child abuse-neglect cases, to describe the correct procedure to follow in such cases, to relate the causes and psychodynamics of the problem, and to discuss treatment.

Mary Hawley, who holds the (Continued on Page 16-A)