



GOLF WEATHER — The early Spring days of the past week have been ideal for golf and the more than two dozen golf courses in the Sandhills were crowded with golfers. Here is play at the Southern Pines Country Club on Monday. — (Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Grant Asked For Shelter For Battered Spouses Use

Application for a grant for funds to provide a shelter for battered partners and children has been made for Moore County.

Amy Garber, child services social worker for the Sandhills Mental Health Center, said the county has applied for \$148,000 in federal funds to the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

She spoke at a meeting of the Sandhills Chapter of the American Association of University Women at the Carthage Library Saturday morning.

Funds of \$15,000 are expected to be given by the state. If the application is granted, a shelter would be placed in Moore Memorial Hospital in former nurses' quarters. The shelter (Continued on Page 16-A)

Bus Drivers Paid More; Safety Record Is Good

The training of Moore County's school bus drivers is a major job, and has resulted in the employment of competent drivers to transport approximately 6,500 of Moore County's 10,900 pupils on a regular basis.

The county employs Dale Frye of Carthage to train prospective drivers in all phases of classroom and manual bus work. Gene Riddle, an administrator with the Moore County schools, is in charge of transportation.

Riddle said "We've got a system of bus driver's training that's really organized by the state. Our representative here is Dale Frye. He is the man who not only gives the classroom but the driving work. Once they've done the classroom work, Mr. (Tommy) Cockman checks the driver out—so he is really (Continued on Page 16-A)

Spring Comes--Sandhills Prepares For Visitors

Spring came to the Sandhills today, in bursts of blossom and continuing warm sunshine.

Temperatures remained in the 70s, and the weather is expected to remain fair through Thursday. Yellow juncos have already trumpeted the coming of spring, and forsythia and camellias have spread their bright colors everywhere.

Hundreds of visitors are expected for the Moore County Historical Association's Antiques Fair opening tonight with a preview in the Armory in Southern Pines, and many more are looking forward to the House and Garden Tour April 11 and the Stoneybrook Steeplechase the day before Easter, which is April 15.

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Liquor Tax Split 50-50 Under Compromise Plan

In a surprise move Monday night the Moore County Board of Commissioners approved a compromise proposal which, if passed by the North Carolina General Assembly, will give the Town of Southern Pines 50 percent of the liquor by the drink special tax and the towns of Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Carthage 25 percent of the ABC store retail sales profits.

The towns presently get 10 percent of the profits.

Commissioner Carolyn Blue was the diplomat who brought up the subject, which was not listed on the agenda. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Arthur Purvis, and approval was unanimous.

The measure is to become effective July 1.

Southern Pines town officials told The Pilot Tuesday that they were unaware such action was pending until after the board meeting.

"It's a pleasant surprise," said Mayor Emanuel Douglass. "I hope this means we have reached a truce. It's a step in the right direction, and I'm very happy they (the commissioners) saw fit to reconsider."

Douglass added that the action should stop "a lot of division in the community." He said he was in the process of notifying other council members to determine their reaction.

Town Manager Mildred McDonald said she was "certainly pleased," and Lamont Brown, town attorney, called it "a good compromise."

The commissioners do not expect any difficulty in getting this particular piece of local legislation through the General Assembly, although the deadline for local bills has passed. It was noted that the previous effort to introduce a bill for Southern (Continued on Page 16-A)

Budget Increase Is Seen

Moore County school administrators are busy working on the budget for next year, but as of yet nothing has been put down on paper, one source said.

However, an increase of about ten percent in the current operating budget is expected, said Joe Vaughn, budget director in the school system. He said general inflation is the reason for this increase.

"In the past few weeks I've sent out letters to different companies we do business with, asking them to indicate what they foresee any increase will be," he said. Their answers caused Vaughn to estimate an eight to ten percent increase for expenses such as utilities bills and supplies.

The operating budget, composed of county funds, totaled \$2,738,005 for fiscal year 1978-1979. This figure will probably increase by about ten percent, said Vaughn, in next year's budget, which is due before the Board of Education in (Continued on Page 16-A)

County Rolls Back Rural Land Tax; Personal Property Value Rate Cut

After a 45-minute executive session called to discuss personnel matters, the Moore County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously Monday to adopt a land-use schedule of values for agricultural, horticultural and timber lands.

When the board reopened the meeting, no reference was made to the subject of personnel. Instead, Commissioner James Craven immediately offered a motion to adopt the land use values for 1979.

The board's action has a "rollback" effect on certain rural properties, which might be taxed at a higher rate because of a variety of urban influences.

Also contained in the motion are a reduction in the personal property tax percentage and elimination of all road frontage values.

The land use values adopted by the board are: \$650 an acre for cropland; \$450 an acre for pasture and open land; \$250 an acre for woods land. The motion provides that seven percent of house value will be used to tax household and kitchen furniture. This is down from the 10 percent previously followed. However, this does not change the tax rate applied to motor vehicles, which are also personal property.

Board members then approved a provision to remove all road frontage values, a new aspect of the county-wide property reassessment project. In taking this particular action, the board emphasized that this is for tax purposes only.

Assistant Tax Supervisor Dewitt Purvis has explained that the land use value schedule was recommended to bring real property values, for taxation purposes, in line with the actual use of the property. For example, land being used for crops, pasture or timber may be situated near an industrial area, a factor which might tend to raise its valuation for tax purposes. The board's action means that the valuation will be rolled back to the figures designated for different types of land.

If the property is used to raise crops and is valued at \$1000 an acre, then the property-owner will be taxed at \$650 an acre.

Property taxed less than \$650 will not be affected.

These land use values are not automatically in effect, and property owners must apply to the county tax office to establish the actual use of the property. April 19 is the deadline for these applications.

Closed Session
When the board voted to go into closed session shortly before 10

p.m., Purvis and County Finance Officer Estelle Wicker remained with the board. Before calling for the executive session, Board Chairman Lee Williams said the board would be discussing a tax matter, including a personnel question.

In other action the board voted to hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 11, to consider (Continued on Page 16-A)

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Scanner Latest Diagnostic Tool Put To Use At Moore Memorial

Area physicians, hospital trustees, and administrative personnel gathered at Moore Memorial Hospital Sunday afternoon to see the latest in diagnostic X-ray technology, the CT Scanner.

CT (computerized tomography) scanning involves a \$700,000 instrument which

some physicians are calling the most revolutionary development in X-ray history.

"Every day something is seen on a CT scanner that can't be picked up with other diagnostic techniques," says Dr. C.G. Coin, Director of Sandhills Diagnostics, the medical group which operates the equipment

and provides the CT services through an agreement with Moore Memorial.

Doctors from Moore and surrounding counties were shown examples of the detailed cross-sectional images produced by the CT scanner, which not only provide better information, (Continued on Page 16-A)



CT SCANNER ARRIVES — Dr. C.G. Coin, Director of Sandhills Diagnostics, points to part of the computerized tomographic scanner in a demonstration of the new equipment Sunday afternoon at Moore Memorial Hospital. Without slicing the watermelon (center) the scanner produced cross-sectional images of its interior, which is impossible by conventional diagnostic X-ray methods. The low dosage X-ray instrument, combined with a computer, was described as "the most revolutionary development in X-ray history" by Dr. Coin.

DuPont Optimistic For Party

The Moore County Republican Party held their first Lincoln Day Dinner on Friday evening at the Southern Pines Country Club with Gov. Pierre duPont IV of Delaware as their guest speaker.

"I think the Republican Party has a better opportunity than ever in 1980 but it's one thing to have the opportunity but you must make it work. Come 1980 we can do the job," he told the 280 persons who attended.

"We must build the party because we have to start a turnaround," he continued. "We in the Republican Party have a good crop of young men coming along and we need to start at the bottom of the pyramid and work with helping the local people win first."

Gov. duPont stressed that he would be spending as much time as possible helping candidates on the local level. "You've just elected your first Republican Sheriff," he said. "That's where we start."

At the reception held before the fund-raising dinner Gov. duPont talked with a number of people and shook a large number of (Continued on Page 16-A)

Distress Aid Asked For Mental Health

Sandhills Mental Health Center has applied for a \$253,000 Distress Grant from the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

If approved, the grant will pick up some of the cost of providing mental health services to adults and children in the counties of Anson, Hoke, Montgomery, Richmond and Moore, according to Dr. Steven Dingfelder,

director of the center. The grant would cover part of the cost taken by the HEW staffing grant which the agency has been awarded for the past eight years.

Dr. Dingfelder told The Pilot that his agency is no longer eligible for the HEW staffing grant, which cannot be renewed after the eighth year. He added that the Distress Grant will not (Continued on Page 10-A)

Parking For Stoneybrook Changed For This Year

Preparations were under way this week for the Stoneybrook Races on Saturday, April 14, with an announcement that changes have been made in parking arrangements.

Because of the overflow crowd in the general admission parking area last year which resulted in some spectators being unable to get into the parking area, general admission parking has been moved to two fields on Youngs Road.

The new areas will accommodate large crowds and will

eliminate any overflow parking on adjacent roads.

Notice was also given of restrictions on parking on roads. There will be no parking on Youngs Road, Sheldon Road, Yarkin Road or May St. These roads will be patrolled.

Spectators were requested to purchase parking spaces by contacting the Stoneybrook office at the rear of the Campbell House or by phoning 692-8000.

General admission price is \$4 per person, children under 12 (Continued on Page 16-A)

Moore Sewer Plant Among NC's Most Sophisticated, Functional

BY FLORENCE GILKESON
Disposing of human waste is an unglamorous occupation, but the \$17.5 million Moore County Water Pollution Plant is one of the most sophisticated and functional such facilities in North Carolina.

In fact, the plant is ecologically effective to the point that its effluent—or final product—is

actually a higher quality water than that already found in the receiving creek.

The site is 66.77 acres in size, and the rolling grassland stretching about the maze of buildings, basins, and multiple receptacles has the appearance of a golf course. The comparison may not be so odd after all, one day it may be possible to use a

by-product of the plant to fertilize golf course grass.

"We're a part of life that no one cares about," admits Gary Frick, plant superintendent since 1977.

"Something has to happen between the toilet and the washing machine and that natural stream where you pull in (Continued on Page 11-A)



READY FOR THE CREEK — Gary Frick, superintendent of the Moore County Water Pollution Control Plant, shows a sample of the plant's finished product, known as effluent. Once raw sewage, this water has been treated and cleansed of pollutants and is ready for discharge into Aberdeen Creek. The equipment is an automatic sampler which scoops up a tiny cup of water every five minutes for continuing monitoring.

THE PILOT LIGHT

AUMAN—The credit for working out the compromise on a more equitable division of liquor-by-the-drink taxes between Moore County and the Town of Southern Pines goes to Rep. T. Clyde Auman.

Rep. Auman did not support a proposed bill to set up a separate ABC system for the town, but he promised to see if a compromise could be arranged.

On Monday night the county commissioners voted to divide the \$9 per gallon tax from mixed drinks on a fifty-fifty basis with Southern Pines. In addition they voted to increase the share in profits for the municipalities with ABC stores from 10 to 25 percent.

Auman said Tuesday that he hopes the compromise "will be satisfactory" to all concerned.

He also said that if Pinehurst should get mixed drink sales under another bill he has introduced at this session of the Legislature they should share in the tax funds on the same basis.

DEER BILL—Rep. Auman said that he has been getting opposition to a bill introduced last week to prohibit the hunting of deer with a larger caliber rifle than a .22 in Sandhills and Mineral Springs townships. He said that he had expected (Continued on Page 16-A)