

by one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday when Daylight Saving Time begins. You can "fall back" one hour next October.

THE PILOT

will be held here Saturday with over 200 bicycle riders in 101-mile race. See story Page 1-D.



WEYMOUTH ACQUIRED—Dr. Raymond Stone (third from left), president of Sandhills Community College, holds a check for \$700,000, which was presented to the college Foundation on Tuesday as the purchase price of the Friends

of Weymouth, Inc., for the Boyd estate. Looking on are, from left, Alex Webb, secretary-treasurer, and Admiral I.J. Galantin, president of the Friends. Sandhills attorney W. Lamont Brown is at right.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Weymouth Is Bought By Friends From SCC

A two-year goal of the Friends of Weymouth was reached here yesterday.

Weymouth, the home of Novelist James Boyd and Katharine Boyd, was acquired by the Friends of Weymouth, Inc., for the price of \$700,000, which was paid to the Sandhills Community College Foundation.

The transfer of the property took place in the law office of W. Harry Fullenwider, with attorneys for the various agencies involved, President Raymond Stone of Sandhills College and Admiral I.J. Galantin, president of the Friends of Weymouth, present.

There were no formal ceremonies, but President Stone brought along and presented to Fullenwider a small bag full of dirt from the Boyd estate. It was a symbolic gesture representing an ancient way in English history of transferring property.

The acquisition of Weymouth came a little more than two years after the Friends of Weymouth was chartered for the purpose of preserving the noted estate, which includes the largest stand of virgin longleaf pine left in the country and a 32-room mansion.

Weymouth will be developed as a statewide center for the arts and humanities. Several programs already have been held at Weymouth Center and many others are planned.

The \$700,000 purchase price was turned over to the Sandhills College Foundation, Inc., which received the property under

Dry Weather Is Causing Series Of Forest Fires

Moore County's forest firefighters are responding to "one fire a day" and keeping their fingers crossed that it will rain and conditions will improve.

Forest Ranger Robert Edwards says fires have erupted on woodlands almost daily since April 18, occurring all over the county. The fires have been scattered through Robbins, Vass, Cameron, Southern Pines, and Pinehurst.

In spite of the number of fires, the damage has been relatively light, estimated at between 15 and 20 acres of woodlands.

Fires in other counties have been far more severe, Edwards pointed out. Several hundred acres burned in coastal Carteret

County earlier this week, and about 375 acres burned in Harnett County last week. Edwards sent equipment from Moore County to help control the Harnett fire, and the Cameron Fire Department assisted state and county firefighters there.

Most of the Moore County fires have been blamed on carelessness. Edwards reported that a fire on a golf course at Pinehurst was started by a careless smoker, and others have largely been the result of

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Hunters Here Like Watauga Fox Bill

Under a bill introduced into the North Carolina General Assembly, the fox is identified as a game animal and may not be trapped or sold, as a whole or in part.

Known as the Watauga County bill, (SB 121), the proposed legislation is almost exactly what Moore County foxhunters have been seeking.

"It's the best news I've heard in a long time," said Mrs. W.O. Moss, master of the hounds for the Moore County Hounds.

She was joined by another enthusiastic foxhunter, William C. Boren, in supporting the

legislation, which is also backed by the State Wildlife Commission and the State Foxhunters Association. Although the Moore County Hounds are not involved in the association, the Hounds and Sedgefield Hunt members are solidly behind the measure, Boren said.

At the request of County Commissioner Arthur Purvis, the Moore County Board of Commissioners recently voted to ask State Sen. Russell Walker to include Moore among the counties covered by the legislation. Sixty to 70 other

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'Longest Minute' Is Call For Help; Communication Needs Outlined

BY FLORENCE GILKESON

One rescue worker calls it "the longest minute you will ever wait."

Central communications is a subject frequently heard in Moore County circles. A controversy which arose last fall—in the wake of the elections—may have served to obscure the reasoning of local emergency service groups who

favor a communications center. Fire Marshall Joe Adams describes the frustration of the present situation in an incident he witnessed a few years ago when he observed a volunteer fall from the rear of a rescue vehicle enroute to an accident.

The rescue driver was unaware of the fall. Adams, whose vehicle is not equipped with a stretcher, felt almost helpless. While he could go to the injured man himself, he could not offer the skilled assistance which the ambulance

crew could provide with its equipment. The problem? Adams' car radio could not make contact with the very ambulance from which the rescue worker fell although the two vehicles were only a matter of feet apart at the moment of the fall.

That story had a happy ending. The injuries were serious, but the man lived and was able to return to rescue work.

But the ending is not always happy. This story merely illustrates the problem.

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Airline Here Is Asked To Pre-Screen Riders

Resort Aviation, which operates out of Southern Pines, was one of the two computer airlines censured by the Federal Aviation Administration concerning its screening processes at Raleigh Durham Airport.

The other is Wheeler Airlines, which reportedly is considering going out of business.

Jim Meals executive vice-president of Resort Aviation and general manager of the local airport, said Resort will probably be forced into installing screening devices or lose its computer service to Raleigh. He said a walk-through

screening system begins at about \$2,000 and another screening device, a "wand" runs about \$300 to \$350.

A larger cost would be for a police officer, which by legal requirements must be present at locations where screening takes place. This officer must be uniformed, carry a sidearm, and have authority.

Resort and Wheeler have until the last day of April to come up with a solution to their screening, or "security" problem. Meals said "As of May 1 the F.A.A. insists anyone using the main

Guilty Plea Is Entered In Slaying Case At Vass

A guilty plea to the charge of voluntary manslaughter has been accepted by the State in the case of Alton Junior Turney, charged in the Feb. 4 shotgun slaying of Donald Wayne Holder.

Judge Thomas W. Seay Jr. of Spencer heard the case Monday in Moore County Superior Criminal Court but continued sentencing until Thursday at 4:30 p.m. The defendant remains in custody until that time.

Turney, 30, lists his address as Vass, Rt. 2.

The case is one of four murder cases docketed for trial this week. Because of the heavy docket, the judge ordered the summoning of 25 additional jurors to supplement the 62-juror roster previously called.

One murder case, that of Shelley Martin, has been continued on a motion by the defense because of her attorney's illness. In the Phyllis Morrison case a motion was allowed to hold this matter open until today. As of Tuesday, no action had been taken in the fourth, in which Gregory Eugene Black is the defendant.

Not guilty was the verdict returned by a jury Monday afternoon in the case of Willis J.

Blackman of Aberdeen, who pleaded not guilty to charges of breaking, entering and larceny. Blackman was accused of

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The Sandhills Observatory

PUBLIC VIEWING

The last of the scheduled winter and spring viewing nights at Sandhills Observatory will be on Wednesday, May 2, Thursday, May 3, and Friday, May 4.

Those wishing to make reservations should call Allen Clarke at 295-3660 before or during the above dates. Please do not call before 6 p.m. Only 15 guests can be accommodated on each night.

This is probably the last time Jupiter can be seen before it becomes too low in the western sky for good viewing. Saturn is almost directly overhead. The first quarter moon on the above

nights has a wealth of craters well lighted by the sun's slanting rays. The winter stars are getting lower and lower in the west and the spring and summer constellations are beginning to claim the sky.

The Observatory is located on N.C. Rt. 5 between Aberdeen and Pinehurst; 3.25 miles from the intersection of U.S. 1 and N.C. Rt. 5 in Aberdeen and 2.65 miles from the R.R. underpass in Pinehurst. Visitors should check their mileage from either of these points and approach the turn off to the observatory slowly or else they will overshoot the entrance.

THE PILOT LIGHT

MORGAN - Senator Robert Morgan is convinced that good nutrition is the key to better health for Americans and especially better nutrition for the very young.

He and many other top officials will be present at the "Nutrition for Kids Fair" at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh on Saturday, May 5, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Bruce Jenner of Olympic fame as well as basketball stars from N.C. State, Carolina and Duke will be present. Morgan goes on to say:

"All of this entertainment will be tied to physical well-being that stems from good nutrition

and it will be educational as well as fun.

"We hope to draw attention to the national problem of achieving better nutrition. North Carolina, with its agricultural leadership, has a vital interest in this, even beyond the general welfare of its children. Not many people know it, but our state is the second leading per capita producer of fruits and vegetables in the nation, trailing only California."

REPUBLICANS - Jack Lee of Fayetteville says he has received endorsement from several top Republicans for

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Poultry Leads In \$62 Million Farm Income

Thousands of green-growing acres stretch across Moore County, and their harvest brought income estimated at almost \$63 million in 1978.

The money-making acreage is agricultural land, not golf courses, and the estimated income figure is the work of a survey by the cooperating agricultural agencies of Moore County.

Agricultural Extension Chairman Talmadge Baker cautions that the \$62,864,450 total is an estimate for the year, but at least two aspects of the report are accurate, the tobacco income

and the government payments for conservation and other programs.

Tobacco and peaches come to mind when Moore County agriculture is discussed, but it is actually the unglamorous poultry and egg industry which is the major money-maker here. Estimated income for poultry and egg sales last year amounted to \$38,498,640, compared to \$9,752,174 for tobacco and \$291,840 for peaches.

In 1978 Moore County farmers harvested flue-cured tobacco from 3707 acres with a yield averaging 1978 pounds an acre.

Production totalled 7,332,462 pounds, all of which was sold, at an average price of \$1.33 a pound.

Baker said that the figures on tobacco harvest and income have been confirmed and are accurate.

Altogether, field crops brought income totalling an estimated \$13,784,405, including tobacco.

Corn was harvested for grain on 12,000 acres with an average yield of 65 bushels an acre and a total production of 780,000 bushels. Of this, 505,000 were sold at an average price of \$2.35 a bushel. Total sales amounted to

an estimated \$1,374,750.

With sales climbing to \$1,186,800, soybeans were harvested on 8000 acres with an average yield of 23 bushels an acre. All 184,000 bushels were sold, the price averaging \$6.45 a bushel.

Other crops brought in these estimated amounts: hays, \$384,000; rye, \$324,000; wheat, \$288,000; grain sorghum, \$237,600; oats, \$172,800; barley, \$44,800; peanuts, \$1,481.

Fruits and nuts represented an estimated \$322,900 income, most of which came from the 38,000-bushel production from

the 19,000 peach trees of bearing age. Moore County orchardists sold their peaches at an average price of \$7.68 a bushel.

In addition, grapes brought in an estimated \$22,000, pecans \$7000, and apples \$2060.

Vegetables, principally sweet potatoes, sold for \$895,327, according to the survey estimate. Sweet potatoes sold for the fresh market brought \$476,000 with another \$38,812 coming for sweets sold for processing. Moore County growers sold an estimated \$87,500 in leafy greens, \$62,000 in

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TOTAL LOSS—The mobile home of the Coy Whitt family was destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon. Both the Vass and the Southern Pines Fire Departments answered the call to Skyline. Firemen reported that the fire originated in the kitchen but the exact cause has not been determined. The Whitts were not at home, according to Vass Fire Chief D. Hugh McLean. The trailer and its contents were described as a total loss.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).