across the road. According to

accident reports, a car struck

Randy, injuring him seriously. Alfonzo Watkins, the driver of

the car pleaded guilty to charge

of careless and reckless driving

because the bus driver was the

that the case would be settled out

The Attorney General will represent the state and the

school board in the case, and if

fines have to be paid, the state

will pay them. The date has not

been set for the hearing, but it

Dr. Owens Appointed

appointed Dr. Francis Owens as

trustee, in spite of a policy the

board had adopted earlier in the

year which would have made the

chairman of the school board the

The unanimous decision came

following a statement read by

Chairman Lou Frye asking that

Dr. Owens be re-appointed,

because he would prove more

next trustee.

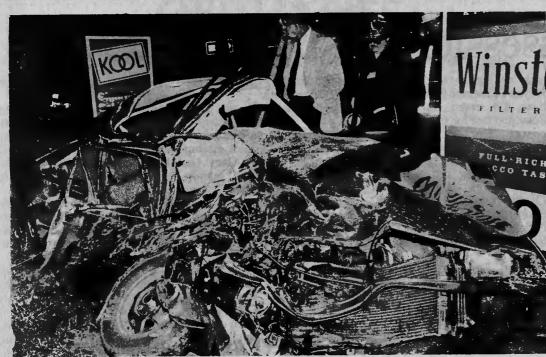
Sandhills Community College

In other business, the board

will be held in Moore County.

dismissed.

of court.



SERIOUSLY INJURED—Robin Denise McKenzie, 22, of West End was injured and remains in serious condition in Moore Memorial Hospital with a head injury following a collision last Wednesday with a transfer truck at the intersection of U.S. Highway 1 and N.C. Highway 5. According to police reports, Ms. McKenzie was turning left onto Highway 5, apparently did not see the truck which was traveling south on U.S. 1, and drove into the truck's path. The 1980 Honda Ms. McKenzie was driving was totalled, while the truck was damaged an estimated \$2,000.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides)

# Schools

new physical education position of living is higher now." to Dr. Charles Phillips, chairman of the board of commissioners, during the two boards' retreat at Quail's Roost in February, at which time Phillips had said "he wanted to see something done

ments," Lee said. "So I recommended the in-

amount is 'overwhelming'." Presently there is one elementary P.E. teacher in the county, and the seven additional positions best interest to provide busing would allow for a ratio of one and hot lunches for children, teacher per 750 students. The especially when you realize that amount requested for the salaries some children could not get to is \$130,320 total. "It costs money school, and would not get a good

to hire people," Lee said. Lee said his first responsibility was to the students and teachers,

dent fees and new positions. "Who am I to say to teachers, 'I never asked for it,' that I didn't even give them a chance to say

no," said Lee. "I want Charlie Phillips and

to say no, to drawn the line." item in that budget that's not worthy of being funded."

In answer to many questions he's received about "fat" in the budget, Lee said, "I've quit telling people that there isn't any fat in the budget. The fat in the budget is in the eye of the beholder," he said. Some people would consider

athletics "fat," Lee said, "but if I took it out they'd ride me out of town on a rail.'

The "fat," then, is many of the schools' enrichment programs developed over the past few years, he said. Programs like music, art, auto mechanics, carpentry are other examples of programs that are not necessary for the reading, writing and arithmetic side of education. Lee said, "but they are necessary for a well-rounded school program."

It is also these programs that have increased the cost of educating a child over the years, although student population has decreased, Lee said. Phillips had said at the commissioners' meeting that he was "overwhelmed by 13 new positions for fewer students."

Lee said Friday, that there was. more involved than just enrollment figures. "They don't understand the increased services that are now expected of us." He said that 10 to 15 years ago, there were fewer programs for students, and the board was not required by law to educate exceptional students, and it did not provide such vocational programs as carpentry and auto

Other changes in the school program over the years include larger classrooms, which are required by law, and the addition of aides in all kindergarten through third grade classrooms.

But, Lee insists this expansion is "not just true of the schools." He pointed out that the county has increased services to the people in the areas of increased garbage collection, recreation charges, and the verdict and departments and programs and a larger sheriff's department.

People are demanding these things," he said. "Their standard misdemeanors were dismissed

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Lee admitted that few pro-

grams in the school system are required by law, but that when one examines those which are not required, many are programs which people take for granted.

about the health and P.E. depart-Examples are busing, lunchrooms and hot lunches for children and, again, music, creases, and now he says the athletics and vocational pro-

meal without these." and said that he would be shirk- personnel, Lee said. "When we built, "without consulting us." ing his responsibility to them if he approach a person about working

position, so I can support my wife and kids?' and 'is there an in-

come supplement?" 'We could settle for lower quality personnel," Lee said, "but I don't know of any parents who want their children to receive a

second-rate education." In answer to a question about building the Cameron school, at the risk of having to cut back the budget, Lee said, "I would gladly "But we know, and others reduce our programs to as low as know," Lee said, "that it's in the we can to build Cameron school," but he said, "But we will not fire teachers and sacrifice existing programs to put in brick and

mortar." He said the issue had been part of Phillips' campaign platform, It is also becoming more expen- and that Phillips had promised sive to compete for good quality that Cameron school would be

"We want to see it built too, but did not ask for the decreased stu- for us, the first two things he's go- we will not sacrifice existing proing to ask is: 'is it a 12-month grams for a new building.'

## **Court Cases**

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and 57 misdemeanors pending in mon charges to o misdemeanors were filed before rangements. the year ended June 30, 1980.

misdemeanors.

had the highest rate of disposition guilty. in the district for misdemeanors. For felonies Moore was second only to Anson County, which had were disposed of by other means, a disposition rate of 92.6 percent. perhaps by no contest pleas. Few districts had rates this

Lincoln County, in District 27B, had the highest disposition rate pulled the district rate down to ly, 1979. 76.7 percent. Lincoln had a 94.2 82.5 percent.

dismissed in the 20th District exemption from the law while the because of the Speedy Trial law. building was being completed.

Forty were dismissed across the With four courtrooms available. state, including 17 in Mecklen- in the new facility, it was possible burg County and 16 in Alamance to conduct more than one court

defendant to a "speedy trial" is The old courthouse has one courguaranteed in both the United troom, which is used today for States and North Carolina con- county commissioners' meetings stitutions. Present state law re- and other public events. quires that criminal cases must be tried within 120 days of filing unless there has been justifiable delay for one or more reasons fices throughout the state. spelled out in the statute.

through guilty pleas by defendants

The annual report shows that in Moore County 283 felony cases and the Systems Division. and 170 misdemeanors were disposed of by a guilty plea. In such cases the defendant signs appropriate affidavits that he or she is pleading guilty to certain sentencing are left to the

presiding judge. Another 367 felonies and 127

superior court in Moore County. were disposed of separately, Another 574 felonies and 346 through guilty pleas or other ar-Sixteen jury trials - 12 felony

At the end of the court year, 65 cases and four misdemeanors felonies were pending, as were 29 were held. Jury trials are held in superior court when a defendant For the entire district the total enters a not guilty plea. In order caseload for the year amounted to secure a jury trial, a defendant to 2,783 felonies and 1,893 misde- charged with a misdemeanor must appeal from district to Moore County Superior Court superior court and must plead not

Eighty-seven other cases - 14 felonies and 73 misdemeanors -

In the 20th District there were high or higher, and few counties 92 jury trials for felonies and 35 for misdemeanors. The 1979-80 year was the first

complete year in which the for misdemeanors, 98.5 percent, Moore County courts occupied but the rate for the one other the new courts facility in Carcounty in the district, Cleveland, thage. The move was made in Ju-

76.7 percent. Lincoln had a 94.2 Occupancy of the new facility percent rate on the disposition of made it possible for Moore Counfelonies, and the district rate was ty to comply with the relatively new state "speedy trial" law. The No criminal cases were county had received a temporary

With four courtrooms available session at a time and thus to com-The right of a criminal case ply with the "speedy trial" law.

The annual report represents the compilation of statistics by the personnel of clerk of court of-

Within the Administrative Of-Most cases were disposed of fice of the Courts, principal responsibilities for preparing the report were shared by the Research and Planning Division

#### Arrests

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door, and when he opened it, the two young men forced their way into the room. They pointed pistols at the man and his wife. made them lie on the floor and took all of their cash, which totalled about \$70.

Lyles and Morrison have also been charged with an attempted armed robbery at the Fairway Motel on US I South, on May 3. Det. Galloway said the arrest

was made "after investigations and compiling information supplied by other officers in the department."

The hearing is scheduled for June 10 in District Court in Carthage.

## School Lunches

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entire school system, because of cident. At that time the State his association with the Kennedy Patrol reported that the bus Foundation. The foundation has driver, Mrs. Gary Crabtree, let provided financial support to the Randy and another boy off the bus at Patterson Store, on college, and Mrs. Frye felt that to remove Dr. Owens could Roseland Road near Aberdeen. financially hurt both the schools The bus driver reportedly went up the road to let other and the college, because more funds would be required on the passengers off at their stops, and local level. came back to pick up the two boys, who saw the bus and ran

"If the foundation money was cut, it would just intensify the problem," said Mrs. Frye, apparently referring to the budget request of the county commissioners and the expected

The board had passed an adin a trial on January 21, and was ditional policy for the apordered to pay restitution to the pointment of trustees, stating boy's father of \$2,900. The charge that "beginning with the next vacancy, one of the four trustee of manslaughter was voluntarily appointment allocations shall be Lee said Monday night that the reserved for the chairman of the lawsuit came as a surprise Moore County Board of Education." boy's aunt, and it was expected

Mrs. Frye's statement, put into the form of a motion, and approved by the board, overrides the policy.

The vacancy becomes effective June 30. **New Principal** 

In another unanimous appointment, Herbert Leon Holleman was appointed to the principalship at Southern Pines Middle School, replacing Samuel Perkins, who is retiring in June.

The appointment came following a recommendation by the Southern Pines Middle School Advisory Council, which considered the top six candidates premiums will increase one before making a recom- dollar per student, to \$7.25 for the mendation.

Farmers of America club surance than it took in in (FFA), as part of the county premiums. Vocational Agriculture program, valuable for the county and presented a program to the

#### Fire Tax (Continued From Front Page)

was increased from six cents to lected on investments," he said. 10 cents. The tax is levied on the Moubry reported that he had

basis of the property evaluation recently met with the fire officers within that district and is in addiassociation to discuss methods of tion to other property taxes paid collection. to the county. Commissioner Tony Parker Adams explained that the Carsaid he had received complaints from people who know of proper- thage unit needs the additional

tax money to replace a tanker ty owners who are not paying the fire tax although they reside in a and for other equipment needs. Whitesell admitted that his service district. Eastwood Fire Chief Max department at Eastwood made a Whitesell said he knows people mistake last year when the rate paying the tax to the wrong was reduced from 12 cents to 11

the commissioners to be the ones when the court year began on Ju- by the district attorney's office. district and also knows one man cents. He said Eastwood needs ly 1, 1979, there were 167 felonies Most of these cases were compa- who owns a \$200,000 house but funds to pay off a debt with Commissioner Arthur Purvis for its building and for other was incredulous that such a situa- needs. tion should exist.

> Parker agreed, adding that when you establish a district, everybody should pay." Near the close of the meeting

the board voted to refund taxes paid by two property owners, Jim Halstead and Terry Weaver, who live outside a fire district. The refund will be made from the district budget to which the taxes were paid in error. The refund was made at the recommendation of Fire Marshal Joe Adams, Tax Collector Don Richardson, and Tax Supervisor Dewitt Pur-

During the long Monday night meeting the commissioners approved all 13 of the fire service district budgets.

Only two tax rate increases were included. The Eastwood rate was increased from 11 cents can be no higher than 15 cents per to 15 cents, and the Carthage rate \$100 property valuation.

### **Budget**

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vice districts.

discussions.

July 1.

Pinehurst on Sunday.

cerned that the treasury may run taxes are collected to provide completely dry in July or August, special fire service within the when tax collections are traditionally very slow. At a recent board meeting Dr.

Charles Phillips, the board chairman, commented that the county had little more than \$5,000 in the ficials. bank that day. Budget proposals have already been presented by those agencies

which are administered by meetings just to discuss budget elected or appointed officials, such as the health and social services departments, the sheriff, the schools and the coroner. Coming up next are budget re-

quests from everyone else, including county administration, tax department, finance office, inspectors, garage, Par Travel, and Humane Society of Moore County (HUSOM), among others.

A few budgets have already been approved. Among them are the social services department, the fire service districts, and the regional wastewater treatment Action is usually taken early on county.

the wastewater treatment plant budget because this facility is operated with funds collected from the three participating municipalities, Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen. The three towns need this information early in order to prepare their annual budgets.

Another budget which does not come from the county General Fund is fire service. Although these taxes are collected on the basis of property valuation, as is the regular county budget, these 7-8:30 p.m. board, describing the various ideals of the FFA, its purpose, and reciting its creed.

The club was named the Pineland Federation Overall Winner for 1981 by winning first place awards in seven out of 10 categories in which the state FFA clubs compete. The club will compete on the state level June 17-19.

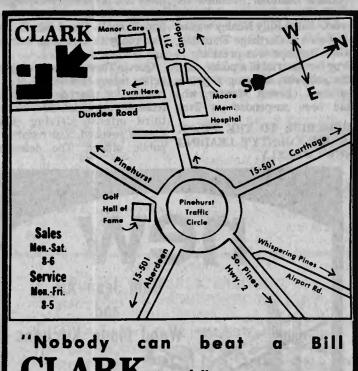
The board accepted one bid and rejected another for two houses built in the Live Carpentry Project at North Moore and Union Pines High Schools. The high bids received came during an auction May 19 at which time both houses were put up for sale.

The first bid was for a house built by Union Pines students, which cost a total of \$18,684 to build. The accepted bid was from Mohammad M. Shodja of Shodja Textiles in Aberdeen, who bid

The second, rejected bid was for the North Moore project, which cost \$22,452 to build. The bid was for \$19,200 and the board rejected it because it would mean a loss of money.

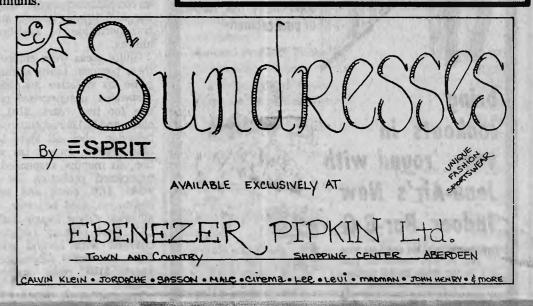
Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company was approved again this year as the company to handle student insurance, following recommendation by the county schools' principals. The board unanimously accepted the recommendation. Assistant Superintendent William C. Walton reported that insurance year, because the insurance The North Moore Future company paid out more in in-

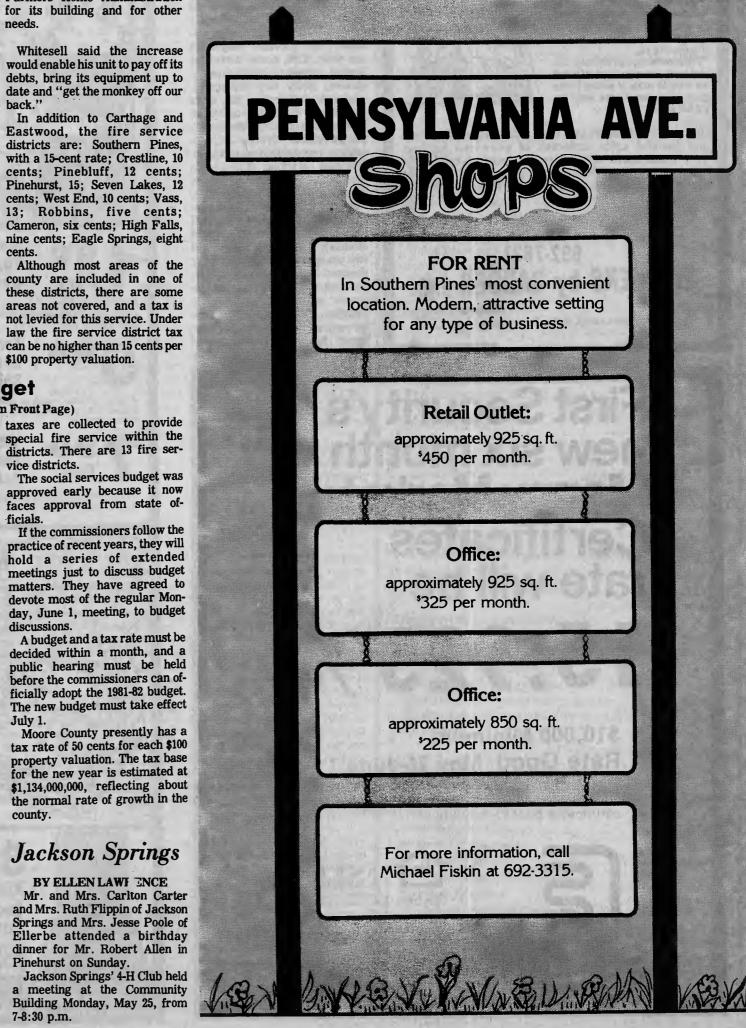




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# YARD SALE

Shaw Road, Pinehurst

(First Right Off Linden Road)

Kitchen Wares, Furniture, Books, Light Fixtures, etc.

Saturday, May 30 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Baby Accessories, Children's Clothes, Toys, House &