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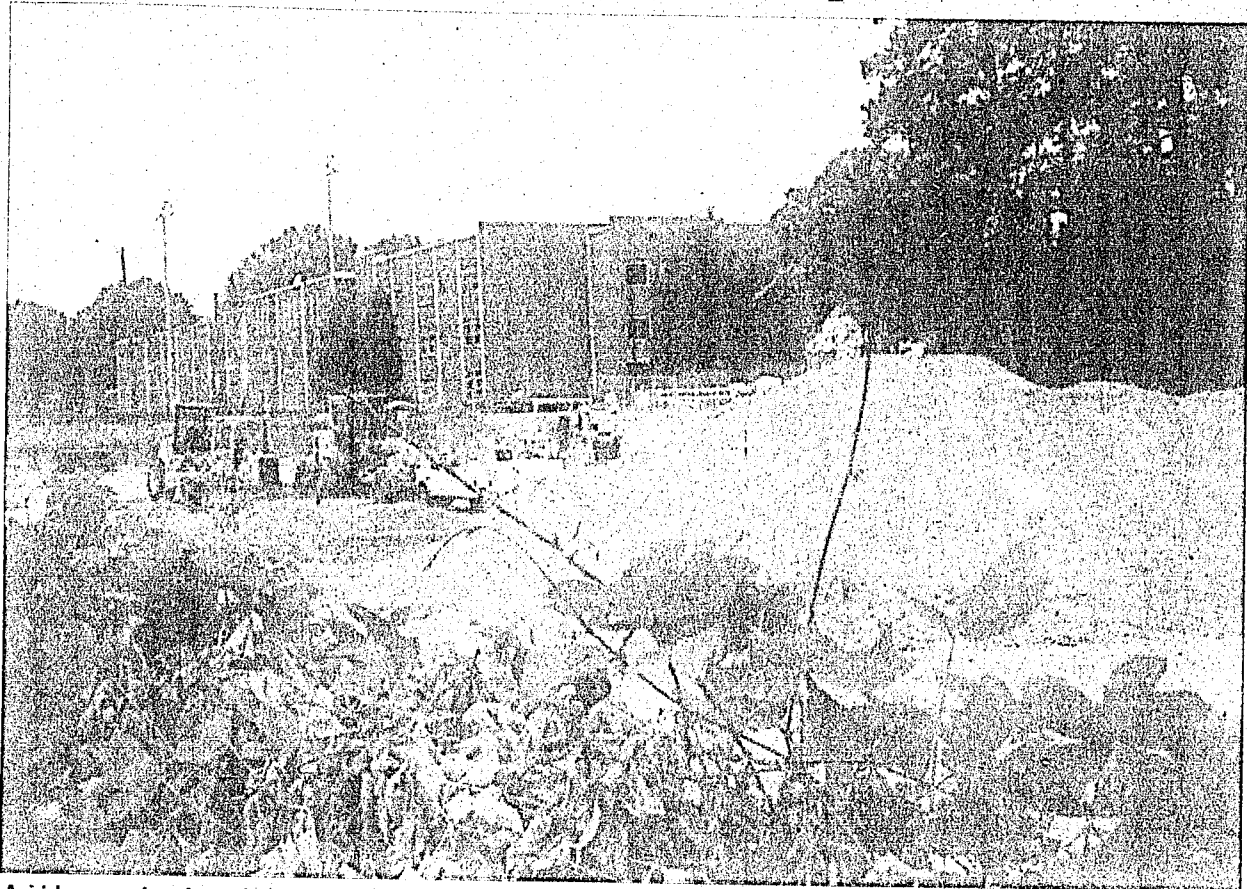
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Amid mounds of earth (above), crews transform weedy ravine into student parking lot.

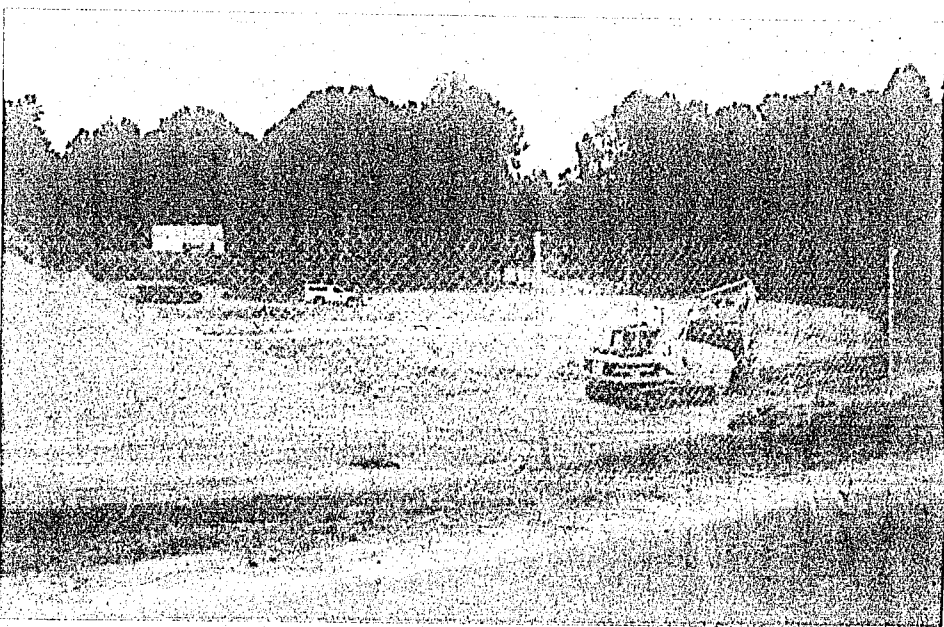
Lot to ease crunch at games, too

By JAIME GATTON

Construction is under way for the new student parking lot at Mooreville High.

APAC Carolina started developing the area almost immediately following last month's decision by the Mooreville Graded School District Board

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Successes, growth pains mark 1st year for tree board

By MICHAEL ROESSLER

A mixture of success and challenge. That's how members of the town's tree board, as well as the town's planning staff, are characterizing the first year of Mooreville's tree ordinance.

The ordinance was passed last June and was hailed by various town officials as a big step towards preserving the town's trees in the face of exploding commercial and residential growth. "It's going to be a new step for Mooreville," Mayor Al Jones said at the time.

Joanna Falzone, a representative of Save Area Large Trees (S.A.L.T.), also praised the town for passing the ordinance. "Now, in light of our aggressive development, there will be a guideline," she said after the ordinance's passage.

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Got a beef? Bring it to 'town meeting'

Mooreville will host a delegation of the area's state legislators this week, offering local residents the opportunity to discuss important matters with their lawmakers in a "town hall meeting" setting.

State Senators Cal Cunningham and James Forrester and State Representative Mitchell Setzer will hold a town hall meeting with Mayor Al Jones on Thursday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Mooreville Citizens Center auditorium. The public is encouraged to attend.

Jones hopes the event will give residents an opportunity to ask their legislators about matters of state governance. "It's a chance to bring people up-to-date about what's going on in Raleigh," he said.

Each lawmaker will be given an opportunity to make opening remarks, Jones said, and then those in attendance will have the chance to ask them questions.

— Michael Roessler

Downtown-area zoning changes still meet with resistance

By MICHAEL ROESSLER

Changes have been proposed to a new zoning plan for the downtown area, but a mayoral candidate who opposes the proposal says he still wants it abandoned.

The Mooreville Town Board and Mooreville Planning Board met last Thursday to hear the latest changes to the proposed Downtown Mooreville Planning Area Code, previously called the Downtown Development Code. The plan has

come under fire from some residents who live near the former Lake Norman Regional Medical Center building.

Mooreville Planning Director Tim Brown told the boards, as well as the several dozen people who

attended the meeting, that three changes had been made.

The most substantive would allow residents in the neighborhood surrounding the old hospital site to use their property for office use by right.

Previous versions of the proposed zoning change would have only allowed property in that neighborhood to be used for offices after gaining town approval.

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Turn back the clock at '50's day

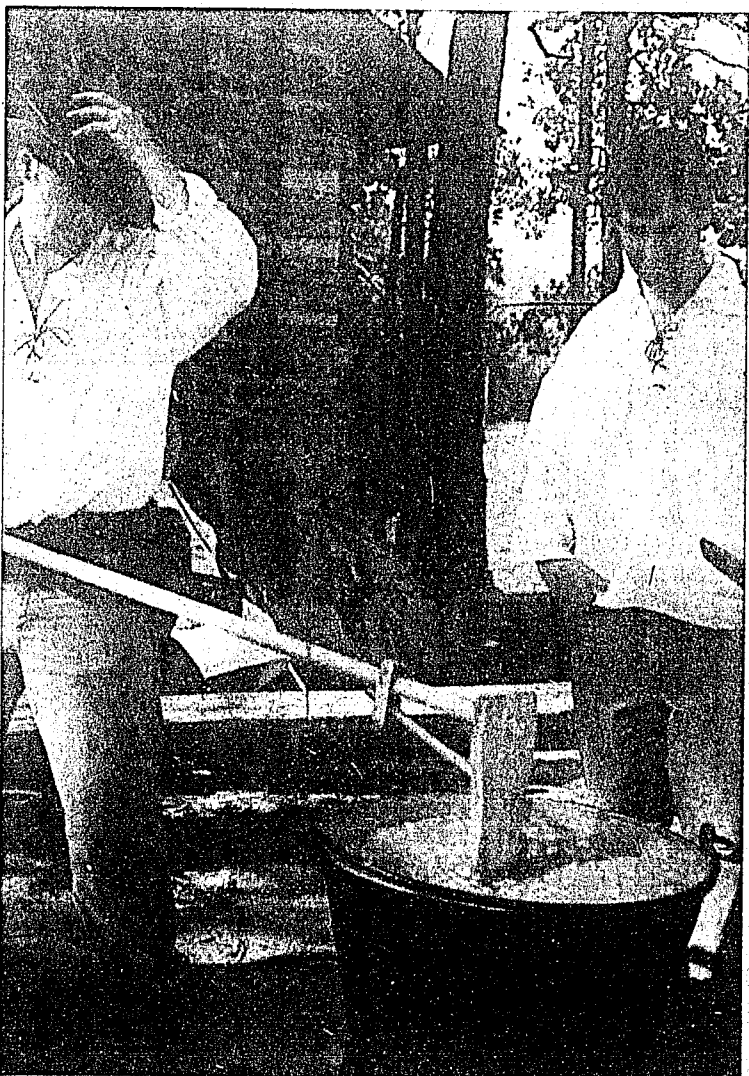
Downtown Mooreville will travel back to the 1950s this weekend, complete with period outfits, music and retail prices from the Eisenhower administration.

Mooreville Savings Bank and the Mooreville Downtown Commission are sponsoring a return to the '50s on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. The day will offer downtown visitors a chance to enjoy music from the era, as well as purchase merchandise at 1950s prices.

Bob's Grill, Deluxe Ice Cream, Pat's Gourmet and Pie in the Sky pizza will turn back the clock on prices.

Also, Wise Florist will hold a '50s costume contest from 2 to 3 p.m., and music from the decade will be played outside First Union.

— Michael Roessler



Above, wheelwrights heat a wagon wheel rim. In photo at left, Chris Horton makes apple butter. (Photos by Byron Crowley)

1840's village keeps the pioneer spirit alive

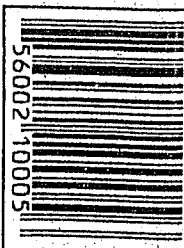
By BYRON CROWLEY
Special to the Tribune

Preserving people's lives was not enough for country doctor Bob Hart of Hickory. He also wanted to preserve the land, a collection of wild animals, and show pioneer life as it was in the 1840's in the Catawba Valley of North Carolina.

Seein' N.C.

Almost single-handedly, this quiet, modest man found, moved and restored, piece by piece, a total of 66 seventeenth and eighteenth century cabins, barns and dependent structures on a large Carolina.

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