

Raleigh Report

BY STATE SENATOR VOIT GILMORE

(Editor's Note: Mr. Gilmore, a resident of Southern Pines, was elected last November as one of two senators representing the 18th district—Moore, Lee, Hoke, Harnett and Randolph Counties. The Pilot expects to publish his "Raleigh Report" each week.)

have recently become available.

"Our intent two years ago was to see Sandhills College get the \$500,000, provided that Moore County raised its matching funds and regardless of whether income came from other sources," said Tom White of Kinston, chairman both in 1963 and 1965 of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee. His plea for the college was seconded by 1963 Senate President Clarence Stone and Representative David Britt, 1963 Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

College President Raymond Stone explained to the State Education Board that Moore County has come through with its \$1 million and that every dollar from whatever source is needed to get the school open on schedule. College trustees Clifton Blue and Ed Causey and C&D Director Bill Saunders backed his case while Senator Robert Morgan and Representative Clyde Auman sat in the hearing room's amen corner.

Sandhills College got its \$500,000.

No Time Wasted
Herbert Hyde, the new Senator from Asheville, got a telegram from home on the second legislative day. It read, "Two days already gone. What have you accomplished? Collect reply unacceptable." Among the wire signers was Hyde's predecessor, Senator Jim Strikeleather.

Byerly Nominated
My maiden speech in the State Senate was enjoyable. It was to nominate S. Ray Byerly of Sanford for the post of Principal Clerk of the Senate. Ray, now 61, has supervised the record-keeping of the upper house for thirty years. It takes him almost a year to prepare for, then complete the documentation of, each senate session. Between times he lives alone at his home in Sanford and practices law there.

As Byerly watched the nip-and-tuck race for President Pro Tem last week between Senators Dallas Alford and Robert Morgan, he recalled the C. V. Henkel-Robert Morgan fight for the same job a few political seasons ago. However, Henkel's opponent was from Shelby and this year's Morgan is from Lillington. In each contest Robert Morgan won. And up from Harnett County last week to congratulate the new Senate President Pro Tem came, yes, another Robert Morgan. This one, no relative, is judge of the Recorder's Court in Lillington.

Now Is The Time
Attention, County Commissioners, Mayors and Town Councils: Now is the time for you to advise us in the legislature of bills you wish enacted. These are the best days for consideration of such matters as zoning, schools, annexation, elections, etc., before the spring legislative log jam sets in.

College Funds Assured
Heavy political artillery zeroed on the State Board of Education last week to make sure that Sandhills Community College at Southern Pines got the full \$500,000 of state funds allocated to it by the 1963 legislature. A question had developed as to whether state funds could properly go to the new college now that federal funds of more than a half million

IN ADDITION TO BOND ISSUE FUNDS

County School Needs Estimated

A plan listing total estimated needs of the Moore County schools for the next five years, for which capital outlay appropriations will be asked in addition to funds from county school bonds, was presented to the county commissioners last week by Jere McKeithen of Aberdeen, chairman of the county board of education, and Robert E. Lee, superintendent of the county school system. This system includes all schools of the county except those in the separate Southern Pines and Pinehurst districts. They emphasized that the plan was a tentative one, with costs conservatively estimated not officially approved nor to be considered a request of the board of education, but prepared only to give the commissioners an idea of long-range needs as currently

foreseen. The needs, also the estimated costs, can undergo revision, and some decisions are yet to be made, the schoolmen said. However, most items on the list were said to be basic needs, not included in the bond issue program. It would take two full capital outlay appropriations, plus additional partial future appropriations, to pay for them, McKeithen estimated.

The needs were specified as follows under area designations: AREA I—Farm Life remodeling, \$5,000; Vass-Lakeview remodeling, \$7,000; Cameron remodeling, \$5,000; Pinckney (Catherine)—trade and industrial arts shop, \$50,000; auditorium, \$100,000; enlargement of cafeteria, \$35,000; library, \$25,000; physical

education field, \$15,000; administrative office and guidance, \$25,000.

AREA II—North Moore (for items not covered by bond issue funds), \$130,000; Highfalls, \$20,000; Westmoore, \$20,000; Davis Elementary, \$20,000; Robbins Elementary, \$150,000; three additional buses, \$12,000.

AREA III—A number of basic decisions must be made before definite plans or estimates can be made, some of them dependent on results of the survey to be completed by February 15 by Educational Research Services, Inc. It is anticipated that Area III consolidation (West End and Aberdeen, as it now stands) may take \$400,000 above available funds. Other items listed: Eagle Springs Elementary, \$5,000;

West End, \$20,000; Aberdeen, \$75,000; Berkley, \$50,000; Vine-land, Elementary, \$10,000 additional buses, \$12,000. The board of education had previously requested that bond issue payments be deferred until two full capital outlay appropriations could be made from county funds.

Budget Requests

If a wife planned a new \$3,000 wing on the house to help contain the growing family and if her husband said, "Here's \$1,000—make it do," there would be words. That's just like the drama unfolding last week in Raleigh: state agencies asked for \$440 million to make capital improvements to schools, ports, hospitals, parks and the like in 1965-67. The Advisory Budget Commission allocated only \$129 million, two-thirds less than the requests.

Before the General Assembly's appropriations committee there now begins the parade of partisans to plead for their projects. If you think the girls at Samar-cand Manor need a swimming pool (\$64,000), if you think the work release center should be built at Harnett County Prison (\$165,000), if you believe Hoke County should have a 120-foot steel fire tower (\$15,000), if you consider a Department of Motor Vehicles office building in Asheville desirable (\$63,500), if you want to stand up for the nature preserve interpretation center at the state's new Weymouth Woods Park near Southern Pines (\$64,000)—then start packing to come to Raleigh. All these projects and hundreds like them bit the dust as the budget makers last fall trimmed requests to fit predicted state revenues.

Both Senator Morgan and I, representing the 18th District, are on the Appropriations Committee and are scheduling several intensive weeks of reviewing the state's \$2 billion biennial budget, a colossus thicker than the New York City phone book.

Applause—Most and Least

In his first speech to the General Assembly, his so-called "Legislative Message," Governor Moore got the most applause in his references to continuation of North Carolina's emphasis on better education. He drew the least applause in his recommendation of a compulsory automobile inspection law. Yet legislators generally agree on the necessity of bold new action to stop our highway death toll.

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AT UNC-G

5 Moore Students Nominated For Scholarships

Eleven district committees of alumnae of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro are meeting this month to study the nominations of 274 high school seniors in the third annual statewide competition for Katharine Smith Reynolds Scholarships.

Each district will nominate two students and two additional nominees for a special chemistry scholarship will be chosen.

The 24 finalists will meet the central committee at UNC-G on March 5-6 which then will name 12 winners each of whom will receive \$1,200 for her freshman year at the university beginning in September. The scholarships are renewable for four years.

There are now 24 Reynolds Scholars at UNC-G and eventually there will be 48 holders each year. The scholarships were established by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem in honor of the wife of the founder of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. She was a Woman's College Alumna.

Each nominee was chosen by her high school on the basis of scholarship, character, capacity for leadership, and promise of success in college work.

Following are nominees from District 8:

Stephanie Sarah Pollock of Southern Pines High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hoke Pollock of Southern Pines; Deborah Marion Prince of Pinehurst High School, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Roscoe L. Prince; Sandra Aliene Hartsell of West End High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hartsell.

Also, Ruby Jewell Cockman, of Elise High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cockman of Robbins; Julia Elizabeth Lathan of Aberdeen High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Lathan of Pinebluff.

District 8 is made up of Anson, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond and Union counties.

Samples Can Be Collected When Soil Still Wet

According to F. D. Allen, County Extension Chairman, Moore County, it is best and easier to sample soils when they are dry enough for tillage operations. However, reliable samples can be collected from wet soil if additional care is taken.

Mr. Allen states that the best tool for sampling wet soils is a soil tube. These can frequently be borrowed locally, or if you wish to buy one, write the Soil Testing Division, N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, for a list of the manufacturers that make sampling tools. The procedure for sampling wet soils is generally the same as that for sampling soils with normal moisture content with one or two modifications. Fifteen cores to plow depth should be taken from each area to be represented by one sample. The soil cores collected should be placed in a clean plastic bag.

The next step in collecting wet samples is to empty each bag of soil onto a sheet of waxed paper to dry. Then mix the soil thoroughly and transfer a portion to a soil test carton. Your samples are then ready to send to the soil testing laboratory along with a properly-filled-out information sheet, Mr. Allen said.

EASING OUT

Easing yourself out of ice or snow—in second gear in a standard transmission car, for example—will save you time and patience, declares the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. Trying to power your way out, spinning your wheels, just makes matters worse.

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