

Resort Business Booming

BY FLORENCE GILKESON

Tourist and resort business is booming at most places in Moore County this summer, scares about a gas shortage and rumors of a slowdown to the contrary. Ask a resort operator about business, and the answer is enthusiastic and apt to include a travelogue extolling the virtues of the Sandhills.

If anything, the gas shortage may be having some reverse benefits here, because it is encouraging North Carolinians to take advantage of attractions within driving distance of home. There is evidence that resort real estate is going well as property owners opt for leisure living opportunities away from the heavily-traveled beach and mountain resorts.

Most persons interviewed by The Pilot last week were cautious about predicting coming seasons, because they are aware the full effect of the energy crisis is yet to be felt. Nevertheless, all said fall bookings are either better than ever or at least as good as they were last year. "Moore County has about anything to offer that you can

find anywhere in the world, and I've been all over the world," said an elated Fred Lawrence at Seven Lakes. "The fishing is good, the hunting is good, and we have the best climate in the world. When it rains a lot, like it has lately, the water just runs off. There's something about the sand and the pines that grows on you."

Lawrence, a transplant from Lee County, called business "super" and said he recently on one day sold three lots and a house. "Business has far exceeded what I expected. So far we have seen no slowdown because of gas or the economy," he continued.

Don Calfee at the Sheraton Inn was probably the most enthusiastic of all. "I'm tickled to death" is the way he expressed

it. Calfee recalled that not too many years ago business was so slow in the summer that the Sheraton could close up June 1 and save money. Now the June and July months are so good that he wouldn't dream of closing, and the prospects for August and September are just as good. The Sheraton is already getting bookings for December business, usually a slack season too.

"I am booming. We've got all the business we can handle right now. We haven't had an empty room in two weeks," Calfee said. The business is miscellaneous—banquets, parties, the lounge, as well as the conventions and meetings, many of which are booked a year in advance, and there is a good bit of much-appreciated local business.

Commercial business has held up well, but the tourist business has been "not so great," Calfee added. He reporting sending some customers to other lodging places on numerous occasions because the Sheraton was full. The Sheraton recently opened its new convention center.

Liquor-By-Drink Calfee doesn't think that liquor by the drink has had any major impact on business although obviously drinks are being sold and the business is profitable. "You build a restaurant because you need a restaurant, not to sell liquor. I never said liquor by the drink would make or break us, but it does help," Calfee said. At the Holiday Inn Al Trotter was singing a similar song of satisfaction for summer business. He reported a room

occupancy rate seven percent higher than that of July last year and said business has been good all summer.

Trotter believes Holiday Inn's gas alert system, tied in with its Holiday reservations system, has helped to ease the anxieties of travelers by providing in-

formation about the availability of gas across the nation.

"That's been a help, because tourists can plan their travels better," Trotter said. Another advantage has been Moore County's location as a comfortable midway stopping point (Continued on Page 14-A)



SANDHILLS BECKON — Such scenes as this—a flowering crepe myrtle on the sixth tee of the No. 5 golf course at Pinehurst and golf every day—is one of the many attractions for the Sandhills area which is enjoying a good tourist season this summer.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

October Start Up Set By Industry

Arthur C. Richards, Jr., Executive Vice President of Michigan-based Brooks & Perkins, Incorporated, has announced the purchase of the Twin Lakes manufacturing facility in Aberdeen from Key Homes, Incorporated, of Greensboro.

The plant is located on Anderson Street. The company, of Southfield, Mich., will consolidate its Materials Handling Division, presently located at Cadillac and Plymouth, Michigan, in the 68,000 square-foot facility. This division manufactures and markets various industrial and materials handling products

such as loading dock equipment, lifting and moving devices, non-powered floor trucks and dollies, and containerization and storage items. These are marketed through a nationwide network of over 900 distributors.

C.D. (Chuck) Fayling has been appointed General Manager of the operation with offices at the new facility. He joined Brooks & Perkins in February, 1979, as a corporate staff assistant. Prior, Fayling was head of a manufacturing division of a Cleveland-based Fortune 500 company for three years and before that was ten years at Rockwell International, Pitt-

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Youth Killed Sleeping On Street In Pinebluff

A 16-year old Hoffman youth, sleeping in a Pinebluff street with his mother and brother, was run over and killed by a car before dawn Monday.

Pinebluff Police Chief Frank Swaim said David Clyburn was struck on the head while he lay asleep in the northbound lane of Current Street. Lying nearby, but uninjured, was the victim's mother, Frances Gillespie, and his brother, William Clyburn, 15, both also of Hoffman.

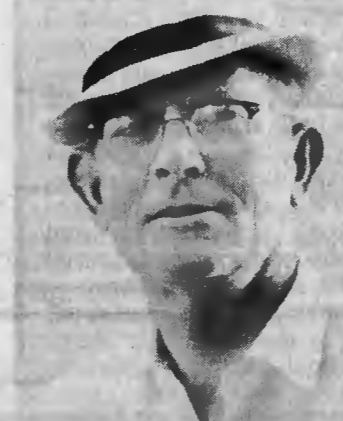
Chief Swaim reported that he was notified of the bizarre accident at 5:35 a.m. by a motorist who spotted the three figures in the street. The motorist, who was not identified, told the chief that she stopped just in time to avoid striking

anyone, then turned her car around and went to the nearest telephone.

Dr. James Laningham, a medical examiner, declared the youth dead at the scene and authorized removal of the body to Moore Memorial Hospital for a more thorough examination, according to Chief Swaim. Tests are to be made but Swaim was advised it will be a few days before the results are available.

The chief expressed the opinion that the death was unavoidable since the youth's body was lying in the travel portion of the street. However, he added, the driver should have reported the accident immediately. Swaim said his

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Emerson Humphrey

Emerson Humphrey Dies Here

Top photographer Emerson Humphrey, former official photographer for the Town of Southern Pines and for Pinehurst, died Tuesday night at his home at 530 North West Broad Street in Southern Pines. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Emerson Humphrey was a professional photographer with studios at 159 New Hampshire Avenue. He had photographed Presidents Harry Truman, Franklin Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and Gerald Ford, as well as other dignitaries. His pictures of Gen. and Mrs. Marshall at a reception in his honor just after the Malta conference was widely circulated.

He won many prizes for his photographs, of steeplechases, golfers, and portraits from the Carolinas Press Photographers Association. His picture of L.P. (Junebug) Tate and Ann Cannon Reynolds received wide circulation with the cutline, "Heiress Weds Childhood Sweetheart."

Emerson Humphrey was a native of Georgia, but left there at the age of 15 and finished high school in Fayetteville. He began taking pictures in high school.

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Coroner Nominee Slated By Democrats Thursday

A recommendation for the office of county coroner is expected to emerge when the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee meets Thursday, Aug. 2.

Chairman Phillip Jackson says the committee is expected to make a recommendation to be presented to the Moore County Board of Commissioners at the commissioners' Aug. 6 meeting. The Democrats will meet at 7:30 tomorrow night at the courthouse in Carthage.

At their July meeting the commissioners agreed to ask the Democrats to make a recom-

mendation of a person to be appointed to fill the coroner's office, left vacant by the resignation of James Andrews. When the Democrats met in July, however, they did not make a recommendation but decided to ask the commissioners to conduct a study to determine if a coroner is actually needed in Moore County.

"We never decided not to make a recommendation," Jackson said this week. "We just thought the county commissioners should have some time to study the need. The law says we should

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Moore Tax Supervisor Man Who Loves Work

Moore County property—everything from real and personal property to business inventories—now falls within the purview of DeWitt Purvis, a soft-spoken High Falls native who says he has never faced a truly unreasonable taxpayer.

"I try to keep good public relations; that's the secret," Purvis said.

As tax supervisor, Purvis declared that he intends to be fair and "to treat everyone the same." In his 23 years in the tax office he has talked with hundreds of people with questions about their property tax and has "never had a problem I couldn't handle." Purvis explained that most people are reasonable and especially so when someone takes time to explain the property valuation process.

Purvis became tax supervisor

on July 1, succeeding Estelle Wicker, who relinquished these duties to concentrate fulltime efforts on her other job, that of county finance officer.

Appraisal and tax listing are the major duties of the tax supervisor. These duties include appointment of list takers, their instruction, and general supervision of the property listing process.

The tax supervisor is empowered to correct errors in tax listing, as long as any changes made are within the bounds of the law. Although property values cannot be changed, he can authorize a change if an omission has been made, as an example.

"I love the work," Purvis said. "I've enjoyed working in the tax office. Moore County as a whole is full of nice people to work with.

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Birdie Festival Winners Enjoy Weekend

BY BETSY LINDAU

The Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce must have found the Weather Button at last because the rain held off at all the crucial times during the Birdie Festival last weekend.

Fourteen winners of the Birdie Festival golf tournament, who played here during the spring and early summer, were guests of Par Travel Council of the Chamber. All evidence is that they thoroughly enjoyed their weekend.

Mrs. Dorothy Damon of Westlake, Ohio, was last heard planning a reunion of the group

that included winners from Ohio, New York, New Jersey and Florida. A winner from Georgia and one from Virginia were unable to attend.

One guest was heard to say, "I thought it was going to be one of those deals where they hand you a book of coupons and then you're on your own."

Chamber members and others involved in the Festival were with the group throughout the weekend.

The winners were particularly pleased to be guests of the Chamber at the Chamber's Summer Outing which gave

them an opportunity to meet many local people.

The Summer Outing was held Saturday at Seven Lakes with a golf tournament in the afternoon and picnic on the beach area below the pool.

In spite of the conflict with the Jaycees' big Easter Seal tournament, so many men and women signed up for the Chamber's tournament that the last golfers didn't get off the course until nearly 8 p.m.

By the time the last half of the field had showered and driven over to the Chamber's Summer Outing picnic, approximately

Farmer's Day Slated At Robbins

The annual Farmer's Day celebrations will be held Saturday in Robbins, beginning at 10 a.m. with a large parade.

The parade will feature horses and mules pulling all types of buggies, wagons and carts which met in High Falls Thursday evening to drive together in a procession.

Curtis Hussey, one of the founders of the Farmer's Day celebration 24 years ago, will drive a covered wagon in the parade.

Wagonmaster Hussey said the parade will be the biggest yet. A crowd of thousands is expected from Moore and surrounding

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Arts Gathering

More than 100 artists-in-schools participants will be in Southern Pines on Thursday and Friday for program planning for the coming year.

The meetings and workshops will be at the Sheraton Motor Inn, with registration set for 9:30 a.m. Thursday, followed by a general session at which Mary Regan, director of the North Carolina Arts Council, will speak.

The popular artists-in-the-schools program is sponsored by the N.C. Arts Council. Among the artists will be dancers, poets, painters, musicians, film makers, architects and folk artists.

Hefner Will Meet Citizens Tuesday

Eighth district Congressman W.G. (Bill) Hefner will hold an old-fashioned town meeting in Carthage Tuesday night.

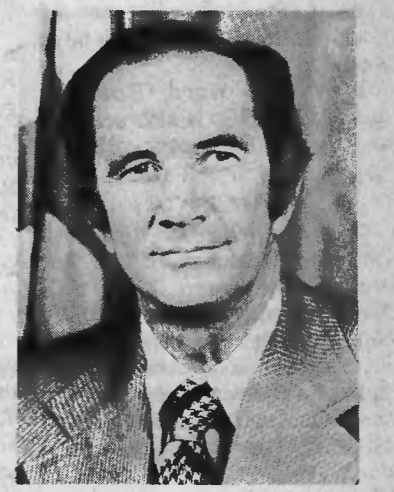
The August 7 meeting will begin at 7:30 at the Carthage Town Hall.

Hefner said, "I feel our citizens should have more chances to tell their elected officials how they feel about the problems and issues facing our nation.

"Just going to the polls every two years isn't enough." Hefner continued: "That's why I'll be at Carthage, to listen to what the people say—not to give a speech."

Hefner has held previous town meetings in Albemarle and Concord and will hold one Monday in Monroe, prior to coming to Moore County.

The following day, Hefner will be the guest speaker at the



Rep. Bill Hefner

Sandhills Kiwanis Club, at noon at the Holiday Inn here.

Congress is in recess for the rest of August.

Drug Cases Dominate Court Term Next Week

Forty-four drug charges dominate the docket for the Aug. 6 criminal session of Moore County Superior Court. Three murder cases are also named, along with two involuntary manslaughter cases.

Judge Charles T. Kivett will preside for this first superior court session in the county's new \$2 million courts facility. Court will convene at 10 a.m. Monday and at 9:30 other days.

Ninety-one persons have been summoned for jury duty next week. From this number nine will be selected to join nine hold-over members of the Moore County Grand Jury and will serve a 12-month term. The remaining jurors will be available for trial cases.

Most of the drug charges stem from a massive "drug bust" conducted by the sheriff's

department early in June.

The grand jury will be asked to hear evidence on 85 cases, including the 44 drug charges and one of the murder cases, that of John Henry Furr. If the jury finds a case to be a "true bill," then a bill of indictment is issued, and that case is added to the trial docket, which contains cases held over from previous court terms and the misdemeanor cases appealed from district to superior court.

Furr, 36, Pinebluff, is charged in the June 10 slaying of Charlie Ashley Batchelor, 34 Southern Pines. Defendants in the murder cases already listed on the trial docket are Nealy J. Leslie and Phyllis Morrison.

These drug cases are listed on the bill calendar for the grand jury: Bobby Brewer, two drug

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MINI FESTIVAL — Mark Lawrence of Southern Pines makes bullets for the muzzle-loader at his side as part of the Malcolm Blue Farm Mini Festival which concluded the Sandhills Birdie Festival on Sunday.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

THE PILOT LIGHT

SCOTT—Former Governor Bob Scott celebrated his 50th birthday a few days ago and told friends, and later newspaper reporters, that he is "leaning against" running for any political office in 1980.

Scott and his wife, Jessie Rae, were just back from a two-week trip to the southwest during which they talked about the 1980 political races.

The former Governor said Jessie Rae didn't want him to run and he also realizes that most of his supporters 10 years ago are today supporters of Jim Hunt, the incumbent Governor who is making plans to seek reelection.

Scott doesn't want to get in a race with Hunt.

He said, however, that he is keeping his options open for 1984, although he recalled that Terry Sanford (quoting Thomas Wolfe) had said, "You can't go home again."

HODGKINS—Sara Hodgkins is back from an exciting five-day trip to Germany where she represented the state as Secretary of Cultural Resources at performances of a symphony orchestra from the N.C. School of the Arts.

She said the student musicians (Continued on Page 15-A)