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## Tax Raise Supported In Budget Hike Pleas

**BY FLORENCE GILKESON**  
Applause, laughter, even occasional boos punctuated the budget hearing hosted Monday night by the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

schools will not be changed, despite the outpouring of support, were expressed by Board Chairman Charles Phillips and Vice-chairman Tony Parker in their remarks shortly before the meeting was closed.

only goal of local government is saving taxes. Although he commended the board for taking steps toward the county manager form of government, he warned that this action alone will not solve their problems of 3-2 votes and partisan politics.

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## Board To Meet Thursday; Revenue Over-Estimated

Instead of deciding on the final budget for 1981-82, the commissioners recessed at the close of the hearing and agreed to reconvene at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. The budget must be adopted by the end of the month.

It's back to the drawing board this week for the Moore County Board of Commissioners, which has been informed by the North Carolina Local Government Commission that the proposed 1981-82 budget contains revenue figures over-estimated to the tune of \$140,000.

reconvene at 11:30 a.m. Thursday to continue its budget considerations. It had been expected that the board would discuss the budget and take a vote at the close of the hearing, which is the traditional practice.

consultants headed by Pete Perkins. Although the 10 a.m. closed session was not announced Monday night, Dr. Phillips did announce the 11:30 meeting. Perkins said the meeting would be closed to the public because parts of the report refer to personnel, one of the few subjects which a local governing body can legally discuss in the absence of the public.

Some even voiced support for a tax increase to finance these programs at desired levels, while one group presented a petition calling for adequate funding the schools and county agencies.

This revelation apparently prompted the commissioners to delay final action Monday night on adoption of the new budget, tentatively set at \$11,198,680.

At the close of the annual budget hearing Monday night, Dr. Charles Phillips, chairman of the board, suggested that the board recess its meeting and

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## School Board In Limbo Delays Cameron Project

## Robbins Leaving Chamber

J. Ed Robbins, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce, has accepted the position of Executive Vice President of the Greater Clearwater (Florida) Chamber of Commerce effective July 15.

## 107 Degrees

Temperatures climbed up there to 107 degrees Monday.

The meeting followed a two-hour public hearing on the budget held by the Board of County Commissioners at which several hundred school workers and parents spoke against the proposed cut of the school system's budget.

meeting for next Monday at 8 p.m. to accept bids on the Cameron school project and to "decide where we're going from there."

In his letter, Robbins wrote: "In less than a month, Ellen and I will have lived here three years. During that time we have come to know many wonderful people who have made us feel welcome and very much at home...Our decision to leave the Sandhills has been most painful. When we think of the many friendships we have developed through the church as well as the Chamber...we came close to declining."

The standard weather measurement equipment is located in the backyard of the Baecht home on the Lakeview-Airport Road, near Whispering Pines.

But the school board remained cautious Monday night, tabling an item on the Cameron school bids and on the schools budget until after the commissioners approved the 1981-82 county budget.

One comment was aimed at the fact that there appeared to be only about 25 supporters of the commissioners' budget cut. Board Member Kent Harbour said, "Where are all Dr. Phillips' people who want these budget cuts?"

## Chief Chases Man, Kills Him; SBI Probing Slaying In Moore

An SBI investigation into the slaying of a motorist by the Ellerbe police chief is continuing.

Bowden after a chase from Richmond County ended when the Bowden vehicle became disabled because of a flat tire.

investigation by the FBI. Bowden was black; Stoner is white.

William Bowden, a 48-year old resident of Candor, Rt. 1, died almost instantly on a rural Moore County road Sunday night.

In a new development in the case, Emory Little, president of the Moore County chapter of the NAACP, announced this morning (Wednesday) that he is considering asking for an additional in-

Little added that the Richmond and Moore chapters of the (Continued on Page 14-A)



LAKE AUMAN DAM — Work is progressing on the \$3 million dam at Seven Lakes West which will create the 1,000 acre Lake Auman, named in honor of former Rep. T. Clyde Auman. One of the largest earth dams in the Eastern U.S., it is expected to be completed in late 1982. It will be more than 600 feet thick at its base, 2,100 feet wide and 92 feet high.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

## Moore Tops State, U.S. In Tests

Moore County students have shown steady improvement over test scores on the North Carolina Annual Tests, results show, and this year the average scores were higher than the regional, state and national averages.

This year's results exceed last year's scores in every area except reading and math at the ninth grade level and spelling at the sixth grade level where the scores remained the same as last year's: still above grade level. Tests results became available this week.

Math Inventory (DMI). Tests for the first and second graders were designed to give teachers and parents detailed information about student performance in skills and knowledge emphasized at that particular grade level.

tain indicators of the student's strengths and learning difficulties. Taking the tests this past spring were 571 first graders, 543 second graders, 562 third graders, 589 sixth graders, and 671 ninth graders.

## Aberdeen 4th Declared To Be 'Cliff Blue Day'

July 4 has been declared "Cliff Blue Day" in Aberdeen.

In addition to the usual celebration in Aberdeen a special tribute will be given to Cliff Blue.

## Ewing To Continue Push In Economic Development

**BY FLORENCE GILKESON**  
Bob Ewing has not officially started work yet, but already he is losing weight just walking up and down two flights of stairs.

Ewing said he intends to pursue industry with the same vigor Moore County has been applying in the past few years.

## Recreation Budget Cut Slashes Top Personnel

"It was not a very pleasant thing to have to do. We're all volunteers, and we felt bad about letting anyone go," said Johnny Burns, chairman of the Moore County Recreation Commission.

with the quality of their work. They have all done an excellent job, and Morgan did an excellent job as director. It's a sad situation," Burns said.

## Poetry Festival

The second annual North Carolina Poetry Festival will be held at Weymouth Center on Saturday, June 27, beginning at 10 a.m.

The festival will open, with talks and readings by featured poets Ronald Bayes, Maria Ingram and Thomas N. Walters.

## Clark Gives Observatory Here To State Science-Math School

People along U.S. Route 1 in Aberdeen and Southern Pines around 9 a.m. on last Thursday, June 17 were surprised to see an enormous flat bed truck belonging to the State of N.C. with a load looking for all the world like a small scale nuclear reactor being transported north.

Mr. Clarke has shown great interest in the North Carolina School for Science and Mathematics which has been established in Durham as a

boarding high school for exceptional gifted and talented high school students interested in science and math. All students are chosen by competitive examination.

Godfrey said Republicans from Hoke County are being invited to the convention here under the assumption that Hoke will become a part of the Eighth District under legislative redistricting.



**REPUBLICANS**—Jim Godfrey, chairman of Eighth District Republicans, has called a district convention for Saturday, July 11, at 2 p.m. at the Sheraton Convention Center here.

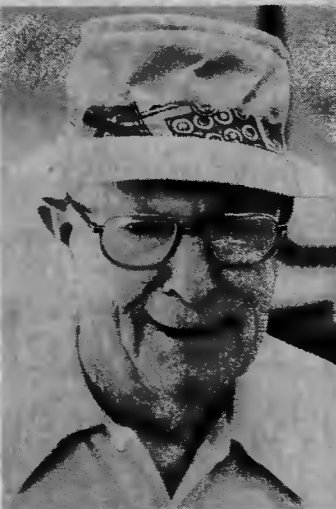
Senator Russell Walker said Monday that he believes the Legislature will wind up its current session by the night of July 3.

The Eighth District convention is being held prior to the state convention which will be held in Wilmington on July 24-25-26.

Legislative leaders are aiming for an earlier adjournment, but Walker feels that the number of bills still to be acted upon will keep them in session until the eve of the Fourth.

Mr. Clarke has made substantial gifts to the school, too, the largest being the complete operating observatory with its attendant support equipment such as photographic laboratory,

REDISTRICTING — Walker, who also is State Democratic chairman, is not pleased with redistricting efforts thus far in the Legislature and would prefer that the task be held over until the fall session in October.



Allen S. Clarke

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INVESTIGATION BEGINS — SBI Agent Ken Snead talks to Henrietta Simmons, a passenger with William Bowden, who was shot to death after a chase from Richmond County Sunday night. In the background is Detective Ronnie Davis of the Moore County Sheriff's Department. Partially obscured behind Davis is Ellerbe Police Chief Jack D. Stoner, who shot Bowden after the victim reportedly threatened him with a knife. The unidentified officer at left is a deputy with the Richmond County Sheriff's Department.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).