

Tax Raise Supported In Budget Hike Pleas schools will not be changed, if they wished to speak, and were only goal of local government is

BY FLORENCE GILKESON Applause, laughter, even occasional boos punctuated the port, were expressed by Board budget hearing hosted Monday night by the Moore County Board of Commissioners. meeting was closed.

But if the more than 500 persons who jammed into the old courtroom were expecting an answer to their budget questions,

they went away unsatisfied. 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.

In about an hour and a half 26 persons addressed the commissioners, with 19 speaking in favor of budget increases for public schools, Sandhills Community College, youth services and other county programs.

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. Support for the public school system was the most vocal during the evening. When one speaker declared that most members of the audience were school employes, a group in the background shouted back "No.

Hints that the funding for

Leaving

Chamber

despite the outpouring of supthree minutes. Dr. Phillips called each speaker by name. Chairman Charles Phillips and Lew Brown, a former Southern

Vice-chairman Tony Parker in their remarks shortly before the

Pines town manager, scolded the board for not providing the

Citizens attending the hearing county with effective leadership were asked to sign up in advance and said he did not believe the

asked to confine their remarks to saving taxes. Although he commended the board for taking steps toward the county manager form of government, be 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

reconvene at 11:30 a.m. consultants headed by Pete Thursday to continue its budget Perkins. 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. executive (closed) session will be held for the purpose of hearing the preliminary management

Monday night, Dr. Phillips did announce the 11:30 meeting. Perkins said the meeting would The board will actually meet at be closed to the public because 10 a.m. Thursday, when an parts of the report refer to personnel, one of the few subjects which a local governing body can legally discuss in the report prepared by a team of absence of the public.

Although the 10 a.m. closed

session was not announced

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School Board In Limbo **Delays Cameron Project**

BY LIZ HUSKEY With a frustrated shrug of its collective shoulders, the Moore County Board of Education tabled two items on its regular

agenda Monday night because of

volunteer management

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."

Most of the half-hour-long ool board meeti

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 seventh month of the school year. Math Inventory (DMI). Tests for tain indicators of the student's hown steady improvement over This year's results exceed last the first and second graders were strengths and learning difshown steady improvement over and national averages.

Annual Tests, results show, and cept reading and math at the parents detailed information this year the average scores were ninth grade level and spelling at about student performance in higher than the regional, state the sixth grade level where the skills and knowledge emphasized cond graders, 562 third graders, "Our test scores continue to im- year's: still above grade level. This information will be used to graders. prove," said Superintendent R.E. Tests results became available pinpoint areas in which the

test scores on the North Carolina year's scores in every area ex- designed to give teachers and ficulties.

scores remained the same as last at that particular grade level. 589 sixth graders, and 671 ninth

teacher, parent and student must Reading and mathematics

ing were 571 first graders, 543 se-Grade One

tests are administered to first

grade students during the

Taking the tests this past spr-We're parents!"

June 18.

declining."

all present.

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. J.D. Foust, deputy state treasurer and head of the

revenue can be found in the local

Robbins

friendships we have developed

through the church as well as the

Chamber...we came close to

Both Ed and Ellen are

members of the choir of

Bethesda Presbyterian Church.

Robbins' resignation with regret.

"Ed has done a fine job and we

hate to see him go," was the gist

of the sentiment expressed by

Chairman Blue and echoed by

"Ed brought many fresh, new

ideas and approaches to the

workings of the Chamber," as George Erwin, who will be 1982

Chairman of the Board, put it.

"Some of the programs he

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The Chamber board accepted

commission, told The Pilot that most of the over-estimated

sales tax figure. This revelation apparently prompted the commissioners to delay final action Monday night on adoption of the new budget, tentatively set at \$11,198,580. 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

this week

The tests are given yearly to Students in grades one and two students in grades one, two, took the Prescriptive Reading Inthree, six and nine during the ventory (PRI) and the Diagnostic

Aberdeen 4th Declared To Be 'Cliff Blue Day'

July 4 has been declared "Cliff Blue Day" in Aberdeen. feature a special tribute to Cliff Blue. Among the speakers will be Blue Day" in Aberdeen. In addition to the usual celebra-former Chancellor of East

Carolina University Leo Jenkins, tion in Aberdeen a special tribute former Governor Jim Holshouser will be given to Cliff Blue. The day's activities will kick and State Secretary of Cultural **Resources Sarah Hodgkins.** off with a one mile fun run at

At 1 p.m. blue grass and coun-10:25. At 10:30 the Pinecrest Band will lead the parade try and western music begins and through the streets of Aberdeen will continue until 9:30 that night. and end at the Aberdeen Lake. At Featured performers will include (Continued on Page 14-A) 11:30 the formal program will

Recreation Budget Cut Slashes Top Personnel

"It was not a very pleasant with the quality of their work. thing to have to do. We're all They have all done an excellent volunteers, and we felt bad about job, and Morgan did an excellent letting anyone go," said Johnny job as director. It's a sad situa-Burns, chairman of the Moore tion," Burns said. County Recreation Commission. Burns said the dismissals are He was talking about the com- directly related to the severe cutmission's decision to terminate back in the recreation budget by the employment of Recreation the Moore County Board of Com-Director Morgan Rodgers, Pro- missioners. The recreation body gram Director Pam Adams, and had requested a budget of almost one of the three area supervisors, \$192,000 but was funded only \$83,000, of which \$30,000 is to Charles Thompson.

"Our decision had nothing to do (Continued on Page 13-A)

concentrate to improve the student's performance. By contrast, the tests for

is on the ground floor.

county manager.

Ewing, a well-known

Republican leader and a former

county commissioner, will

become economic development

director on July 1, the same date

on which he becomes acting

The economic development

office has been moved from the

trailer office on U.S. 15-501 near

the N.C. 22 intersection. Soil

scientists working on a

county-wide soil survey have

boarding high school for ex-ceptional gifted and talented

high school students interested in

science and math. All students

are chosen by competitive

Moore County will have four students attending the session

this fall. All expenses, room,

board, and tuition are paid by the

state for the two years the

students attend. Eventually the

school will have 900 students.

made substantial contributions

Mr. Clarke has made sub-

stantial gifts to the school, too,

the largest being the complete

operating observatory with its

attendant support equipment

such as photographic laboratory,

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to the school's endowment.

examination.

been moved into the trailer.

seventh month of the school year. The average grade equivalent for grades, three, six and nine were designed to obtain general first grade students in the nation, measures of performance and to therefore, is 1.7. The grade: equivalent scores for the average compare the performance of various groups of students. first grade student in the Moore Educators believe that these County School System were 2.1 in tests provide enough detailed inreading and 2.6 in mathematics. formation to help the teacher ob-(Continued on Page 14-A)

Ewing To Continue Push In Economic Development at the monthly board meeting on

Ewing said he intends to BY FLORENCE GILKESON pursue industry with the same Bob Ewing has not officially started work yet, but already he is losing weight just walking up vigor Moore County has been applying in the past few years. "We have to," he said in a and down two flights of stairs. telephone interview this week. His office as county economic developer is on the third floor of

"Every county, every town, the old courthouse in Carthage, (Continued on Page 13-A) but the county manager's office

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. Poets from all over North Carolina have been invited to attend and to read from their works in the all-day festival, and many other well known poets are expected to be present.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the event which last year drew an attendance of more than 200

people.



REPUBLICANS--Jim God- Senator Russell Walker said frey, chairman of Eighth District Republicans, has called a district convention for Saturday, July 11, at 2 p.m. at the Sheraton Convention Center here.

The Eighth District convention Many of the larger corporations is being held prior to the state in the USA, particularly those in the technological field, have convention which will be held in Wilmington on July 24-25-26. 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.

LEGISLATURE -- State

Legislature will wind up its current session by the night of July 3. 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.

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.

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107 Degrees

Temperatures climbed on up there to 107 degrees Monday.

This is the high temperature J. Ed Robbins, Jr., President reported by Warren Baecht, a and Chief Executive Officer of volunteer weather observer for the Sandhills Area Chamber of the National Weather Service. Commerce, has accepted the Monday's low was another position of Executive Vice record-breaker, 78 degrees. President of the Greater Clearwater (Florida) Chamber The standard weather

measurement equipment is of Commerce effective July 15. located in the backyard of the H. Clifton Blue, Chairman of the Board of the Sandhills Baecht home on the Lakeviewchamber, read Robbins' letter of Airport Road, near Whispering resignation to chamber officers Pines. Sunday's high was 101 degrees,

the low 70. Rainfall was In his letter, Robbins wrote: measured at 0.53 inch Friday "In less than a month, Ellen and and 0.92 inch Thursday.

what some members called a in frustrated chatter about the state of "limbo," not knowing county commissioner's stand on how much the county budget is going to leave them.

the budget and on the comments heard during the public hearing. The meeting followed a two-One comment was aimed at hour public hearing on the the fact that there appeared to budget held by the Board of be only about 25 supporters of County Commissioners at which the commissioners' budget cut. several hundred school workers Board Member Kent Harbour and parents spoke against the said, "Where are all Dr. proposed cut of the school Phillips' people who want these

budget cuts?" But the school board remained Board Member Debbie cautious Monday night, tabling Williams said, "People in Pinehurst and Southern Pines an item on the Cameron school bids and on the schools budget have proven they support the until after the commissioners schools. From what I've heard approved the 1981-82 county from retirees, our tax rate is a joke to them, it's so low. People

Just in case it is approved this (Continued on Page 13-A) week, the school board called a

I will have lived here three years. During that time we have Chief Chases Man, Kills Him; come to know many wonderful people who have made us feel welcome and very much at home...Our decision to leave the **SBI** Probing Slaying In Moore Sandhills has been most painful. When we think of the many

system's budget.

An SBI investigation into the Bowden after a chase from Richslaying of a motorist by the mond County ended when the Ellerbe police chief is continuing. William Bowden, a 48-year old

resident of Candor, Rt. 1, died County road Sunday night. Ellerbe Chief Jack D. Stoner told investigators that he was

Bowden vehicle became disabled because of a flat tire.

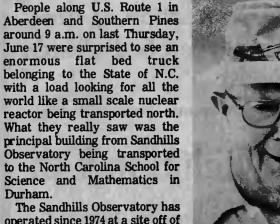
In a new development in the almost instantly on a rural Moore case, Emry Little, president of the Moore County chapter of the NAACP, announced this morning (Wednesday) that he is considerthreatened with a knife by ing asking for an additional in-

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

"The NAACP suspects that Chief Stoner has been involved in other questionable cases similar to the Bowden case," Little said. Little added that the Richmond and Moore chapters of the

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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).



The Sandhills Observatory has operated since 1974 at a site off of N.C. Rt. 5. Thousands of adults and young people have viewed the heavens at this facility which the owner, Allen Clarke, called a "privately owned, non-commercial, educational

Durham.

facility." Mr. Clarke has shown great

Clark Gives Observatory Here

To State Science-Math School

interest in the North Carolina School for Science and Mathematics which has been established in Durham as a

