

Pinehurst To Change Town Plan

Officials of Diamondhead Corporation and members of the Pinehurst Village Council met together on Tuesday and announced that they are in the process of making changes in the Revised Town Plan which, among other things, would change the majority makeup of the Council.

This has been one of the issues raised by the Concerned Citizens of Pinehurst in newspaper advertisements published in recent weeks.

In a statement issued following Tuesday meeting the corporation and council said:

"The Proposed Amendments would give the Council greater power to act independently of Pinehurst, Inc. so long as its actions do not cause an economic detriment to Pinehurst, Inc., or Diamondhead Corporation."

"The Council will formulate suitable ordinances for traffic control, registration of voters and election rules, and for such other matters that may arise from time to time."

In addition to the Council members, also present at the meeting was William H. Maurer, president of Diamondhead Corporation, and other officials of Diamondhead and Pinehurst, Inc.

"We are aware of the Concerned Citizens of Pinehurst," said Maurer, "and we will answer their open letter very" (Continued on Page 8-A)



SUMMER TIME—There's nothing like a lake to draw boys to the water in the summer time. Here Photographer Glenn Sides catches a whole bevy of boys heading head-first into the lake at the Whispering Pines Marina.

Nude Woman Speeder Tale Ends With Police Firing

A high speed chase by law enforcement officers from Moore, Montgomery, Randolph and Chatham Counties shortly after 6 p.m. Sunday resulted in drunken driving charges against Carthage policeman William Watkins Sr..

Watkins was "relieved of his duties" Sunday, according to Town Clerk Mrs. Jeane S. Horne. Chief Arthur Benner was not available for comment.

According to Trooper J.W. Alexander this is what happened, in brief:

He was called Sunday at around 6:30 p.m. and told that a police car was attempting to overtake a woman in a black Dodge, wearing no clothes, and going South on 15-501 toward Aberdeen at speeds of up to 120 miles per hour.

Attempting to overtake or

intercept the car, he said he was informed first that the car was then headed north, and then turned around and took Highway 211 toward West End. Later he was told that the car was located near Eagle Springs.

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22 near Parkwood. Trooper Alexander, following Chief Benner, finally stopped the Watkins car when it drove into a ditch at Parkwood at a speed of some 30 miles an hour, the Patrolman said.

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Tax Rates Are Same For Town and County

Council Increases New Budget

The Southern Pines Town Council in special session last Wednesday evening tentatively approved a budget for 1973-74 totalling \$1,090,850, retaining the current tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation, based on a property evaluation of around \$29 million.

This represents an increase of \$51,807 over the 1972-73 budget total of \$1,039,043, then based on a property evaluation estimated at around \$25 million. Definite figures arriving later from the county tax office pushed this up to \$27 million. The present estimate, representing a \$2 million increase, is also subject to later revision.

The budget is on file at the town office, where it may be examined by any interested citizen for a minimum 20-minute period required by law, and may be protested or revised in public

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MISS SOUTHERN PINES—Marian Blue Powell, Miss Southern Pines for 1973, will be competing next week for the title of Miss North Carolina. Here she is on the eve of departure for the State pageant.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

County Has Big Surplus

The Moore County commissioners last Thursday night tentatively adopted an estimated budget for 1973-74 with a grand total of \$6,059,809—enough to meet practically every budget request, including the schools, while retaining the tax rate at \$1.25.

Natural growth, the commissioners said, permitted expansion of the property valuation by \$15 million, up to \$195 million, as compared with an increase of only \$5 million last year.

This conservative estimate, with budget total of \$4,500,886, has resulted in an anticipated surplus of \$627,718, considerably easing the commissioners' tasks.

Also helpful in pushing up the budget total by \$1,558,923 over last year's is a brand-new budget item, the Profit Sharing Trust containing federal revenue sharing funds. These included holdover from the current year, with nothing spent as yet, plus anticipated receipts for the coming year—a total of \$661,554.

Public Hearing

The tentative budget is on file in the office of Mrs. Estelle Wicker, county accountant, to be kept open to the public during a 20-day period. A new legal requirement, said Mrs. Wicker, is the holding of a public hearing on the budget sometime during the 20 days, and the commissioners have set it for 2 p.m. Friday, June 15. Final adoption of the budget will, however, not (Continued on Page 8-A)

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Cafe Fight is Aired At Beck Hearing

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON

Incidents surrounding a fight at a local restaurant Saturday night, April 14, leading to the arrest of four out-of-state golfers who were spending the weekend here, were aired at a four-hour hearing held last Wednesday night by the Southern Pines Town Council on request of the arresting officer, former Police Sgt. L. D. Beck.

Beck denied there had been any grounds in the events of that night for Chief Earl S. Seawell to fire him, as he did on May 9, charging "dereliction of duty and insubordination."

Library Expansion Plans Given by Trustees Head

Plans for an \$85,000 expansion program at the Southern Pines Public Library were announced this week by W. Lamont Brown, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Brown said the new town budget will contain an appropriation for the building program, the allocation coming from federal revenue sharing funds.

"We hope to have enough funds available from revenue sharing to build the addition by the time

Seawell, however, accused him of failing to investigate the incident fully, and when he himself undertook an investigation later, of being insolent to him. This Beck categorically denied.

Beck, a Southern Pines police officer for 16 and a half years, had sought to protest his discharge to the council, while petitioning at the same time for reinstatement.

The council, stating it had no statutory authority in matters of hiring and firing (the responsibility of the town manager, (Continued on Page 8-A)

we are ready to start construction," he said.

Tentative plans call for an addition at the rear of the present library building to provide 1,000 square feet of space.

The Library staff and board are now in the process of determining what form expansion plans will take to provide additional rooms for staff offices, workrooms, storage rooms, a visual aids room, and new restroom facilities. Among plans (Continued on Page 8-A)

Moore Given Funds to Expand Kindergartens to Five Units

Moore County will receive \$90,435 to advance public kindergartens during the 1973-74 school year.

Allocation of funds for the various school units in the State was made by the State Board of Education on Friday.

The 1973 General Assembly appropriated \$12.3 million for kindergartens serving 16,000 children out of an estimated 86,000 for the coming year. A full statewide kindergarten program is being phased in on a five-year

program ending in 1978. Allocations were based on an estimated cost of \$18,000 per class.

Superintendent of Schools R.E. Lee said that five kindergarten centers will be operated in Moore next year. They will be at Aberdeen, Carthage, Robbins and two in Southern Pines. He said that the centers were being established where the largest number of five-year-olds live.

The State Board has established guidelines for the

Masked Bandit Robs Cafe Operator of \$2200 Cash

An armed bandit wearing a gas mask robbed Larry Russell of \$2,200 Thursday night shortly after midnight as Russell was leaving his place of business, Russell's Fish House, about a half a mile north of Southern Pines on Highway 22.

Sheriff's officers said Russell called them after he freed himself from tape the thief had used to tie his wrists behind his back.

They said the bandit, armed with a rifle, fled in Russell's

Pate, Leslie Winners Of First Rainey Award

It was a very special graduation Tuesday night for two members of Pinecrest High School's Class of 1973.

These were Phyllis Diane Leslie and Mark Alan Pate, both of Southern Pines, both 18—and both of whom had a surprise which left them "thrilled—excited—delighted beyond words," as they said later when they somehow found words to say it.

Phyllis and Mark heard their names called by Southern Pines Mayor E. Earl Hubbard, who summoned them to the platform to congratulate them as recipients of the first scholarships of the Francis F. Rainey Education Foundation.

The awards carry \$1,000 each for a boy and a girl, to be applied to expenses at the college or university of their choice. They were not announced at the regular awards program, held Monday at Pinecrest, because the work of setting up the Foundation had been completed

pickup truck, which they later found abandoned. A total of \$800 in the truck was not taken.

Bloodhounds were used in a chase for the robber, but lost the scent.

In the darkness, Russell told officers, he was unable to see anything to identify the man by except that his skin seemed somewhat dark, possibly like that of an Indian.

The investigation is continuing.

only on Friday, and the work of nomination and selection of the recipients took a while.

Honoring the memory of Francis F. (Bud) Rainey, Southern Pines town manager who died last March, and saluting his love for his community and its young people, the Foundation was established by Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Fisher of Pinehurst, with three others of his close friends participating—Col. Graham C. Douglass, Dr. R.B. Warlick and W. Lamont Brown, all of Southern Pines.

The indenture papers, drawn up by Brown, who as Southern Pines town attorney worked closely with Rainey for more than a decade, spell out the (Continued on Page 8-A)

Aberdeen Gets Fund For Lake

The Town of Aberdeen has received a grant of \$100,025 from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for use at Aberdeen Lake and surrounding property, Director of Administration William Bondurant wrote Robert N. Page III, Mayor Pro Tem of Aberdeen this week.

The money is matching funds to be used by the Aberdeen Recreation Commission in buying land for the lake.

Major Jack Taylor is making a gift of property he owns in the area to the town.

He said that the matter was being handled by the Mayor Pro Tem because in this capacity as Mayor it would be unsuitable for him to act in the proceedings.

Mayor Pro Tem Page said: "Mr. Taylor owns several tracts of land in the lake area. He is making a gift of some one-half of the total as a matching half in kind to the project."

The state and federal funds will buy the rest of Mayor and Mrs. Taylor's land in the lake (Continued on Page 8-A)

Pot Farm

Sheriff's officers raiding 205 Piney Lane off Youngs Road near Southern Pines Sunday around 6 p.m., found not pines, but 51 lushly growing young marijuana plants, they said.

They arrested Edward Noland Marshall, 24, and charged him with manufacturing marijuana, a felony offense.

He was placed under \$3,000 bond for court appearance June 21.

She Leaves Sunday To Seek NC Title

Marian Blue Powell, Miss Southern Pines for 1973, will leave Sunday for the Miss North Carolina Pageant at Charlotte, sponsored by the Jaycees.

Her chaperone is Mrs. Wayne Hicks of the Jaycees.

Miss Powell, 19, is attending Sandhills Community College this summer. She hopes to transfer to North Carolina State University at Raleigh after winter quarter and major in Elementary Education.

Swimming, tennis and jogging are among Miss Powell's favorite activities. Also she says that she enjoys going to see

movies. Her favorite music is blues and she will sing, "Cry Me A River," in the state pageant.

Tuesday night Miss Powell will begin her competition in the evening gown category. On Wednesday night she will perform her talent. On Monday all of the contestants will visit Carowinds, a new park near Charlotte.

When asked about her presentation gown she described it as baby blue with a long blue train and blue plumes at the bottom. The neck of the gown is (Continued on Page 8-A)

Drinking Beer in Public Said No Longer Illegal

Public beer drinking is no longer illegal in Southern Pines. In a ruling last Friday the North Carolina Supreme Court declared a Mt. Airy ordinance against drinking beer in public was invalid.

Town Attorney W. Lamont Brown said that in view of the court's ruling that a similar ordinance in Southern Pines is also invalid. He said that he had told the police department that the local law was no longer in force.

In a 5-2 decision written by Justice Dan K. Moore, the N. C. Supreme Court said that there is no prohibition to possessing an opened can of beer. The major decision was that the Mt. Airy ordinance was in conflict with a

state law which provides that unless there is state law to the contrary, the use of beer by persons over age 18 "for their own use is permitted without restriction or regulation."

The ruling applies only to malt beverages with low alcohol content and not to liquor, which is controlled by separate statutes.

Brown said that the ruling is consistent with similar decisions in which local laws must conform to statewide statutes. He expressed the opinion, however, that "better control" is needed by municipalities, especially as to beer outlets.

As it now stands, if the State ABC Board grants a beer license a county or municipality must go along with the board action. (Continued on Page 8-A)

Hospital Reports New Funds

The Moore Memorial Hospital Campaign Expansion Drive reported additional funds of \$86,777 Thursday.

Bob Ewing, general chairman of the drive, said, "It is significant that out of the \$86,777 reported this week, \$50,000 came from a generous contributor in Montgomery County." He said the gift was presented to the campaign organization at Thursday night's report meeting (Continued on Page 8-A)

Budget Approved By Council

The Board of Directors of the Pee Dee Council of Governments approved its 1974 budget at its meeting in Troy on May 30.

The \$112,900 budget is made up of \$88,600 of Federal and State funds and \$24,300 of local government money. The COG budget includes funds for the South Central Comprehensive Health Planning Council and the Area-wide Aging Planning Task Force. (Continued on Page 8-A)

Largest Class in History --605 Graduate From Moore Schools

The Class of 1973, totaling 605, the largest in Moore County's history by 10 over last year, graduated Tuesday amid pomp and pageantry, caps and gowns, and music and speakers at Pinecrest, Union Pines, and North Moore High Schools.

Principal Phillip McMillan gave the main address at Pinecrest's fourth commencement where 304 seniors, the same as last year, graduated at 8 p.m. in the courtyard. The seniors, some misty-eyed,

joyful, reminiscent or pensive, entered the courtyard to the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" performed by the Pinecrest Band.

Mrs. Barbara Geer played the prelude, "For All the Saints," arranged for piano by Williams.

Invocation was by Linda Ann Fowler, senior class reporter, and special music by the Pinecrest mixed chorus. They sang "Morning Has Broken" by Stevens, and "Turn, Turn, Turn," by Seeger.

Lawrence Earle Richardson, Senior Class President, introduced McMillan. After the commencement address McMillan and Assistant Principal Stan Hedrick awarded diplomas.

Susan Lee Taylor, vice president of the Senior Class, made the closing remarks, after which the Pinecrest Chorale Ensemble sang the benediction, "Jesus Speaks."

The band played "The Grand March" for the recessional to (Continued on Page 8-A)



CHECK-UPS—Governor Holshouser is using the SBI to check-up on State employees, especially to see that there is no unauthorized use of State cars.

There have been crackdowns in past administrations on the use of State cars for personal business, and that was one reason the State motor pool was established several years ago.

There's a feeling on the part of some people, however, that the current SBI surveillance is a way for the Republican administration to get rid of some State employees they want to fire anyway.

ALLEN—Senator Gordon Allen of Roxboro the president pro-tem of the State Senate, says that Democratic legislators will

be watching closely to see if Governor Holshouser puts in a wholesale purge of State employees.

He pointed out that the General Assembly doesn't have to wait for a call from the Governor to come back in special session—it can do it on its own if 60 percent of the members request it.

The inference is that if a political purge is instituted the Legislature might come back to put a stop to it.

MORGAN—Attorney General Robert Morgan says now that he will wait until around the first of the year before making a decision on seeking the U.S. Senate seat now held by Senator (Continued on Page 8-A)