



Other Issues On Tap In Election March 23

She Thinks In Terms of People First Woman On Council Says

BY MARJORIE RAGAN

A woman will bring to the Southern Pines Council a different point of view and balance, says Sara Nell Wilson Hodgkins, top vote-getter on the new council and runner-up for



Sara Hodgkins

Southern Pines for three terms.

For the woman's viewpoint, Mrs. Hodgkins eagerly supports the "quality of life" programs of Mayor E. J. Austin; she is people oriented, believing that here she can deal with people on a one-to-one basis; she takes special interest in children as a mother and school music teacher, and is particularly concerned about the environment.

She believes that annexation is very important, along with zoning enforcement and capital needs, for which she will support a bond issue. Water pressure in Weymouth Heights will be better after the current pipes, enlarging the water mains and now apparent along Indian Avenue, are installed. The entire county water-sewer system now anticipated has her backing and she sees for the future more planning on a county-wide basis.

She is now, as treasurer of the Council, learning much about town affairs, as she must see everything the town pays for when she signs the checks. She still has a feeling for the mountains but her chief interest

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North Carolina voters will not only express their preference for President on March 23 but will also vote on two State constitutional amendments and a \$43 million bond issue.

It will not be until next week—January 27—before it will be known what candidates will be on the Democratic and Republican presidential ballots. That is the deadline for listing.

It has been determined that the Democratic presidential ballot will be white, the Republican ballot green, the constitutional amendments pink, and the statewide bond ballot will be blue. All sample ballot will be canary.

The statewide bond referendum is for the issuance of \$43,267,000 in bonds for capital improvements (buildings) at State institutions of higher education.

The two constitutional amendments are as follows:

"For constitutional amendment to permit the General Assembly to enact general laws to authorize the State, counties, cities or towns, and other State and local governmental entities to issue revenue bonds to finance or refinance for any such governmental entity or any nonprofit private corporation, regardless of any church or religious relationship, the cost of acquiring, constructing and financing health care facility projects, such bonds to be payable from the revenues, gross or net, of any such projects and any other health care facilities of

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Record Low, Light Snow Makes Sandhills Shiver

The seven degree temperature in Moore County Monday set citizens shivering and broke the thermometer at the Weather Bureau.

The bitter cold, believed to be a record here, followed a light snow Saturday that reached only .15 percent of an inch in Pinehurst, but was a little heavier in Southern Pines.

Snow flurries delayed traffic, most of the cars burning their lights. Some three transformers kicked off because of an overload, Carolina Power and Light Company district engineer Warren Teal reported, but they affected only some two or three customers on each line. Electric heat came on full-blast, causing the overload.

Grant Clayton, manager of the Pinehurst Gun Club, said pipes froze as a statewide skeet shoot was in progress.

There were reports of telephone trouble in Whispering Pines, and at the Country Club of North Carolina.

However, no fires were reported during the cold weather.

Sunday, it was too cold for snow, with a high of 28 degrees. Monday, it reached 31 degrees. High for the week was Friday, when there was a low of 32 degrees and a high of 48. It was the next day that the snow fell.

Fire Chief Pete Rappatas of Southern Pines said no calls came during the chilling

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Midland Injunction Planned

The steering committee of the Moore County Citizens for Better Zoning meeting Friday afternoon, officially authorized their attorney to seek injunctive action against certain zoning amendments adopted by the county commissioners, seen as adversely affecting the Midland Road area.

They also authorized the attorney, W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, to take what action he sees best to bring about

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LAST PHASE DETAILS — Men responsible for construction of Moore County's latest half-million dollar facility study last phase plans for the Lake Surf Club House, scheduled for completion and formal opening on March 20. Shown above are A.B. Hardee, Developer; Curtis Bettini, General Superintendent; and Don McKenzie, Construction Foreman. The masonry building will be faced at the entrance with stone from Jacob's Creek, including stone columns for the portico. A coffee shop, bar, administrative offices, pro shop, locker and dressing rooms are included in the present plans. An additional banquet hall and kitchen facility are planned for a later date.—(Photo by Mildred Allen).

Lake Surf Club House Opens Soon

BY MILDRED ALLEN

Something new is on the horizon for Lake Surf — and Moore County.

A wide low-flung building spreads out over the flat, beach-like landscape, a modern projectory type roof breaking into the skyline, announcing the first major construction project for 1976 in Moore County at a cost of more than \$500,000.

The Lake Surf Club House, now nearing completion and scheduled for formal opening on March 10, was designed by Bryce-Morrison, Architects of Charlotte, and is being constructed by Whispering Pines

Construction Company. A. B. Hardee, Lake Surf and Whispering Pines developer, said the club house represents 85 percent of the total plan, and expansion will occur on demand in the same manner as the Whispering Pines Club House.

The new facility occupies approximately 16,000 square feet and will include a coffee shop, bar, pro shop, administrative offices, locker rooms and other club facilities.

Beginning to Move — Retail sales and new construction are beginning to move out," Hardee reports. "The money market has relaxed and property sales are way up. Fourteen months ago people wouldn't spend their money, but now we are selling every day, including weekends — our best time," he reports. Several new homes have been completed and five are under construction, he added.

But this Pitt County farm boy, whose father taught him to do everything in an orderly manner long before he received his

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Principal McMillan said the school then followed standard

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Crowded Docket Facing Court Term Next Week

Despite eight terms of criminal court held during 1975, including three special terms held in the vain hope of "catching up," another big term looms ahead to be held for one week starting Monday.

More than one-third of the cases for trial, and well over half of those for grand jury action

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Hubbard, Williams Head Ford Committee In Moore

Momentum gathered for President Ford supporters on Saturday when Moore County campaign workers met with state and national Ford Committee leaders and announced organizational plans for the county.

Earl Hubbard, former mayor and currently city councilman who recently switched to the Republican party, and Taft Williams, a retired school teacher from Robbins and candidate in the 1974 race for the State House of Representatives, were named co-chairmen for the

Moore County President Ford Committee. Their appointments followed a review of organizational activities which began on the state level in August.

Jim Daniel, Raleigh stockbroker and assistant national treasurer for the Ford Committee, told the group that all the organizational activities were now behind them — headquarters located in Raleigh, people placed on the payroll, bookkeeping set up for accountability in accord with the new federal legislation

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Thursday Meet

The Moore County commissioners will meet in special session on Thursday, beginning with a luncheon at Sandhills Community College.

Chairman W. S. Taylor said that they will be given a tour of the college, and then will meet for discussion of a transfer of funds for Sandhills, as well as some other minor matters.

Robbins Grant

Robbins will get \$304,709 in State grants for water supply improvement, the N. C. Department of Human Resources announced today. Human Resources Secretary David Flaherty announced that over the state grants amounting to almost \$4 million have been approved under the N. C. Clean Water Bond Act of 1971.



WEST END DEPOT MOVED — A telephone linesman rode atop the West End Depot, lifting traffic lights to clear space as the old landmark was moved through the intersection of highways in mid-town West End Tuesday morning. Clyde Auman purchased the depot from the Southern Railway and will use it for a warehouse and office at his peach orchard near West End. (Story Page 12-A).

THE PILOT LIGHT

AKINS--Waverly Akins, a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, will spend next Wednesday, Jan. 28, in Moore County.

Chairman W. Sidney Taylor of the Moore County commissioners will host a breakfast for Akins at the Howard Johnson restaurant and will accompany him on visits to various places in the county. Akins will also attend a luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis Club.

A lawyer in Fuquay-Varina, Akins is a former chairman of the Wake County board of commissioners and served as president of the North Carolina

Association of County Commissioners.

CONGRESS--Last week Democratic Congressman Bill Hefner announced that he will seek reelection to the Eighth District seat, and during the same week the man he defeated in 1974 let it be known in far off Samoa that he might come back to run again.

Earl Ruth, who is serving as governor of the island of Samoa on appointment of President Ford, told a visiting friend he is thinking about coming home to try to recapture the office he held for three terms. Ruth said, (Continued on Page 12-A)



WINTER SPLENDOR — An unexpected snowfall covered trees and left a thin coating on the ground Saturday. It did not stick on roads and a rising wind soon blew the flakes from the trees. But while it lasted this was the way the Sandhills longleafed pines looked.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Schools: Discipline, Reading, Back To Basics Stressed

(Editor's Note: What are the major problems in public school education today? This question, especially as it applies to schools in Southern Pines, was asked of parents, teachers, principals and students over the past three weeks by three students in journalism at St. Andrews College—Helen Moseley, Ann Myers and Craig Lamb—who are spending the month of January in a special intern program at The

Pilot. Their report is a compilation of the answers they received).

Discipline

BY HELEN MOSELEY
Whatever the cause, an extreme difference lies between educators and parents on one topic: discipline in Moore County schools.

Parents, in accordance with a

1975 Gallup poll on education, cite discipline as the major problem in schools today. Yet, generally principals and teachers here deny a discipline problem exists.

"Among factors delaying classroom instruction," a local PTA officer said, "is the constant discipline problem that develops in the classroom."

"A teacher simply cannot teach without discipline,"

another parent stated. "The fact is that disruptive students keep others from learning."

Yet, Southern Pines Middle School Principal A. K. Perkins says that discipline is not a problem with his students. Funds and class-size are his major concerns.

"I notice that many of today's youngsters lack respect for their own peer group as well as adults," a parent complained.

"It seems they're not taught to respect others' rights or opinions."

Pinecrest assistant principal Bobby Brendell agrees that students lack respect and etiquette. A rule requiring all students to remove their hats inside the school building, he cited as an example.

"Making rules and enforcing them is the key to successful discipline," he explained.

Brendell also said there were less problems now with discipline than in the past although they "have their share." Four years ago, administrative changes caused tension and stress, he continued. A security guard remains hired as a result of that tension.

Known as "Quickdraw" to many students, the guard is said to walk around with his hand on his gun, according to a Pinecrest

senior.

Permissiveness Blamed
The permissiveness of the sixties is reflected in the school system, according to Brendell. He feels permissiveness starts in the home, is carried into the school and creates problems in education.

This same permissiveness some parents believe is equally the fault of the teacher. "Teachers are lax at

discipline," William Gentry stated. "They know they'll have a student only one year so they let him be someone else's problem next year."

"The person offended must be the disciplinarian," he continued. He feels a student should not be sent home to his parents because of school disciplinary problems.

Conversely, another parent (Continued on Page 12-A)