

Aberdeen Vote Set

Sheriff To Report On Crime

All eleven candidates who ran in the first election will be running again in the new election for Aberdeen town commissioners on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

The new election was ordered by the State Board of Elections after it was found that some persons who did not live within the town limits had voted in the election last November.

Forty-two new voters have been added to registration lists, making a total of 921 eligible voters in the two precincts of East and West Aberdeen. Five names were added to East Aberdeen and 37 in West Aberdeen.

Chairman C. Coolidge Thompson said that new precinct officials, two of whom have previous experience prior to last November's election, have been appointed in West Aberdeen. They are Mrs. Larry Boles, registrar, Mrs. Kathleen McGougan, Republican judge, and Mrs. Jane Everett, Democratic judge. Mrs. Everett is a former precinct election official in East Aberdeen.

Officials in East Aberdeen are Mrs. Linda Davis, registrar, Leslie Parker, Republican judge, and Mrs. Vicki Simmons, Democratic judge.

An assistant, Mrs. Grant Clayton, has been named to

Sheriff C. G. Wimberly, listed on the agenda of Monday's meeting of county commissioners to give his monthly report, arrived on time but said he hadn't time to finish the report, because of a heavy court term and other duties.

Instead, he asked that they call a special meeting for him to give them the picture of crime conditions in the county.

He said, "It's just skyrocketing, and it's very frustrating for those of us who are trying to do something about it."

"I want to talk to each one of you personally, during an hour - not more than that - when I can have your undivided attention. I have some things to say to you, and some requests to make."

He gave no details as to what he meant to say, they set the meeting for 3 p.m. Wednesday.

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Dog Population Is Seen As Major Moore Problem

An exploding dog population is becoming an increasing problem for Moore County, according to Mrs. Moore S. Paine, President of the Humane Society of Moore County.

A recent study of cities showed that among the respondents 20 percent placed the problem ahead of both crime and traffic, she said it was revealed.

Since the resignation of Dog Warden Gary Wright, police have been most cooperative with the Animal Shelter of the Society near Carthage, Mrs. Paine continued. A successor to Wright is being sought.

The Humane people are trying to cope with strayed and abandoned

pets in two ways: by paying half of the spaying fee for adopted animals, and having a depository for leaving animals with both food and water at the back of the shelter at night when no one is there. The animals are taken into the shelter the next morning and cared for she said.

Town officials say that police receive many complaints about dogs turning over garbage, running in packs and destroying shrubbery. An officer is sent in such instances, Chief Earl S. Seawell says, but the problem has increased since Warden Wright resigned. It's a "tough job," the Chief said. Other towns

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Drexel Appointed Head Of Moore Regan Group

Tom Ellis has announced the appointment of a financial steering committee for Moore county. Ellis is campaign coordinator of North Carolina Citizens for Reagan for President.

David Drexel of Southern Pines will serve as chairman of the financial committee. Other members of the committee will be Richard D. Chapman, Jr., Vincent Meads, James M. Craven, Dean A. Rich, Paul S. Helms and Philip S. Pearsall.

"We are pleased to have such an outstanding group of citizens

working on our campaign in Moore county," remarked Ellis. "They are representative of the broad range of concerned and highly respected citizens who are joining Governor Reagan's campaign all over North Carolina."

A chairman of Moore County Citizens for Reagan is expected to be named soon.

Drexel this week added to the steering committee the names of Dr. Duwayne Gadd of Pinehurst, Jack M. Taylor Jr., of Aberdeen, Stuart R. Payne and Mrs. Joan Milligan of Southern Pines.



OPENING IN MAY — Construction is well under way on the new HOW plant at the old airport Industrial Park near Aberdeen, with the textile manufacturing firm scheduled to start operations in May. A German-owned syndicate, HOW's operations here are headed by Bernhard Schuler.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).



HARNESS RACING AT PINEHURST — This foursome of standardbred horses marked up training time at 2.5 minutes for the Pinehurst mile track last week. They are two year olds and apparently quite ready to earn their keep for owner Percy Gray and Trainer Paul Battis. Their names are ones to look for as they begin their careers on the raceways—Designated, Good Knight Joyce, Ima Steady Star and Goodnight Dawn.—(Photo by Mildred Allen).

Harness Racing-A World Unto Itself

BY MILDRED ALLEN Time changes all things including harness racing.

One visit to the expansive layout of the Pinehurst tracks and a few conversations with the veterans — sons of fathers who drove pacers and trotters at world shattering speeds which as one driver put it "wouldn't buy a ham sandwich today, the pacers are so far advanced" — and with the sons, third and fourth generations, leaving with their trailer of horses for the northern tracks and mid-winter races and attractive purses and suddenly you are in touch with a world unto itself.

It's a breed of dedicated horsemen who have crested every wave of change and are

moving on with the popular and money-making sport which is truly deep-rooted in the American past.

Once the sport of kings — only the rich industrial and commercial giants could afford the necessary investments, now it is an investment for many, not unlike playing the stock market. Three and four persons may invest in a horse, turn it over to a trainer, all to share in the winnings.

But there is still that wide circle of dedicated horse folk throughout the country who breed and buy the standard breds for the love of it, who share in the winnings brought in at the finish line, but who care most for the development of an out-

standing horse, a kind of basic purity that can enjoy the marks of a champion on the track even when another owner wins the purse.

Harness racing began in the early 1800's on the dirt roads of the countryside and on the village streets, as well as on some oval dirt track in an open field. But before it became a recognized sport, harness racing suffered through some difficult times.

One book comments, "By the early 1850s reform movements to throttle horse racing swept in a stifling wave across the country. Though running horses were banished from most racing ovals, there were still horses on the roads and avenues, and these

horses were light-harness horses. Who could deny that the occasional testing of the speed of a horse in harness down Main Street was not a necessity? How else could using horses be improved? The consensus of public opinion was that trotting was not

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Plans Given For Year's Observance

Meeting at the Campbell House in Southern Pines Thursday night, the Moore County Bicentennial Committee heard reports and outlined plans for Bicentennial activities in Moore County during the coming weeks and months.

The meeting was presided over by H. Clifton Blue. Earl Hubbard of Southern Pines gave a detailed outline of plans being made for the drama at the House in the Horseshoe during six weeks of the summer months, beginning Wednesday, July 7, and running for four days—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday each week through August 14.

"The House In The Horseshoe" drama was written by Joe Simmons who will serve as manager of the pageant. Dwayne Sidden will serve as director. There will be five or six professionals in the play and for the 24 other parts try-outs will be held in early May for those interested in participating. Both Simmons and Sidden are from Chapel Hill. It was stated that scripts for the play would be available at the Moore County Library in Carthage and the

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Job Rate High Here

D. P. Lynch Employed By County

The Moore County commissioners in regular meeting Monday approved the employment of D. Parker Lynch of Pinehurst as this county's first public works director, to go on full-time duty immediately handling the fiscal affairs of the regional sewer system.

He will work also with the communities the system, now under construction, is designed to serve—Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen and, possibly later on Pinebluff.

The commissioners also approved the salary of \$14,450 recommended by County Administrator Bob Helms, to be paid from administrative funds of the \$17.5 million regional system, which has a July 1, 1977, target date for completion. After it goes into operation, he will be paid out of revenue it earns, and

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Hodges Tells Chamber Recession Is Symptom

Declaring that "our economy is clearly headed upward," Banker Luther H. Hodges Jr., told the annual meeting of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce that there are broader national problems. "Our economic difficulties," he said, "may really be just symptoms of ... problems of leadership, problems of shifting public attitudes toward our established institutions, and problems of our failure so far to recognize or adapt to what I am convinced is an ongoing social revolution in this country and in the world."

Hodges spoke to more than 250 at a banquet session held at the Southern Pines County Club, at which A.J. Woody was presented an award as the "committee chairman of the

Man, 77, Held In Killing Of Stranger At His Door

Eddie Gaines, 77, of Jackson Hamlet, west of Aberdeen, was placed in Moore County jail Saturday night without privilege of bond, charged with the murder of a man he said he did not know.

Sheriff C. G. Wimberly identified the man killed in the pistol shooting as Clayton Walters, 31, of Midway, east of Aberdeen.

Gaines told investigating officers he and his wife were alone in their home about 8 p.m. Saturday when there was a

"terrific pounding and banging" at his front door.

Through the pane he dimly saw in the darkness a man he did not recognize, called to ask who it was but got no answer and called again to tell the man to go away. When the pounding just kept on, Gaines said he got his 38-cal. revolver and fired one shot through the door. The man fell, and Gaines said he turned on the porch light and opened the door, to see a stranger-lying there.

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At Youth Center They Earn Way To Freedom

BY HELEN PARKS It was a special day ten young, uniformed men who arrived at Sandhills Youth Center on New Year's Eve. Their arrival marked only another weekly transfer of inmates from the Western Correction Center at Morganton to the youth center at McCain.

The young men may have breathed a sigh of relief as they boarded the bus. The Sandhills Youth Center more closely resembles the campus of a high school or small college than the Morganton center, a 16-story maximum security prison. After a month of orientation the inmates will no longer be restricted to wearing the Army-green uniforms they wore from Western.

As one inmate said, "The biggest difference here is that there aren't bars and armed guards everywhere you look." The Sandhills Youth Center

was formerly the Samuel Leonard Training School and became a unit of the North Carolina Department of Corrections in February of 1974. The dormitory portion of the center was built in 1923 and served as a unit of the McCain Sanatorium.

The Sandhills Youth Center and Western Correction Center are the two major institutions in a five-institution complex designed to completely separate male youthful offenders from the older prison population. The age range of youthful offenders is from 16 to 21 years of age. In some instances the seriousness of a crime may warrant the placement of a youth under 16 into the youthful offenders category. Sentences usually range from one day to three years.

"I'd say about 90 percent of the boys here have one-day sentences," Tom Ivester,

superintendent of Sandhills Youth Center said.

"One-day sentences" places more responsibility on personnel of the youth services complex who must evaluate and make recommendations for the inmate's release. There's no law but it usually averages out that an inmate who receives a flat sentence serves a fourth of that sentence, noted Ivester.

Western Correction Center serves as a reception facility where youthful offenders are sent upon sentencing by the judicial system. At Western the inmate must "work his way" from higher stories of the maximum security prison to lower stories through good behavior. Once the inmate behaves in an acceptable manner and is placed on a lower level of the prison, he is transferred either to Sandhills Youth Center, the Burke correction unit, a sub-unit of the Western

Correction Center or to community treatment centers located in Salisbury and Williamston.

Ivester as well as other youth

services personnel would like to see more community treatment centers such as the ones at Salisbury and Williamston

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