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Picking Of President Slated Next Tuesday

Voters in Moore County and the rest of North Carolina will go to the polls next Tuesday to express their preference on who they want to be President of the United States.

Election officials say they have no way of knowing what sort of turnout there will be, but if the heavy interest in registration in the closing days before the books were closed is an indication it could be heavy.

There has not been much interest in absentee ballots, however, as on Monday something over 30 applications has been received, mostly from college students home on a school break. Today (Wednesday) is the last day for application for absentee ballots.

There is a total of 19,689 registered voters in Moore

County—12,240 Democratic, 6,579 Republican, 615 Independent, 3 American party, and 252 "no party."

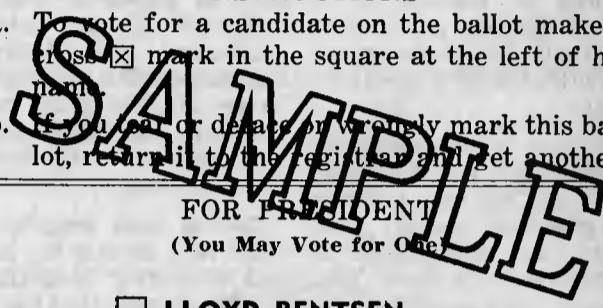
Only Democrats and Republicans can vote in the presidential party preference primary. Those ballots will carry the names of Gerald R. Ford and

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Official Democratic Primary Ballot for President of the United States

INSTRUCTIONS

- To vote for a candidate on the ballot make a cross (X) mark in the square at the left of his name.
- If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the registrar and get another.



FOR PRESIDENT
(You May Vote For One)

- LLOYD BENTSEN
- JIMMY CARTER
- FRED R. HARRIS
- HENRY M. JACKSON
- MORRIS K. UDALL
- GEORGE C. WALLACE
- NO PREFERENCE

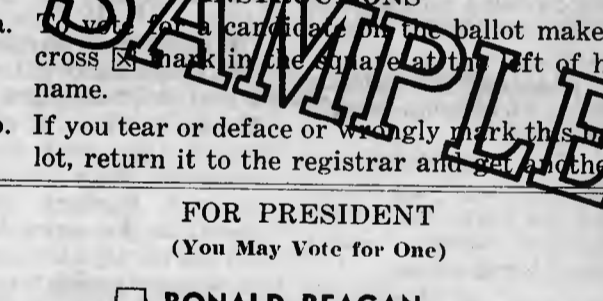
State of North Carolina
Primary election March 23, 1976

Hugh M. Wilson
Chairman, State Board of Elections

Official Republican Primary Ballot for President of the United States

INSTRUCTIONS

- To vote for a candidate on the ballot make a cross (X) mark in the square at the left of his name.
- If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the registrar and get another.



FOR PRESIDENT
(You May Vote For One)

- RONALD REAGAN
- GERALD R. FORD
- NO PREFERENCE

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Vista Workers At Tasks At Sandhills Youth Unit

Time out for life - and work - Youth Center has opened their eyes - and their lives - to what Vista workers for residence in Southern Pines and Aberdeen through problems can mean, for themselves and for those who Center on a one year assignment would volunteer their services. Jamie Fox is a graduate student in Archeology, taking time out from working with "dead bones and documentaries from the past" to working with people and the present day. Dana Winkates comes from Chicago as graduate in theatre, with a minor in French. Mary Gambon, a graduate in sociology, left law school behind for a year to join the VISTA crew, and looks at the months ahead as a catalyst in her life, the part that's going to

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Samarkand Reopening This Week

Samarkand Manor near Eagle Springs is being reopened for operations this week after being closed for three weeks while staff members and teachers underwent an intensive training session.

Ray Shurling, the new director of the State Division of Youth Services, said Monday that he is "very, very pleased" with the results of the training period and he looks for considerable improvement of operations, which had come under criticism.

"I am very optimistic," Shurling said.

Children, who had been moved to other facilities while the training period was under way, are being moved back this week and the regular complement of some 120 students will be back on

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Freeze Warning

A freeze warning has been issued for tonight, with clear and cold weather forecast. Temperatures reached 31 degrees today at 5:30 a.m.

Readings are expected to be in the forties today and the twenties tonight. On Thursday, the mercury is to read in the fifties. Prospect of rain is near zero.

This comes after a long spell of spring weather in the Sandhills, with temperatures in the high eighties much of the time and peach trees, Banksia roses and azaleas in bloom.



THE HOUSE IN THE HORSESHOE — This is an aerial view of The House in the Horseshoe, the site of a Revolutionary War skirmish and where Moore County's Bicentennial drama, "The House in the Horseshoe," will be presented beginning on July 7. It was the home of Phillip Alston and gets its name from its location in a bend in the Deep River.—(Photo by Mildred Allen).

Separate Drug Squad Is Opposed; Sheriff Has Challenge To Charges

Controversy developed this week over a proposal to establish a special anti-drug law enforcement agency separate from the Sheriff's Department, with Sheriff C. G. Wimberly strongly challenging statements made at a meeting last week of the Carthage Town Board.

The separate agency proposal was endorsed by Mayor Billy Carter of Carthage last week, and drew support this week from Charles E. Watkins, special investigator with the office of the District Attorney and a former deputy sheriff who headed up drug abuse work at one time.

Sheriff Wimberly said that neither Mayor Carter nor Carthage Police Chief Allan Benner had ever mentioned drug traffic to him or his staff.

Obviously strongly opposed to the creation of a separate agency

to deal with drug matters, Sheriff Wimberly said that two of his deputies are this week taking special courses in drug traffic law enforcement.

"I am a believer in all the training we can get our people

and I have people going to various types of schools being sponsored by the Justice Department all the time. In fact, during March, April and May we are sending people to four different schools, including drug schools," Sheriff Wimberly said.

The sheriff said he knows "there is drug traffic in the schools but it has been no greater

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Town Seeking Jury Trial In Duncraig Case Appeal

Attorneys for the Town of Southern Pines last Thursday afternoon argued before the State Court of Appeals at Raleigh that the court should reverse an order by Superior Court Judge James M. Long of Yanceyville, in which he dismissed the town's suit against Duncraig Manor.

William D. Sabiston, presenting the principal argument for the town, and W. Lamont Brown, in a brief rebuttal, contended that Long had been wrong in acceding to the defendant's petition for summary judgment in the case. They said summary judgment was appropriate only when there

were no issues to be tried, and they argued that their case was replete with triable issues, which should go before a jury.

The town holds that Duncraig Manor, a treatment center for emotionally disturbed children, violates the town zoning law in continuing operation in Weymouth Heights, a residential-agricultural (single family) district.

Osborne Lee, Jr., of Lumberton, representing the Southeastern Regional Mental Health Center there, which operates Duncraig Manor, repeated his argument for the

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John Reeves Dies at 88; A Benefactor For Many

John Mercer Reeves, 88, retired industrialist, educator, friend of education and benefactor of youth, died Tuesday at his home on McCaskill Road after a long illness.

He served as chairman of the North Carolina State Ports Authority from 1957 to 1966, during the administrations of Governors Hodges, Sanford and Moore.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Southern Pines United Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. John Paschal and the Rev. Charles Hubbard, with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Southern Pines.

He was a past president and board chairman, and since 1967 was honorary chairman, of the board of Reeves Bros., Inc., a textile firm with headquarters in New York City, comprising several mills, finishing plants



John M. Reeves

and allied marketing facilities in several states.

Born at Siloam, in Surry County, he grew up in Mt. Airy, attended Oak Ridge Military

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GOP Head Will Visit On Mar. 24

Bob Shaw, State chairman of the North Carolina Republican Party, will be in Southern Pines on Wednesday, March 24, at 7:30 a.m., at the Holiday Inn to discuss GOP plans and strategy for the upcoming 1976 campaign.

Shaw said, "The Republican State headquarters has been reorganized so that we can provide direction and support for our local and legislative candidates. This year there are qualified and experienced candidates running on the statewide Republican ticket and these state-wide candidates will be developing their own campaign organizations. Our goal at this time is to begin making sure we have a strong slate of candidates on the local and legislative tickets. As soon as the August 17 statewide primary is over, Republican state

Pine Beetle Problem Is Major In Large Part Of North Moore

The southern pine beetle is on the attack again.

"It is a major problem in the upper end of the county and in large areas over the state, but the Southern Pines area which has escaped a widespread infestation the past three years is not involved at this time," N.C. Forest Ranger Robert Edwards said yesterday.

An aerial reconnaissance and mapping crew spotted 350 locations of infestation last month in Moore County in areas

around the communities of Robbins, High Falls, Westmoore, Glendon, and Carthage. Working with a crew subsidized by Federal monies, Edwards said that 97 small spots, ranging in size from 10 to 20 trees per spot, were cut out last month and they are at work contacting landowners with known infestation spotted by the aerial reconnaissance workers.

Moore County is located in an eight-county forestry district including Richmond, Scotland,

Anson, Stanly, Montgomery, Chatham and Lee. Two of these counties, Richmond and Scotland, do not have any problem, but the others have serious problems and Chatham County is "eaten up" by the infestation, having somewhere around 800 infected spots.

The procedure for killing out the southern pine beetle is slow and arduous. "We cut one tree down, peel the bark off of it, then spray that tree with benzene

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COUNCIL—All members of the Southern Pines Town Council were in Washington early this week for the National League of Cities Congressional-City Conference.

Staying at the Washington Hilton were Mayor E.J. Austin and Council Members Emanuel Douglass, Earl Hubbard, Sara Hodgkins and Michael Smithson.

One of the purposes of the conference was for municipal officials to lobby Congressmen for an extension of federal revenue sharing.

HEFNER—The featured speaker at the Bill Hefner Appreciation Dinner at Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer on Friday night is former Senator Sam Ervin, Jr.

The appreciation dinner for Congressman Hefner was organized by a group of civic leaders from throughout the Eighth Congressional District. Joe White, a Concord businessman, is chairman.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. dinner are \$25 per couple. Several from Moore County plan to attend.

CARTER—Former Governor Jimmy Carter made a lot of friends among Democrats of the Eighth Congressional District when he came here in 1974 to campaign for Rep. Hefner. He spoke on Hefner's behalf and for the Democratic ticket at several places in the district.

Among other things when he was here for a talk Carter took

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Commission To Rescind Action On Rezoning Of Midland Road

The Moore County commissioners are expected to take action this week which would rescind their controversial rezoning action on Midland Road of some weeks ago.

Chairman W. S. Taylor said that he would issue a statement in cooperation with the county attorney within a few days.

The action is reported to follow a determination that the second zoning ordinance was not legally adopted by the commissioners because no public hearing was

held prior to adoption. Two meetings of the Moore County commissioners are scheduled this week—this (Wednesday) afternoon and again on Thursday afternoon.

The meeting today will be with Architect E. J. Austin who is drawing the plans for the new Hall of Justice. When the plans and total cost estimates were presented at the regular meeting of the commissioners early this month the board decided the costs were too high, exceeding

expectations by several hundred thousand dollars. The architect was asked to re-study the new Courts Facilities project and present alternatives. This Austin is expected to do this afternoon.

The Thursday meeting will be for the purpose of reviewing a proposal from Pinehurst for a tax district and area fire protection. Seven Lakes is also scheduled to present a proposal for a fire district.

Public hearings have been set

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