

Candidates Don't Like August Primary Date

Flaherty Brings Elephant; Morgan Seeks House Office

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON
There were two things all the candidates at the North State Democratic Caucus were agreed on Saturday—first, that this is going to be a Democratic year all the way, and second, that they don't think anything of August as the month for a primary election, and if and when they get into a position to help change that, they will.

Not on the platform, where most of the candidates for State office were featured during the afternoon, but later, at the social hour on the long, elegant west portico of the Pinehurst Hotel, and at dinner in the Cardinal banquet hall, they told horror tales of campaigning from end to end of the state in midsummer heat, hunting for voters who had mostly gone to the beach on vacation, or were in the tobacco fields.

Voter Total Is 20,230; Absentee Voting Easier

A heavy flurry of new registration in the final days before the July 19 deadline sent the Moore County voter total over the 20,000 mark.

There were 450 newly registered voters between July 1 and 19, with a total of 20,230 recorded, Chairman C. Coolidge Thompson of the Moore County Board of Elections reported.

Chairman Thompson also said that August 11 is the deadline for absentee voter applications, but he said a fairly new service makes it easier for voters who want to vote beforehand because they will be absent on the date of

the primary August 17. Voters may present themselves at the Board of Elections office in Carthage and cast their votes at that time without any delays, he said.

The new registrations kept the balance between political parties--Democrats and Republicans--about the same. Of the 20,230 total the registrations books shows 12,589 Democrats, 6,746 Republicans, 640 Independents, 3 American party, and 252 "no party."

A breakdown according to race shows 17,499 white voters, 2,718 black voters, and 13 other races.

Congressional District; George Little, former candidate for Commissioner of Insurance; John Womack, Moore County Commissioner, seeking reelection; and Dawson Carr, Moore County Board of Education candidate.

Also present, as a potential candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives, was Richard Morgan, a 25-year-old native of Southern Pines presently working in the

Department of Human Resources in Raleigh. Morgan has not filed with the Moore County Board of Elections, and his candidacy must also be approved by the Moore County Republican Executive Committee, but Jim Thomas, who was the Republican candidate for the House position until his withdrawal last week, and is Chairman of the Moore County Republican Executive Committee said, "He (Morgan) will be the candidate."

The highlight of the reception was the entrance of David T. Flaherty in a car plastered with campaign posters, pulling a small flat-bed trailer carrying a ten-foot high statue of an elephant, also plastered with Flaherty campaign posters and stickers. The gimmick was a bit, especially when Flaherty climbed on top of the papier-mache Republican party symbol for photographs.

After the reception, cocktails (Continued on Page 12-A)

Ragan Gets NC Arts Award

Sam Ragan of Southern Pines has been presented the Morrison Award for contributions to the arts in North Carolina.

The presentation was made Friday night just before the performance of "The Lost Colony" in Waterside Theater near Manteo.

The Morrison Award was established in 1967 and is presented annually "to the person who has demonstrated through the highest standards of excellence, significant achievement and creative accomplishment" in the arts.

The award is given by the people of Dare County in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Fred W. Morrison. Mrs. Morrison is the producer of "The Lost Colony" and served for 11 years as chairman of the (Continued on Page 12-A)

Sales Tax

Sales tax collections, one of the state's best economic indexes, continued high in Moore County during June.

Secretary J. Howard Coble of the State Department of Revenue reported this week that the one percent local sales tax collected in Moore during June was \$102,672.69.

The one percent collections in neighboring counties were as follows: Hoke, \$19,828.63; Lee, \$84,882.99; Montgomery, \$32,770.88; Richmond, \$88,976.11.



GUBERNATORIAL ASPIRANTS—The four major candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor were together in Pinehurst Saturday night for the first time, all pledging to support the winners in the August 17 primary. It was the North State Caucus and party unity was the theme. Left to right at the Pinehurst Hotel dinner were: Henry Anderson, chairman of the Caucus, Candidates Edward O'Herron, Thomas Strickland, James Hunt Jr., and George Wood, Moore County Democratic Chairman J. Ed Causey, and State Chairman James Sugg.—(Photo by Emerson Humphrey).

Sept. 1 Deadline Set In Relocating Bus Station Serving Sandhills Area

A Sept. 1 deadline to re-locate the Trailways bus station in a more central location was set Tuesday at a meeting of Chamber of Commerce and town officials with representatives of the bus company.

The bus station is now located off an alley in Aberdeen and there have been many complaints about the location.

Floyd Sayre of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce presided at the meeting with

Jack Younts, chairman of the Chamber's Transportation Committee.

Sayre said the meeting was called at the suggestion of Tenney Deane, chairman of the State Utilities Commission, to

which the Chamber had taken its complaints about bus service. Deane suggested that another attempt be made with the bus company to agree on a new station location before formal action is taken by the com-

mission. There are six buses coming in and out of Aberdeen at the (Continued on Page 9-A)

New Directory

A new directory for the Southern Pines area is now being prepared, and August 20 is the last day for making changes in telephone service listings.

The new directory is scheduled for delivery in mid-October and will become effective November 1, according to Joe Kimball, Southern Pines District Manager for United Telephone Co. of the Carolinas.

"Any customer wanting to make a change in a listing such as separate listing for a parent living with a married son or daughter, should contact the business office before August 20," Kimball said.

Power Out From Storm; Rains Help Crops Here

Wind and lightning struck several areas in Moore County Friday around 2:30 p.m. knocking out transformers, downing large trees, and hitting power poles.

One house on Fairway Drive was hit by lightning and several thousand dollars in damage was reported. No one was in the house at the time.

Service Manager David Jarrell of Carolina Power and Light Co.

came in from out of town about half an hour after the winds came, and said power was off in the downtown Southern Pines business district and in the Fairway section just off US 1 because of trees falling on power lines and ripping poles and transformers.

Service was quickly restored in the downtown area. (Continued on Page 12-A)

Ceremony Marks College Start On \$2 Million Kennedy Facility

A ground-breaking ceremony, held in an atmosphere of joy, pride and congratulation, Friday afternoon marked the first step toward actual construction of the long-anticipated Kennedy Memorial Building on the Sandhills Community College campus.

A Speaker's platform had been erected and seats arranged for some 50 people who took part in the event on a pine-shaded site just above the tennis courts, linking the two main groups of present buildings.

The new building, to cost some \$2 million when completed and equipped, will provide not only general classroom space, badly

needed by the overcrowded college, but will house a half-dozen Health Occupations programs, along with a Basic Learning Laboratory for development of math and language skills, and a community meeting hall to seat some 200 people. (Continued on Page 12-A)



SANDHILLS GROUND-BREAKING—Dr. Francis Owens of Pinehurst, a director of the Kennedy Foundation and a trustee of Sandhills Community College, lifts a shovel full of sand at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Kennedy Memorial Building on Friday. Looking on, left to right, are President Raymond Stone, Trustee Chairman H. Clifton Blue, J.C. Robbins, former Senator W.P. Saunders, J. Ed Causey, John Womack, W. Sidney Taylor, Dr. R.M. McMillan, Jere McKeithen and James Garner.—(Photo by Emerson Humphrey).

Warrants Served In Raid

Twenty-six warrants were served on 13 defendants last night (Tuesday) in the culmination of a four-month undercover investigation by ABC Officer Ed Floyd and Sheriff's officers.

Louis King, who operates the Greasy Spoon in Jackson-Hamlet and whose home address is given as both Aberdeen and Jackson-Hamlet, was released under \$1400 bond before a magistrate in Southern Pines on seven charges of possession and sale of tax-paid liquor and beer. Only two of the defendants were white, including Carl Andrews, 27, of Southern Pines and Pauline Davis of Robbins. Andrews was charged in two (Continued on Page 9-A)

Judges' Exchange Stirs Meeting Of Candidates For Local Posts

BY CRAIG LAMB
Several candidates for positions on the Moore County Board of Education, a County Commissioner seat, and District Court Judges were present at a "Meet the Candidates" Monday night sponsored by the Aberdeen Jayettes.

Each of the candidates present gave a short speech at the forum type meeting held in the Aberdeen Municipal Building, and questions were answered after all the candidates had spoken.

Wanda Hunt, candidate for the Moore County Board of Education, was first to speak, reading a five-minute prepared speech relating her

qualifications and aspirations for the office. She was followed by opponent Dawson Carr, who seemed somewhat astounded at the preparedness of Mrs. Hunt but laid out his goals for the office, citing 16 years teaching experience on all levels as qualifications for the job. (Continued on Page 12-A)



DRAMA GOLFERS—Artist Danila Devins captures the spirit of the two comic relief characters who wander in and out of "The House In the Horseshoe," the Moore County Bicentennial drama being presented at the Alston House through Aug. 14.

THE PILOT LIGHT

CAUCUS--Democratic Chairman Ed Causey of Moore County was pleased and impressed with the North State Caucus held at Pinehurst on Saturday.

"It was a nice occasion," he said. "The candidates presented themselves well, and everybody had a wonderful time."

The unity theme which characterized the National Democratic Convention was also emphasized at the meeting here. No candidates balked at pledges of support for other candidates who might defeat them in the August 17 primary.

Causey said about 200 attended the Friday night reception and dinner, with more than 40 from Moore County. It was also well covered, with eight television

stations and 18 newspapers represented.

LITTLE--George Little of Southern Pines, secretary of natural and economic resources in the Governor's cabinet, has withdrawn from the race for Insurance Commissioner because of a possible conflict of interest. He will remain in his present position.

In a statement to the press, Little said, "I could resign and continue the race, but I've chosen not to for two major reasons. First, when I became secretary in March I made a commitment to Gov. Holshouser to finish out this administration, and secondly, we are midstream with a number of (Continued on Page 12-A)