

Democrats Win In Moore Elections

Moore County voters—with one exception—followed the Democratic trend across the state and nation on Tuesday.

In a record turnout of more than 72 percent of registered voters, Moore County gave big majorities to Democrats on the state and local levels.

Two Republican incumbents were ousted from the county board of commissioners, and all other Democrats were returned to office.

Only in the vote for President did Moore County go against the Democratic sweep in the state—the incumbent Republican Gerald Ford edging Democratic Jimmy Carter by 7,557 to 7,373 votes.

Early morning returns in the nation gave Carter more than the 270 electoral votes needed to become the next President. In North Carolina Carter defeated

Ford by a 55 percent margin. Jim Hunt had a sweep in Moore and North Carolina for Governor.

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The top vote getter in Moore County was Democratic Congressman Bill Hefner, who polled 9,198 votes to 5,343 for his Republican challenger, Carl Eagle. Reports from other counties in the Eighth Congressional District were that Hefner had won reelection to the seat he captured from Republican Earl Ruth in 1974.

State Rep. T. Clyde Auman won reelection to his seventh term in the General Assembly, defeating his young challenger, Republican Richard Morgan, by

7,841 to 6,550.

In the District Four race for County Commissioner, Southern Pines hardware dealer A.E. (Tony) Parker, the Democrat, defeated the incumbent Republican, John Womack, by 7,929 to 3,326. Womack was filling the office by appointment.

In the District Two race for County Commissioner, Moore County elected its first woman to this important board, with Democrat Carolyn Blue defeating the incumbent Republican, Floyd Cole, by 7,793 to 6,471.

In the Governor's race, Jim Hunt, who had carried Moore County in the August Democratic primary, won handily over Republican David Flaherty, with a big margin of 8,168 to 6,325. H.F. (Chub) Seawell of Carthage, running on the American Party ticket, polled



Jimmy Carter



Jim Hunt

309 votes for Governor. As the votes rolled in early in the evening Hunt quickly took a commanding lead and by shortly

after 9 p.m. Flaherty went to Democratic headquarters to concede the election to Hunt and in a gracious speech promised

him support in his administration. Hunt called on his supporters and all North Carolinians to join with him—to get involved—in moving North Carolina forward.

In Moore County the Hunt campaign had been managed by Sara W. Hodgkins of Southern Pines, with Dr. David L. Bruton as the area coordinator.

Congressman Hefner's campaign in Moore County was managed by Tony Parker.

The election of Parker and Mrs. Blue, who lives in Eagle Springs, to the county commissioners makes the board an all-Democratic board for the first time in many years.

The new county commissioners will be sworn into office on December 6 at Carthage.

The total vote cast in Moore County was 15,167, something

more than 72 percent of the 21,003 registered voters in the county. In the vote for President, Ford carried nine of the 21 Moore County precincts—leading in Bensalem, Eureka, Knollwood, Pinedene, Ritters, Robbins, North Southern Pines and Westmoore. He also held a 231 to 216 lead over Carter in absentee votes cast.

Jim Hunt in rolling up a total of 8,168 votes led in all but five precincts. Flaherty carried Bensalem, Eureka, Pinedene, Robbins and Westmoore precincts. Hunt captured Pinehurst and Ritters, traditionally Republican precincts. Hunt also led Flaherty in absentee votes, 193 to 150.

There were early indications of a heavy turnout of voters. Chairman C. Coolidge Thompson of the Moore County Board of Elections had predicted a 70

percent voter turnout, and by midday he was confident that his predictions were correct and might be exceeded.

In several precincts extra boxes had to be brought in as ballot boxes became filled.

It was a long night for the counting of votes.

The numerous ballots, many races and heavy turnout made it a long evening, extending into the morning. Moore County's largest precinct, Pinehurst, was also its last to report its returns, at about 3:30 a.m. Only then could totals be run, and the closer races actually be resolved.

In the Presidential race, Jimmy Carter stayed ahead by a close margin most of the way, with Ford surging in front only toward the close when Pinehurst filed its returns. In the county

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Zoning Law Revision Nullified As Midland Road Case Heard

A sweeping revision of Moore County's zoning ordinance, adopted by the county commissioners February 13, 1966, was struck down as invalid by legal stipulations in the Midland Road zoning case, heard in Moore Superior Court at Carthage last week.

Part of the case, with several

witnesses giving testimony, was heard in open court Tuesday afternoon, but most of Monday, Tuesday morning and Thursday morning were given over to conferences in chambers among attorneys and Special Judge William T. Graham, presiding.

Other matters calendared for the civil term were taken up

Wednesday. Final arguments were to have been heard in the zoning case Thursday, but the attorneys elected instead to confer further with the judge, hammering out points at issue for the submission of briefs.

Coming out of the conferences early were several stipulations—points on which all were agreed, which were not to be at issue. Plaintiffs' contention that the revised version of the county's 1966 ordinance had been illegally adopted—i.e., without public

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Driver Killed In Wreck When Auto Leaves Road

Joe Allen Monroe, 27, of 450 Saunders Boulevard, Southern Pines, was killed early Saturday when his car went out of control and overturned off NC 5 (Bethesda Road) just north of the Aberdeen town limits.

A passenger, Gerard C. Fagin, of Newton, Mass., was hospitalized with injuries termed serious.

State Trooper W.D. Waters said Monroe's car, heading into town at 3:55 a.m., had just crossed the railroad tracks south of Old Bethesda Road, when it went off on the right, skidded over to the left, and overturned in the yard of Mrs. Nonnie Blue Fletcher at 901 Bethesda Road.

The car landed on its top with Monroe pinned inside, while Fagin managed to climb out. It was righted by a wrecker, with assistance of the Aberdeen Rescue Squad, which carried the victims to Moore Memorial Hospital. Monroe was pronounced dead on arrival, and

Fagin was admitted as a patient. Monroe was a salesman for Maxwell Home Furnishings of Aberdeen. He was married to the former Nancy Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Scott, who lost another daughter, Myra, in an automobile accident several years ago.

Funeral services for Monroe, a native of Hoke County, were held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Southern Pines, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. John D. Stone, and the Rev. Russell B. Fleming, pastor of Galatia Presbyterian Church in Hoke County. Burial followed in the Galatia Church Cemetery.

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Chef Wins Top Medals In Germany

Chef Sture Olof Andersson of The Pinehurst Hotel won two gold medals at the International Culinary Competition in Frankfurt, Germany.

He won the cooking Olympics over chefs from 25 countries. He was a member of an 11-man team from the United States. Chef Andersson is famous for his carvings in ice, lard, salt and other media as well as his cooking.

Luxembourg took the grand prize at the contest and the U.S. Culinary team took third place overall.



Chef Andersson

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Jubilee Day

Saturday is Jubilee Day at Vass and there's a full program of events.

Starting off the Firemen's Jubilee will be a parade, followed by lunch at the Vass-Lakeview school, an afternoon of a variety of games, and two big events that night.

A "Womanless Beauty Pageant," in which seven "beauties" are entered, will be held at 7 p.m. They will compete in swim-suit and evening dress and a panel of judges will pick "Miss Sizzler of 1977." This will be followed at 8 p.m. by the "Miss Flame" contest in which 17 young ladies will compete for the title.

Flu Shots

"Swine" flu vaccination shots are still being given on a regular basis in Moore County.

Dr. A.G. Siege, Health Director, reports that a "steady flow of people is coming in each week" for the shots, and he says he is pleased with the progress of the program.

The inoculations are given each Wednesday at the Southern Pines Community Center on W. Pennsylvania Ave. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday at the Health Clinic in Carthage from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pinecrest Boys Held In Assault

Two Pinecrest boys are out on \$5,000 bond each after they were jailed by Sheriff's officers on charges of assault with intent to rape a fellow student on October 23 in an empty room at the school, Sheriff C.G. Wimberly reports.

Robert Thompson, 16, of West End and Tony Taylor, 17, of Southern Pines are to receive preliminary hearing December 9. A third boy said to be involved has petitioned as a juvenile.

The three were charged by School Security Officer Jerry Russell and Sheriff's Detective James Bigger with showing Beverly Kearns, 17, of Eastwood into a room at the school and trying to take off her clothing, the Sheriff said.

All four students are black, he added.



HEAVY VOTING — At an early hour Tuesday there were indications of a large turnout of voters in Moore County. Lines were already forming by 8 a.m. at precincts in Southern Pines, and here a group fills ballot boxes at the Town Hall.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Hearing Slated On Request For Buildings Inspection

Members of the Moore County Home Builders Association Monday urged the county commissioners to establish a building inspection program, which they said would be self-supporting and would provide

protection for people employing builders.

The matter has been placed before the commissioners by individual members several times in the past. This time, the presentation was headed by

Arnold Futrell of Vass, president of the Association. Accompanying the group, which also included Harold Fowler of Southern Pines and Ellis Fields, Jr., of Pinehurst, was Ben Cooper, the county's full-time electrical inspector.

They presented figures showing total county collections in electrical inspection to have amounted to \$14,833.83 for the past six months. Adding \$28,065

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DIRTY TRICKS — Some campaign "dirty tricks," which were popularized by the 1972 Nixon campaign, began showing up on the eve of Tuesday's election.

North Carolina Democrats had complained about the circulation of racist pamphlets in the eastern part of the state, and there were complaints also about distortions and false statements in political advertising.

Weeks before the election, however, newspapers were receiving some vicious literature against Jimmy Carter out of Washington offices of various political organizations.

In other parts of the South there were reports of crude attacks on the Democratic presidential nominee, and there

were reports that staged incidents were designed to embarrass Carter.

Earlier in the year many political leaders had expressed the hope that the electorate this year could be spared from the "dirty tricks" which had been used by Nixon partisans four years ago, but they cropped up again in different forms.

HUNT — Even before Tuesday's election some of the people in the Hunt campaign were quietly launching a "talent hunt" for the Democratic gubernatorial nominee.

The idea expressed was that Jim Hunt would be seeking the best talent available in North Carolina to fill top spots in his

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Noise Here Will Come From Bragg

"Noise and vibration levels will increase in surrounding areas" during the participation of some 6,000 troops in Firex 76 in Fort Bragg Nov. 11-14, Fort Bragg has announced. This will be the sixth annual joint field artillery firing exercise.

A total of 16 field artillery battalions and five separate artillery batteries are involved in

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How Moore Voted

For President		For Governor	
Carter	7373	Hunt	8168
Ford	7557	Flaherty	6325
Anderson	35	Seawell	309
LaRouche	4	Andrews	37
MacBride	24		
For Congress		For N.C. House	
Hefner	9198	Auman	7841
Eagle	5343	Morgan	6550
Ligon	91		
Bell	74		

Commissioner District Two	
Blue 7793	Cole 6471
Commissioner District Four	
Parker 7929	Womack 6326

Weymouth Is Considered For Conference Center

Charles Phillips, director of the Quail Roost Conference Center near Rougemont, came to Southern Pines on Monday to look at the Boyd Home of Weymouth and to advise the Sandhills Community College Foundation on the proposed establishment of a similar center here.

Phillips met with Dr. Raymond Stone, president of the college,

Jere McKeithan and Sara Ragan, and described the highly successful operation of the conference center at Quail Roost. He said they had to turn down many conferences each month and would refer them to Weymouth, and also talked of the possibility of Weymouth being operated as a satellite center to Quail Roost.

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RUDAT Report Explores Moore County's Future

What is forecast for the future of Moore County? This is the subject of the third installment of the RUDAT (Regional Urban Development Assistance Team) Report.

This report represents the findings of the group from the American Institute of Architects which spent four days in the county in October.

Previous installments from the RUDAT Report have dealt with the background of the county and comments and summaries of the

study team. Ten issues were spotlighted and reported at the time.

This section of the Report is titled "The Future": "Moore County is in the process of creating an

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HERE SATURDAY — Susie Proffitt, Miss North Carolina, will be here Saturday for the Miss Southern Pines Pageant. She will perform on the program scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Middle School auditorium.

Merchants Here Prepare For Increase In Shoplifting

BY CRAIG LAMB
On the verge of the Christmas season, merchants everywhere are increasing stock and personnel, preparing for the increasing crowds and sales. But preparations are also being made at this time of year, by necessity, for the increase in shoplifting in the department stores and gift shops.

Yes, increase in shoplifting — for it is a year-around problem which plagues every community and all classes of people, a crime that is ultimately paid for by the honest as well as the dishonest

customer.

The methods are varied, from stuffing an item down a sock to slipping something in a pocketbook, even to changing the price tag of an item. Each is stealing. Each is a crime.

Everyone does it — white, black, young, old, rich, poor — but it is still a crime, and it can ruin a person's chances in life, beside the embarrassment, humiliation and shame of being arrested, fingerprinted, and appearing in court.

So why is shoplifting a major problem with merchants today?

Why do people steal?

Southern Pines Police Chief Earl Seawell can only speculate. With young people, especially college students, "the parents are to blame a lot of times — they pay the kid's tuition, room and board, give him a car to drive, and then don't give him enough money to buy gas." So the food is "picked up" at the grocery store, and the money is saved for other things.

Younger people, high school age and on down, often steal on a dare. Other people will steal to support a drug habit, a housewife

will steal to save a little extra from the food budget, or to provide excitement to a humdrum life. Everyone who shoplifts has a reason, but only rarely is it need. Harry Parks, who owns both the Convenient Food Mart in Southern Pines and the INS Food Store in Pinehurst, says that everyone he has caught has "without exception, had the money."

Parks believes in prosecuting everyone he can catch shoplifting in his stores. He claims to have caught over 200 in the four years he has owned the

stores, saying he was arresting two to three a day when he first opened. Parks says that nationwide figures for an individually owned franchise such as Convenient Food Mart show an increase in loss through theft from 2 1/2 percent four years ago to almost 4 percent now. He sees his firm stand on prosecution as a way of fighting the rise in theft, including internal theft (which accounts for the largest percent of loss) and holdups, as well as shoplifting. Parks says, "The police are very good about it,

very considerate," and he says they arrive quickly when he calls in a shoplifting case, but he believes "the laws need to be even stiffer."

North Carolina law for "willful concealment" is a misdemeanor with not more than a \$100 fine or not more than six months imprisonment, or both, upon conviction for a first offense. Under the latest law, a merchant no longer must wait until a suspected shoplifter has left the store, but can now detain a person who has been seen

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