



CROWD OF 35,000 — Here's part of the record-breaking crowd of 35,000 which swarmed over Michael Walsh's Stoneybrook Farm for the 31st running of the Stoneybrook Steeplechase on Saturday. — (Photo by Emerson Humphrey).

Stoneybrook--35,000; Deux Coup Winner

BY ELLEN WELLES
A record-breaking crowd of 35,000 turned out Saturday for the 31st annual running of the Stoneybrook Steeplechase and was treated to some exciting finishes in what has become one of the top sports and social events of North Carolina.

In the top event of the six races, the \$10,000 Sandhills Cup, Tom Skiffington rode Mrs. Miles Valentine's Deux Coup to victory in a time of 4:29.4.

It was a beautiful April day and the crowd came from all over North Carolina and the eastern seaboard.

Proceeds from the races held on the Stoneybrook Farm of famed trainer Michael Walsh will go to St. Joseph Hospital.

The trainer of Deux Coup, W.B. Cocks, is ranked second in National Steeplechase and Hunt Association standings and Skiffington is ranked third top jockey.

The winner was presented the Sandhills Cup by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight W. Winkelman and the horse was given the Pepsi Cola Blanket for this race which had the largest prize of the six races and which was sponsored by the Pepsi Cola Co.

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CLOSE FINISH — Deux Coup (center) with Tom Skiffington up clears the last hurdle to win the \$10,000 Sandhills Cup. Tall Award is at left and Red Brick House is at right.

Transportation Post, Study Urged; Landscaping Job Proving Costly

Communications, transportation and landscaping were among items discussed by the Moore County Commissioners Monday night at their regular third Monday of the month meeting.

The Commissioners authorized

Sheriff C.G. Wimberly to apply for a Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration grant to make a feasibility study for a county-wide communications system.

The Commissioners said they would consider a request for the

first steps to be taken toward starting a public transportation system and a thoroughfare plan from Mitt Younts, Chairman of the Intra-City Transportation Committee of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce. Younts said the first step would be to create a new post, the Director of Transportation in Moore County, and to have this person start by making a feasibility study to determine if the size and resources of the county will support a public transportation system.

Under this plan the county

would pay 10 percent and the state would pay 90 percent of the cost of a director. The county would pay an additional \$1,000 in travel and other expenses, thus making a total of \$2,000 from the county. The Commissioners said they will consider the request at their next budget meeting.

The Commissioners authorized E.J. Austin to award the landscaping for the new courthouse contract to low bidder Clancy and Theys after several reductions were made in the cost.

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Governor To Visit Schools Here May 9

Governor Jim Hunt will be coming to Moore County on Tuesday, May 9, to look over one of his high priority projects—the Community Schools Program.

Moore County is one of a selected number of school systems which have instituted the community schools program, the concentration here being in Area Two (northern Moore).

Governor Hunt is scheduled to arrive at the Moore Schools administration building at 3 p.m. where he will meet informally with members of the Board of Education and the central office

staff. He will leave from there for the High Falls School where he will see a Midget League baseball game and other programs in community recreation. He will arrive at North Moore High School at 5:15 p.m., to view other recreational activities.

Tentative plans also call for a visit to Elise Middle School in Robbins and Westmoore School. Following a buffet dinner with the Community Schools Advisory Council and members of the Board of Education, with Mrs.

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Local Candidates Give Views At Forum Session

BY MARJORIE PIZZUTO
Approximately 45 persons attended the Meet the Candidates Night sponsored by the West Southern Pines Civic Club Monday.

The Democratic Candidates who attended were Clifton Blue Jr., and W.E. Simmons, both running for county commissioner

in district 5; A.B. Parker, C.G. Wimberly (incumbent), and Lloyd Mullins, running for Moore County Sheriff; Frances Marion Shamburger and Ben Wade Owen Jr. (incumbent) running for Moore County Board of Education, and James E. Andrews and Charles G. Horne Jr., running for county coroner. Commissioner Chairman W. Sidney Taylor didn't attend as the county commissioners held a meeting Monday and Vernon David who is running for the Board of Education didn't attend.

Southern Pines Mayor Emanuel Douglass asked the candidates to list their priorities. Blue said he hadn't made a list, but once elected would take the issues one at a time. Simmons said his top priority was to be accessible to people and let them tell him what the priorities are. Parker said his top priority was a drug prevention program and to treat everyone equally. Wimberly said his first concern

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Pinehurst May Vote On Issue

A referendum on the incorporation of Pinehurst appears likely in the coming months.

A public hearing on a petition to incorporate has been called by John D. Foust, chairman of the N.C. Municipal Board of Control, for May 9 at 8 p.m. in the Pinehurst Middle School auditorium.

Both proponents and opponents of the incorporation proposal will be given an opportunity to be heard at that time.

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Democrats Will Meet Saturday

Moore County Democrats will gather Saturday night, April 22 for a party rally in the Union Pines High School Cafeteria with proceedings scheduled to begin at 7 o'clock.

Prior to the evening's program, a dinner will be served.

Ed Causey, party executive chairman, says a large crowd is expected to be on hand for this first big rally of 1978.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Martha Hollers of Candor, who is the new Eighth Division Highway Commissioner, having been appointed by Governor Jim

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They Came In Everything-From Gowns To Bikinis

There's nothing exactly like it anywhere, and Stoneybrook on Saturday lived up to its reputation as the biggest social gathering in the state.

Some 35,000 poured into Mickey Walsh's Stoneybrook Farm in every type of conveyance—by the busload, in pickups and limousines, huge travel vans, antique cars,

bicycles, ragtops and sedans.

And they were dressed in everything from long dresses to bikinis. One man in a white linen suit looked like he was playing the role of Big Daddy in "Cat On a Hot Tin Roof," and another was wearing tails with no shirt, but with painter pants and tennis shoes.

The variety of hats is a

trademark of Stoneybrook and Saturday was no exception—from jockey caps to huge Mexican sombreros.

It was time for fun, and the bright April day was ideal. There was no rain, as is usual for Stoneybrook races, and only a few herring-bone clouds from time to time.

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Holshouser Dedication Speaker At Kennedy Memorial Building

BY LEONE H. KOSTER

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart"—The phrase was quoted by Dr. Francis L. Owens, Pinehurst, a member of the Board of Trustees of Sandhills Community College, and the only local member of the Frederick J. Kennedy Foundation in Boston which provided the grant for the new two-million dollar classroom building at Sandhills Community College.

The phrase characterized the impressive ceremony on the campus Sunday afternoon when the new building was named the Audrey K. Kennedy Memorial Building in tribute to Mrs. Kennedy, founder of the Foundation honoring her father, a Boston tycoon who built his fortune from a modest beginning.

J.E. Causey, Lakeview, chairman of the Building Committee of the Board of Trustees of the college, presided for the program which opened

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DEDICATION SPEAKER — Former Governor James Holshouser spoke on the benefits of the community college for all North Carolinians at SCC on Sunday.

Auto Driver Killed Instantly In Truck Collision At Cameron

A New Jersey man was killed instantly Monday morning when the car he was driving swerved into the path of a tractor-trailer on U.S. 1 just north of the Little Crane Creek bridge at Cameron, the State Highway Patrol reported.

The tractor trailer was carrying diesel fuel and the gas

tanks exploded.

Coroner A.B. Parker this morning identified the dead man as Robert W.W. Felten, 30, of 5 Lane Acres, Haddenfield, N.J.

The stationwagon had been reported stolen by Roland W. Felten of the same address at 6:45 p.m. on Sunday.

Coroner A.B. Parker said the

man, who was home on leave from an institution, had taken the 1977 Ford station wagon without permission and started driving. There was no identification on the body which accounted for the delay in positively identifying the victim.

The driver of the tractor

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FATAL WRECK — One person was killed and a car and truck were demolished in this wreck across the bridge at Little Crane's Creek at Cameron early Monday morning. Highway Patrolman Howard Higgins and Coroner A.B. Parker (at left) view the wreckage. — (Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

THE PILOT LIGHT

ELECTIONS--Paul J. MacKinnon of Whispering Pines has been recommended for appointment as the Republican member of the Moore County Board of Elections to replace the late Kenneth Smith, who died on April 7.

George Little, chairman, said the Moore County Republican Executive Committee, met on Monday night and selected MacKinnon. His name was forwarded Tuesday to the State Republican headquarters in Raleigh, which will pass it on to the State Board of Elections for appointment.

MacKinnon is a retired attorney from New York, who moved here some years ago. He is a member of the N.C. State Bar.

APPOINTMENTS — Three Moore County men have been appointed by Governor Jim Hunt to state boards and councils.

Wiley Purvis of Robbins, Rt. 1, was named to the State Land Policy Advisory Council.

Dr. Henry W. Frey of Southern Pines was appointed to the State Board of Osteopathic Examination and Registration.

Robert F. Hunt of Pinehurst was named to the N.C. Youth Services Advisory Committee.

HODGES--Mrs. Betsy Bernard, sister of Luther Hodges, will be in Southern Pines on Monday, April 24, to give help to Hodges campaign for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate.

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It's not where you're from: it's where you're going.

That's the philosophy of Lloyd Ray Mullins, who is running as "the only professional" candidate for sheriff in the Democratic primary May 2.

That was the position of President Jimmy Carter, he said, who ran from a town "not as big as High Falls" for the top job in the land. Mullins lives at Robbins, Rt. 1, between Robbins and High Falls on the Howards Mill Road. He has been to Plains, Ga.

He appeared at The Pilot for an interview dressed in a navy jacket and coordinated striped tie, accompanied by Michael Hulín, former Troy policeman, as his campaign advisor. Mullins was also a member of the Troy



Lloyd R. Mullins

police department. Mullins said he was asked to run for sheriff four years ago at a

luncheon of 70 persons in Southern Pines.

His campaign has these objectives, he said: Combat drugs on all fronts; prompt investigations of all law regardless of race, sex, social position of persons involved.

He expanded on these objectives.

"I definitely think this region has a drug problem," he said. Neither this nor problems of breaking and entering are being solved, he feels, for two reasons: the sheriff has been in office too long (he can only serve eight years in Mullins' native West Virginia, people are approached because of their appearance, such as long hair. For this reason, partly, he predicts a

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