



HORSES ROUNDUP — Four highway patrolmen and a Southern Pines policeman played cowboy on Sunday at the Pine Needles golf course. Three ponies got loose from the old Smith farm on Highway 22 and were first spotted at 10:30 a.m. by a highway patrolman,

who called Southern Pines Patrolman Richard Williams. The chase lasted more than an hour before the roundup came. The ponies were owned by Natalie Baum of Country Club Drive.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Hearing Set Aug. 8 On Liquor Sale Rules

A public hearing on regulations to govern the sale of liquor-by-the-drink will be held in Southern Pines on Tuesday, Aug. 8.

Former Governor Jim Holshouser, who was appointed by Governor Jim Hunt as chairman of a special committee to conduct hearings and make recommendations to the state ABC Board, said Tuesday that the hearings will be held in the Town Council room of the Municipal Building.

Two hearings will be held here—one beginning at 2 p.m., and the other in the evening.

Holshouser said that two issues stand out at this point—what is the definition of a social club and will mixed drinks be served in areas other than dining rooms.

He said that the ABC Board is at work on developing the key issues in proposed regulations and these issues will be outlined at the public hearings.

Citizen comment and suggestions will be sought at the five public hearings to be held in the state, beginning with the first at Charlotte on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

Other hearings will be at Asheville on Aug. 2, Wilmington on Aug. 9, and Greensboro on Aug. 16.

Holshouser said that after the last hearing he plans for his committee to meet for one or two days to draft recommendations for regulations and to deliver those recommendations to the ABC Board by the end of August.

The first referendum under the local option law on the sale of mixed beverages will be in Mecklenburg County on Sept. 8.

Southern Pines will vote on the question on Sept. 12.

Holshouser, who opposed mixed drink legislation during his administration as Governor, said this week that he now believes the proposed method may be better than brown-bagging.

"There is a real hope that this method will be better than what

we have had before," he said. "Based on the experience in Virginia and South Carolina, this new system may hold potential for improving the situation."

He sees the task of his special committee as one which will be dealing with policy as well as specifics. "Our job is to make the new system work," he said.

He pointed out, however, that "some key issues already have

been taken care of by the Legislature."

In regard to reaching a definition of a social club, which under the law may serve mixed drinks if approved in a local option election, Holshouser said that is "not as serious a question here as it may be in Charlotte where there are discos."

The other issue which he sees

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Downtown Plan Is Talked But Action Comes Slowly

"Go slow," has been the catchall phrase concerning plans for downtown revitalization, and if the meeting last Thursday night between plan designers and local citizens is any indication, people are getting frustrated with waiting.

The group of architects, representatives of local utilities and the steering committee for this revitalization effort were in fact looking for one place to start.

However, no definite action was taken in the meeting—the steering committee merely heard from the planners and utilities representatives and reaffirmed their belief that block-by-block revitalization is best.

Spurgeon Cameron, a Southern Pines native, and Peter Batchelor, an N.C. State professor and private planner, were in town to answer any questions the steering committee might have before the whole plan is presented to downtown merchants in September; and Ed Hitchings with Carolina Power

and Light Co. and Jim Thomas with United Telephone spoke in regard to overhead versus underground wiring.

Steering committee members present were Town Council members Hope Brogden and Jerry Daeke; Joanne Duffield, Charles Sullivan and John May, who is the chairman. Others in attendance were local architects, horticulturists and members of the town's Appearance Commission.

Charles Sullivan, local merchant as well as steering committee member, was the most volatile critic of slow or never-moving plans for town improvement. "The study is no good unless it's implemented," he said. "I'd rather see just one block developed and see it done right."

Citizens in attendance informally agreed to start something just to show revitalization can be a reality, one step at a time. This resulted from the frustration voiced by many that changes are often given lip service only and that nothing really gets done.

Carlisle Bean, a member of the town Appearance Commission and a local designer, suggested a first step might be to encourage merchants to park off the streets, an idea endorsed by Joanne Duffield and Peter Batchelor, who said "I don't know if a cozy relationship exists between the Southern Pines police and local merchants but those parking regulations are not being enforced." Many noted that cars sit on Broad Street and Pennsylvania

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Tobacco Sales Open Here Tuesday; \$1.37 Average Recorded In Georgia

BY ELLEN WELLES

The tobacco warehouses stand silent and empty now, but by this time next week they will be swarming with activity as the first sales of the season begin. The first sale is in Carthage on

Tuesday, August 1 and in Aberdeen on August 2.

The first markets of the season opened in Georgia and Florida July 19 with an average price of \$1.29 per pound and a high of \$1.55. They resumed this week

with an average of \$1.37 and a high of \$1.60. Last year the Georgia markets opened with an average of 78 cents per pound.

For 16 weeks, the Sandhills will experience what has become a tradition with its roots dating back to the time of Sir Walter Raleigh and the first tobacco crops. While farmers speculate on the price and hope for the best, their families will turn out for the year's big event and auctioneers and buyers will take part in a ritual steeped in tradition and romance which some consider almost a lost art.

It is estimated Moore County farmers will gross more than \$9 million this year and that 3,900 acres are planted in tobacco. This year's "effective" allotment is 4,191 acres and the "effective" quota is 7,206,390 pounds.

Farmers on the Aberdeen market alone are expected to bring in \$450,000 per day. Also, the auctions bring business to restaurants, hotels, grocery stores and other types of business. Most buyers here for the season even rent office space.

Those hearing the incessant chant of the auctioneer for the first time probably will not realize the enormous amount of planning that takes place before the tobacco arrives at the market, is set out in neat rows of squares blocked on the warehouse floor and is brought by the companies which will produce the cigarettes, and other

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Kelly Has Leading Role In Church School Case

The Rev. Kent Kelly of the Calvary Christian School in Southern Pines in one of the representatives of church schools in Raleigh this week, protesting the state's authority to supervise private schools.

The other private schools in the area allow this supervision. Kelly has been unavailable for comment all week. However, a Raleigh source quoted Kelly as saying "The statutes of North Carolina are unconstitutional if they are

applied to our schools, which are administered by the church."

The issue has developed for sometime as a few private schools have refused on matter of principle to have a few things inspected—whether such schools have libraries and sufficient teaching supplies, whether textbooks are used, and the primary issue, whether teachers are certified.

During Monday and Tuesday's action in Wake Superior Court, (Continued on Page 14-A)

Surveyor Position Off Ballot

The Moore County Board of Elections has taken the name of Charles (Chuck) Ward off the November ballot for County Surveyor because of a challenge to the legality of election for the office.

Chairman Angus M. Brewer of the Board of Elections, in a letter Tuesday to W. Sidney Taylor, chairman of the Moore County Board of Commissioners, said that a ruling from County Attorney M.G. Boyette Sr., is the County Surveyor should be appointed and not elected.

As long as the office has been established it has been elective in Moore County. A few weeks ago, however, C.H. Blue, a surveyor of Southern Pines and president of the N.C. Society of Surveyors, questioned the legality of the election and a ruling was requested by Chairman Brewer.

Boyette discovered that a law passed by the N.C. Legislature in 1959 provides for the appointment of the County Surveyor by the county commissioners, with 31 counties (Continued on Page 7-A)

Tax Collections Better, Report To Board Shows

The percentage of taxes collected last year in Moore County is up slightly from that of the 1976-77 fiscal year, it was learned at a special meeting of the County Commissioners Wednesday afternoon.

Out of the original levy, discoveries, schedule "B" and beverage licenses and penalties, totalling \$4,272,442.25 in charges, \$4,012,858.68 was collected, setting the percentage of levy collected during 1977-78 at 94.81 percent.

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Summer Outing

The annual Summer Outing of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce will be held Saturday, July 29, at Pinehurst.

Activities will get under way at noon with a golf tournament on Pinehurst No. 5 course. Starting times are from noon to 2 p.m. A tennis tournament will be held at the Pinehurst Tennis Club from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

There will be a picnic at poolside at the Pinehurst Hotel at 6 p.m.

The Summer Outing is for members and their guests. Deadline for reservations is noon Thursday. Call 692-3926.

Poultry Faring Better

The poultry business, second to tobacco in Moore County's farm revenues, is faring better in this round of high temperatures than in the heat wave in June when many chickens died of a heat reaction.

North Carolina is a primary poultry-producing state, and the northern part of Moore County and the Gozzi turkey farms around Southern Pines produce high numbers annually.

Paul Seabolt of the Moore County agricultural extension (Continued on Page 7-A)

Hospital Power Out For Hours

The main transformer at Moore Memorial Hospital went out of order at about 4:30 Tuesday afternoon, but caused only momentary interruption as the emergency generator was activated at once.

According to Roy Tanner, director of maintenance, and Ed Hitchings at Carolina Power and Light, almost all services were (Continued on Page 16-A)

Diamondhead Reporting Increases In Revenue

Increases in revenue and net earnings for the first six months of 1978 have been reported by Diamondhead Corporation, the owners and operators of Pinehurst, Inc.

Pinehurst is regarded as one of the more profitable of the Diamondhead resort operations. According to a report released this week by John R. Kelly, senior vice president for finance and treasurer of Diamondhead, revenues during the second quarter showed an increase of 17 percent.

Revenues during the second quarter of 1978 were \$16,418,000 compared to \$14,060,000 for the same period a year earlier.

Revenues during the first six months of 1978 were \$27,377,000 as compared to \$23,640,000 for the

same period a year earlier, or an increase of 16 percent.

Net earnings during the second quarter of 1978 rose to \$1,093,000 or \$1.19 per share reflecting an increase of \$701,000 from the same period a year earlier when the net earnings were \$392,000 or \$0.7 per share. Net earnings in the first half of 1978 increased approximately \$1,200,000 to \$242,000 or \$.04 per share compared to a loss of \$965,000 or \$.16 per share during the same period a year earlier.

Results for the six months period are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the year because of the seasonal nature of the Company's business, company officials said. (Continued on Page 15-A)

Sewer System Work Is Slowed; Berkley Block Grant Planned

Construction on the final phase of the Regional Wastewater Treatment System is running 21 percent behind time, but with an additional work crew it is expected to be completed by the end of October in keeping with the deadline, it was reported at a special meeting of the Moore County Commissioners Wednesday afternoon.

Al Walpole, a superintendent with the construction firm of Henningson, Richardson and Durham, reported that work on

laying pipe for the south Southern Pines Interceptor line has been slowed because the ground has been so full of water from all the rains, it has required much de-watering. Also he said he felt the crew was lagging and some of the crew were not as experienced as expected; therefore, he is bringing in an additional crew.

The south Southern Pines Interceptor is a part of the total project and is being paid for by the debt service from the

participating towns of Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen.

Since work started on the line January 23, more than 7,000 feet of the total \$16,920 feet of pipeline have been laid, Walpole said. To date, 21 of the total 51 manholes have been completed. It is expected all the pipeline will be in by the end of September and the total project will be finished by the October 20 deadline despite the fact that 170 of the 270 allotted days have been used (Continued on Page 16-A)

THE PILOT LIGHT

LIQUOR VOTE—Supporters of the mixed beverage proposal to be voted on in Southern Pines on Sept. 12 are hoping the same margin in favor will prevail as in the last expression of voter opinion on the issue.

That was in November of 1973 when a statewide referendum was held on the local option liquor-by-the-drink question.

In that election the four Southern Pines precincts voted by a two-to-one margin—1651 to 821—in favor of the question.

Moore County as a whole voted against local option mixed beverages. The 1973 votes by precincts were: Knollwood, 248 for and 140 against; Pinedene, 395 for and 184 against; North Southern Pines, 572 for and 271 against;

South Southern Pines, 436 for and 226 against.

HOLSHOUSER—Former Governor Jim Holshouser, who has been named as chairman of a special committee to hold hearings and make recommendations on the sale of mixed beverages, said this week he hopes his committee can complete its work by the end of August.

Holshouser was appointed by Governor Jim Hunt and the Holshouser committee will make recommendations to the State ABC board on regulations for the sale of liquor-by-the-drink in cities or counties which approve the sale in local option referendums. (Continued on Page 16-A)

Press Split On Helms-Ingram; Little Chance Seen For ERA

BY JENNIFER CALDWELL

The North Carolina Press Association meeting in Pinehurst last weekend was the perfect opportunity to gauge the mood of the state on several issues, through its newspaper editors.

Between meeting times and at social hours we asked if liquor-by-the-drink would make an appearance in the various areas, whether ERA would pass the state's legislature this time around, and the million-dollar question: who seems to be ahead

right now, Ingram or Helms?

J.D. Fitz of the daily Morganton News-Herald, said his county is pretty well divided between Democrats and Republicans, he does not think the Equal Rights Amendment will pass this year, and Morganton is not ready to have a referendum for mixed drinks.

Joe Parker of Ashokie, who owns the Parker Brothers chain of papers in the Northeastern part of the state, said Ingram will carry that part of North

Carolina. About ERA—"I would like to think it would pass, but I don't think there have been any changes in the legislature." Parker doesn't think mixed drinks will be important, except in the tourist-drawing part of Dare County.

Jake Strother of Kinston thinks "...when Helms carried our county in 1972 it was a fluke. He was a political accident in a year when the Republicans carried everything. There is a strong (Continued on Page 16-A)