

Land Values Go Highest In Bensalem

"Property in Bensalem Township went out of sight, but the others aren't nearly so high," says Lee Williams, chairman of the Moore County Board of Commissioners...

Road Jobs Are Given Approval

Neither Williams nor County Finance Officer Estelle Wicker will give an estimate of what the total property valuation will be.

Secondary road improvements for Moore County—to cost an estimated \$429,398—have been proposed for 1979-80 by the district engineer's office of the State Department of Transportation.

The influence of the Seven Lakes development in neighboring Mineral Springs Township is regarded as the reason for a substantial increase in property values in rural Bensalem Township.

Implementation of the proposal is contingent upon two factors: approval by the county commissioners at their May 7 meeting and final budget allocations by the North Carolina General Assembly...

Sitting as a Board of Equalization and Review Monday night, the county commissioners heard requests from about 22 property owners who had questions about the new valuations.

Under the proposal, stretches of four roads would be paved, while another seven roads would be widened and strengthened.

Kidnap Case Heads List In Upcoming Court Term

Retrial of a five-year old kidnapping case is the first item listed on the docket for a mixed criminal-civil term of Moore County Superior Court which opens Monday morning.

Several criminal cases on the docket were disposed of during the April 23 superior court session and will be stricken from the calendar for next week.

Judge Thomas W. Seay Jr. of Spencer will preside, and 68 persons have been summoned for jury duty.

Idefonso Vazquez Santos is the first defendant named on the Monday trial docket. Santos was convicted four years ago on charges of kidnapping, breaking, entering, larceny and receiving...

3.4% Jobless

The Moore County Employment Services Commission reports that unemployment in Moore County was down for the month of March from 4.9 in February to 3.4 percent.

One jury case, that of James A. Sprunger Jr. versus Jewell Pruden, is listed on the civil court calendar, along with one motion before the court in the matter of Fidelity Bank versus Arnold Garner, defendant and third party plaintiff.

Of the 21,380 considered as the labor force, 20,660 were employed in March, leaving 720 unemployed. The decrease in unemployment is attributed to the seasonal weather which allows for more farming and construction jobs, a spokesman said.

These non-jury matters are listed on the civil calendar: C.W. Harvey, doing business as C.W. Harvey Construction Co., versus The Lawn and Tennis Club of North Carolina, Inc.; Robert L. Garvey and wife, Louella F. Garvey, versus Roy H. Overby and wife, Doris F. Overby;

THE PILOT LIGHT

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He also expects a bill to grant Moore towns higher profits from ABC stores (from 10 percent to 25 percent) and a 50-50 division of the special mixed drink tax between the town of Southern Pines and Moore County will get legislative approval.

The bill ran into trouble in a House committee last week when an attempt was made to amend it to extend local option to a mile beyond township lines.

GUN BILL--The Auman bill which would restrict the use of high powered rifles for deer hunting in Sandhills and Mineral Springs townships is getting a lot more support from residents of the area than when it was introduced.

Rep. Auman thinks, however,

As a result of a flood of calls and letters supporting the measure, Rep. Auman plans to push for passage, even though the county commissioners had voted to request that it be held up this year.

No guns larger than .22 caliber



TOUR DE MOORE WINNER--Paul Pearson raises his arms in victory as he crosses the finish line in downtown Southern Pines to conclude the 101-mile bicycle race in a record time of 3:54.

Bond Vote Unsettled

New Firm Gets Bond Approval

BY FLORENCE GILKESON With a statewide bond issue waiting in the wings, Moore County School Superintendent Robert Lee thinks the wise policy at present is to meet the county's most immediate school building needs on "a pay as you go" basis...

With state approval of \$7.5 million in industrial revenue bonds announced last week, ARO Corporation is moving ahead with the initial work on its 25-acre site on U.S. 1 north of Southern Pines.

Lee definitely sees no need for a local school bond issue, at least not until the state bond issue is settled.

The Bryan, Ohio firm plans to erect a 1000,000 square foot building for the manufacture of pneumatic tools.

"Why go into debt?" he asked. In addition, the superintendent pointed out that the county bond issue would mean a delay of 12 to 18 months before a contract could be let for the three top priority items at Cameron, West End and Robbins, provided that the voters were to pass the bonds.

Homer Faulk, director of the Moore County Economic Development Commission, was in Raleigh on April 25 when North Carolina Commerce Secretary D.M. "Lauch" Faircloth signed the Certificate of Approval for the industrial bonds.

Lee explained that the school board has already instructed an architect to draw up plans for these schools, and all that's needed now is the money. In an unannounced meeting last week the Moore County Board of Commissioners went on record in support of a county school bond issue as a means of resolving more than \$10 million in building requests.

School Teacher Supplement Up 5% Under Proposal To Board In Moore

BY PATSY TUCKER A proposed salary supplement increase of 5 percent was presented to the Moore County Board of Education on Monday night at their regular monthly meeting.

The recommended supplements were broken into four areas covering teachers, principals, supervisors and coaches.

Roger Paschal explained to the board that it had been 10 years since the inception of the present supplement and obviously the present supplement is worth much less than it was 10 years ago.

Wilson schools. Paschal proposed that teachers with an "A" certificate get a \$35 increase and that teachers with a "G" certificate get a \$45 increase.

Both Talmadge Baker, county extension agent, and Pete Gulley, who owns Gulley's Garden Center in Southern Pines, have received numerous phone calls during the past few weeks from people who have noticed something wrong with their dogwoods.

Dogwood trees in Moore County and across the state have been infested with a pulvinaria scale, which appears on the tree in one of three ways.

Pete Gulley said "I saw some trees that had some from last year and they were real unthrifty looking." He recommends spraying the whole tree if it is infested, and said Malathion is one of the safer chemicals for

scale. The scale starts, however, on the trees stems before the leaves even come out in the spring. When it occurs on the stems it is in a waxy form. Finally, full-bodied adult scales have hatched into a crawling insect.

Wildlife Officer Is Named

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has assigned Rick Wells to Moore County as wildlife enforcement officer. The position was formerly known as that of wildlife protector, or game warden.

Wells is one of four enforcement officers who routinely patrol the three-county area of Moore, Richmond, and Anson counties. This area is part of the 10-county District 6.

In addition to enforcement of state hunting and fishing laws, Wells handles motor boat licensing, registration and safety equipment.

The 27-year old native of Angier is making his home in Carthage with his bride (since June), the former Lil Smith of Fuquay, who is a student at Campbell College. Wells was assigned here March 1.

A graduate of Angier High School, the wildlife enforcement officer attended East Carolina University and Campbell College. He has completed 13 weeks of training at the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, including Wildlife Enforcement Officers Recruit School and WEO

With a minimum of discussion the Moore County Board of Commissioners Monday night passed a resolution changing the boundaries of Sandhills and Mineral Springs townships to accommodate the Country Club of North Carolina, which wants "liquor by the drink" if a bill pending in the legislature is passed.

The board's action moves CCNC from Sandhills Township into Mineral Springs Township, where Pinehurst is also located. Whether "liquor by the drink" will become a legal possibility for either Pinehurst or CCNC

remains in question, since the bill introduced by Rep. Clyde Auman several weeks ago has yet to emerge from the ABC committee. The bill was introduced at the request of Pinehurst and with the blessing of the county commissioners, but it has encountered opposition from statewide "dry" forces since its introduction.

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Additional personnel for the town of Southern Pines is a major proposal in the 1979-1980 fiscal budget, currently under preparation by Town Manager Mildred McDonald and her staff.

The preliminary budget must be presented to the Town Council sometime before June 1. A public hearing is scheduled for the Town Council meeting on

New Officers Elected By Weymouth

Sam Ragan, editor and publisher of The Pilot, is the new president of Friends of Weymouth as the organization moves into the second phase of its campaign to establish a regional educational and cultural center for the humanities and arts.

Ragan succeeds Admiral I.J. Galantin, who has headed the Friends since its inception a little more than two years ago and who was still at the helm when the

Friday following the annual meeting at which 25 directors were elected, including eight who were newly installed. Other new officers are Mrs. Lena J. Stewart, secretary, and John F. Burns, treasurer. W.Y. Alex Webb held both posts in the past.

Mrs. Murdock Edwards, William H. Frantz, Sr., Galantin, Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., Robert A. Hunt, Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, Raymond, A. Kotrla, George W. Little, Jere McKeithen, Stuart R. Paine, Ragan, R.J. Reynolds, III, and Webb.

Moore Bike Route First To Be State Designated

Dozens of rectangle-shaped signs are catching the eye in various parts of the county, following last Saturday's Tour de Moore bicycle race.

The school board has not called for a bond issue and the subject was not discussed at the school board's meeting Monday night. In fact, both Lee and Mrs. John

David Drexel, who instigated the Tour de Moore four years ago, has finally gotten his wish in the form of the green signs, which were put up recently by the state Department of Transportation.

Drexel said campsites have been established at Jackson Springs, where the mineral water can still be sampled, and at Deep River, Jugtown and Lobelia. He hopes that cycling individuals and families will visit

"This is a family touring route," Drexel said. If the signs are followed, a cyclist can make a circle within Moore County, beginning at any point on the

route. The Campbell House, the Alston House, Jugtown, Clarendon Gardens, the West End peach orchards, Blue's Farm, the parachute zone, the community college and Jackson Springs are all places the touring cyclist can view while following the route.

