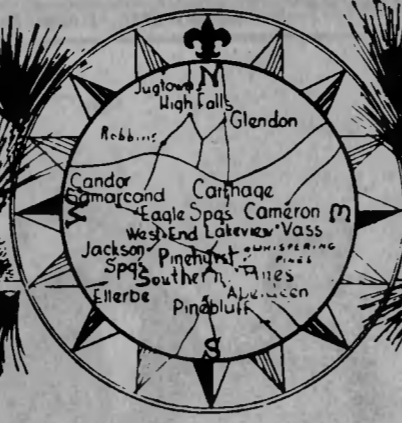
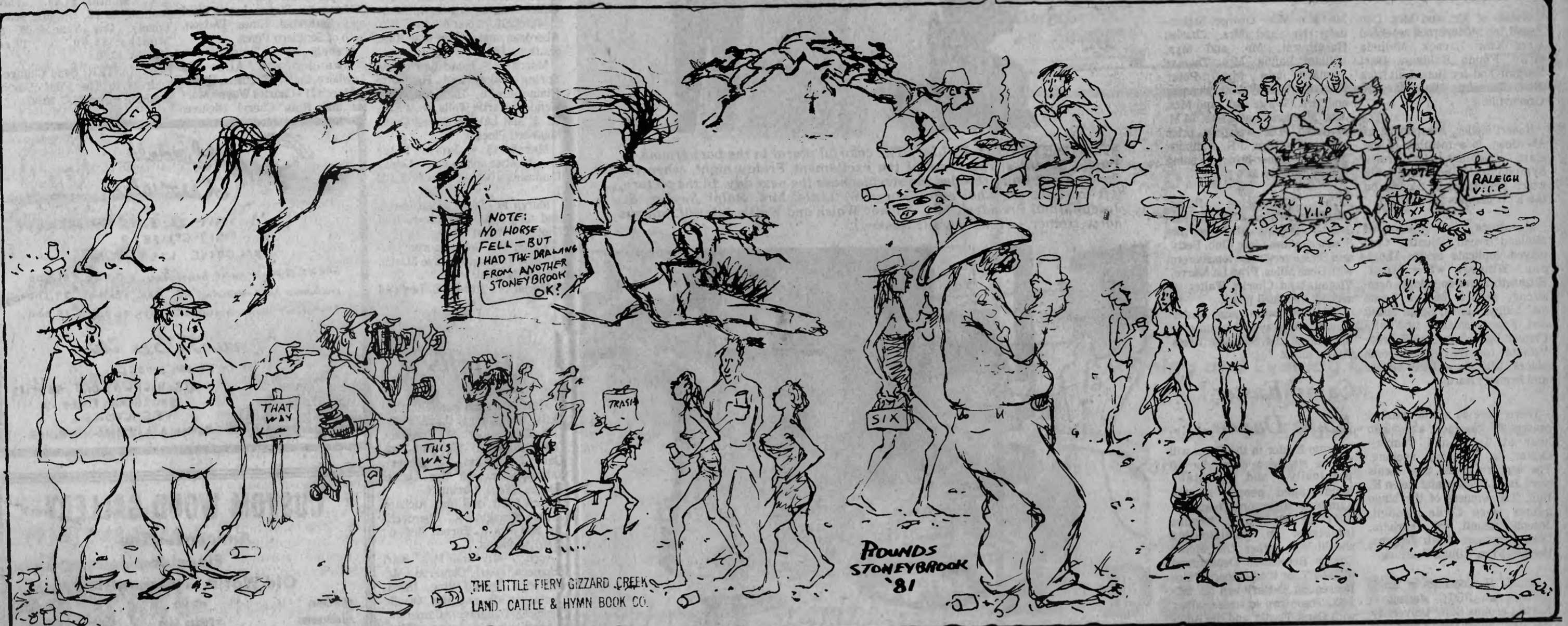


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40,000 See Codicioso Win Top Race Here

BY VALERIE NICHOLSON

Race fans betting on recognized favorites in the prestigious Sandhills Cup at Stoneybrook Saturday had it rough at the upset finish.

Codicioso, native of Chile, snatched a last-second victory over a field which included three of the country's top money-winning steeplechasers, one of them a previous Sandhills Cup winner. Second place went to Un Adios, also from Chile and a stablemate of Codicioso.

A crowd of 40,000 saw the \$15,000 feature race, as beautiful to look at as exciting to watch, saw Un Adios grab the lead at the start, Codicioso trailing. Un Adios, a 10-year-old bay gelding, held the lead and extended it, coming round the bend on the second circuit, he was five

lengths ahead of his nearest competitor.

This was Leaping Frog, 1979 Sandhills Cup winner, who seemed determined to get it again, but Romeo Lima, another big money-winner, came pounding past. All six strung out in a spectacular procession—Un Adios, then Romeo Lima, Leaping Frog, Running Comment and Down First, all two lengths apart—with Codicioso bringing up the rear.

With a quarter mile to go, Codicioso suddenly surged ahead, drawing on powerful reserve strength to sweep past one after another, his rider James Maloney, Jr., arched high like an alpine bridge as the six-year-old chestnut took the ninth and last fence neck-and-neck with Un Adios, then ran on well into the clear.

Time for the grueling two-mile-and-a-quarter race over fences—four minutes and 20 seconds.

Of the six entries, Leaping Frog was named third in this year's official list of the country's leading money-winners, with \$60,795; Running Comment was fourth,

with \$36,845, and Romeo Lima ninth, with \$24,900.

Other races of the six-race card were unrolled in sequence, each drawing its crowd of spectators to the rail to cheer them on. While many of those attending were there just to enjoy the picnicking and promenading, and to be with congenial company in the relaxed atmosphere, others had come to admire some of the finest horses and riders of the east, and to learn from the care and skill of the owners and trainers who had developed these fine specimens.

There were no spills or other untoward events, other than a minor happening in the first race, The Yarkin, for horses

just beginning their careers—"maidens three years old and up." One four-year-old, Youthful Attempts, apparently didn't care for the career and wouldn't live up to his name, departing from the track on the back stretch. This, naturally, disqualified him and his rider dismounted—then the horse quickly perked up again, perhaps thought better of the whole thing, got back on the track and came in riderless.

It was a perfect day of crowds, sunshine and horses—typical Stoneybrook weather, though the day turned out not to be a typical spring day but rather a day misplaced from mid summer, with temperature up in the high 80s. The summer costumes, with lots of shorts and cutoff jeans, and many bearded youths bare from the waist up, exposed much skin for a beach-like effect—without ocean, but plenty of sunburn. Everywhere you looked, you saw skin turning unexpectedly ominously red.

UNC Band
Pre-race music was provided by the UNC Pep Band, a lively group of boys and girls, most of (Continued on Page 16-A)

Long Delayed Murder Case On Court Slate Next Week

The murder charge against Grover Eugene Harris returns to the trial calendar next week, when a criminal session of Moore County Superior Court is scheduled.

Court will convene Tuesday morning because Easter Monday is a state holiday. Judge William H. Helms of Monroe will preside.

The murder case has been continued since Harris was arrested in late September and charged with the bizarre slaying of a Carthage man, 64-year old Earl C. Stuts.

Harris is presently serving a prison sentence of from six to 10

Zoning Ordinances Called 'Too Cloudy'

BY LIZ HUSKEY

The Southern Pines Town Council's concern over too much subdivision, and the discrepancies over which ones they approved came to a head Tuesday night, after Council Member Louise Eckersley moved to send the town's zoning ordinances affecting PUD, subdivisions and site-plans back to the Town Planner for review.

The board voted unanimously in favor of the action.

Mrs. Eckersley said the ordinance was "too cloudy" and that there were not "clear cut guidelines" by which council

More Shake-Ups In Works By Republican Majority

BY FLORENCE GILKESON

A Republican appointee to the position of tax supervisor is expected this summer when the present two-year term of Dewitt Purvis expires.

Dr. Charles Phillips, chairman of the Moore County Board of Commissioners, confirmed this and other personnel changes which may take effect in coming months, perhaps as early as the Tuesday night board meeting.

Phillips also said that the position of Tax Collector Don Richardson will come up for review this summer. The position of tax collector is based on a yearly appointment.

Budget or personnel changes, or both, are similar by expected in other departments, such as economic development, recreation, and administration.

The position of Gary Moffield, who was employed on a six-month probation basis as a tax appraiser will not be continued, Dr. Phillips confirmed.

Phillips said that the board had not planned to make these announcements so early, but rumors had been circulating as the result of information leaked from a recent executive (closed) session held by the commissioners.

Easter Holidays Bring Many Office Closings

State, county and municipal offices will be closed Monday for the Easter Monday holiday.

North Carolina was the first state officially to adopt Easter Monday as a holiday. It is also observed as a holiday by Moore County and the Town of Southern Pines.

For the public school system next week will be an entire vacation week. Friday, April 17, will mark the end of classes prior to the Easter holiday, and classes will not be resumed until Monday, April 27.

A week of superior criminal court is scheduled for Moore County next week, but the session will not convene until Tuesday because of the Easter Monday holiday. The clerk of court offices and other state offices will be closed Monday.

Because Monday is a holiday, the Moore County Board of Commissioners postponed the mid-month board meeting until Tuesday night, April 21.

Easter Monday is also a bank holiday.

Not observing the holiday will be federal employees and people working in most retail stores.

The Southern Pines Post Office will be open for business as usual Monday, and there will be the regular window hours and delivery service.

The Pilot will be closed for the Easter Monday holiday. Persons with news items or advertisements are requested to place them in the front door slot.

Rep. Hefner Will Meet With Voters Thursday

Eighth District Congressman Bill Hefner, D-N.C., will hold an old fashioned town hall meeting Thursday (April 16) in Southern Pines.

Elvin Jackson of Carthage, Hefner's district administrator, said the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 145 S.E. Broad Street.

Hefner also is scheduled to tour the Milliken & Company plant in Robbins at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 17. He will meet with management and employees at the plant.

Officials of Milliken plan to present Hefner a rug with a design of the North Carolina seal.

The public is encouraged to attend the town hall meeting in Southern Pines.

Hefner said, "I want to hear what the citizens of Moore County have on their minds at the meeting. I'm going to listen and not to give a speech."

On Friday morning, Congressman Hefner will join members on the Chamber of Commerce and interested guests for an exchange of thoughts on governmental issues of concern to the business community at a 7:30 a.m. breakfast at the Sheraton Convention Center.

"In this time of sweeping changes, it is vital that we citizens and our representatives maintain clear lines of communication."

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Volunteers Launch Drive

Armed with a petition and a goal of 10,000 to 15,000 signatures, Moore County rescue and fire volunteers this week launched a new campaign to persuade the three Republican commissioners to change a recent decision to abolish the emergency communications department as an independent agency.

The goal represents about two-thirds of the registered voters in Moore County.

An attorney who has been working with the volunteer group joined a gathering of supporters Monday for an informal news conference in the Carthage Rescue Squad building.

Channel 2, Greensboro, covered the news conference.

Asked if he thinks the petition will work, David Cummings responded: "Sure. Otherwise, it would be like playing a ball game and expecting to lose."

Cummings, captain of the Vass Rescue Squad, has been serving as spokesman for the organizations representing the rescue and fire volunteers. He heads the Moore County Rescue Squad Captains Association.

"We're not going to strike, no," Cummings said in response to another question.

His answer led attorney Bill Bost to comment that "obviously, these people do care about Moore County."

Volunteers began circulating the petition late last week and by Monday had secured between 1000 and 1500 signatures. A more accurate estimate was not available because of the large number of petitions scattered across the county.

Friday at 5 p.m. is the deadline for signing the petition. Cummings said that would give his group ample time to prepare the petitions for presentation to the commissioners.

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GOVERNOR—A delegation from Samarkand Manor called on Governor Hunt last week and got some strong assurances that the training school near Eagle Springs will remain open.

Senator Bob Jordan of Montgomery County accompanied the group on the visit with the Governor. Those in the group included Hosea Brower, director, Johanna Hancock, assistant director, Dr. Talmadge Lancaster, principal of the school, and Betty Owen.

They said Governor Hunt was fully informed of the role of Samarkand Manor and was much interested in the work it is doing.

POULTRY—A poultry testing laboratory at Robbins will continue to receive a state appropriation of \$50,000 annually under a vote last week of the

Officials Visit Samarkand

The fate of Samarkand Manor was still unresolved Monday after a legislator and three top state officials toured the facilities of the training school.

"It won't work as a woman's prison," said Rep. Wilma Woodard, chairman of the House Committee on Corrections.

Rep. Woodard cited two reasons: the large area which would require heavy security additions and the isolated location which would make work release conditions difficult to implement.

The visitors were warm in their praise of what they saw during the two-hour visit, although most were non-committal when asked specifically about the institution's future as a training school.

The four arrived by state helicopter at 10 a.m., a source of excitement among the 184 students. They left about two hours later, bound for nearby McCain Hospital in Hoke County.

Rep. Woodard told The Pilot that Samarkand is still among the facilities tagged for possible closing in a major economy move by the state. She added, however, that its status is third in line, and it is possible that other economy measures can be taken which will lessen the danger to Samarkand.

McCain Hospital received another two-year reprieve last week, when the joint House and Senate Appropriations Committee reached a compromise. Both McCain and Samarkand were initially tagged for closing.

Citizens in Moore County have been battling against any change in the two facilities, which provide an income for numerous residents of the area. Samarkand is located near Eagle Springs in

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