

Pinehurst Votes On Liquor Issue

Pinehurst is going ahead with a referendum on liquor-by-the-drink on Tuesday, May 5, although there is a strong belief it is not necessary.

Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m., and voting will be at the polling places in two precincts, East Pinehurst and West Pinehurst, although only eligible voters residing within the corporate limits of the village can vote.

There are 1,380 eligible voters in the two precincts—668 in East Pinehurst and 712 in West Pinehurst.

Doris Fugday, executive director of the Moore County Board of Elections, pointed out this week that absentee voting is permitted in the referendum, but the deadline for casting absentee ballots at the Board of Elections office in Carthage is 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 30.

The special election was called by the Moore County Board of Elections at the request of the Pinehurst Village Council and will be conducted under a state law which permits incorporated municipalities to seek such elections.

Pinehurst already has legal liquor-by-the-drink sales following voter approval in a special township referendum act passed in 1979 by the state legislature in a bill introduced by former Rep. T. Clyde Auman. Under the Auman bill Mineral Springs township, in which Pinehurst is located, and McNeill township could call elections on the mixed drink question. At that time Pinehurst was not an incorporated municipality.

What prompted the Pinehurst Village Council to seek next Tuesday's election, however, was a bill introduced on the first day of

the present legislative session to repeal the Auman bill. The bill (HB-1) was introduced by Rep. Al Adams of Wake County who said the 1979 bill was passed "because we respected Clyde Auman," and since Auman was defeated in 1980--by Republican James Craven--this indicated that the people in that area (Mineral Springs) did not want mixed drink sales. Therefore, Adams said, the Auman bill should be repealed.

The Adams bill had been sent to the House ABV Committee and last Thursday a hearing was held on it in Raleigh. Rep. Adams repeated earlier statements, but speaking against repeal of the bill were Rep. Craven, who denied that liquor-by-the-drink was an issue in the campaign in which he defeated Auman, and H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, former Speaker of the House in the

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BIKE RACERS — More than 80 bicycle racers are at the starting line for the 50-kilometer Men's Criterium held in downtown Southern Pines on the final day of the two-day Tour de Moore. Several hundred turned out to see the races which drew a record number of entries from the U.S. and Canada.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).

Democrats Pick Van Camp; Back Tax To Help Roads

BY WOODROW WILHOIT

The Moore County Democrats at their convention held Saturday in the courthouse at Carthage elected Southern Pines attorney Jim Van Camp as chairman.

Van Camp, who was unanimously elected, succeeds Phillip Jackson, also of Southern Pines.

In his acceptance speech, the new chairman said, "We have a great challenge, we have lost the courthouse and the sheriff's office. But with this challenge we have the opportunity to come back strong."

"This party has character, and we can never let what happened last fall happen again. We'll change that next year and the next two years."

He sounded a theme of togetherness, saying that "with good organization, and working together we will go forward and whip the Republicans."

"We are a party of the people

and for the people; we stand for the rights and dignity of the people," he declared.

Van Camp declared that new ideas and new tactics would be carried out in meeting the challenge of the Republicans. "Some of the old ways will have to be discarded, as the party moves forward."

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Resort Says Golf Courses Are Appraised Too High

Pinehurst, Inc. top officials think their prestigious golf courses may be over-valued in the latest appraisal of Moore County property.

A financial analyst appeared before the Moore County Board of County Commissioners Monday night to ask for what amounts to a second opinion on the valuation of the resort corporation's golf courses, lakes, and other recreational facilities.

John Simpson, the financial analyst, declined to reveal the evaluation which the Pinehurst officials regard as more reasonable.

Tax Supervisor Dewitt Purvis told The Pilot that the Pinehurst golf courses are valued at about \$7500 an acre, with an average value of \$30,000 per hole for the 108 holes. That brings the total value of the golf courses alone to

\$3.24 million. The lake property is valued at about \$500 an acre, and there are approximately 200 acres of lake property.

Pinehurst, Inc. property has a total valuation, for tax purposes, of \$88 million.

Simpson told the board that the Pinehurst officers have had some questions about the evaluation placed on certain parcels of land, particularly the golf courses.

Commissioner Lee Williams pointed out that the latest reappraisal in Moore County was carried out in 1979 and was not implemented until 1980. Since that time a new management team has been employed to oversee the Pinehurst property.

Simpson said the management team, his employer, feels that there may be some basic peculiarities about the Pinehurst courses, a factor which the

Pinehurst people think should reduce the corporation's tax bill.

Purvis said the Pinehurst courses are rated higher than any others in Moore County, with the possible exception of the Country Club of North Carolina facilities.

The tax supervisor reported that he has already called Bill Connelly, an appraiser in the state Ad Valorem Division, about making a study of the situation. He quoted Connelly as expressing willingness to visit Moore County for that purpose.

Commissioner Coolidge Thompson made a motion authorizing Purvis to ask Connelly to study the Pinehurst evaluation situation to determine if there are discrepancies and to report the results back to the board. Williams made the second.

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Moore Road Work Limited As More Funds Needed

One new road and one widening project are the only major highway improvements which Moore County can afford with the \$107,696 remaining in the bond fund for secondary road work.

At the close of the annual county highway hearing Wednesday night, April 22, the Moore County Board of Commissioners voted to adopt a resolution authorizing the expenditure of these bond funds.

As recommended by local highway officials, the ordinance calls for the allocation of \$10,000 to build the access road to the ARO plant, off U.S. 1 north of Southern Pines, and the alloca-

tion of \$35,000 for the widening and strengthening of State Road 1239, near Seven Lakes.

Another \$41,156.80 was set aside for spot stabilization work, school bus safety programs, improving intersections, spot alignment, erosion control and small projects which may come up during the fiscal year.

Twenty percent, or \$21,539.20, of the total allocation to the county for 1981-82 was set aside for small projects which may develop during the year, such as road additions, property owner participation projects, volunteer fire department and rescue

squad drives, project overruns, and similar things. That left only \$86,156.80 for programming.

Martha C. Hollers of Candor, who represents the Eighth Division on the North Carolina Board of Transportation, told the gathering that the roads body must wait until the General Assembly acts on the highway budget before a decision can be made on the expenditure of state gas tax funds in the new year. An increase in the state gasoline tax has been proposed as one means of beefing up the badly depleted state highway improvement fund, reduced because of infla-

Canadian Bikers Dominate Tour De Moore

BY LIZ HUSKEY

The Quebec Cycling Team dominated the sixth annual Tour de Moore bicycle race Saturday, with three Canadians finishing in the top five.

Daniel Therer won the tough 100-mile race in 4:05:36, fighting with the field of 200 riders against winds gusting to 35 mph, slowing this year's time by 13 minutes.

The race took cyclists on a tour of Moore County, and throughout the countryside Moore County residents turned out to wave at

the riders and to offer cheers of encouragement in their long ride.

Sponsored by Carolina Galvanizing Corporation, this year's race was the Southern qualifying race for the National Sports Festival to be held in Syracuse, New York, in August. The purse, donated by Carolina Galvanizing, was upped to \$3,400 for the men's and the women's races, and all profits from entry fees is donated to the Moore County Children's Center.

Riders coming from all over

the eastern United States and Canada praised this road race as being one of the finest in the country, because of its organization and safety.

Therer, in an interview after the race, said, "what they did Saturday was the best. There is no way they can do better. All the riders were safe, no one missed the road."

He especially praised the EZ Riders Motorcycle Club, who marshaled the races on motorcycles, blocking off intersections, leading the pack around corners and carrying racks of spare wheels for the dozens of blowouts during the day.

Also assisting in marshaling were members of the Kiwanis of the Pines, Moore County and Southern Pines Recreation Departments, the Highway

Patrol, Southern Pines Police and Rescue Squads in several towns. Kiwanis members swept sand off the roads, put down arrows, served as judges, rang bells at the ends of laps during the Sunday criterium. Bruce Cunningham was the event director and coordinator.

The race was an extremely safe one, with only one bloody nose and no bad crashes the entire day. Therer gave credit to the close marshaling as keeping the race safe for everyone.

Bernie Seagle of Norfolk said the race was kept safe because the racers "were doing some very good bike handling." Most of the "near crashes" came during periodic gusts of wind coming across the road, causing the riders who were clumped close together in the pack to bump against each other.

Teamwork was the main element in the Canadian's victory. The group stayed close together, providing wind breaks for each other, preventing other riders from passing the pack, and then, with 35 miles to go, they went ahead, to catch a "break away," or small group which had taken the lead.

With about 25 miles to go, three riders broke out of the pack. Barney Baxter, Doug Schapiro, the Olympic Time Trial winner; and Boyd Fasick, winner of Sunday's criterium, took the lead and then Baxter broke away on an uphill stretch in Jackson Springs.

The sprint was to be Baxter's demise, and it wasn't long before the ten leaders behind him caught up and absorbed him into the pack.

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Management Study Is No Witch Hunt

A four-man volunteer committee of management experts went to work Thursday on a comprehensive study of Moore County's organizational set-up.

Headed by J.A. (Pete) Perkins, the committee met Thursday afternoon with County Administrator Larry Moubry in the first step in the survey.

The management organizational study, which will cover analysis and review of all aspects of county administration, is expected to culminate in a recommendation that the county enter into the county manager system of government.

In a presentation to the Moore County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, April 21, Perkins explained that his group does not intend to evaluate the performance or effectiveness of individual county employees.

Perkins told the commissioners that it is important for county employees to understand this. He offered a copy of a letter which he proposed to send to each employee explaining the purpose of the program.

"We need to assure the employees that this is not a witch hunt," Perkins said.

Perkins is a retired partner in Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., one of the largest certified public accountant and consulting firms in the country. The firm handles management studies and related analyses for state and local governments, school districts, and public junior colleges.

Now living in semi-retirement at Country Club of North Carolina, Perkins remains active as a management consultant. His work has included surveys for New York City, the state of California, and, in North Carolina, for Transylvania Coun-

ty, Charlotte-Mecklenburg County, the Department of Public Instruction, and the Local Government Commission.

He is a member of the county's new finance and advisory committee.

While a partner with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., Perkins was based in Washington, D.C. with the company's management consulting division.

Perkins and the three other members of his committee are

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Rain Need Is Seen For Crops

Dry conditions in Moore County are not delaying the planting of an estimated 3600 acres in flue-cured tobacco.

"But we need rain, rain, rain," emphasized Charles Hammond, chairman of the Moore County Agricultural Extension Service.

Hammond said that about 40 to 45 percent of the crop has been planted in the past two weeks. He expects the remaining 2000 or more acres to be planted within the next two weeks.

"Dry weather is really serious now, and we do need rain," Hammond said.

The farm agent said that few farmers have been using irrigation while planting, and he does not recommend that they start this until absolutely necessary, largely because "irrigation runs the cost of production way up." A few farmers used irrigation to a limited degree prior to setting out

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to cover projected inflationary increases in building materials, and to cover projected increases obtained from a survey of utility companies, many of whom projected increases as high as 30 percent.

There will also be a \$31,000 increase over last year's budget to help gradually eliminate student fees. If the item is approved, student fees next year will be only \$62,000, compared to

\$5.9 Million Moore Budget Is Presented For Schools

The Moore County Board of Education did its first work on budget requests for the 1981-82 school year Monday night and with inflationary increases projected for line budget items, the expected cost of operation next year is \$5,969,994.

"These are actual needs, there's no fat in the budget," Superintendent R.E. Lee told the board of the first draft which was presented by Finance Officer Joe Vaughn.

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\$93,000 total this year. The board is attempting to gradually phase out student fees in three years, by replacing the revenue generated by student fees with county appropriated funds.

In other items include notification of appointment to the county Board of Alcohol Control. The school board is expected to make a joint appointment with the board of commissioners, and

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Peebles Stores Assume Collins Ownership Here

Peebles Department Stores, a 31-store chain with headquarters in Lawrenceville, Va., assumed ownership of The Collins Company this week.

W.S. Peebles III, president, and M.W. Peebles Jr., vice-president, met with other management officials of the two companies at the Holiday Inn here Tuesday.

Peebles acquired the Charlotte-based Collins corporation for an undisclosed cash sum.

Expressing satisfaction over the acquisition, W.S. Peebles III this week said that his company plans to continue to operate all of the Collins stores in the same locations with essentially the same staffs.

"The similarities between the two organizations in terms of store sizes, merchandise and locations are ideal," he said.

Irvin Hubbard will remain here as manager of the store located in

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Republican who defeated Auman last November, had to come out and say he was in favor of liquor-by-the-drink sales.

Rep. Craven, who said he was a non-drinker, said he supported the present mixed drink law and would have introduced such a bill as Auman introduced if Moore County residents had asked him to do so. "I have no objection," Craven said. "If these people want to drink, they can drink."

LESSON--Some veteran legislative leaders think there is a lesson for voters in the liquor-by-the-drink bill which Auman introduced and the repeal bill proposed by Rep. Adams.

At last week's hearing Rep. Bertha Holt, D-Alamance, said

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