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$50 Million Tax Base Is Added During Year

With an estimated $50 million in property added to the Moore County tax books this year, the tax base is expected to climb to $1,134,000,000.

This is the figure from which the county board of commissioners will work to gain the heftiest portion of county revenues for the 1981-82 budget.

Tax Supervisor Dewitt Purvis calls the $50 million nothing more than normal growth for Moore County. He says this is approximately the gain made every year and represents "a little bit of everything," meaning that the increase includes new buildings and a variety of other conventional changes and improvements.

The tax base for 1980 was $1,084,000,000.

On the basis of tax collections, however, the 1981 picture does not appear quite so hopeful. The collection figure for 1980 is about 94.16 percent.

A sluggish economy is blamed for the lower collection rate, which in some years has been as high as 96 percent. The collection rate is traditionally higher in Moore County than in many North Carolina counties, where the figure often hovers at 92 percent.

For the first time the county's tax records are being placed in a computer, a practice which will speed up the work in future years. It is taking more time to complete the tax work this year because of the initial computer programming, but it is expected to represent a time-saver in the future.

With a 50-cent tax rate, the Moore County commissioners projected a collection in excess of $5 million for 1980, the money to go toward the 1980-81 budget. The budget year begins July 1 and ends June 30.

In their budget considerations the county commissioners must

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Moore Population 50,505 With Housing Gain Noted

The final population count in Moore County is 50,505, according to the Region H News, publication of the Pee Dee Council of Governments. This is a gain of 11,457 people since the 1970 figure of 39,048, giving 29.3 percent more.

There was also an increase in housing.

The largest town in Moore County, Southern Pines, also had significant gains. Southern Pines is up by 2683, a gain of 45 percent.

Whispering Pines gained "a whopping 217 percent," the report said. Other gains expressed in percentages are Aberdeen, 22 percent; Pinebluff, 64 percent. Vass lost about 10 percent.

Pinehurst, incorporated since 1970, has gained 2,348 people over the 1970 estimate for a gain of 222 percent.

Population by towns is given by the POG as 1980, 1970 and percentage of change:

Aberdeen, 1,945, 1,592, 22.2 percent.

Cameron, 225, 204, 10.3 percent.

Carthage, 925, 1,034, minus 10.5 percent.

Foxfire Village 153.

Pinebluff, 935, 570, 64.0 percent.

Pinehurst, (3,404), (1,056), (222.3 percent).

Robbins, 1,256, 1,059, 18.6 percent.

Southern Pines, 8,620, 5,937, 45.2 percent.

Vass, 828, 885, minus 6.4 percent.

Whispering Pines, 1,160, 362, 220.4 percent.

(Pinehurst was not incorporated as of Jan. 1, 1980, but has been since. The figures used are the preliminary count.)

In Region H, which includes Moore among other counties, "the 40 percent gain in new houses is phenomenal—especially considering the rural nature of Region H," the report said.

Moore had a gain of 4,267 in towns and 3,516 outside. Carthage was the only town losing housing. It lost 57, or 12.6 percent of its 1970 count.

Increasing their housing were Aberdeen by 53 percent; Pinebluff, 74 percent; Pinehurst, 340 percent; Robbins, 32 percent; Southern Pines, 76 percent and Whispering Pines, 207 percent.

Housing increase by towns in 1980, 1970 and percent of change was:

Aberdeen, 849, 555, 53.0

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MOORE WELCOMES RAINS — A long dry spell was broken this week and crops in Moore County are expected to now flourish with the help of the rains which came. Photographer Glenn M. Sides made this picture of a farming scene near Union Pines after the rains.

Rain Proving Boon To Moore Crops

Rainfall, measuring from one to two and a half inches, turned the farming mood from somber to optimistic across Moore County last week.

"It was the right kind of rain. It all soaked in and will help to raise the water level. That's what we need," said Tom Colson, the crop specialist with the Moore County Agricultural Extension Service.

Colson said the rain has brought on a spurt of farming activity in many parts of the county, where farmers were holding off because of dry weather.

Soybean planting is one of the delayed activities, and the farm agent predicted that large acreages will be planted this week, just because of the rain.

He noted that many gardens have been planted over, and now they may have a chance to make it. Some gardeners found that seed never even emerged from the ground the first time.

Tobacco farmers have hesitated to use irrigation this early in the season, although a few did go ahead with limited irrigation.

"They're scared to use too much irrigation this early. They're afraid they may run out of water later in the season when the need is worse," Colson explained.

Most of the county's approximately 3600 acres of tobacco has already been set out.

In spite of the weather, Moore County has had "a pretty good stand of corn, but some of it was beginning to curl up and dry out," Colson said.

Although rainfall measurements varied widely across Moore County, the measurement was more than one inch everywhere for the Wednesday night through Monday morning period.

Best In County

Pinehurst and Southern Pines gained the most rainfall, according to records kept by the weather spotters system.

In Southern Pines the total was

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Mayor Hope Brogden To Seek Reelection

BY ROBIN SMITH

Mayor Hope Brogden plans to seek reelecton to the Town Council in the fall.

She does, however, believe that "every new council needs new blood...to prevent stagnancy."

In an interview on Friday she said that, nevertheless, "I probably will seek reelection next fall, depending on events between now and then."

Among the problems she sees now are those of the development of a new water plant, the cost of collecting garbage, the revision of "out of date" zoning laws, and the holding down of general costs of government. She adds that these problems as a whole, "face the town, not just the major."

Mayor Brogden, first woman mayor of Southern Pines, finds that being a woman has had little effect on her job with the Town Council. As she puts it, "being woman doesn't have much to do with being mayor."

Concerning her first election into this position she modestly comments, "I just happened to get the most votes."

As teacher of Political Science at Sandhills Community College, Dr. Brogden finds herself applying her personal experiences in office to her teachings of American and State government, as well as local politics. "I've learned an incredible amount on the Council," she said, positively, "and I find that local government must cooperate with the higher levels of government," thus making it easy for her to relate her own work with all aspects of politics.

Through observation of her students, Dr. Brogden comes to the conclusion that there is much apathy about politics among the

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Parents Say Punishment Unequal At North Moore

The Moore County Board of Education met in closed session for over an hour Monday to hear complaints from parents of three students of North Moore High School over disciplinary treatment their children received for alcohol-and drug-use charges.

The parents argued that other students had been caught for the same offenses in the past, but had not been refused walking across the stage at graduation.

They said the punishment "was punishing the parents, not the students," and asked that the Board amend its policy as outlined in the Student Conduct Code issued to all high school students at the beginning of each school year.

After coming out of executive session, Chairman Lou Frye asked for a motion to amend the policy, but the item died for lack of a motion.

Also present at the meeting were high school principals from the three county high schools, who reported on their discipline for such drug and alcohol-related offenses.

"Rule 10" in the handbook adopted in 1979 to crackdown on reported widespread drug use in the high schools, applies to "Narcotics, Alcoholic Beverages and Stimulant Drugs," and says that "no student shall knowingly possess, use, transmit, or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetemine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind..." on school grounds "before, during or after school hours," on any bus used for a school activitiy, or off-premises at a school-related function.

Students found guilty of breaking this rule are disciplined through either expulsion for the remainder of the year, expulsion and attendance at extended-day classes or suspension with the condition that assignments be

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New Owners Take Over--Lake Surf Now Woodlake

The owners-developers of Foxfire Inn & Country Club, have completed the purchase of Lake Surf, a planned recreational community six miles east of Vass, which will be renamed Woodlake Country Club.

There will be an orientation toward golf and water sports.

The development was started in 1971 but went bankrupt in 1979.

"The decision to change the name was made basically for two reasons: first, it is not feasible to include the 'wave machine' as a major feature of the development; and secondly, a negative connotation to Lake Surf unfortunately developed during the bankruptcy proceedings," Foxfire president Lovick Suddath said.

Suddath said that Woodlake Country Club is situated on a 2,650-acre tract that includes a 1,130-acre lake. In addition to the land, the sale also included a championship 18-hole golf course designed by Ellis Maples, a clubhouse, sales office and parking lot, golf maintenance

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Rezoning Approved Despite Protests

Approval was granted Tuesday night of the site plans of several new developments by the Southern Pines Town Council, despite protests of neighbors and nearby landowners.

In the first item, the council granted a change of zoning for the area on the south side of Fairway Drive, from RA-Residential Agricultural to RM-Residential Multiple, and granted site plan approval of Heritage Developers plans for a 49-unit clustered housing development.

Four property owners spoke out against the development, saying that traffic generated by the development, which run down Pine Cone Way more than quadruple.

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Southern Literature Thriving Symposium Audience Is Told

BY LIZ HUSKEY

They said the uniqueness of southern literature will continue.

And the 75 people attending the symposium at Weymouth were glad to hear it.

The audience of poets, fiction writers and Southern literature buffs met at Weymouth Saturday to hear experts Guy Owen, Louis Rubin and Lee Smith speak about the recent "explosion" of Southern literature as evidence of its ongoing tradition.

The symposium, entitled "Southern Literature and the South Today," was dedicated to playwright and fiction writer Paul Green, who died in Chapel Hill on May 4.

Sam Ragan, president of the Friends of Weymouth, described Green as "the first Friend of Weymouth...a great North Carolinian and a great American who lived a life of affirmation."

Dr. Shelby Stephenson, poet and teacher, of Southern Pines, who has been doing biographical work on Green, described him as a "playwright of tragic power and poetic impulse." Green believed early in "the poetic image and regional pride that has come to characterize

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SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS — Speakers at a literature symposium at Weymouth Saturday, titled "Southern Literature and the South Today," were, left to right, novelist Lee Smith, Dr. Louis Rubin and Dr. Guy Owen.—(Photo by Liz Huskey).

Stiff Phone Rate Hike Proposed For West End

If rate increases requested by Central Telephone Company are approved in full, residents of the West End area can expect to pay from 31 to 43 percent more in future months.

The Hickory-based telephone company filed its rate request with the North Carolina Utilities Commission on Jan. 21.

Before the commission makes a decision, information will be received from the commission's Public Staff and a series of public hearings will be held.

Ben Turner, an engineer with the communications division of the Public Staff, told The Pilot that the staff will file its testimony on May 21. At that time the staff will express its position on the request and will make

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ROADS—More than a dozen Moore County people are planning to attend a meeting in Raleigh on Thursday, May 14, of the North Carolinians for Good Roads Committee.

The statewide meeting will be held in the Raleigh Civic Center from 10 a.m. to noon.

Bob Hunt of Pinehurst is coordinating the group going from Moore, and he stressed that anyone can attend.

The Good Roads Committee has invited such people as the sheriff, the chairman of the county commissioners, the mayors of towns and the president of the chamber of commerce from each county in the state. In addition, Hunt is inviting civic club and other community leaders to attend.

Hunt hopes that the Moore group also will have the opportunity to meet with legislative representatives from the area.

HOLSHOUSER--There was speculation here this week that former Governor James Holshouser plans to be a Republican candidate for Congress from the Eighth District next year.

The speculation came after Holshouser had joined with James Godfrey and George

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Squirrel Fire

A squirrel set a fire at Whispering Pines last week.

Chief Elmer Wise reports that they got the fire call for a woods fire and after putting it out, began asking around to find out what started it.

No one seemed to know, until a man brought their attention to the burned remains of a squirrel.

Piecing together the mystery, they came to the conclusion that the squirrel had been walking along the high-tension wires above, and must have touched one of the lines with another line, promptly electrocuting himself, falling to the ground on fire, and setting fire to the woods.

ALMOST IN LAKE — Driver Phyllis Christie Carter of Aberdeen, Rt. 1 was injured Thursday when her car overturned on U.S. 15 and went down the embankment toward the lake at Country Club of North Carolina. Troopers H.L. Higgins and R.W. Shepherd are in the background.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides).