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Citizens Win On Garbage; Tax Rate Up

BY LIZ HUSKEY Ninety people showed up at the Southern Pines Town Council meeting Tuesday night, said they did not want to have to carry their garbage to the curb, and the council voted unanimously to raise the tax rate four cents to accommodate backyard garbage pickup.

The action rejected the proposed curbside pickup system recommended by Town Manager Mildred McDonald, which would have allowed the tax rate to remain the same as last year.

With the backyard pickup service included in the budget, the tax rate increases to 74 cents per \$100 valuation, putting the total budget amount at \$3,827,428.

Mrs. McDonald has proposed the curbside pickup service in order to keep the tax rate at the same 70 cents level as last year.

The town's contract with Leibers' Sanitation, which expires next year, is going up, and the same backyard pickup service the company has provided will cost an extra \$30,000, or an additional 3.6 cents on the tax rate.

In spite of much public opinion against the proposed curbside pickup, Mrs. McDonald recommended that the town go to the system, to provide reduced service for those who cannot afford to pay extra taxes. Others who wanted the increased, backyard service, could pay an additional amount to the company, but this way, she said, the town would be supplying a base service.

But those attending the meeting Tuesday night did not want to hear of it. The public hearing on the budget lasted an hour and was spent entirely on hearing views about the garbage pickup. Only one man, a resident of Knollwood Village, said that where he came from they had always had curbside service and that he didn't mind having to carry garbage to the street.

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Presbyterians Select Moore Native For Post

In its annual meeting at Montreat last week the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina voted to appoint a Moore County native, Dr. John Daniel MacLeod Jr., as synod's general secretary.

MacLeod is presently serving as executive secretary for Westminster Presbyterian in the Tampa-St. Petersburg area of Florida. He will assume his new duties in synod's Raleigh office on July 1.

The MacLeod family was visiting his sister, Martha MacLeod, near Pinebluff, last week. Miss MacLeod is employed by Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen.

MacLeod will succeed Vernal Robert Jansen Jr., who resigned

Two-Time Escapee Captured

Sheriff's deputies thought they had nabbed a latter-day Houdini Sunday morning when they learned that the man they had arrested is a two-time prison escapee. James Willie McCormack, 49, was apprehended when officers answered an alarm to the FCX building at Carthage, it was reported by Sheriff Jerome Whipple.

McCormack first told Detective Ralph Simmons, Deputies Garland Whitaker and Tommy Handy that his name was Ace Wilson. A check with Detective Sgt. Arthur Frye and the State Bureau of Investigation revealed not only his real name but the information that he answers the description of a man who escaped from the N.C. Department of Corrections on March 14, 1969.

The sheriff said that his officers also learned that McCormack escaped from a South Carolina prison unit in September, 1960.

McCormack was serving time in North Carolina for safecracking and was serving a 25-year sentence for a series of breaking, entering and larceny charges in South Carolina.

The Moore County Sheriff's Department charged him with two counts of breaking, entering and larceny, one of conspiracy to commit burglary, and one of carrying a concealed weapon.

Whipple said the suspect broke into the rear of the FCX building with an ax and a hatchet. When apprehended, he was carrying a 25 automatic pistol. McCormack is also charged with breaking into

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FARMERS MARKET — Peaches, cantaloupes and a great variety of vegetables are now available at the Moore County Farmers Market on West Pennsylvania Avenue in Southern Pines. Trading has been brisk in early morning hours this week.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides)

637 To Graduate Friday From Moore High Schools

For many of the 637 graduating high school seniors in Moore County, Friday, June 12 will not come soon enough. For others it will mean having to say goodbye to many wonderful years.

These students will proceed across stages in the three county high schools, they will receive diplomas or certificates and they will become high school graduates, culminating 12 or more years of schooling aimed at this moment.

Of the county total, 10 students

will receive certificates of completion, having failed one or more sections of the competency test administered to high school juniors and seniors. Students must pass the competency test before being allowed to receive a diploma.

Dr. Richard Ray, Director of the schools Psychological Services, said all of those 10 students who failed the test are in exceptional education classes, including nine who are in the Pinecrest self-contained class for

the trainable mentally handicapped (TMH).

These students are not denied an opportunity to take the test, Dr. Ray said, because the school administrators feel that would be denying them a chance to receive a diploma instead of a certificate at graduation.

This is the second year students are required to have passed the competency test to receive a diploma. Last year, five Moore County seniors were given certificates instead of diplomas at graduation.

Students who do not pass the test may take it any time it is

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New Methodist Minister Coming To Church Here

Two Moore County Methodist ministers will be transferred to other appointments effective June 18, and the new pastors are scheduled to preach June 20 at Southern Pines and Pinebluff United Methodist Churches.

The transfers of more than 750 Methodist ministers were announced at the North Carolina Annual Conference at Methodist College in Fayetteville held June 7-10. Approximately one-third of the men and women serving the United Methodist Church are appointed to a new church, mission or teaching position every year.

The Rev. W. Edward Privette,

now of Apex Church, Apex, has been assigned to the Southern Pines Church, and the present pastor, the Rev. C. Franklin Grill, will be moving to Christ Church in Fayetteville.

The Rev. J.B. Helms, Jr. transfers to Community, Hoffman and Pinebluff churches, coming from Four Oaks Church in Four Oaks. He is replacing the Rev. Lester C. Bisette, who is going to Pee Dee Church in Rockingham.

During the four-day conference, Bishop William R. Cannon delivered the State of the

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Vass Man Is Killed In Wreck

A 43-year old Vass man was killed instantly this morning in an automobile accident on Long Point Road near Vass.

Trooper W.D. Waters of the State Highway Patrol said Edward Clark Patterson Jr. was killed when his 1974 Ford truck ran off the road in a sharp curve and traveled a considerable distance before striking a tree. The 4:30 a.m. accident took place

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Tourney Hinges On Money

Whether the World Golf Hall of Fame Tournament will be held at Pinehurst in September will be determined in the next few days.

Michael Dann, executive director of the Hall of Fame, said Tuesday that he is optimistic that the necessary funds for the \$250,000 PGA tournament will be raised in time.

"We are less than \$170,000 away from the goal now," Dann said, adding that he has been encouraged by the responses to an appeal sent out in 220 letters by Governor Jim Hunt a few days ago.

The letter went to industries in the state or to those who have branches in North Carolina asking them to help keep the tournament going.

Dann said that in addition to the \$250,000 prize money, other funds are needed to have a break-even budget.

The PGA requires that a tournament have all prize money in escrow prior to an event, and Dann said that a deadline is nearing when a decision will have to be made.

"The PGA and Deane Beman (PGA commissioner) have been

generous with us," Dann said. "Beman doesn't want to lose the tournament. But we do have a deadline to meet. We need the additional money within the next 10 days, and to do it, we're making a public appeal."

Dann said there are 35 volunteers in the Sandhills who are calling upon individuals and business firms to become either Patron Sponsors or join a new program of "Day Sponsors."

Last year's tournament money came from 100 Patron Sponsors who put up \$4,000 each. A

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Budget Slashed; 50¢ Rate Held

Schools Baffled Over Budget Cuts

Baffled about the task of cutting \$864,000 from the 1981-82 budget, the Moore County Board of Education met last night (Tuesday), discussed budget problems for more than an hour and a half, then adjourned without reaching a decision.

Making the necessary cuts and court action were among the options argued during the meeting, but none of the school board members expressed interest in following either

"They're (the county commissioners) are saying, in effect, that they don't think we should educate our children as well as we've been doing," commented Board Member Drewry Troutman.

Added Board Member Debbie Williams: "Education is obviously not a high priority with the county commissioners."

The two boards will meet jointly Monday night in an effort to resolve some of their

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BY FLORENCE GILKESON With a warning letter in hand from the Local Government Commission, the Moore County Board of Commissioners on Friday knifed the 1981-82 budget to a point where the 50-cent tax rate is retained.

To do so the commissioners cut another \$200,000 gash in the school current expense budget, eliminated the position of youth services director, reduced the contingency fund, eliminated a \$200,000 capital reserve fund, and trimmed miscellaneous items from several budgets. They also beefed up the revenue side of the ledger.

The proposed \$11,198,580 budget which was tentatively approved will be open to public scrutiny through Monday, June 22, when the board holds the required public hearing.

If the citizens think more money is needed, Board Chairman Charles Phillips suggested that the county consider calling a referendum to add another penny to the present local sales tax.

The question of whether the Local Government Commission can demand a tax rate increase to improve the county's cash flow arose during the meeting. The commission's letter expresses great concern over the county's financial crisis but does not specify that such an action could be taken.

Commissioner Tony Parker cast the one dissenting vote when the board tentatively accepted the budget. Although Parker had vigorously agreed with most of the cuts made in the budget, his vote reflected disagreement over the inclusion of employe pay raise provisions approved a few minutes earlier.

As proposed, the budget includes: \$3,668,520 for the Moore County Public Schools, \$700,000 for Sandhills

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Aberdeen Asks Craven To Expedite Local Bill

The Aberdeen Town Board of Commissioners voted Monday night to ask State Representative James M. Craven to expedite action on the town's annexation bill.

Senate Bill 428, entitled An Act to Annex a Described Area to the Town of Aberdeen in Moore County, calls for the annexation of the triangle property between North Poplar Street and the U.S. 1 intersection.

The Aberdeen commissioners also asked Rep. Craven to advise them on the bill's progress.

In other business the board held a public hearing on the proposed annexation of property owned by Erma C. Proctor and located on the west side of U.S. 1 contiguous to the town's northern boundary.

No objections were voiced, and the board voted unanimously to approve the request. An or-

dinance will be adopted to show approval of this annexation.

A five-member recreation committee was appointed: Sandy Marts, Bruce Monroe, Steve Moss, Gary Mofield, and Robert Morrison. Commissioner Linda Boles will serve as ex-officio member.

At the request of the police department, the board approved a no parking zone at the entrance to West Chapin Road from West Elm Street, behind Aberdeen Middle School, and to begin at Elm Street on the right side and on the left, to begin in front of 317 West Chapin Road and to continue through the curve to the intersection of West Chapin and West Montford Streets in front of 319 West Chapin. Both sides of the street will be no parking zones, and signs to that effect will be

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LOOK DOWN, LOOK DOWN — These railroad tracks are an inviting but lonesome road as the sun threatens to break through the clouds hovering overhead in this June scene in the Sandhills.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides)

THE PILOT LIGHT

BRUTON—Dr. H. David Bruton of Southern Pines has been reelected to his third term as chairman of the State Board of Education.

At a meeting in Raleigh Thursday Dr. Bruton was elected by acclamation on a motion by Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green.

Dr. Bruton was appointed to the board in 1977 by Governor Jim Hunt. The board elects its chairman for a two-year term.

After the election Thursday, Dr. Bruton talked about goals for his term, among them expanding communication with the various school superintendents, strengthening the teacher and guidance counselor corps, and developing a strong and influential lobby for public schools.

SHERIFF—The race for sheriff in Moore County in 1982 may attract several candidates.

Sheriff Jerome Whipple, the first Republican sheriff in this century for the county, will be up for reelection, and among those who may contest for the office within his party is Willie Hill, chief of police at Robbins and an active native Republican.

More than one candidate may be seeking the Democratic nomination for sheriff. A.B. Parker of Vass, the present corner who came close to defeating C.G. Wimberly for the nomination in 1976, is very much interested in the office.

One candidate, Dave Levine of Pinehurst, already has announced

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