



MORTGAGE BURNING CEREMONY — Bull City Lodge No. 317 and Salome Temple No. 704 held a Mortgage Burning Ceremony at 2311 South Alston Avenue, Sunday, February 25. The occasion attracted the attention of many notables of the community as well as visitors from out of the city. The ceremony was enhanced by the current body of trustees burning the Deed symbolizing an achievement wrought by dedication, loyalty and determination.

Trustees of Lodge, (Top) Robert McCowan, Chairman, Mack Green, George W. Roberts, Wendell Wilkerson, General Parker, Jeff Poole, and Clyde Nunn. Trustees of Salome Temple of No. 704, Mmes. Ann McCoy Chairperson, Edna Taylor, Mary Morgan, Virginia Byrd, and Dorothy Hall. While the Mortgage Burning signaled the end of an endeavor, moreover, the presentation of the canceled Deed to the Trustees by David L. Harrison, Vice President—Cashier of Mechanics and Farmers Bank, put the icing on the cake. Special consideration was given the leaders who piloted the ship through troubled waters, yet with sustaining courage and conviction landed the ship safely to port.

(Bottom) The leaders who served during the interim of paying off the mortgage were presented plaques, Exalted Rulers of Lodge, namely, Robert McCowan, Julius Barbee, deceased, Posthumous Award received by wife, Mrs. Matilda Barbee; James T. Walker, and Lewis Owens, Current Exalted Ruler. Daughter Rulers were awarded plaques, namely, Mmes. Addie Walton, Lillian Murphy, Catherine Ferrell and Willie Mae Harris.

The presentation of the awards to the Local Lodge Rulers was conferred by District Deputy James O. Autry and District Deputy Bessie Wallace, who represented the Grand Lodge; the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World. "Where there is no vision the people perish" Bro. James T. Hawkins, deceased, who was the original mortgagee, who by order to construct the edifice, was honored by a plaque; Posthumous Award received by Wife Mrs. Isabelle R. Hawkins, in essence "Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity".

Embracing a cross section of the community, distinguished guests who responded to the Ceremony were: Dr. C.E. Boulware, City Councilman, who represented Mayor Wade L. Cavin; Randall Rogers, Masonic Order David L. Harrison, Durham Business and Professional Chain and Mechanics and Farmers Bank; F.V. Allison, President, Mutual Savings and Loan Association; and Brother Peter Moss, Ex District Deputy who shovelled the first dirt for the building. He exhorted the Lodge "After a victory tighten your helmet straps". Alas, dedicated to the loyal hard working members of Bull City Lodge No. 317 and Salome Temple No. 704

Fedders Agrees to Fix More Than 40,000 Defective Heat Pumps

Fedders Corp. has agreed to fix more than 40,000 defective "split-system" heat pumps and reimburse owners for the cost of past repairs resulting from the defect, the Federal Trade Commission announced today.

The consent agreement also provides for an extension of the warranty on the repaired pumps to May 1, 1980.

It incorporates a procedure for directly notifying current and former owners by mail and, if necessary, by paid advertising. The procedure aims to reach at least 90 per cent of heat-pump owners.

Covered by the agreement are all split-system pumps manufactured by Fedders between November 1975 and June 1, 1978. They were sold under the Fedders and Climatrol brand names with the Fedders units designated as model CKH.

The consent agreement will be the subject of public comment for 60 days, after which the FTC will decide whether to accept, reject or modify it.

"Split system" heat pumps have a compressor unit installed outdoors and a fan indoors. All heat-pump compressors build up ice and must be regularly defrosted to prevent compressor failure. The Fedders product used a switch that was supposed to sense air pressure on the compressor coils and cause the compressor to defrost.

The FTC has contended that the defrost switches are defective, causing in many cases, failure of the compressor and damage of other parts. Charging Fedders with "unfair or deceptive practices," the FTC complaint alleges that by offering the pumps for sale, Fedders implied that the pumps did not have any substantial defect when in fact they did. The complaint also cites Fedders' failure to notify owners about the defect, leading owners to pay for unnecessary repairs that did not solve the problem.

FTC staff investigators estimate the cost of each compressor replacement at

\$250 to \$400. Some owners have had multiple compressor failures, they note.

Under the terms of the agreement, Fedders would have to contact 90 per cent of the pump owners by mail, or, failing that, would have to supplement its mail notifications with an advertising campaign in several national magazines.

This marks the first time the FTC has obtained a consent agreement involving in effect, a "recall" of defective products that caused economic injury to consumers. The agreement is also the first to provide restitution for defects occurring after expiration of a warranty.

The original Fedders warranty covered parts and labor on the entire unit for one year and parts only on the compressor for five years.

The FTC staff began its investigation as a result of a letter from Air Force Maj. Arthur J. Doherty of Woodbridge, Va., reporting that his pump, costing approximately \$3,000, had failed after 18 months. Maj. Doherty also said he had surveyed other homes with Fedders heat pumps and found an unusually high

failure rate. Fedders, a publicly held company in Edison, N.J. is one of the nation's largest manufacturers of heat pumps and a leading manufacturer of air conditioners. Its net sales in 1978 were more than \$300 million.

A copy of the consent agreement, the complaint, the Commission's proposed order and an analysis of the consent order may be obtained from the Public Reference Branch, Room 130, 6th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. (202-523-3598).

Comments may be sent to the Office of the Secretary at the same address and must be post marked not later than Apr. 22, 1979.

Note: This consent agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by the company that it violated the law. When issued by the Commission on a final basis, a consent order carries the force of law with respect to future actions. A violation of such an order may result in a civil penalty of up to \$10,000.

NCCU Commended By N.C. Student Legislature

Student leaders at North Carolina Central University have been commended by the North Carolina Student Legislature for hosting "the most outstanding Interim Council of the 1978-79 legislative year."

Ervin Baker, chairman of North Carolina Central University's delegation to the Student Legislature, coordinated the Interim Council session.

The resolution, adopted at the Interim Council session on February 26 and entitled "A Resolution Commending North Carolina Central University for Producing the Most Outstanding Interim Council of the 1978-79 Legislative Year," was signed by Bet Yancey, secretary of state for the N.C. Student Legislature, and sent to Chancellor Albert N. Whiting.

NCCU hosted the February meeting of the North Carolina Student Legislature's Interim Council. The Student Legislature, which will hold its annual session in Raleigh at the end of March, conducts its between session business through the two-day Interim Council meetings.

More people visit the Grand Canyon in Arizona than any other natural wonder in the U.S., according to the U.S. Travel Service.

Boycott

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The Charlotte Three and Wilmington Ten are a "dark spot" and a "stumbling block," in the state which many black leaders have gone along with, Lynch said.

"The real thing is that some of us went along with it," said Lynch in an emotional pitch.

"There you go, and all of us weren't white either," shouted Rev. Z.D. Harris back to Lynch.

"Some of us consoled its edict. Some of us advised its course, some of us sanctioned its course of affairs, some of us are a part of it" Lynch continued, this time with "amens" ringing throughout the church.

"You think James Hunt (Governor) is a big enough fool to make all these decisions by himself? He calls in this one and he calls in the other one. And he

asked this one and he asked the other one and this one advised him, if you mess with me I'll tell you some of those who advised him wrong, but I guess I won't do that," going further to say the Hunt advisors were "sell outs".

"North Carolina needs reform," said Lynch recounting battles to desegregate public accommodations and education. "It is self's righteous, it is getting bold by the minute in its defiance and its oppression and it has a long range plan," as he admitted the struggle for equality is a long struggle.

Rev. Percy High asked the audience not to buy clothing during the 40 days, "For the next forty days ad nights, Don't buy any new dresses, new clothes new suits or shoes. Let them know we can discipline ourselves. Let them know that we are too godly to play games with Satan and those who represent

Satan's interest this Easter. We shall be new creatures in old clothes. We shall walk tall in runover shoes. We shall have this Easter parade (at the state capitol) not dressed in finery. We shall march, if need be, in bib overalls. We shall be crowned in dignity. Let us join together now. Don't you get weary, there is a great camp meeting beyond Easter land.

Also pressing for support of the boycott was Duke Divinity School Professor Herbert Edwards who exclaimed "You will be surprised to see how quickly certain things will happen. There are people suffering because we have been carrying on business as usual."

"I got a note from Jim Grant the other day saying 'Herb, is there anyway you can do anything. Can you get a petition started. Do you think any people will sign a petition for the Charlotte Three?"

The Charlotte Three were convicted as a result of the U.S. Justice Department's COINTELPRO operation in 1972, just as were the Wilmington 10. Jim Grant, a community worker and draft counselor at the time, T.J. Reddy an activist artist, and Charlie Parker, also an activist, were sentenced to a total of 55 years in prison for arson of a horse stable. The CHARLOTTE OBSERVER disclosed from FBI files that the Justice Department paid two convicted felons more than \$8,000 each for testimony against the men who became known as the Charlotte Three. Like the Wilmington 10, their case has been designated "political imprisonment" by Amnest International and other groups. For over a year, petitions requesting a pardon have been on Governor Hunt's desk. So far no action has been taken.

GENERAL TELEPHONE TO INVEST 12 MILLION IN NORTH CAROLINA FACILITIES

General Telephone Company will invest more than \$12 million during 1979 in additions and improvements to its North Carolina facilities, according to Vice President and General Manager Claude Sykes.

The largest amounts, Sykes said, will include \$4 million for additions to central office switching facilities and \$5.5 million for new telephone equipment to be located on customers' premises.

Another \$2.1 million is earmarked for supporting additions to the company's network of distribution cables and other outside

plant. Lesser amounts will be applied to building additions, vehicles, tools and test equipment.

Much of the investment, Sykes noted, is necessary because of a continuing healthy pace of residential and business construction in the area served by General Telephone. He said that a "moderately high pace" of residential construction experienced during 1978 is expected to continue, and that a number of large business building projects are planned or under way.

with several scheduled for completion during 1979.

"We are very proud of the fact," Sykes said, "that it has not been necessary for us to increase our local service rates in North Carolina since 1976 in spite of continuing inflation and the necessity for sizeable expenditures each year to maintain and improve our system."

The Watts office serves about 5,000 customers in an urban area centered around the old Watts Hospital and Northgate Mall.



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