

Senior Citizens Group Denied Funds

By Trelle L. Jeffers

It seemed for a brief period that the Coordinating Council of Senior Citizens would get an additional budget appropriation of \$9,100 Thursday, June 18, at a special meeting of the city's finance committee, when Councilman Paul Vick made a motion to grant three non-city agencies — the senior citizens group, the Coalition of Battered Women and the Durham Day Care Council — additional funds to total their original requests made during the 1981 budget process to the Durham City Council.

After the motion, however, City Manager Barry Del Castilho, in a surprise report, told the councilmen present that a surplus franchise tax check recently received had been \$36,000 less than he had calculated. At the regular council meeting Monday night, June 15, Del Castilho had reported \$53,000 in surplus funds, and the council had voted to hold a special meeting

of the finance committee in order to consider additional budget items, and it had accepted a motion from Councilman Pledger to use the \$53,000 to finance some of the agencies whose requests for funds had been denied.

After Del Castilho's report, the motion to grant additional money to the three agencies failed on a 5-4 vote.

W.L. Bradsher, spokesman for the Coordinating Council of Senior Citizens, said that the group has been given a \$300,000 grant from the federal government which is contingent upon 11.2% or \$34,000, some of which may be in kind services. He said the money was needed to employ eighty senior citizens.

When questioned about the city's denial of the senior citizens' request for funds, Del Castilho said, "The City simply does not have the money. We asked the County Commission to give half of what they needed and the City would give the other half. They

Racial Insults

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beating me with clubs and gun butts," he said.

Mrs. Terri Smith said, "I saw them beating my husband and I went to see what was happening. I said, 'that's my husband. You're going to kill my husband. Why are you beating my husband like that?'"

Mrs. Smith said Rodriguez responded to her question by "pulling my hair and body slamming me onto Dowd Street. I almost got hit by a car. The driver stopped and helped me up. Then Rodriguez grabbed me

again and started pulling and twisting my arms." I asked him why was he pulling my arms? He said, 'I'll break your arms, b---.' He then handcuffed me."

She said a black officer told Rodriguez to let her go. He also released her from the handcuffs.

Mrs. Smith said Rodriguez then pushed her into the squad car. She said, "He carried me to the magistrate's office, pushing me down the hallways and in and out of elevators. I asked why he continually pushed me. He said, 'I love to beat on women. I love it. I love it.'" Mrs. Smith said, "I then asked him about my rights. I said 'aren't you going to read me my rights?' He said, 'lady, you have no rights. You're in my custody now.' I was finally read my rights, long after I had been arrested," Mrs. Smith said.

Robert Smith said officers failed to state his rights also. "I was arrested, taken to the hospital and back to the magistrate's office before my rights were stated," Smith said.

A crowd reportedly formed after the beatings had occurred and the arrests were made, throwing objects at passing motorists. The crowd was said to have been composed of various community members as well as people who were already at "The Spot".

The four arrested said they plan to press police brutality charges against Officers Martin and Rodriguez.

A judge issued a temporary restraining order closing "The Spot".

Seven injuries resulted as a result of the incident; five were motorists.

Several witnesses say they will testify in court on behalf of those arrested, saying police could have handled the situation in a more professional and dignified manner.

The Smiths said their church and several area interest groups are investigating the occurrence.

The Council of Civic Clubs president Randy Brame said the special beautification program will get underway immediately.



Samuel R. Pierce, Jr., (center), Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, scheduled to address the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Louisville, Kentucky last week, arrived a day early to hold private meetings with mayors. Pictured with Pierce are Mayor Arthur Clark of Waltham, Massachusetts (left) and Mayor Theodore Mann of Newton, Massachusetts. UPI

Private Meetings

Where Is The Pride At Durham High?

By Elson Armstrong, Jr.

Recently, I was reading an interesting article in the Greensboro Daily News concerning the decline in attendance at high school athletic events in that city.

This brought to mind an even more interesting story that has been taking place right here in Durham over the past decade or so and that's the decline in attendance at Durham High Bulldogs' games.

For years, Durham High was the biggest school in Durham and, along with that, carried a fierce pride in its athletic teams. But since the early 1970's, the attendance has fallen to embarrassingly low levels. Often more than not, Durham's four other public high schools (Hillside, Northern, Jordan and Southern) out-draw the Bulldogs even when the 'Dogs are the home team. Why?

The first major theory that's put forward is that integration and migration patterns in Durham killed off DHS crowds. Let's examine this further.

Until 1959, Durham

High was an all-white school with over 1400 students. Even when the first token blacks appeared there, it was still considered the "class" school in Durham. Many of the affluent whites and later blacks sought to send their children there. DHS received more coverage than any school in Durham at the time.

By the mid-1960's, Durham High had a sizeable number of blacks who attended under the 'freedom of choice' integration plan and it was at this time that the school had a resurgence in athletics. Between 1964 and 1969, the Bulldogs were a perennial state power in football and basketball. In 1966, two football games between DHS and Raleigh Broughton drew over 25,000 fans and massive media coverage.

Fans poured out to see the 'Dogs play and all was fine in the world of DHS. Things looked even brighter when it was revealed that formerly all-black Hillside and former Durham 3-A power Northern would join DHS in a new 4-A league beginning in 1969. Durham fans could envision sold out stadiums as the natural city rivals would finally play each other. Instead, while Northern and Hillside continued to draw their

loyal "alumni" plus newly integrated student bodies to their games, the crowds supporting DHS became smaller and smaller.

By 1975, DHS was virtually all black as much of Durham's white and middle class black population migrated away from the inner city in favor of new growth suburban areas north and south of town.

Northern, in time, replaced Durham High as the biggest high school in town and they enjoy a hefty following plus winning teams, on the average.

At first glance, it seems easy to pinpoint the fall of DHS attendance. It's got to be white flight, right? Maybe to a certain extent but that's not the whole story.

Sure, many whites may no longer attend DHS games because they "can't relate" to a virtually all-black school, but what's happened to the black DHS alumni? Just across town, Hillside has always had the support of a strong and active alumni who often attend the games years after they graduate. This has not

been true at DHS.

For some reason, many DHS grads choose not to support the Bulldogs after they walk out of there for the last time their senior year.

Like Hillside, Jordan, Southern and Northern also have vocal and supportive alumni. Why not DHS? Only a Durham High grad (which I'm not) can answer that.

The Greensboro article said that another reason attendance is down in the larger North Carolina cities is that there's more to do than in smaller towns, plus many high schoolers now work. This may be true, but it still doesn't quite explain the sagging gates at DHS, even when they make the state playoffs in football and basketball.

During the past Holiday High School Basketball tournament played at Durham High, Southern, Jordan and Hillside all had bigger cheering sections than the host Bulldogs. Again you've got to ask why? Just where is the pride at Durham High?

Sun Gives Triangle A Hot Foot

By Elson Armstrong, Jr.

"June is bursting out all over." That's what someone once put in a song, but on June 22 here in the Triangle, the only thing that seemed to be bursting out all over was the mercury in the thermometers.

The Raleigh-Durham Airport recorded its hottest June 22 on record with a high of 100 degrees at 4 p.m., marking the highest reading there in nearly four years. (Some unofficial readings in the area reached as high as 110°.)

The early morning RDU low of 77 degrees was the highest "low" ever recorded at the weather station.

The heat was prevalent all over the area as air conditioners, cars, and water systems struggled against the oppressive early summer blast of tropical air.

A westward extension of the Bermuda high pressure system has been the main culprit in keeping temperatures well above normal thus far this month. The average June high is usually around 88°.

While many residents have asked if this heat is merely a barometer of things to come in July and August, the National Weather Service says that it's difficult to tell. Very hot weather in June was extended into July and beyond during the summers of 1980, '77, '68 and '54, but June heat waves of 1959, '64 and '69 were followed by more normal summer readings, a weather spokesman said.

The 100° heat has caused some losses in the poultry industry but things have not reached the critical stage yet.

The rest of this week promises to be a little cooler with highs "only" in the low 90's.

Bull City Joins Clean City Program

By Donald Alderman

The Bull City joined 222 other communities across the country Tuesday as Durham became a participant of the nation-wide Clean Community System.

Certification ceremonies were held at the Ramada Inn. About 100 persons attended.

The beautification program is sponsored by Keep America Beautiful. The program's gist "is to change the attitudes which make litter acceptable," said Bill Massey, eastern regional director of Keep America Beautiful.

He said the program was not entered around short-term clean-up campaigns but rather a long-term, on-going program seeking effective means of waste management.

Massey said, regardless of the causes of litter, through constructive community action, litterbugs and their aftermath can be corrected. He said people litter because of a lack of concern for property and because they know someone else is responsible for cleaning.

The Clean Community System, Massey said, can correct those attitudes by revising sanitation ordinances and enforcing them as well as employing waste management techniques and providing cleanliness education. He said the total community must be involved in ensure the program's success.

Contributions from the public and private sectors constitute the program's \$15,000 budget for this year. The Council of Civic Clubs raised the funds. The group was active in getting a Clean Community System in Durham.

Shelton Ennis is president of the Clean Community System. Mrs. B.J. Jennings is executive coordinator of the program.



MRS. STONE LISA STONE

Stones to Visit West Indies Island

Mrs. Mudy Stone, wife of Rev. C. R. Stone and their daughter, Lisa, will be among the North Carolina delegation of Ministers' Wives to leave Durham Saturday, June 27 for Barbados. Mrs. Stone, assistant dean of education for the North Carolina Ministers' Wives Association, will participate in the Educational Workshops of the National Ministers' Wives Association hosted this year by the Barbados' Wives. She has taught the course, *The Ministers' Wife — A Total Woman for the Stage Association* for the past four years. Lisa, a rising ninth grader at Hillside High School, will join other teenage "PK's" on the trip. They expect to return to Durham, July 5.

First Sermon by Ms. Shellah Scott

Ms. Shellah Dianne Scott will preach her first sermon at Church of God of Prophecy, 800 Grant St., Sunday, June 28 at 3 p.m.

She is a member of the Church of God of Prophecy and serves as Youth Life Team Director; Assistant Victory Leader Band Director; Assistant Sunday School teacher for pre-school age; Assistant Clerk and Treasurer; Administrative Assistant to the pastor; Missionary Band member; and Youth Adult Choir member.

She is employed by Mechanics and Farmers Bank and is a student at Durham Technical Institute majoring in Early Childhood Education.

She is the daughter of Evangelist Dorothy Scott Alston, associate minister at True Way Holiness Church.

Rev. Carl Waden is pastor of Church of God of Prophecy.



Ms. Shellah Scott

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Murphy of Charlotte announce the birth of an eight-pound daughter, Sommer Joy, on June 3.

Vacation Bible School

Orange Grove Baptist Church, 505 East End Avenue, will hold Vacation Bible School June 29 through July 3, nightly at 7 o'clock. All interest persons are invited to participate.

Missionary Services at Community

The Durham County Missionary will be held at Community Baptist Church, Barbee Road, Sunday, June 28 at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Willie Sneed is president; Mrs. Lydia Vanhook, secretary.

Bible Way News

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