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Residents Weigh Pros, Cons Of Incorporation At Town Meet

BY MARLENE BENSON

A group of local residents turned out Thursday evening to the open meeting at the Cooleemee School auditorium to hear the pros and cons concerning the possible incorporation of the town. A definite date for the election has not been announced at this time.

There were a great deal of rather ridiculous, but earnest questions asked and many were too premature to answer at this time. The meeting was also used as an excuse by some for personal criticism.

At least 150 persons attended the meeting, presided over by Bob Hoyle, president of the Cooleemee Industrial Development Association.

Mr. Sherman Pickard of Raleigh, directory of services of the North Carolina League of Municipalities was on hand to answer various questions concerning the possible incorporation.

Mr. Hoyle read a letter from Burlington Industries to the group. The letter indicated that the firm does not oppose the incorporation but they would not get involved in local politics.

They also indicated they would work with the town in matters of sewer and water service, recreational facilities and the other services which the company has provided for many years, if the town becomes incorporated.

Burlington also desires that its local property be included within the corporate boundaries of the town. If the incorporation is approved, they will be paying more than half the town's taxes.

Ward Setzer, a C.I.D.A. director, said that officials of another industry have expressed a desire to locate in Cooleemee.

Setzer said the industry would build a 40,000 square-foot plant and would employ about 80 persons. However, Setzer said the company wants a commitment concerning water needs — up to 250,000 gallons daily.

If the town incorporates Burlington has agreed to wholesale to the town, up to 650,000 gallons of water daily for retail to water users.

Setzer said town users now consume about 200,000 gallons of water daily, and this figure plus the water needs of the proposed industry would still give the town a leeway of 200,000 gallons daily.

He said that the CIDA has prepared a temporary town budget which he termed "reasonable" if Cooleemee is incorporated.

The total first year budget would be about \$33,100, calling for a tax rate of about \$1 per \$100 valuation. The budget includes \$13,000 for administration, \$8500

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Lions Celebration — Participating in the Lions 25th anniversary celebration were, (L-R) Ben Foreman of Salisbury, past District Governor; E.C. Tatum, Jr., president of local club; J.G. Crawford only active charter member; Joe Glynn, District Governor; and Henry Steinfeld of Portland, Maine, International Director.

Lions Celebrate 25th Year

By Marlene Benson

The Cooleemee Lions Club celebrated their 25th anniversary Tuesday evening with a dinner meeting at the Cooleemee School Cafeteria.

Over 60 persons, including guests, attended the celebration, presided over by Lion E. C. Tatum, Jr., president of the local club.

Following the evening meal, club tale twisters Mike Walker and Denny Creason approached each Lion present for a dime or if refused, it was traditional for them to cut off the member's tie. Where else, except at a Lions Club meeting, could you buy a tie for a dime, even if it was the one you were wearing?

Rev. Phil Gibbs, who is anything but bashful, stole the show with his entertainment, which really began before Lion Tatum could introduce him to the group.

Rev. Gibbs, now living in Cornelius, N. C., is a former pastor of the Cooleemee Methodist Church and was no

stranger to the majority of the group. He told many interesting and humorous stories about his residency here.

He then picked the ukelele and sang a medley of songs. To conclude the entertainment, he led the group in an old time favorite "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", which was dedicated to all the ladies present.

Lion Tatum welcomed all the neighboring Mocksville Club and expressed thanks to the Salisbury Club who was responsible for organizing the local club 25 years ago.

He also recognized Lion J. G. Crawford, the only active member. Lion Crawford commented on the many different projects the local Lions have completed during the past 25 years. Several projects mentioned were the street signs in town, lighting the ball park, buying glasses for the underprivileged and obtaining close to 100 eye wills.

District Governor Joe Glynn told the group that the Cooleemee Lions had done an outstanding job for a club of its size. He also introduced the guest speaker for the evening, International Director Henry Steinfeld of Portland, Maine.

Lion Steinfeld has served as district Zone Chairman, Membership and Retention Chairman, 100 per cent District Governor. He has served on several district multiple district

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Primary Elections Scheduled Saturday

Primary elections for all candidates, both Democrat and Republican, with the exception of those running for the school board, will be held on Saturday.

The school board candidates will not have a primary, and they will be elected in Saturday's election.

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