



Enjoying reception
These McCain correction officers seem to be enjoying a reception held Friday to honor outstanding members of the staff. During the event Gerhard

Kunert, Danny R. Cook and Maria B. Waterloo were awarded plaques for their service.

Correction officers honored

McCain Hospital recognized the fine job done by all the Correctional Officers there on Friday, May 10 in observance of National Correctional Officers' Week. The outstanding correctional officers were honored for their exceptional contributions to the Department of Correction. These officers are:

Danny R. Cook chosen for the professionalism he displays in performing his duties and the fine example he sets for other correctional officers. Maria B. Waterloo was selected for her professionalism and her initiative in being involved in as many varied job-related experiences as possible and the ex-

cellence of her contributions to these activities. Gerhard Kunert was honored as the employee at McCain Hospital with the longest tenure as a correctional officer. In attendance to present the awards was Gene Cousins, Institutions Commander, Department of Correction, Raleigh.

Aaron Johnson to speak here

The newly appointed Secretary of Corrections of the North Carolina Dept. of Corrections will be the keynote speaker for the Hoke County Missionary Union Banquet which will be held at the W.H. Gibson Cafeteria on Saturday.

Dr. Aaron J. Johnson is a North Carolinian, married with two children and presently serves as Pastor of Mount Sinai Baptist Church in Fayetteville. He was elected councilman for the city of Fayetteville in 1977. His education achievements include a B.D. degree from Shaw University

School of Religion and a Post B.D. degree from South Eastern Theological Seminary.

His employment record includes a one-term Fayetteville mayor Pro-tempore and chairman of community and economic development among many other administrative positions.

Dr. Johnson has served as past member of the North Carolina Governor's Committee on schools and he was President of Fayetteville and Cumberland County's United Ministerial Association.

He has traveled to Nigeria and Liberia West Africa to study the mission work sponsored by the Latt Carey Foreign Missionary Convention.

His wife, Mrs. Mattie Johnson, is a teacher in the Fayetteville City Educational System.

Tickets may be purchased from members of the banquet committee at the rate of \$6 per ticket.

Mrs. Annie Y. McKinnon is president of the Hoke County



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Union. Mrs. Nellie Flowers is chairman of the banquet committee.

More than 75 percent of the home computers now in use were purchased in 1983.

The Way You Pay For Telephone Service Is Changing.



In the past, under Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations, local telephone service has been priced below cost. Although the cost of connecting a customer to the local network is about \$26, customers on the average pay only about \$10 a month for local service. The bulk of these remaining costs were paid by long distance customers through their long distance rates. Long distance rates were set at a higher level than the actual cost of providing service in order to subsidize local service. This subsidy from long distance was used to hold down the price of local service, keeping it affordable for almost everyone. Today, Customers Have More Choices In the absence of competition, this system of subsidies worked well. But, today, customers do have choices. They can drop-off or bypass the public network altogether, enjoy lower communication costs, and contribute very little or nothing toward the cost of providing local service. This drop-off of large customers is particularly threatening because local service rates for customers who can't afford to build their own telephone systems will have to go up to cover the fixed costs of operating the network. Telephone Costs = Telephone Services So what needs to happen? Quite simply, prices for telephone services should be based on the costs of providing them. We must move away from the practice of charging customers more for long distance telephone service in order to keep residential rates low, and move toward cost-based pricing in the telephone industry.

The Federal Communications Commission has a plan to restructure the current pricing system so that all customers will pay for most of their own telephone costs. How Does The FCC's Plan Work? The FCC's plan consists of "subscriber line charges," small monthly fees which help cover the actual costs of the lines and related facilities that connect a subscriber's telephone to the telephone company's switching equipment. With subscriber line charges, customers will pay closer attention to what it actually costs the phone company to connect and maintain their local telephone lines for local and long distance calling. It is important to understand that the subscriber line charge plan is just a restructuring of rates — not a rate increase for telephone companies. As the contribution from long distance is lowered, long distance rates will decrease. Carolina Telephone Supports The FCC's Plan We believe that this small addition to local phone rates will protect you from future dramatic rate increases. We want to make sure the phone remains affordable for everyone, and subscriber line charges are a step in the right direction.



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