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## Lack Of Money, Council Interference?

# What's Behind Resignations?

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Two weeks ago a Pilot Creek Waste plant operator resigned. Last Thursday the chief of police and his secretary resigned.

Roy Pearson, city recreation director, reportedly has tendered his resignation.

What is behind these walkouts of city employees?

The lack of money and in the case of Police Chief Earl Lloyd, lack of money and commissioner interference in police department operations.

About two weeks ago Chief Lloyd had a departmental meeting in which he informed all of his officers that he fully intended to look for another job if the board of commissioners did not correct "some errors" in the 1977-78 police budget.

Last Thursday Lloyd handed in his resignation to the mayor and commissioners, effective August 15, to take the job of director of Region C Criminal Justice Agency.

The chief's secretary, Mrs. Sandra Smith, also resigned effective August 15 to take a secretarial job with a local

turking firm.

In Pearson's case, his resignation is hanging in limbo until such time as his requests for funding for recreational programs are either met or denied.

In Mrs. Smith's case, she resigned to take the more lucrative offer in private industry.

Chief Lloyd said his own pay raise request and that of another officer, James Camp, were ignored by the commissioners when drawing the 1977-78 budget. The chief's salary is set at \$13,185 for the coming year. The

Region C job he goes to August 15 begins at \$16,000.

"In the new budget the commissioners completely overlooked or ignored a raise for officer Camp, who has been with the city for over a year," Chief Lloyd said. "At the same time another officer, who has served less time on duty than Camp, was given a raise."

An unconfirmed report now exists that Officer Camp has conferred with an attorney and the Office of Economic Opportunity about instituting a lawsuit against the city in this matter.

Another complaint Chief Lloyd has registered since announcing his resignation is the commissioners taking away one of the two weeks of vacation time already granted officers under fringe benefits. The chief said under OEO laws this is an illegal act.

"I have taken this complaint to the mayor and commissioners and told them almost two weeks ago now that either these errors be righted or I would look for employment somewhere else," Lloyd said. "At that time the

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**TIEING YELLOW RIBBON** - Rainey Haigler, left, and Scott Campbell trim a dogwood tree with yellow ribbon to welcome home Brian Bickley from the hospital.

## Welcome Home, Brian Bickley!

Neighbors of Brian and Pauline Bickley tied a yellow ribbon around a dogwood tree Wednesday night and welcomed them home.

For Mr. Bickley, whose ailing heart had been brought back miraculously almost to normal with a drug mexiletine in Scotland, it was a real reunion with his family, first time the family had been together since he suffered a severe heart attack Nov. 2, 1976.

"It sure is good to have Bick back home," said his wife, Pauline, when the family arrived at 10:30 p. m.

The Bickleys visited in Nottingham, England with relatives after Bickley's discharge from the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh, Scotland.

"We would have probably remained in England for a longer period and Bick could have rested up before the long trip home," said Pauline, "but

with the Jubilee Year underway there were no hotel rooms available for more than one night at a time."

Mr. Bickley prefers to relax and rest up in his own home and is doing just that. He said he was glad he "brought the rain home with him" and could hardly wait to get out again and back to his job as technical director at Duplex Shannon, where he has been employed the past 11 years.

The Bickleys said they were most grateful to their Kings Mountain friends who had opened their hearts to them during Mr. Bickley's illness, friends whom they had never met who responded with help on medical bills and prayers.

The drug, mexiletine, which is not yet available in America, has been used on heart patients successfully for two years in Edinburgh.

The Bickley family includes three sons, Lee, age 16, Guy, age 13, and Brian Charles, age eight.

## Three Anvil Officials Charged

Three plant officials of Anvil Knit Company were charged with embezzlement and larceny of new and used equipment and a fourth supervisor was to be indicted Monday afternoon, Det. Sgt. Richard Reynolds said yesterday at presstime.

Warrants were served on Ken McClelland, general manager, and Jerry Hudson, assistant general manager of Anvil Knit, in their attorney's office in Charlotte Friday and warrant was served at 1 p. m. Monday on Glenn Newton, first shift supervisor, on charges of larceny of new and used machine parts by Kings Mountain Police Department.

Sgt. Reynolds said a fifth Anvil Knit employe is to be charged in connection with the reportedly "selling of yarn as seconds, but actually first class stuff, at reduced prices and also selling used machinery, while including into the lot brand new knitting heads." According to Sgt. Reynolds, "the knitting heads are then sent back to Anvil Knit and the company pays for them a second time with the money going into the accused pockets, the warrant also alleging that the defendants saw that the yarns, cones, and machine parts were loaded and shipped out secretly," said Reynolds.

Reynolds and Jim Woodard, SEI, have been investigating following an initial investigation by The Pinkerton Detective Agency on behalf of the parent company.

## Senior Portraits To Be Made

Attention: Kings Mountain High Seniors.

On August 18 and 19 senior portraits will be made beginning at 9 a. m. in B. N. Barnes Auditorium.

Seniors, about 225-240 this year, will be notified by mail of the portrait session dates.

School officials will provide further information should there be any changes in time or dates.



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**TRACTOR-TRAILER SPILLS CONTENTS** - Workmen spent 10 hours Friday night righting a tractor-trailer which overturned and spilled out about 40,000 pounds of medical supplies 1.5 miles

south of 161 near the city. In one of the worst tragedies in this area Sunday, four people died in the grinding crash of a car and Continental Trailways bus carrying 16 people.

## Several Others Injured

# Four Die In Crash

The grinding, head-on crash Sunday at 2 p. m. of a 1969 Mercury and a Continental Trailways bus .1 miles east of the city limits claimed the lives of four Charlotteans, seriously injured two others, all passengers in the car, all Blacks and hospitalized three of 16 passengers in the bus, including the driver.

It was the worst highway tragedy in this area in a number of years.

Nathaniel Williams, 50, who died late Sunday night as result of the injuries in Charlotte Memorial Hospital became Gaston County's 25th fatality of 1977. Williams was a passenger in the car operated by James Elmore Houston, 4817 McKinney Dr., Charlotte.

Dead on arrival at Kings Mountain Hospital were Houston, age 40; and Constance O'Leary, age five, of 2312 Winthrop St., Charlotte, Maggie O'Leary Williams, of Winthrop St., Charlotte, age 58, died at 3:25 p. m. at KM hospital. Bodies of Mrs. Williams and Constance O'Leary were identified by relatives Monday morning. Travis O'Leary, age four, and Iris Ernestine Houston, 80, were transferred to Charlotte Memorial Hospital where they were listed in poor condition.

The driver of the bus, Wayne Morgan Ballard, of Charlotte, along with two women passengers, were admitted at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Kings Mountain Hospital treated 21 persons for injuries. A spokesman for the hospital said the driver and passengers in the bus escaped serious injury.

According to investigating Gaston County Trooper Joseph M. Harris, the accident occurred .1 east of the city limits near Canterbury Road, Rural Paved Road 1118. The Houston car, a 1969 Mercury, was traveling West on U. S. 74 and entered the curve, jumped the median, crossed into the eastbound lane of 74 striking the bus, enroute to Gastonia, head on.

In other law enforcement activities in the area, Highway Patrol Trooper J. L. Evans said

that workers spent about 10 hours Friday night righting a tractor-trailer which overturned about 6 p. m. Friday on I-85 about 1.5 miles south of Highway 161 near the city.

Evans reported that the vehicle, operated by John Parrish, 25, of Apopka, Fla., received a flat tire, hit a guard rail and overturned in the median.

Parrish was not reported hurt. Patricia Parrish, 25, was treated at Kings Mountain Hospital and released.

The vehicle, according to the police reports, was owned by Paul Faircloth of Apopka, Fla. and was carrying about 40,000 pounds of medical supplies.

Evans estimated the tractor-trailer a total loss.

## Business Development Meeting Is Tonight

Larry Billings, director of business development for the City of Kings Mountain, will host a dinner - meeting tonight at Kings Mountain Inn.

At the 7 p. m. meeting local downtown businessmen and landowners are expected to attend.

Billings said he will acquaint the gathering with what his job as business development director entails. He said he also plans to present some plans for improvements for the downtown area and will urge those attending to express their own ideas on the subject.