

Around Town

By STEVE PLUMMER

Town Approves Rezoning Request

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The Lillington Board of Commissioners, in a called meeting Saturday morning, voted to rezone the block at the intersection of Ivey and Second Street with the stipulation that they be allowed later to amend the present zoning ordinance.

The county-owned property was redesignated from a residential area to one for retail and office buildings to allow the county space for future expansion. The county has already moved several mobile units onto one of the lots for use by the social services department.

The town board delayed action on the proposal after they discovered that the present zoning ordinance does not restrict the type of structure that can be built or placed on the lots or the amount of parking space required for a structure, the two areas that drew the most complaints from local residents at a public hearing Feb. 13.

After studying several alternatives to rezoning the area, including expanding the central fire district which carries such restrictions, the board voted Saturday to grant the county's request for rezoning with the

stipulation that they be allowed to reword the ordinance to include the conditions they want.

In other action Saturday, commissioner Neil A. (Speedy) Stewart submitted his resignation from the board, effective April 1.

Stewart, who also serves as the town's police commissioner, said he has accepted a position as manager of the local ABC store and was resigning from the town board to avoid a possible appearance of conflicting interest.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control directors, who are responsible for the management of the store, are appointed and governed by the town board.

Lillington mayor Frank Lewis asked the town board to delay action on Stewart's request until they could meet with the ABC board to determine if an exception to the policy could be arranged. Lewis said Stewart, whose present term as commissioner expires in October, is currently involved in two important town projects that have recently gotten underway, the formation of a local rescue squad and the upgrading of the town's police department.

Following Saturday's session, an informal discussion on Lewis' request was held Monday afternoon between members of the town board and the local ABC board.

Ralston Smith, who was formally reappointed to a second three-year term on the ABC board by town commissioners Saturday, told the officials that the only way an exception could be arranged was through a hearing with the state ABC board. He said state and local alcoholic control policies were very specific on conflicting interests by ABC employees.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the town board members said they would accept Stewart's resignation as he requested Saturday.

Stewart said Tuesday he regretted that his new job required his resignation from the town board, but he was looking forward to his association with the ABC board. "I have enjoyed the 12 years I have served as commissioner," he said Tuesday, "and I appreciate the fine support I have received from the citizens of Lillington and the other board members."



THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE for the new Lillington Rescue Squad was officially turned over to town officials by the county in a brief ceremony March 20. The ambulance is equipped with communication devices and emergency equipment. On hand for the ceremony are, l-r, M.H. (Jack) Brock, county manager and commissioner; Neil A. (Speedy) Stewart, town commissioner; Frank Lewis, Lillington mayor; Bill Shaw, county commissioner whose district includes Lillington; Rudy Collins, county commissioner; and Lincoln Neal, Lillington police chief who is heading up the organizational efforts for the new squad. (Photo by Steve Plummer)

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Sponsored by Jaycees

Breath of Spring Walk For Lung Agency Sat.

It seems fitting that a fund-raising walk-a-thon for a lung association would include a 20-mile course, which requires among other things, participants who themselves enjoy healthy respiratory systems.

The Lillington Jaycees are sponsoring the Breath of Spring walk-a-thon for persons who must struggle to breathe normally because they suffer from some form of lung ailment.

The event will be held Saturday, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Forest Hills Shopping Center parking lot. If the walk is postponed due to inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for the following Saturday.

Harnett County manager and commissioner M.H. (Jack) Brock, honorary chairman of the Mid-State Lung Association, will be on hand to start the walkers on their way.

The route will follow the Summerville-Mamers Road (old U.S. 421) about four miles out of town, where it will cross U.S. highway 421 and continue to Raven Rock State Park. Supervisors will be on hand to monitor the crossing of the highway. After reaching the halfway point at the park, the walkers will retrace their steps to the starting point.

First and second place prize will be awarded at a later date to the earliest finishers in four age categories, 12 years and under, 13-20, 21-35 and 36 and over. Sponsor pledges will be turned in at the Harnett County Library on April 7.

Each participant is responsible for signing sponsors who agree

Rites Held For Wilton Fish

Wilton R. "Dick" Fish, 54, an Angier contractor, died Friday of a heart attack. He was the father-in-law of Angier Independent editor Paula Fish.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Angier Baptist Church with the Rev. Joe B. Zimmerman officiating. Burial followed in Lakeside Memorial Garden with Masonic rites.

He was past master of the Angier Masonic Lodge 686 and a past district GM and GL. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ruby Lee Fish of the home; one son, Donald Ray of Rt. 1, Willow Springs; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fish of Rt. 1, Willow Springs; and one sister, Mrs. Shirley F. Lee of Rt. 1, Willow Springs.

to pay a minimum of 10 cents for each mile completed by the walker. Sponsor pledges will be turned in at the Harnett County Library on April 7.

Coordinating the day's activities with the Jaycees will be the Lillington Middle School Builders Club, the Harnett Co. Parks and Recreation Dept., Mrs. Anne Marie Steele and Mrs. Judy York. The Harnett Co. Sheriff's Dept. and first aid assistance will be available as needed. Refreshments will be available at checkpoints along the route.

Hardee's Restaurant of Lillington will donate hamburgers and soft drinks to all walkers completing the route. Other organizations and businesses contributing prizes

or donations are the Lillington Kiwanis Club, J.E. Womble and Sons, Lillington Garden Club, IGA Foodliner, Piggly Wiggly, Sirena's Gift and Flower Shop, Speedy's Restaurant and Western Auto.

All proceeds from the walk will go to the Mid-State Lung Association, which serves Harnett County in patient service and health education under the auspices of the local health department, hospitals, civic clubs and public schools. A small percentage of the funds is also used in medical research.

Entry forms are available at the Harnett Co. Library, Harnett Co. Courthouse information center, Hardee's, Lafayette Drug Co. and Piggly Wiggly.

Later the same morning, Frye received a call from Frank Arnold, who reported a breaking, entering and larceny at Arnold's Body Shop on Norrington Street in Lillington.

According to Frye's report, the incident apparently occurred between 8:45 p.m. the previous night and 6:30 a.m. the following morning. Entry was gained through a bathroom window broken by the suspects, in the rear of the building.

Reported as missing were a large assortment of hand wrenches, three socket sets, two vibrators, one electric air grinder, three drills, one 10-ton jack, and five dollars in coin from two vending machines. Police recovered six cases of large soft drinks about 150 feet from the building.

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Demos Gear Up For J-J Dinner

More than 30 Harnett County Democrats are expected to attend the 49th annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Celebration in Raleigh April 7.

The celebration, named in honor of two of the nation's most famous Democratic

leaders, will draw participants from every county in the state. Virtually all of North Carolina's elected state officials will attend, as well as members of the state's Congressional delegation.

"We're going to have a day of

Two Area Break-Ins Reported

The Lillington Police Department is currently investigating two break-ins reported Thursday by area businesses.

Floyd Ragsdale of the Kaiser Agricultural Chemicals plant on E. McNeil Street reported a breaking, entering and larceny to the police at 6:45 a.m. Thursday.

Patrolman Fred Frye investigated the incident, which apparently occurred during the previous night between 1:30 and 5:45 a.m.

According to the report filed by Frye, entry into the main office was apparently gained through a rear window. The suspects then knocked the dial off the company safe and took the contents.

Reported missing were \$25 in change, \$400 in Kaiser funds and \$75 in funds listed as personal, including \$30 marked for the Lillington Lions Club. Plant manager Rudy Collins is president of the local civic organization.

Also reported missing was three savings books, a Home Savings and Loan house, payment book, a metal box and several insurance policies. Total value of the property was estimated at \$535.

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Lewis is New Business Manager at Academy

by LYNN JALUVKA
Record Staff Writer

Mr. Norman F. Lewis, III, a native of Lillington, was recently appointed Business Manager for the North Carolina Criminal Justice Academy at Salem.

Lewis is the son of Lillington Mayor Frank Lewis, Jr. He came to the position in Salem after several years of work in accounting and management of Raleigh Housing Assistance Payments and of state Law Enforcement Assistance Administration funds.

The school at Salem is the training center for the state's law enforcement officers.

Lewis has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, and has taken advanced courses in public administration and government budgeting there.

He received his North Carolina Real Estate Broker's License in 1978.



NORMAN LEWIS

For the past two years, Lewis has worked for the Housing Authority of the City of Raleigh. There he held the position of Co-Manager of the Housing Assistance Payments Program, a rental assistance program for low and moderate income citizens.

While there, Lewis also acted

as Director of the Wake County Community Development Program. He managed the day to day operation of the program in the Wake Forest and Fuquay Varina area and prepared all budget and financial information.

From 1973 to 1975, Lewis worked in the fiscal management section of the division of Law and Order of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources of North Carolina. There he set up accounting and record systems for control of funds in LEAA.

For the two years prior to his taking that position, Lewis worked at various levels of fiscal management — auditing, setting up record systems, verifying financial reports, and traveling to speak to local people in control of finances.

Lewis is a member of the Millbrook Masonic Lodge, the Raleigh Scottish Rite Bodies, and the Amran Shrine Temple.

He and Elizabeth Seamon were married in 1974 and now live in Raleigh.

Naomi Hawley Named Employee of the Year

by LORRAINE MIZE

Naomi F. Hawley, an employee of the Harnett County Department of Social Service for the past 32 years, was named N.C. Social Service Association (NCSA) District Employee of the Year at a March 21 meeting of the central district.

This is the second year in a row that the Central District, comprised of Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Wake, Wilson, Randolph and Chatham counties, has chosen an employee of Harnett County for the honor. Last year, Mrs. Emma Lee West, an employee with the department

for over 25 years, was given the award.

Mrs. Hawley began her work with the Harnett County DSS as a junior stenographer clerk in September of 1946. "When I started here, there was only four employees, the director, two social workers and one clerk," she said. "And we were located in the Old Women's Club building, which was beside the courthouse."

During her 32 years with the department, Mrs. Hawley has served as secretary to five directors and three acting directors. According to several employees who have been with

the agency through these transition periods, her ability to handle difficult tasks and her working knowledge of agency functions has made her an invaluable employee.

During her years as a resident of Lillington, Mrs. Hawley has been an active member of the Baptist Church, where she is a member of the choir and secretary of her Sunday School class. Prior to that she was a teacher in the Beginner Department for seven years. Mrs. Hawley is past president of the Lillington PTA and has been both president and secretary of the local Junior Woman's Club.

Mrs. Hawley is married to Roger Hawley, a member of the Lillington Town Board since 1976. They have one daughter, Mrs. Linda Stevens, a guidance counselor with the Harnett County schools.

She is a charter member of the NCSA and was active in the N.C. Association of Office Personnel prior to its merger with NCSA. Mrs. Hawley served on the organizational committee of the NCAOP and was recording secretary of this organization in 1965. As a member of NCSA, she continued her involvement and served as secretary of the state NCSA in 1968-69. She has actively supported the Central District of NCSA, serving as agency membership chairman, and on the personnel committee, which chooses the most valuable employee of the year for that district.

Mrs. Hawley said the experience of being on that committee enable her to appreciate the award even more. "I know the qualifications they look for when they give that award and I was really shocked when I received it," she said.

"I'm deeply honored and flattered that my co-workers would want me to have this award," she said. "I feel that I have been the benefactor, not only from working with the people this agency helps, but from working with all my fellow employees over the years. Each person has enhanced my career and made it the most rewarding experience possible."

the greatest distance. All participants who raise over \$25 will also get a T-shirt commemorating the event.

To enter, participants should solicit sponsors and write down their names, addresses and the amount they are pledging. The information will be transferred to the official forms on the day of the event.



MRS. NAOMI HAWLEY

Circle K Bike-A-Thon For CP

A bike-a-thon for the Cerebral Palsy organization will be held Saturday at Campbell College, sponsored by the campus Circle K Club.

According to Tammy Harrison, publicity chairman for the project, prizes will be awarded to the participants who raise the most money in pledges and ride

the greatest distance. All participants who raise over \$25 will also get a T-shirt commemorating the event.

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