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Board Considers Complaints

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Thursday, the Forsyth County Commission held an unofficial meeting to hear employee grievances and discuss their concern over the pension plan.

About 175 employees attended the meeting held in the court house at Fourth and ... The employee sentiments expressed in the meeting indicated that they had the option of whether to participate in any pension plan. Most felt that their contributions to the pension plan was cutting into their paychecks too heavily.

Members indicated that they did not want to join the retirement plan. The commissioners had previously voted not to join the state plan because of the financial burden it would have placed on the county. They are, however, reexamining their position.

Commissioner Bennett, County Information Director, said that because the meeting was not an official vote of confidence, a recommendation was taken on the recommendation of the County Manager, Nicholas ...

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BEWITCHING BEAUTY -- Beautiful Fayetteville State University [N.C.] coeds Renee Wilkins, a junior business administration major from Rocky Mount, N.C. plans to play trick or treat this Halloween as she smiles at her Jack O'Lantern. Anyone for Trick or Treats?

[FSU Photo -- John B. Henderson]

Klan-Style Activity Cited In Charlotte

A new wave of arson and cross-burning has broken out over the last three weeks in eastern Mecklenburg County, including northeast Charlotte.

At least two serious incidents have occurred that are reminiscent of the Klux Klan-style activities of six years ago.

Three black teenagers, ages 11 through 13 were riding their bicycles in the Pence Road area near Northeast Junior High School in northeastern Mecklenburg County. A carload of white men reportedly passed them shouting "niggers", went a

few hundred yards beyond them and stopped.

The youths said the car turned around and again approached the teenagers. When the car came close, a passenger reportedly fired a shotgun, hitting one of the teenagers in the shoulder. Several other shots were reported fired, but the boys, who had jumped off their bikes and run into the woods after the initial shot, had gotten out of range of the pellets.

Two weeks later, Mrs. Elvira Johnson, who had moved to Charlotte from the Bronx, N.Y. to Thurmond Place in Charlotte's Midwood section some ten months earlier, had some nighttime visitors at her duplex apartment in the mostly white Midwood section of town.

Two crosses were burned on her lawn and the word "MOVE" was painted in

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Voting Machines Set Up

New voting machines will be used in the November elections. The Dungeon Club is sponsoring six days of community voter education in the use of the new voting procedures: Friday, Oct. 22nd & 29th 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 23rd & 30th (1 p.m. - 8 p.m.); and Sunday, Oct. 24th & 31st (1 p.m. & 8 p.m.).

You can learn how to use the new machines, how to vote a straight ticket, how to vote a split ticket, how to single shot, and how to write in a vote.

Public Safety Advisor Resigns

by Rudy Anderson
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As if to clear up any speculation by critics and supporters, Larry Jones, formerly the Public Safety Legal Advisor, said he had resigned last week not because of pressure, but because of greater financial and professional opportunities.

He said, "if it was pressure making me leave I would have left in 1974 when all the criticism started."



Larry Jones

When Jones took the position with the city, he was immediately criticized for not having passed the North Carolina bar exams. Jones

said, "Even if I had passed the bar, it would not have enhanced my effectiveness in this job. It's strictly an advisory job."

As Public Safety Advisor, he was counselor for both the Police and Fire departments. He said people don't understand that public safety is a dual concept and must be treated as such.

He said the people who have been critical have not been objective in looking at both sides of the issue in his having the job. He said much of the criticism has come from people who "accent the negative anyway."

Jones believes that one of the reasons for the attacks on him has been because he was not submissive nor intimidated by anyone. "I refuse to be the spook who sat beside the door," he said. "I have always been forthright, and any statements I make or have made are in keeping with that philosophy," he said.

Jones said he didn't feel he had to defend his performance. He said, "all anyone has to do is look at my two

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Neal-Mizell Not-So-Great Debate

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issues." The debate was sponsored by the local chapter of the League of Women

Analysis

Voters, a non-partisan political activist group. League president, Nancy Lehto was moderator for the debate. The panelist, representing the media of the Fifth District, were

Wayne Ashworth of WXII in Winston-Salem, William March of the Lexington Dispatch, and Ralph Shaw of WIFM (radio) in Elkin, N.C.

Because of item restrictions, limiting panel questions and candidate responses, it was not a debate in the strictest sense of the word. With all due respect to the League for their

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