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photo by Bill Mueller

Ms. Sharon Perry, secretary for the Chaplain and Patient Services Departments at Forsyth Memorial Hospital, receives a \$100 savings bond from Harold Koach, hospital president. Ms. Perry was awarded the bond as winner of the hospital's "name the new restaurant contest." The hospital's new and enlarged eating facility, to be named The Coffee Pot, is scheduled for opening in late summer.

Death Penalty Sought

2 Blacks Held For Double Murder

Smithfield, N.C. [CCNS] -- The death penalty may be exercised in North Carolina again. Possible victims are two Black men, Henry Smith, 29, and David Stewart, 25, both of Benson, N.C. The two men were charged on June 10 with the fatal shooting of Dennis Wil-

bert Allen, 23, a Four Oaks policeman and Linwood "Big Boy" Johnson, 49, a truck driver. Both of the dead men are white. On Saturday, June 4, and on Thursday, June 10, Smith and Stewart maintained their innocence to report-

ers. Smith and Stewart are the first men to be charged with a capital offense since the North Carolina General Assembly reinstated the death penalty in North Carolina, in effect as of June 1, 1977.

Both men cooperated with law enforcement officers and freely gave

statements of their whereabouts on the evening of June 2 and the early morning hours of June 3 when Allen was found dead of multiple bullet wounds and Johnson was last seen alive.

Rounded-up from their beds on Friday morning, June 3, at the dangerous end of more than 50 gunpoints, the two said they answered law officers' questions nearly all day Friday, except for a few hours in mid-day.

The two said they were questioned as to whether they had been at the 8 Day Inn Motel in Benson on the morning of June 3 around 12:30 a.m. That

Reynolds Supporters Relieved

County Manager Resigns

by Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Reporter

County Manager, Nicholas Meiszer announced his resignation, effective July 31st, and opponents of the Reynolds Health Center/Health Department Merger breathed a sigh of relief.

Meiszer has been con-

sidered the chief advocate with caution and an appreciation of Meiszer's executive ability.

"We could do a lot worse," says Tracy Sin-

gletary, one of the Health Center's advocates. "He was a very professional manager. At least he

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Nicholas Meiszer

sidered the chief advocate of the merger, which is opposed by the black community who views it as a plot to close the health center and deprive black employees of their jobs.

When asked at his press conference if there were any issues he'd like to see resolved before he leaves his post, Meiszer immediately named the Health Center issue.

A member of the Reynolds Health Center board responded with "Good!" when told about the county manager's resignation, but the general reaction is tempered

Black Lawyers Group Oppose Reverse Discrimination Case

The North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers has filed a brief in the U.S. Supreme Court opposing the argument that special minority admissions programs are unconstitutional. By agreement of counsel in the case, the Black Lawyers Association, has been permitted to file with the Court an Amicus Curiae Brief ("friend of the Court").

The Brief opposes the position advanced by Alan Blake, a white applicant to a California medical school, who claims he was denied admission because the school had a special minority admissions program under which sixteen seats in an entering class of 100 are filled by applying special admis-

sions criteria to black and other minority applicants. The Supreme Court of California ruled in September 1976 that the program violated the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. Supreme Court has accepted the case for review.

The Black Lawyer's Brief, prepared by Professor Broderick of the North Carolina Central Law School faculty and reviewed by a committee of the Lawyers Association argues three main points. First, it argues that because the special admissions program was not designed "for the purpose and with the intent" to discriminate against whites, the program is not discriminatory under the Constitution as interpreted by the Court in several recent cases. In recent cases the court has said that "discriminatory motivation" is required to establish illegal discrimination, and has indicated that action which does not cast a "racial slur or stigma" on whites may not be unconstitutional.

The black lawyer's second argument is that the special admissions programs are badly needed to allow blacks an opportunity to overcome the continued effects of racism blacks have suffered in America. The Brief argues that without special admissions programs, few blacks will be admitted to white law schools although they are qualified, because there are far more applicants than spaces in entering classes, and most of the applicants are whites who generally outscore blacks on standardized entrance

examinations.

The Brief does not concede that the examinations fairly test blacks, because several educators contend that standardized examinations are culturally biased against blacks

and does not give them a fair chance to make high scores.

The third point the Brief makes is that even if special minority admissions programs are illegal, the Court should limit its

ruling to predominantly white schools. Unless it does, the fear is that predominantly black schools (like the Law School at North Carolina Central), which historical-

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Attorney General Declines

Law Firm Defends Magistrates

by Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Reporter

Mike Lewis, an attorney with the Winston-Salem law firm of White and Crumpler, has his work cut out for him. He has to defend a case the North Carolina Attorney General's Office wouldn't touch.

Several weeks ago, local magistrates J.C. Lewter and Harold Thomerson refused to marry an interracial couple because of "deep, personal convictions." The couple, Thomas Pearson and



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\$2 Billion Targeted For Public Works

WASHINGTON -- A total of \$2,157,000 has been targeted for local public works programs in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, according to Rep. Steve NMeal, D-N.C.

The funds, administered by the Economics Development Administration, have been allocated for projects for which applications already are on file. The localities will be asked to set an order of priority for funding if funds do not cover all applications. Additional applications may be submitted only if current applications are less than the targeted amount.

Neal said the funds are being made available only to localities whose rates and numbers of unemployed exceed either the state average of 6.2 per cent or the national average of 6.5 per cent.

The allocation includes \$1,596,000 for Winston-Salem and \$561,000 for Forsyth County.

Surry County and Mount Airy qualified for \$1,006,000, with Mount Airy eligible for \$626,000 and Surry County \$380,000.

Both Ashe and Stokes counties had 12-month unemployment rates higher than the required level, but lacked the number of unemployed workers to qualify for funding.

The unemployment rates in Alleghany, Davidson and Wilkes counties were substantially below the required level, Neal said.

Atkins Reunion Brings Classes Of '32-'33 Together

by George Booie
Chronicle Columnist

On June 10-11, the graduating classes of 1932 and 1933 held a reunion at the Downtowner Motor Inn. Enumerating the accomplishments and progress of the former classmates emphasized the theme of the reunion; "You Then and You Now."

The program on Friday night, was opened with the invocation by Rev. Louis R. Sloan. Otis B. Hooper, Chairman of the Reunion Committee, was toastmaster. Flower presentations were made by Mrs. Bera M. Hooper and Mrs. Ruth McConnell Shoaf to Otis B. Hooper and Rober Shoaf respectively. Moments of memorial were held in silence for the former classmates who are deceased. Friday night was the night for greetings and introductions.

On Saturday a bus tour stopped at Atkins High School, their Alma Mater, for pictures; taken on the steps of the building. A brief tour of the building

followed.

Saturday night's program was opened with invocation by Rev. Louis R. Sloan. Frank K. Thomas, co-chairman and toast-master for the evening brought greetings to the classmates and guests. Seated at the Head Table and introduced by the toastmaster were: the W. Eugene Spanns, Mrs. Geneva Puryear, the Rober Shoafs, Clarence Willis, Mrs. Lillian M. Anderson, the Frank K. Thomases, the Otis B. Hoopers, The G.F. Newells, the Joe Bradshaws, A.R. Dawson, Thomas Poag and guest; and Mrs. O.W. Bausman.

Mrs. Geneva Puryear, widow of Cortez Puryear, drove down from Baltimore, Maryland to represent her late husband who was a classmate of the graduates. E.F. Wilson and C.G. Winston, who sat at the head table on Friday night, were former teachers of the graduates. Other former teachers were George Newell, A.R.

Dawson, and Thomas Poag.

Flower presentations were made to the Rober Shoafs, the Frank K. Thomases, the Joe Bradshaws, the W. Eugene Spanns, Mrs. Geneva Puryear, the George Newells, Mr. Thomas Poag and his guest; Mrs. O.W. Bausman, also to Mr. A.R. Dawson.

The recognition of the Reunion Committee and Guest was high-lighted when Chairman Otis B. Hooper recognized Mrs. Wilson, now deceased, the mother of Mrs. Monroe Falls, for sitting in for his family at his graduation; Mrs. Birdie G. Robinson and her late husband, Aladine Robinson, were cited for their contributions of gifts to the graduation classes and her support of the reunion. Rober Shoaf was commended for his support and contributions. Mrs. Lillian M. Anderson added that Mrs. Robinson was her first grade teacher and had followed her, Lillian, from the first

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Members of Atkins High School classes of 1932 and 1933 got together last weekend and had a ball. They're planning to do it again in 1979.