

Atty. Gen. Oks RHC Plan

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A favorable ruling from the state attorney general's office has cleared the way for implementation of Forsyth County's plan for the organization of health services between Reynolds Health Center and the County Health Department.

The three-page ruling upholds the decision to keep the center and the department separate with coordination from an assistant to the county manager.

"After talking to the county attorney, I think it (the ruling) is clearly consistent with our proposal," said Acting County Manager Ed Jones Monday night after reading a copy of the ruling provided by the Chronicle.

Jones and RHC administrator Dennis Magovern took the first concrete step in the organizational plan Tuesday by naming Mrs. Annie Alexander as nursing supervisor for the center. RHC nurses had been under the direction of Mrs. Frances Hutchinson nursing director for the health department. That arrangement had been a major sore spot between the center and the health department.

Assistant Attorney General Robert R. Reilly issued the opinion on Nov. 30 in a letter to Dr. Ronald H. Levine, acting director of the Division of Health Services, Department of Human Resources. Levine had warned the county that the organizational plan could jeopardize state funding for health if the plan took away from the authority of the Board of Health, which has favored a merger of the center and the health department.

Levine had asked whether the appointment of an assistant to the county manager to coordinate public health services compromised the authority of the Board of Health and whether personnel could be transferred from the health department without the approval of the Board of Health.

Reilly responded that such a position could be created under the authority of the county commissioners to "generally organize and reorganize county government in order to promote orderly and efficient administration of county affairs".

Reilly also said that X-ray services could be transferred from the health department to the health center under that same authority. ~~That came without~~ ~~the county~~ health department to provide X-rays as a part of its tuberculosis control plan, however, those X-rays do not have to be provided by the health department itself.

The opinion stated, "...the board of commissioners may organize and reorganize county government, such as transferring the X-ray services from the health department to the health center, provided that the ability of the county board of health, whether by interagency agreement, direct line of authority or otherwise, to fulfill its responsibilities under the statutes and the standards is preserved."

Dr. Russell L. Smith, chairman of the County board of health, said of the ruling, "It's very interesting that they give an opposite opinion from that of the Institute of Government (at UNC-Chapel Hill). 'It seems like there's confusion.'



Annie Alexander

Smith said the differences between the Institute of Government opinion, which found the plan contrary to See Page 15



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Woodruff Wins Over Conservative

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Conservative Democrat David Drummond gained an ally on the Forsyth County Board of County Commissioners as Kernersville Republican Grady Swisher took his seat, however, that was not enough to keep Mrs. Mazie Woodruff from becoming the board's first black vice chairman.

Mrs. Woodruff won the post with the support of Chairman Fred D. Hauser and Dr. James N. Ziglar in a race with Drummond, who was nominated by Swisher. The normally routine vote took on more importance because Hauser, re-elected chairman for the third consecutive year, said this will be his last term as chairman.

Drummond and Swisher won election this past election with the heavy support of the S.T.O.P. tax limitation group, and at Monday night's meeting, a S.T.O.P. spokesman made a pointed reference to those victories and warned the other three commissioners that their seats would come up for election in 1980.

Forest Conrad of S.T.O.P. said of Drummond and Swisher, "I'm so glad these men have been elected," and added, "1980 is an excellent opportunity to fill the three vacancies on the board."

After the meeting, Mrs. Woodruff said she did not plan to be intimidated by the S.T.O.P. treats. "I'm not going to be scared of 1980. We're just going to do the things

that have got to be done."

In other action during the meeting, Larry Womble, vice president of the Kimberly Park chapter of the Winston-Salem State University Alumni Association, urged the commissioners to adequately recognize the accomplishments of the WSSU Football Rams.

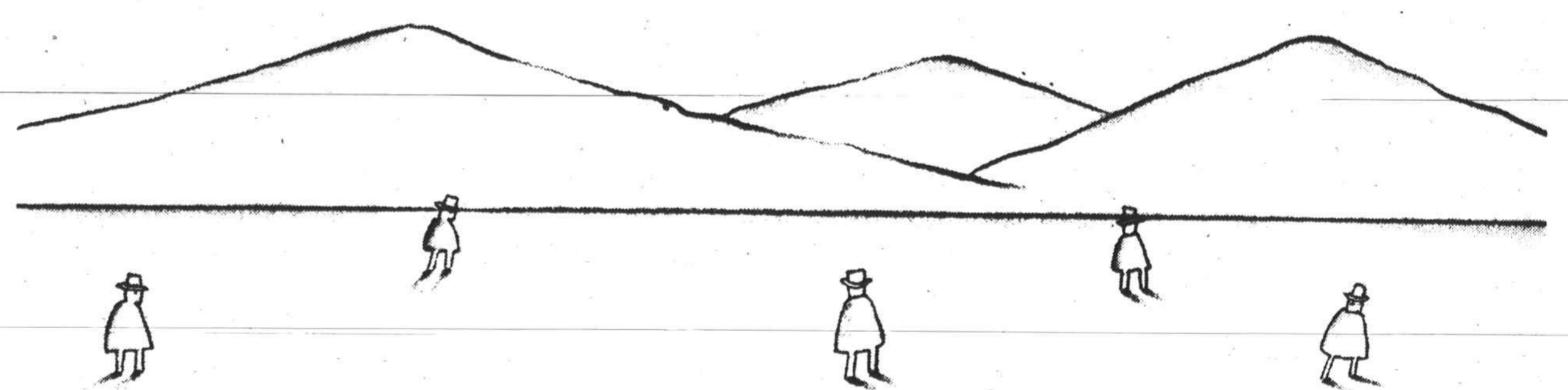
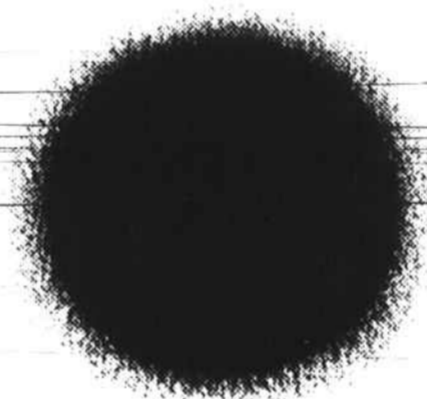
The commissioners directed the county staff to come up with an appropriate tribute to the team.



Hauser

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FRIDAY* December 9

•Ohio Players in concert at the W...

SATURDAY* December 9

•Farmer's Market at the Fairgrounds.
•City purchasing department holds a public auction of unclaimed and abandoned property at 390 Cassell Street

SUNDAY* December 10

•Ramelia Moore Flower Club has its holiday house at 2225 Booker Street, beginning at 4 p.m. The public is invited.

•"A Christmas Carol," and other Christmas films at the Main Public Library, 3 p.m.

•How physics makes a baseball curve -- part of "Fun with Physics" at the Nature Science Center, beginning at 3 p.m.

MONDAY* December 11

•American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will have its Christmas meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the gymnasium of First Baptist Church on west 5th Street. Please bring a covered dish.

•Utility Commission meets at 2 p.m.

•School Board meets in briefing session at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY* December 12

•Better Breathing Club meets at 7 p.m. at Highland Presbyterian Church Activity Building on Cloverdale Ave.

Savannah Mayor John P. Rousakis, president of the National League of Cities, will speak about downtown revitalization in a special meeting of the Women of Winston-Salem Committee in the convention center at 7:30 p.m.