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In Defendent's Fine

Court Makes \$1,000 Mistake

By Patrice E. Lee
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A district court clerk's error almost cost a man convicted of two accounts of possessing illegal drugs \$1,000 more than he was ordered to pay for lab tests.

William Lewis "Can-

dy" Hammond, of 2324 N. Cherry St., was convicted of possession of marijuana and valium found in his apartment during a search by city narcotics squad detectives, Dec. 13.

District Court Judge Abner Alexander found Hammond guilty as

charged and gave him a six-month suspended sentence for five years and ordered him to abstain from illegal drugs, pay a \$25 fine and \$135 to N.C. Baptist Hospital Toxicology Lab.

But court records showed that Hammond had been fined \$200 and

ordered to pay \$1,135, to the lab.

When contacted about the discrepancy, Judge Alexander said he could not remember the details of the case.

At the conclusion of trial a court clerk usually records the sentence given by the judge, but

sometimes judges prefer to record the sentence themselves.

Judge Alexander did not record Hammond's sentence.

A spokesman at the toxicology lab confirmed that analysis of a "roach"-remnants of a marijuana cigarette and

three valium pills usually doesn't cost that much.

A lab bill filed in court records Tuesday showed that the actual cost was \$135 and a clerk promptly corrected the error when it was brought to his attention by a Chro-

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William Sims, a Happy Hill community leader, stands in an abandoned graveyard that residents hope the city will maintain.

Busing Burden Called Unfair

By Yvette McCullough
Staff Writer

A school board member has suggested that the busing load for desegregation be shifted more towards white students in the western part of the city during discussion of a new pupil assignment plan.

"The same bus that goes west can go east," said member Ms. Nancy Wooten during the Monday night board meeting. "There is nothing that says we had to bus only the black kids out and that is something we should explore."

Under debate was her

proposal for a 6-3-4 assignment plan as an alternative to Superintendent James A. Adams 7-2-4 plan. All elementary schools would go from kindergarten to five.

Wooten's plan would close five historically black schools and would result in black kids being bused out of their neighborhoods for 10 of their 13 school years under current procedures.

Dr. Adams told the board that he was reluctant to change the elementary plan again because the public wants "stability." He said he knew the public is finding it difficult to "keep up with all the plans and

alternatives."

A feasibility study of Mrs. Wooten's plan was presented to the board.

The study included advantages and disadvantages, anticipated enrollments, proposed feeder patterns, conversions and school closings.

The plan would require that eight schools be closed, including five located in the black community. Schools to be closed under the plan are Brown, Cook, Diggs, Kimberly Park, Skyland, Jefferson, Dalton and Northwest. Kimberly Park, which was built in 1966, is one of the

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Mrs. Mazie Woodruff tells supporters why she is running for re-election.

Can 2 Blacks Win Commission Seats?

By John Templeton
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Can two black candidates win election to the Forsyth County Board of County Commissioners?

That is the question that political observers are pondering following the announcements of H.B. Goodson and incumbent Mrs. Mazie Woodruff for the county posts.

Goodson, the former elections board chairman had been leaning towards making a school board race until commissioners' chairman Fred D. Hauser decided not to run for re-election, he said. That coupled with the prospect that four strong Democratic incumbents would be seeking the school board, caused him to opt for the commissioner's seat.

Goodson took pains to say he would not be running against Mrs. Woodruff. "There are three seats up and I am running for the one that is now vacant," he said.

Incumbent Woodruff formally announced her candidacy at the Union Chapel Baptist Church on West 25th Street with a large cross-section of the city's black political leadership in attendance Monday morning.

She said she plans to make recreation, the needs of the elderly and governmental efficiency her major issues during the campaign.

Woodruff particularly focused on Tanglewood Park and the Knollwood Hall nursing home. "We need to make Tanglewood Park a park of the people," she said.

The incumbent said Knollwood Hall should be run on a non-profit basis as opposed to its current operation by a for-profit firm.

"We should have one place in the county for the elderly where a person doesn't have to pay \$1,000 a month," she said.

Alderman Vivian H. Burke, D-NE, said

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Mrs. Lucille Gentry of Kimberly Park (center) pays tribute to retiring county commissioners chairman Fred D. Hauser (right) and the woman behind him, Mrs. June Hauser as their granddaughter Susan looks on. See story on page 12.

During 1979

City Fire Deaths Total 5

By Patrice E. Lee
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Five Winston-Salem residents died in fires last year and four of the five were black, records show.

Fire Marshall Norman Hastings said the death of Emanuel Nelson, of 1107 E. 30th St. in late December upped the fire death toll to five. Nelson received second and third degree burns in a fire caused by unattended food left cooking on a stove, Hastings said.

The death of Elizabeth Bean, 63, of 1701 Reynolda Road was the only death outside the black communi-

ty. Her death on Dec. 19 was caused by an electrical short.

Fatalities in the black community prior to Nelson's include:

•Otis Cook, 65, of 629 Humphrey St., Nov. 11 due to a faulty stove and pipe;

•Robert Mason, 40, of 110 Dellabrook Road, July 26 due to careless smoking; and,

•Willie Shephard, 47, of 338 E. 8th St., Feb. 21 due to sparks caused by improper discarding of wood ashes.

Christmas day and "considered suspicious," said assistant fire marshal E. W. Hooven.

Hooven said that the two men in the house at the time of the fire escaped but the occupant of 1432 E. 17th St. was identified as Edward Tolliver. Damage to the three-room duplex and an adjacent apartment was estimated to be "thousands" of dollars, he said.

Fire information statistician Jane Craig said there were only four fatalities out of 1,446 fires recorded in 1978. During 1979, there were 1,320 fires recorded as of Dec. 31.



Tragic Burnout

A passerby examines the remains of the late Otis Cook's house at Humphrey Street. Cook was one of five fire casualties in 1979.

Happy Hill Left Out Of CD Proposal

By Yvette McCullough
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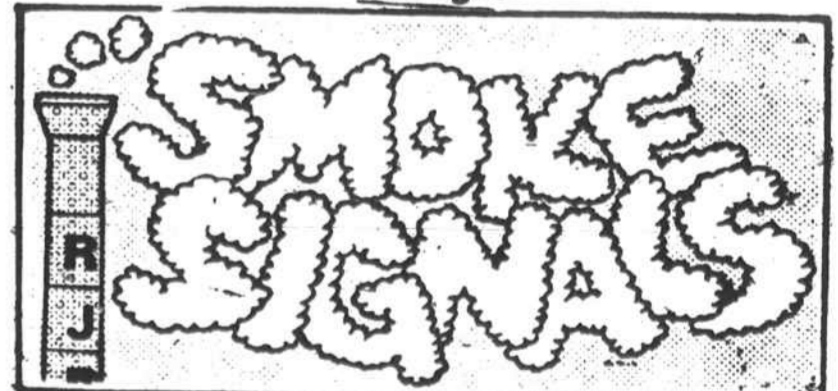
The Happy Hill neighborhood has been left out of 1980-81 community development plan, although city officials had told residents they would be included.

At an October meeting, residents attacked a city allocation of \$10,000 for CD in Happy Hill and officials responded that the money would be used to plan for a bigger allocation.

No decision has yet been made on how the \$10,000 will be spent but Gary Brown, community development director told the Chronicle that it will take more than \$10,000 to do what the neighborhood wants.

He said his department is still in the process of talking with the residents and some decision should be made next month. He said the money was intended for neighborhood clean up because there are several lots in the area that are weeded or covered with trash.

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At most times of the day, I am a fairly normal person. But when the theme music begins to soar and the silver space ship streaks across the screen, I become gripped by a single obsessive mania -- I am a "trekkie."

One can imagine my delight when I found that "Star Trek" would become a movie. The feeling heightened when the screenplay actually came to town.

My wildest expectations about the movie were met. Capt., now Adm., Kirk was as bold as ever, "Bones" and "Scotty" were their cranky old selves and commander Spock was as unflappable as ever.

It did not even matter that the movie climax was lifted almost completely from an old television episode (fellow "trekkies" will remember Nomad), for most of us watch the episodes over and over again.

One matter did disturb me -- Starfleets affirmative action plans or the lack of such. Ten years later, after Kirk had become an admiral in charge of Starfleet operations, and Spock and Bones had gone on to retirement, Lt. Uhuru was still the communications officer, Lt. Sulu was still glued to the helm and another Vulcan had replaced Spock as science officer.

It is enjoyable to look at the future but scriptwriters should realize that we will never make it there unless artificial barriers among people are "stricken down." John W. Templeton