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## City Refuses to Supply Water to Family

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year-old man and his family, which includes a month-old baby, living in Piney Grove have been without water since October because they have been unable to afford the charge city officials are demanding. The O'Neal and his family have had to rely on others toting water to them since his well went dry the second time in October. The O'Neals of 4500 Garden Road have not received water from the city since being annexed into the city in 1966. In order to get water the O'Neals would spend at least \$435 to get a well dug up and at least \$1700 total.

Residents voiced their concerns about the O'Neals at a meeting last night at the Piney Grove Neighborhood Association meeting. Aldermen Virginia Newell, Larry Womble and Jon Devries attended the meeting. Herman Womble and Larry Womble of the Human Relations Commission were also in attendance.

Walker of 4510 Grove Garden Road is still getting water from a well. The residents did not realize that they had to request water and did not seek to get water until two years ago. City officials said that once a



Wade O'Neal of Grove Garden Road is in the process of digging a trench to lay pipes, so he can be reconnected to city water. O'Neal and his family have been without water since November.

family is annexed into the city it is up to the family to request city water and sewage.

After the two families requested city water they were told that 51 per cent of property owners would have to sign over the right of way. Since the city could not get the right of way the residents were told that they could not receive water because of the location of the houses.

The lines have now been laid, but the residents would have to pay an initial fee of \$435 before they can be connected. The residents are on a fixed income and would like to be charged the same rate other Piney Grove residents paid when they were first annexed.

"I'm not looking for them to give the water to me," O'Neal said. "I'm just looking for a fair price."

"I think I should pay what the other residents paid when they got water."

Larry Womble told the residents that he was very concerned about the plight of the residents, especially the O'Neals who are without water.

"Mr. O'Neal is being denied a bare necessity to live," Womble said. "He shouldn't have to be carrying water, it is not fair, he's barely able to survive."

"This is something you should not have to bear, these are emergency conditions especially with a three month

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## Crime Watch Signs Don't Scare Crooks

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Despite an increase in the number of Neighborhood Watch groups, a convicted housebreaker says signs proclaiming membership in such a group are not much of a crime deterrent.

"It might scare a rookie," says the perpetrator of a dozen housebreakings. "When I see something like that, I know that no one is going to be in a house for 24 hours a day," he said during an interview in the Forsyth County Jail. He was held in connection with an armed robbery and refused to talk, provided that his name not be used. However, the veteran said that there are effective security measures that can be taken which will scare most burglars.

Many burglars like to work close to home because they can easily monitor their neighbor's activities and overhear conversations about valuable merchandise and this seven-year veteran is no exception.

The majority of black people like to be seen and you to know what they have," he said. "For example, if someone has a new component set either they'll probably mention it in conversation, ('I got a brand new component set') or they'll blast their horn. They're going to want somebody else to hear about it."

Windows with sliding glass doors and terraces are strong inducements to burglary. "All them windows would be torn down," he said. "Most people don't

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Photo by Santana

## Getting Acquainted

Ten-year-old Christopher Mack gets to meet pro football quarterback Dong Williams, the Grambling graduate who has led the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to the National Football Conference championship game in only his second year, during a meet the players session in the C.E. Gaines Athletic Complex at Winston-Salem State University. The affair was part of the Black College All-Americans weekend in Winston-Salem sponsored by the Sheridan Broadcasting Network. See pages 4 and 13 for more on the gala.

## Joe's, Liberty Lead Grocery Price Survey

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A sample of 20 grocery items costs about \$3 more at Joe's Food Foods than at the next highest store, Liberty Foods, according to a Chronicle market basket survey.

The survey was prompted by two women, Yvonne Hinton and Peggy Witherspoon, who conducted their own survey the week before with the same result.

"It is outrageous that these policies should be perpetrated in an area heavily populated by elderly, fixed income inhabitants. The really crowning injury is that Joe's services, for the most part, a black clientele, that, for lack of transportation, cannot patronize food

stores offering more reasonably priced goods," says the former patrons.

At Joe's, the selected items \$32.38; at Liberty Foods, \$29.73; at Big Star \$28.85; at Winn Dixie, \$28.01; at Food Fair, \$27.45; at the Discount House, \$26.51; and at Food World, \$23.43. All the stores did not have all the items. (See chart on page 20 for details.)

Joe's management defended their pricing policies. Keith Choplin, director of operations at Joe's Bowen Boulevard store, said that number one sellers, like Del Monte catsup, are sold below cost but the store's markup is based on wholesale prices. "Basically we have no control over (prices at the) warehouse," he said.

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Staff Photo by McCullough

Ruth Roberts, Virginia Thompson and Eula Beatty were honored for their years of service to senior citizens

## 311 Signal Set to Turn On

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### Second light slated for Winston Lake Road

New Walkertown Road and Winston Lake Park Road as soon as equipment is delivered.

The Claremont Avenue light was installed as a result of a study of the Claremont Avenue traffic problems last summer.

Another study by the traffic engineering division has produced a recommendation that a left turn lane be drawn on Liberty Street southbound at the intersection of 14th Street.

However, there was no recommendation on solving the bottleneck at 17th and

Liberty. "Most of the problems are associated with parking and most of the parking occurs illegally," said Williams.

Parked cars on the east side of Liberty obscure the vision of drivers seeking to turn from 17th Street.

"The regulations are there to enforce the problem, if people would abide by them," said Williams.

The traffic engineer said the 300 cars a day traffic flow from 17th Street is too low to meet the 1,200 car a day guideline for traffic

lights at side streets.

In other traffic business, the Forsyth County Board of County Commissioners has scheduled a secondary road during for Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. The hearing will be held in the 6th floor courtroom of the Hall of Justice if the regular boardroom.

During that hearing the N.C. Department of Transportation will present its plan for paving and maintenance of public roads in the county. Bryan Staley, an engineer in the local district office of DOT, said persons not able to attend the hearing can contact either the commissioners, the district office or John K. Gallaher, the local representative on the N.C. Board of Transportation.

## ESR Installs President

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The presidents of the 25 Experiment in Self-Reliance Senior Citizen Clubs installed last Friday in a special ceremony at St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church. Jim Phillips, special assistant to Congressman Steve Neal, was the special guest.

Phillips told the capacity audience that senior citizens were the back bone of the community.

"As a teacher with Da-

vidson County School System for 20 years, I spent a majority of my time teaching young people how to be first class citizens," Phillips said. "You as older citizens, are important for the young people to relate to, you are important to the community and are important for just being you."

Mrs. Louise Wilson, the director of the Experiment in Self Reliance also commended the senior citizens and the presidents.

"As presidents of various clubs in the city, you

are leaders," Mrs. Wilson said. "You are the foundation of our nation and the foundation of everything started."

The installation program was dedicated to Mrs. Katharine Clement for her 12 years of service as a homemaker, club coordinator, as organizer of the Senior Citizen Rhythm Band and vocal ensemble. She is presently club coordinator for ESR and through her efforts she has helped to organize 13 clubs.

Also receiving certifi-

cates of appreciation were Ruth Roberts, Virginia Thompson and Eula Beatty for their services with senior citizens.

The presidents were installed by Robert Law, assistant director of ESR. Presidents installed for the year 1980 were: Madie Carter, A & M Club; Frank Brevard, Belview; Veola Stevenson, Bon Air; Emma Cooper, Chatham Heights; Ethel Smith, Cleveland; Whilamena Mezek, Cherry Street; Maude McCollum,

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