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Alderman Larry Little

Objects to Brooks' Presentation

Little Walks Out In Protest

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Alderman Larry D. Little, (D-N), walked out of the Board of Aldermen meeting Monday night, in protest of statements made by Warren B. Brooks of Clemmons, concerning the firing of former ABC employees Bert Weeks and Levi Gentry last summer.

Brooks, in a prepared statement, said that the main point that he wanted to get across to the aldermen and the public was that "if people treated each other fairly...it would help eliminate racial friction"... He said that "the ABC Board's and other officials' handling of the situation (Weeks-Gentry) was grossly unfair." He also stated that he felt as if there had been a "cover-up", in the way each man's removal was carried out.

In support of these feelings, Brooks offered several facts that he said that he had personally looked into, contacting some 21 agencies to do so. The facts are as follows: According to Brooks, (1) "Bert Weeks' admittance to embezzlement." (2) "His (Weeks') instructing his warehouse manager to falsify records." (3) "The fact that Weeks left three cases of liquor as a Christmas present for employees in December, 1979." (4) "The two ABC Board members who wanted Weeks fired failed to appear at one of the hearings." (5) "Gentry took two polygraph tests with the results being inconclusive for the first test and the second, supporting his claims of innocence." (6) "The approximately \$35,000 shortage that Weeks had during his employment with the ABC Board and the large losses for the 4th quarter of 1979."

years of loyal service entitled Bert Weeks to be held largely unaccountable for acknowledged mismanagement, while being paid at the top of the salary range for his high-level position, while at the same time, 12½ years of loyal service by Levi Gentry did not shield him from being fired for following his attorney's advice."

Referring to his personal file on the ABC situation, Brooks commented on an article in the Winston-Salem "Journal" on April 13, by Staff Writer, Pete Mantius, in which Clay R. Beeson of the ABC enforcement division urged the ABC Board to ask Weeks and not Gentry to take the polygraph test.

"How did the spotlight get shifted from Weeks, who admitted wrong doing to Gentry, who steadfastly denied any wrong doing?" asked Brooks. He stated that when

Brooks added, "I would like an explanation of why 16

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Naturopath's Signature Found On Applications

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

Dr. Ananais Hasan, the Winston-Salem naturopath, who has been under investigation by the Forsyth County District Attorney's office and the State Bureau of Investigation said this week that he is being harassed by the

press and members of his own 14th Street Community because of the investigation.

"What has been written about me by both the Sentinel and the Chronicle has been written without my permission," Hasan said during an interview at his office at 1514 14th Street.

The naturopath said that he was particularly distressed about reports that he had routinely examined people for marriage licenses. A search by the Chronicle in the Register of Deeds office produced 12 marriage license applications signed by Hasan within a period from Jan. 16 to July 3. According to Eunice Ayers, Forsyth County Register of Deeds, the SBI has the same list.

"I'm not going to comment on it (the marriage licenses) at this time one way or the other," said Hasan.

The 12 applications signed by Hasan were certificates of medical examination and laboratory statements from the North Carolina Department of Human Resources and the Division of Health.

On the applications, Hasan signed his name in the space reserved for the signature of the examining physician certifying that he, a licensed physician of the State of North Carolina, had examined the applicant and found no evidence of venereal disease; tuberculosis in the communicable stage and that the applicant was mentally competent.

As part of the requirement, the examining physician was to submit laboratory results, which included blood tests and the results of the physical examination. A spokesperson for the Forsyth County Health Department said that on the marriage license applications, the physician who signs his or her name to the certificate, is the one who does the physical exam.

The naturopath also told the Chronicle that a patient at Forsyth Memorial Hospital who is alleged by the man's family to be a patient of Hasan's is nonexistent.

When asked by the Chronicle if he had visited or positively identified the patient, Johnnie Carter of Urban Street, as a former patient of his who had earlier identified himself as Johnny Butner to hospital officials and as Melvin Hill, according to Hasan's earlier statements to the Chronicle. The naturopath called the man "non-existent."

"I am aware of the fact that there is no such a person as Johnny Butner or Johnny Carter who was ever in a coma in the first place. There has never been no such a thing. I saw the man that they described; he came in and said he was Melvin Hill. That was on Nov. 6," Hasan

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Santa Claus Comes to Town

Santa Claus came to town last Saturday to the delight of hundreds of children at Jetway, Parkview and Northside Shopping Centers. Santa's trip was sponsored by WAIR radio, Triad Helicopter's, Inc., and Conrad's Hair Design.

Blacks Score Higher On State Exams

Minority students showed a greater improvement than the overall N.C. student population in the Fall 1980 competency test results released by Governor Jim Hunt recently.

"In studying the Fall 1980 Report of Student Performance, I was particularly gratified to see that there was an improvement in the passing rate for students from all ethnic groups," Governor Hunt said. "In fact, the greatest percentage improvement on both the reading and mathematics tests was among minority students and those students whose parents have less than a high school education."

The Governor said the results show that North Carolina's students as a whole improved the passing rate on the test for the third consecutive year.

Hunt said he felt the improvement resulted from cooperation between students, parents, teachers, local school systems, the Department of Public Education and the Competency Test Commission. "Everybody in this partnership shares a commitment to educational excellence, and it has given North Carolina what I believe is the best competency testing program in the nation," the Governor said.

The improvement by minority students was much greater. In reading, the passing rate for black students has increased since 1978 by 6.1 per cent. In math, the passing rate for black students is up 9.5 per cent. Of the black students taking the test for the first time this fall, 81.1 per cent passed the reading section and 75.6 per cent passed the math portion.

This fall, 92.5 per cent of the juniors taking the test for the first time passed the reading section -- a 2.5 per cent improvement over 1978 and .5 per cent better than last fall. In mathematics, 89.4 per cent passes -- 4.4 per cent higher than the fall of 1978 and .4 per cent higher than last year.

Hunt said the cutoff scores on the test were set before the Fall 1978 test was given and have not been changed.

"There could be no better evidence that our testing program is working," Hunt said. "Teachers, parents and students have been motivated to work harder and take full advantage of the remedial help that is available.

"This program is a bold step that North Carolina has taken to strengthen its public schools, and to make sure that when our students leave high school they are better prepared to seek other educational and training opportunities," Governor Hunt said.

Holiday Closing

The Winston-Salem Chronicle will be closed for Christmas vacation Dec. 25, 26 and 27. The deadline for all news items is Monday, Dec. 22, at noon. There will be no exceptions. The Chronicle will reopen Monday, Dec. 29, at 8:30 a.m.

Ritz Transformed To Community Theatre

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer



The former Ritz Theatre is now the Greenway Auditorium.

The old Ritz Theatre has a new name and a lot of potential according to its new owner, however, Raymond L. Couthen feels that he community still thinks of new Greenway Theatre as the "old Ritz."

According to Couthen, an employee of R.J. Reynolds Industries, part of the reason that the theatre doesn't enjoy the success that he believes it can is because of poor public relations.

"Most people learn about things through word of mouth, people just haven't spread the word like I thought they would.

A lot of people think the Ritz is still closed," he said.

Couthen acquired the Greenway Auditorium last March and has been actively trying to acquaint the East Winston community with all its possibilities.

"We promote gospel music, we have revivals, talent programs, fashion shows and community meetings. We show movies every Saturday morning from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. free for the community children. The sole purpose of the auditorium is for the community," Couthen said.

Free movies and community meetings still haven't given Greenway

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A businessman, whose store is located down the street from the pool hall said that he saw Blevins fess and asked what was going on. Blevins shot at the man who returned Blevins' gunfire. Blevins fled the state with a companion, John Carroll Watts, 34, of Radford Street. He late gave himself up to a Forsyth County Sheriff's deputy.

Blevins Gets 10 Years For Murder

Earl Victor Blevins, who was accused in the June 22 shooting death of a pool hall employee was sentenced to 10 years in prison last week in Forsyth Superior Court by Judge Robert Collier.

Blevins, 32, of 746 Castle Street pleaded guilty to the murder of James T. Hardy, a bartender at Trade Street Billiards in the 500 block of North Trade Street downtown.

According to assistant district attorney James Yeatts III, witnesses for the state would testify that Blevins shot Hardy after Hardy had reprimanded him twice;

once for sitting on a pool table and the second time for putting his feet on the bar stool. Hardy was unarmed.

Witnesses' testimony according to Yeatts stated that after Hardy had asked Blevins to remove his feet from the bar stool, Blevins pulled out a .25 caliber pistol and shot at Hardy four or five times. Hardy was actually four times.

Witnesses also said that Blevins, after shooting Hardy, fled the pool hall where he was pursued by a witness who threw a beer bottle at him. Blevins also shot at the witness.

Crawford Cleared

Jefferson Crawford, owner of Jeff's Seafood at 1700 N. Cherry St., was acquitted last week of the second degree murder in the Feb. 21 shooting of Carl Edward Bray.

The Forsyth County Superior Court jury deliberated just 30 minutes and returned with the acquittal after

hearing Crawford testify that he had had continuous altercations with Bray at his place of business.

Crawford, 50, of 3674 Southdale Ave., testified that on the night of the shooting, Bray had entered his store several times cursing Crawford and his custo-

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Greenway Theatre owner, Raymond Couthen