

Mecklenburg County Government Employees

Recognize William "Pigmeat" Alexander

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William "Pigmeat" Alexander delivered meat on a meat wagon a long time ago and worked as a cook at the Barringer Hotel for eight years before he retired. That's the way it was until Pigmeat came out of retirement seven years ago and presented himself at the Governmental Plaza, where he began delivering newspapers to different office buildings.

"You can't sit around and do nothing," Pigmeat said. "The doctor said I should walk everyday." And walk he does, delivering newspapers, and running errands for employees at the Governmental Plaza.

At 76 years old, Pigmeat said, "I work there to stay out of trouble." He said he was born in Southern Pines, N.C. and has lived in Charlotte since 1928. He is the father of five children, Bessie, Lee, William Jr., Frances, and Betty. He resides at 1415 D. Cleveland Avenue and "enjoys being around people."

According to Mrs. Rita A. Simpson, public service and information officer for the County Government, Pigmeat has recently been recognized by the Offices of the Governmental Plaza for his "good cheerful spirit, good personality, friendship, and as a fine

person who brings the paper to offices every afternoon."

According to Mrs. Simpson, Pigmeat said he performed voluntary duties for people in the Plaza for over five years and felt he should receive a service pin.

As the story goes, Pigmeat approached someone in the County Personnel Department concerning the matter. According to Mrs. Simpson, eligibility for a service pin requires a person to be a permanent full time employee for at least five years.

"He was not eligible for a service pin," Mrs. Simpson said, but added, "we wanted to recognize him." So recognition was what Pigmeat got. In a proclamation issued by the County Government, it stated "...newspaper carrier and honorary deputy and good friend to employees of the City and County Government and others in the Governmental Plaza..." Mrs. Simpson said that the proclamation was passed by the Board of County Commissioners Monday, July 18.

Mrs. Simpson said that Pigmeat wasn't taken serious at first when he asked about a service pin, but she said they soon took him serious when Pigmeat requested a certified statement from Roy Davis Jr., assistant clerk of the Superior Court, Criminal Records Division stating that "Alexander



WILLIAM ALEXANDER
...Going strong at 76

has not been arrested on any charges since March 11, 1966." "He proved himself to be a sober dependable person."

Mrs. Simpson said. "I had a buddy who worked at the Miller Motor Express and when he retired he didn't

do anything but sat around and died." Pigmeat said.

Pigmeat said he works at the Governmental Plaza and shines shoes in the basement of the Court House from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. He wouldn't extend the interview for the reasons. "I have to deliver my papers."

Dedicated to his work, Pigmeat said of Charlotte and helping the people at the Governmental Plaza, "I like it."

Piedmont Gas

Revenues Rise

Piedmont Natural Gas Company president J. David Picard today reported lower net income and earnings per share for the six and 12-month periods ended June 30, although revenues were higher.

Picard told company directors during their meeting Friday, July 22 that revenues for the twelve months ended June 30 were up 15.3 percent over a year ago. For the same period a year ago, revenues were \$83,399,436 compared to \$96,153,042 this year. Net income and earnings per share, however, both declined. Net income fell 10.6 percent to \$5,170,462 from \$5,782,180 a year ago. Earnings per share were \$2.06 for the period, down 11.2 percent from the \$2.32 of last year.

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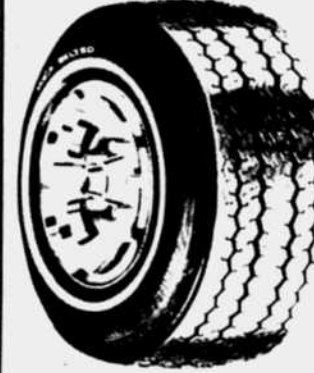
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The Hospital Financial Management Association (HFMA), North Carolina Chapter will hold its summer meeting in Nags Head at the Ramada Inn on August 4 and 5.

The two day meeting will feature educational programs addressing current financial management concerns within the health care system.

I.O. Wilkerson Jr., Director, Division of Facility Services, State of North Carolina will open the meeting with an address on "The Planning Progress." Special workshops such as legal aspects of credit and collection will continue during the two day meeting.

The North Carolina Chapter of HFMA can provide speakers to address community and civic groups on Health Care matters. To arrange for speakers, contact Chapter President Gerald N. Hewitt, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston Salem, North Carolina or call (919) 727-4954.

HFMA is a Professional Association of Financial Management Personnel working in hospitals and related health care facilities. HFMA serves its more than 12,000 members through 75 chapters, located throughout the United States.

NCNB Declares

Quarterly Dividends

The NCNB Corp. board of directors this week declared a quarterly dividend of 13 cents a share, payable September 23 to shareholders of record September 2.

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