



The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. recently named Dr. John S. Epps as its new top executive and administrator in charge of the Fraternity's International Office in Washington D.C. Dr. Epps, initially reared and educated in the New York Metropolitan area, came to the nation's capitol from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale's School of Medicine, where he served as an administrator and Assistant Professor of Medical Education. He received his bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degrees from Southern Illinois University.

Epps has held various offices and worked in many capacities at the state, regional and national levels in professional associations and the fraternity. His biography is listed in "Who's Who in the Midwest," "Who's Who Among Black Americans," and "Men of Achievement." Epps is a Life Member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and has been actively involved for 20 years. He has authored several books for the organization and, in 1982, was chosen as National Omega Man of the Year. Additionally, he has demonstrated substantial community involvement and was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1982.

Christmas City USA Has Attracted Over 250,000 Visitors

Heritage USA - Christmas City USA has attracted over one quarter of a million visitors in the first three weeks. The official opening was Thanksgiving evening.

Over 50,000 vehicles, including hundreds of buses, have driven through the five-mile Christmas City route. Each night thousands of visitors view the beautiful lights and displays, listen to the holiday music, and watch the live nativity scene presentations - all celebrating this special time of year.

This Christmas season marks the third consecutive year that Heritage USA has been transformed into Christmas City USA. "The growth of the event and the number of visitors each year has been astounding," said Jim Swaim, General Manager of Heritage USA. In 1982 the attendance was over 64,000 people. Last year, 1983, the displays and lights vastly increased to approximately 500,000 lights with an equal number of visitors - one-half million. Although the total number of lights planned for this year could not be obtained due to a shortage of imports, the number of lights has still doubled to over one million lights. New displays have been built and lights will continue to be added throughout the Christmas City presentation.

To accommodate the increasing number of visitors to Christmas City USA the hours and dates have been extended this season. Christmas City USA at Heritage USA will be open through January 31, 1985 from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. nightly. There is no admission charge.

"The reason for Christmas City USA is simple," Swaim said, "it's a celebration of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ."

City Office Closing

Charlotte City government will be closed December 24 and 25 for Christmas and January 1 for New Year's Day.

Because of the holiday schedule, garbage pickup will be provided Wednesday, December 26, for residences normally scheduled for Monday-Thursday pickup and on Thursday, December 27, for residences regularly scheduled for Tuesday-Friday pickup.

During the holiday week, there will be no curbside trash collected, but bagged leaves will be collected Friday, December 28.

For the New Year's holiday, only those residences whose regular garbage pickup is Tuesday-Friday will change. Their pickup will be Wednesday-Friday.

Christmas trees will be collected from January 2-11. Trees should be placed on the curb by 7 a.m.

Buses will operate on a Sunday schedule, Christmas and New Year Days.

Utility Bills Will Change In January

Raleigh - Beginning in January, customer bills received from various utilities will show an amount identified as sales tax.

In the area of electric service, this involves private utilities, cooperatives, and the 64-member cities of Electricities of N.C., Inc. which own their municipal electric systems.

Taxes have always been included in customers' utilities' bills. Because of legislation enacted by the 1984 N.C. General Assembly, the sales tax will now be broken out and shown separately as of January 1, 1985.

This will allow customers who itemize sales taxes as a deduction on

their federal income tax returns to also include the sales tax from their electric bills. The intent of the legislation is to show customers what amount of sales tax is included in their bills, not to increase their bills.

A customer who has questions about the change should call or visit his city's utilities office for more information.

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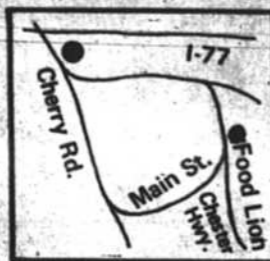
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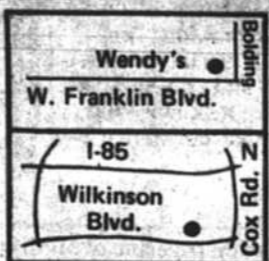


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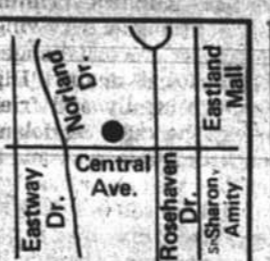
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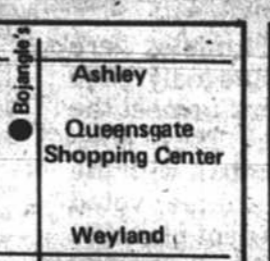
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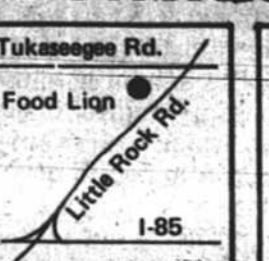
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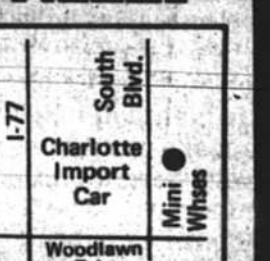
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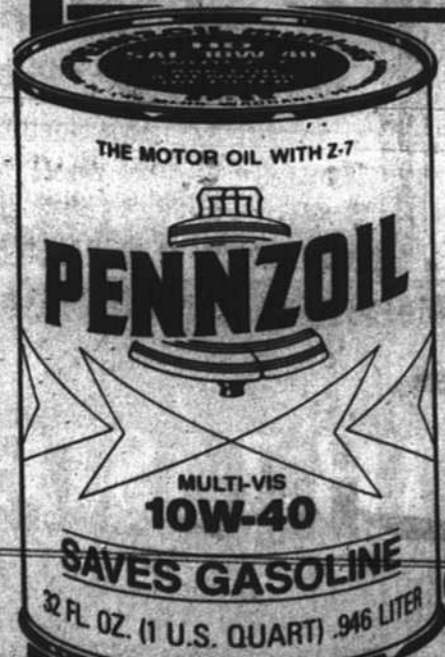
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