

Committee Members Tell Why Water Bond Vote Should Be "Yes"

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One of the issues coming before the voters on November 5 will be city water bonds. The bonds will be for the construction of a six-mile pipeline beginning in northwest Charlotte and running in a southeasterly direction to the intersection of Providence and Sharon Amity Roads.

At present, it is the south and southeast parts of the city that are experiencing the most problems with regard to water pressure. So why should residents of other areas of Charlotte vote for the bonds? The Post contacted several members of the Charlotte Water Bond Committee to find out.

Pete Cunningham, owner of Affordable Used Cars, was asked by the Mayor to co-chair the 26-member committee. Noted Cunningham, "A lot of people are under the false impression that the bonds will only benefit the southeast. That's not the case. There will be a direct effect on the whole city. You can't have no water pressure in one place and normal pressure in another. You must have balance throughout the city. The proposed pipeline will do that."

He added that this new construction will not affect the pipelines being built for the northwest, whose purpose is to attract development to that part of the city. According to Cunningham, that project is "on target" in terms of schedule.

Local attorney Linwood O. Foust, another water bond proponent, is also on the committee. Foust backs the bond "because we have a whole section of the city affected by low



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water pressure," especially during dry periods and summertime. "We need to provide similar service to all of Charlotte," Foust maintained, adding, "With continuous growth, we can expect greater problems in the future."

Foust pointed out that the problem has been noticeable since 1983 and has the potential for creating a health hazard. In addition, extremely low water pressure in one area can lessen the pressure in other areas.

Finally, he remarked that "We are a total city; we can't divide ourselves into segments."

Former Citizens' Site Selection Committee member Sam Young, of Merrill Lynch Realty, stressed the proposed 54-inch pipeline is "the best use of tax dollars." Calling the



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water bond "prudent," Young stated, "We are looking for the betterment of the entire city." He added that, although some complain about the southeast explosion, "we're not dealing with 'ought-to's.' We're dealing with 'is.' People do need the water, and this is a good, economical way."

Besides providing the same rights to adequate water to all parts of the city, Young said that anyone interested in the progress of the city should be interested in the water bond.

Another committee member contacted was former JCSU coach Eddie McGirt. "From what I understand, it's important because all of Charlotte needs to be secure as far as water is concerned," he stated. Although some parts of the city might not presently be experiencing water problems, everyone could eventually be affected in some way if corrective action isn't taken, he noted. Besides, "people should have adequate utilities," he added.

Committee member Dr. Wesley Clement stated, "People were more concerned about the route" the pipeline would take. "I think



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everyone agrees that it's needed. The Utilities Department has said for several years that (water to southeast Charlotte) is adequate. In many instances people with two-story houses haven't had enough



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water pressure to use upstairs showers." According to Clement, the bond committee is to function as a speakers bureau in disseminating information about the water bond issue.

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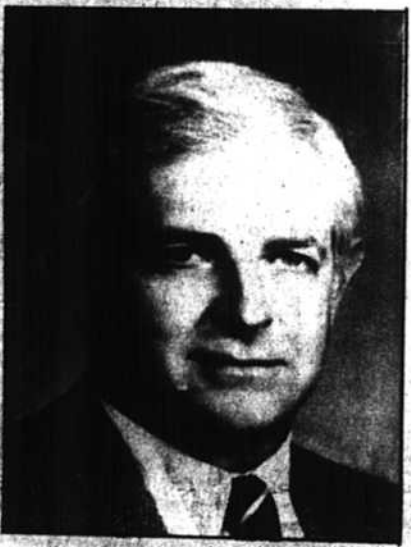
Senator Johnson To Keynote Fundraiser

N.C. State Senator Jim Johnson Jr. of the 22nd District will be the keynote speaker at the Barber-Scotia College United Negro College Fund Kick Off Dinner, which will be held October 10, 7:30 p.m., in the College Union Cafeteria.

Senator Johnson will speak to assembled corporate executives, community leaders, and friends and supporters of Barber-Scotia College and the United Negro College Fund on "Education-Historical Black Colleges and their contributions to America."

According to Dr. Sammie Potts, vice president for development at Barber-Scotia College, each of the 43 member institutions of UNCF must raise funds for the annual operating budget of the national organization which fosters educational opportunities for more than 50,000 men and women. Appeals for contributions are made to corporations, foundations, alumni, churches, organizations, and the general public. The kick off dinner is part of the campaign drive to raise funds in the surrounding communities for Barber-Scotia College.

Born in Greensboro, N.C., Senator Johnson graduated from Spartanburg Junior College. His degrees include a B.S. from East Tennessee State University, and an L.L.B. from Wake Forest University School of Law. He served three terms as a North Carolina State Representative from Cabarrus County. In addition he has been a judge in Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court; president, N.C. Ju-



Senator Jim Johnson
.....UNCF speaker

venile Court Judges Association; law clerk, U.S. District Court.

Active in civic and professional organizations, Senator Johnson is a member of the North Carolina State and Cabarrus County Bar Association; North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers; First Union National Bank Board of Directors; and Concord Jaycees.

Senator Johnson and his wife, the former Angie Morgan of Landis, N.C., have three children.

The fund raiser at which Senator Johnson will speak is open to the public. Tickets are \$15 per person. For reservations or information, call the Development office at 786-5171.

Training Begins For Women Machinists

A training program for women in the machine tool trades begins November 4 at Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC).

The new Women's Machinist Program is possible because of a \$36,240 grant from the State of North Carolina for the purpose of training women in non-traditional careers.

"Our research tells us job opportunities are excellent for women machinists," said Sara Barrett, coordinator for the new program. "For women who are excited about work-

ing in a non-traditional area, the benefits are unlimited. It will open many doors and give these women an economic edge."

Financial aid, transportation, and child care may be available for those who qualify. The program can be completed in three quarters, or about nine months. Tuition is \$54 per quarter.

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