



HONOR GRADUATES—Upchurch graduates recognized with awards at Friday's commencement line up. Front row: Ann MacDonald, Janet Best, Lisa Jacobs, Andelia Denton, Julie Frazier. Second row: Billy Webb, Mike Tuttle, Joey Hottle, Jennifer Bratcher, Darryl McPhatter. Top row: Jerry Bruner, Robbie Shook, Kevin Davis, Bernard Purcell, Eugene Rainey. (Now shown: Doris Roper and Wayne Hager.)

City Worker Claims He Was Fired For Speaking Out On Garage Losses

An angry former city employee charged he was fired from his job at the city garage Monday because of racial discrimination, and because he complained to city councilmen that losses were occurring at the garage.

City manager John Gaddy said the worker, hired on a federal job training grant, was discharged only after attempts to find him other employment within the city work force failed, and that he was fired because he could not do the work assigned.

Jimmy Bullard charged that he was fired by supervisor David Lumsford because Lumsford is white

and he is an Indian.

"I feel I was fired for prejudice reasons rather than my work," Bullard said. "I can prove I was doing 80 to 90 per cent of the work down there."

Bullard said he began to have problems on his job as soon as Lumsford became his supervisor. Bullard said he had worked for the city six or seven months.

"I was told I would be fired for talking to the city councilmen about losses at the garage," Bullard said. "He said it was against the city code."

Bullard said he had told Councilmen Sam Morris and Graham Clark that losses had been occurring at the garage.

"City residents are paying a lot of tax on things that are missing out at the shop that they aren't getting any use out of," Bullard said.

He said that six large truck tires, valued at \$100 each, and 16 quarters of oil were unaccounted for.

"Some more items out there have left but I can't say if they were paid for or not," he said.

"I understand Mr. Gaddy said the tires had been put on a truck, but the truck he said they went on doesn't even use that size. Anyway, they were missing way back in March," Bullard said.

Bullard also said he had repaired a tire tube that was to be discarded. "It just had a little hole in it and I patched it," he said. "Those tubes cost about \$15 each."

Gaddy said Bullard was fired only after several conferences with C.E.T.A. officials, who administer the federal job program for Indians.

Gaddy said Bullard was "a good worker, but he just wasn't mechanically inclined." Attempts were made to find him other employment on the city payroll but no openings occurred, Gaddy said.

"I think we've treated him fairly," the city manager said. "We called his people in and discussed it and even tried to find him another job within the city. I don't know what more we could do."

Gaddy said that there was no provision in the city code that prohibited employees from complaining to city councilmen, but under the code, the city manager has authority to hire and fire workers.

Gaddy said the police had investigated reports of thefts at the garage but so far had not turned up any shortages.

"As far as we could determine, the tires were put on the trucks by the people down there (at the garage)," Gaddy said.

Gaddy said Bullard walked off the job at noon Friday without notifying anyone.

"We assumed he had quit, but he came to work Monday morning and said he was sick Friday."

Bullard said he had left word Friday with another worker that he had become sick and did not tell his supervisor, who was at lunch.

School Salaries Outlined

School personnel salaries are a jumble of federal, state and local funds, however, county superintendent Raz Autry this week outlined portions paid by local taxes.

Autry said he receives a \$6,000 local supplement, as superintendent, that brings his total salary to approximately the same level as that he received as principal at Hoke High.

"I was at the top of the pay scale for principals," Autry explained, "but I had to go to the bottom for superintendents."

Only one of the two assistant superintendents is paid with local funds. Ernest Sutton, receives \$21,000 from local funds. John D. McAllister, also assistant superintendent, is paid entirely from federal funds.

Local taxes supplement state and federal funds for office workers at the board of education, with \$34,500 budgeted for the eight workers.

The county program co-ordinators are paid entirely with state funds, but travel expenses are borne by the county.

Secretarial salaries for the eight county schools amount to \$20,000 of local funds and \$28,000 in state funds.

There are ten teachers in the county paid entirely with local taxes, with \$93,000 budgeted. These include music teachers, band director

and some teachers used to reduce class sizes.

Audio visual director Glen Langdon is a county employee with a \$13,000 yearly salary. The cost of occupational teachers is shared, with the \$58,813 per year for 22 teachers amounting to 26 per cent of the cost. The remaining 74 per cent is paid by the state.

Supplements to coaches come entirely from local tax money. A total of \$14,000 is allotted to the high school to be divided at the discretion of the principal among the nine coaches.

A \$2,250 county supplement is given to the assistant principal at Hoke High and department heads and sponsors divide \$2,500.

In addition, the high school is given \$5,000 to pay for such things as lockers, school yearbook costs, and band uniforms.

At Upchurch, the supplement for five coaches is \$4,000. Department chairmen split \$1,200 and the assistant principal receives a \$1,000 supplement. The school allotment is \$2,500.

The assistant principal at Raeford Elementary receives a \$1,000 supplement and at South Hoke, the supplement for the assistant principal is \$500. West Hoke has no assistant principal.

Board of education members are paid \$50 a month and their expenses are paid each year to the National School Board convention. Autry emphasized that expenses of wives who accompany their husbands to the meeting are paid by the board members.

Upchurch Graduates

Upchurch Junior High School graduated 382 students in Friday commencement exercises.

The Kiwanis Club Award, presented for the highest scholastic average over three years, was given to Janet Best.

The American Legion awards for science went to Robbie Shook and Jerry Bruner.

Jennifer Bratcher and Adelia Denton received the Lions Club awards for mathematics.

Woodman of the World awards for history went to Wayne Hager and Billy Webb.

Ten students received outstanding student awards.

Joy Hottle, Bernard Purcell, Julie Frazier, Mike Tuttle, Anne MacDonald, Kevin Davis, Doris Roper, Darryl McPhatter, Lisa Jacobs, and Eugene Rainey were recognized for scholastic achievement.

Area Incidents

Break-ins Reported

Sheriff's deputies are investigating break-in and larceny complaints received in the past week.

James Barefoot, Rt. 2, Raeford, reported his home was broken into last Thursday, and jewelry, a radio, tape recorder, and other items with a value of \$412 are listed missing. Entry was apparently made by breaking a window on the rear side, according to the report. Damage was put at \$75.

James Womac, Rt. 2, complained his home was ransacked on Thursday and a \$40 tape player is reported stolen. The back door was kicked open, according to the report.

Bertha McRae, Rt. 1, reported a boys ten speed bike worth \$12 was stolen out of her yard Thursday.

Dan Shaw, Rt. 3, complained his trailer home was burglarized June 4, and about \$4 worth of food was eaten by the intruder. Entry was apparently made by tearing out a screen.

Hubert Lowery, Rt. 1, Shannon, reported an electric welder worth \$200 was stolen from a smokehouse at his home.

South Carolina Industries, Rt. 3, Raeford, complained two 13-horsepower gasoline engines were removed off grain augers at the Raeford sawmill in Timberland. The loss is listed as \$750.

Jaycees Give School Award In Walkathon

Upchurch school received a trophy from Hoke Jaycees for the school with the greatest number of participants in the April walkathon for cerebral palsy here.

Jaycee publicity chairman Larry Phillips also reported about 80% of the pledges have been received for \$9,000.

Mrs. Hester Williams was presented with a plaque in appreciation of her recruiting efforts and assuming responsibility for record keeping, Phillips said.

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But don't let Charlie of England deflate your garden growing interests. Even if you don't father four pound, four ounce tomatoes, you've still got a bargain. Gardening is a fine family project. It creates togetherness, saves money on food bills, provides sun, fun, exercise, and the best possible nutrition.

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