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N.C. Labor Dept. Fines Imperial Foods \$808,150

State Labor Commissioner John C. Brooks this week announced civil penalties amounting to \$808,150 against Imperial Food Products, Inc. of Hamlet for violations of the state occupational safety and health laws.

The penalties resulted from an investigation by the department's Occupational Safety and Health Division into the Sept. 3 fire at the company's plant which killed 25 and injured 56.

"This is the largest penalty ever assessed against a company in North Carolina for violations of our state occupational safety and health laws," Brooks said.

"Of course," he added, "no fine, whatever the amount, can ameliorate the suffering of the injured or the loss of the families who lost their loved ones in this tragic fire; nor are OSHA fines designed to achieve this purpose."

"OSHA fines currently are calculated upon the basis of the incidences of unsafe and unhealthy workplace conditions and practices, and are not a reflection of how many persons were killed or injured or the severity of those injuries that were

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Out With the Old...



PAY UP—Wake County property taxpayers rushed and stood in line at the Wake County Tax Office here in Raleigh to meet Tuesday's December 31st deadline. According to Beverly M. O'Neal, Accounting Tech III, property owners

will have until Jan. 6, 1992 to pay their 1991 tax bill. After the 6th a 2 percent penalty will be assessed for the month of January. The deadline to list 1992 property is Thurs., Jan. 31st.

NEWS BRIEFS

LOCAL FIRM HONORED

Ann Q. Duncan, chairman of the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, announced recently that Godwin Produce Co. has been named recipient of the Job Service Employer Award for 1991, sponsored by the ESC. The award was presented by Chairman Duncan during a noon luncheon at the North Raleigh Hilton.

ROBBER STRIKES

Treasury Drug Store in the falls Village Shopping Center on Falls of the Neuse Road was held up Monday evening by an armed man while several customers in the store went about their business. The robber pointed a small-caliber handgun at the cashier, demanded money and fled on foot.

REDISTRICTING PLANS

North Carolina's redistricting plan will have to be redone after the U.S. Justice Department threw out the plan last week. Federal officials said the General Assembly should work to draw a

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David Duke Grabs Headlines In D.C. Presidential Primary

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)—David Duke, denounced by state Republicans as a racist "slug," is expected to be lightning rod headline-grabber of Washington's first presidential primary.

The controversial former Ku Klux Klan chief and Nazi sympathizer, who recently lost a bid for governor in Louisiana, is challenging President Bush for the Republican nomination.

Washington was listed as one of Duke's target states in recent news dispatches, but campaign spokesman Marc Ellis said a final decision has not been made.

Even if Duke doesn't spend much time in the Evergreen State, it's quite probable he'll be on the ballot here, said Secretary of State Ralph Munro.

Munro, a moderate-to-liberal Republican who calls Duke's views and his appeal abhorrent, said the

primary law gives him no choice but to list any GOP or Democratic presidential candidate whose bid is "generally advocated... or recognized in the national news media."

Munro said even if he kept Duke off the list he'd draw up in February, the candidate could easily qualify for the May 19 primary. He needs only to submit 1,000 signatures of registered voters, and he got campaign contributions from at least 120 Washington residents this fall, he said.

Duke spokesman Ellis said the state may have a national reputation as a liberal-leaning state, but nonetheless Duke could make a good showing here.

"David can do real well up there if he chooses," Ellis said from headquarters in New Orleans last week.

"You have busing problems in Seattle. I've heard that Washington is one of the best places in this country

to live and Seattle the most livable city, but I still think David can do well up there.

"You all have your share of problems."

Republicans are trying to distance themselves as much as possible from Duke. Bush and the national party have read Duke out of the party and the state executive board recently condemned Duke as "a racist, bigot and an opportunist who does not speak for mainstream Republicans."

State Chairwoman Jennifer Dunn says, "Underneath that smooth facade is the same old David Duke, a man who is hateful, bigoted and dangerous."

"We're a party of the open door, but every once in a while, a slug comes through the door," says John Meyers, executive director of the state GOP.

"We strongly object to him run-

ning on the label of the Republicans. If he ran under the Bigot Party label, that would be one thing, but we are concerned that people may think the party is the charlatan and not the other way around.

"This guy steals Republican messages and bends and twists them to his own end."

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N. C. Voters More Likely To Pick Blacks, Women

North Carolina voters have moved closer to the rest of the nation in their views on women and African-American presidential candidates, according to a University of North Carolina survey.

Seventy-seven percent of the state residents polled say they would vote for a qualified woman or African-American presidential candidate.

Four percent would vote for a woman, but not an African-American, according to the survey. Six percent would vote for neither, and eight percent of the respondents were unsure about one or both scenarios.

"In other words, five of six North Carolinians said that they would vote for a qualified African-American for president and five of six said they would vote for a qualified

CHARLOTTE (AP)—While the General Assembly works to create more voting districts where minorities outnumber whites, there remain questions of whether numbers alone can put more blacks in office.

The U.S. Justice Department has approved plans for one congressional district in which blacks are in the majority and has asked legislators to consider creating a second where blacks and Lumbee Indians outnumber whites. The department also is proposing more minority-dominated districts in state House and Senate plans.

But some lawmakers fear that the minority vote might be splintered among several candidates in such districts, resulting in the election of a white candidate.

"I think that's very likely... It could throw a curve," Rep. Toby Fitch, D-Wilson, who co-chairs the House Redistricting Committee, told the Charlotte Observer.

If that happens, some black and white politicians fear the elections will cause racial divisiveness.

"It's just a real mess," said Tom Brandon, mayor of Williamston in Martin County. Brandon, a white Democrat, is considering running for Congress in the newly drawn First District, where nearly 56 percent of residents and more than 51 percent of registered voters are black.

Under the 1965 Voting Rights Act and federal court rulings, North Carolina must draw majority-black districts to protect minority voting strength. Although 22 percent of North Carolina's population is black voters haven't elected a black candidate to Congress in this century.

At first, lawmakers believed the new First District would create the right climate for a black's election.

The First District's white incumbent, U.S. Rep. Walter Jones, Sr., D-N.C., is retiring from Congress after 26 years. And at least four prominent black candidates are considered likely to run: state Rep. Mickey Michaux, D-Durham; Rep. Thomas Hardaway, D-Halifax; Warren County Commissioner Eva Clayton; and Willie Riddick, a member of Jones' congressional staff.

But a white candidate could win

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Official Says There Was JFK Conspiracy

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The recent release of the controversial movie *JFK* has not only rekindled interest in the 1963 assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, but a national debate about who was really responsible for what has been called "the crime of the century."

Officially, the Warren Commission, a presidential body appointed to investigate the assassination, concluded in 1964 that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone gunman who fired three shots that fatally killed Kennedy during a motorcade in Dallas, Texas.

But many critics of that finding argue that the commission ignored testimony from key witnesses who claim even to this day that shots were fired from more than one location.

One of those critics is a prominent African-American law enforcement official here in North Carolina who served on a congressional committee that re-investigated the murders of

both John Kennedy and civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His name is William Webb.

Webb, who is currently an assistant secretary with the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, served as a senior staff counsel with the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations from 1976 to 1979. Webb led a team of attorneys, investigators and researchers that looked into every facet of both the King and Kennedy murders. In an exclusive interview with *The CAROLINIAN* recently, Webb revealed how the committee determined that Oswald, if he did, could not have killed Kennedy alone.

"The committee concluded that there was a 95 percent probability that JFK died as a result of a conspiracy, conspirators unknown," said Webb. "The finding was based in large part on physical evidence, namely a dictabelt recording that was made by the Dallas police department. It was recorded through an open microphone on a

policeman's motorcycle that was part of the motorcade. On that you can hear four shots [the Warren Commission concluded that there were only three shots fired]."

Webb indicated that acoustics experts hired by the committee confirmed that there were four shots after listening to the dictabelt, then superimposing the sound to the famous 8mm film of the assassination taken by Abraham Zapruder, an eyewitness to the shooting. "The audio and video matched up so that when you heard a shot you'd see a reaction," claimed Webb, who concluded that this evidence proved that it would have been impossible for Oswald to fire four shots with an old Italian rifle in 5.6 seconds.

"When experts tried to duplicate what Oswald had [allegedly] done, fire a very old rifle very quickly with a high degree of accuracy, most of them were unable to duplicate the feat," Webb told *The CAROLINIAN*. "FBI experts, [armed] services experts who were skilled in handling rifles... they were hard pressed to get

off three shots in many cases [within six seconds with the same type of rifle], let alone three shots with any degree of accuracy."

While the four shots discovered may prove that more than one person actually fired at the president, thus proving a conspiracy, Webb said the evidence does not conclusively show who were the conspirators.

In the movie *JFK*, Kennedy was killed by a conspiracy of the CIA, the FBI and the military, primarily because he planned to withdraw troops from Vietnam, thus crossing the interests of several powerful figures. But Webb disagrees with that notion, saying that despite rumors to the contrary, close Kennedy aides (including then-Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara) confirm that the president was not going to pull out of the war.

A team also investigated specific allegations that the Central Intelligence Agency had Kennedy mur-

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Drug Action's Going Places Sets Jan. 5th Banquet Here

"Love, Hope, Will and Faith—The Intangibles of Prevention." This will be the theme of a special banquet for some special kids. When the Sheraton hotel chain offered its facilities at cost, the staff of Drug Action's Going Places program decided to honor the children from the program who had graduated, progressed, and stayed involved in prevention activities.

The banquet will be held Jan. 5 at

the Sheraton RTP and will feature leaders from the community addressing the theme of drug prevention. The panel of speakers will include Raleigh City Council member and Mayor Pro Tem Ralph Campbell; Margaret Rose Murray, moderator of WLLC's "Faces and Places" radio show; Rev. Theodore McAllister, pastor of

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