

Reach Of Parks Exceeds Grasp

The Mooresville Recreation Department's reach toward park improvements at Liberty Park and Willow Valley Park exceeds its financial grasp.

The town has received a \$52,218 federal grant to expand usable areas of both parks and to equip them for various activities.

Last week, the Town Board opened bids on the equipment and the work.

Low bids on planned improvements totaled no less than \$155,322.

The board rejected all bids and directed Town Manager Tate Mills and Charles Davis, the town's planning consultant, to do what they could toward bringing work and available money in line.

Three companies submitted bids on the equipment for the two parks. The low bidder offered \$153,163 for Willow Valley and \$2,458 to provide equipment at Liberty.

Smith Faces Two Counts Of Larceny

Melbert Smith, 17-year-old resident of Mooresville, route 4, has been arrested by the Iredell Sheriff's Department on two charges—larceny from an employee and simple larceny.

Victim of the larcenies is Charles Mack and Sons, local wholesale house.

Smith, an investigation revealed, reported that \$204.73 and a pair of hand trucks were taken from the company's truck he was operating while he left the truck unattended for a few minutes.

He told company officials and investigating officers the money and hand trucks were stolen while he was calling the company, reporting that the truck was "running hot."

However, following further questioning, by Deputy Sheriff Cecil Cook, the teenager admitted taking the money and hand trucks. He took officers to the hidden money, but as yet hasn't said what disposal he made of the hand trucks, the deputy said.

The larceny from an employee charge resulted from this incident, and the simple

Mills said he will take a "long, hard look" at construction proposals for both parks and determine how best to apply the money available.

"We certainly don't want to lose the money we've been assigned," he said, "so we're going to approach this thing with the idea of figuring how far it will go, and where to use it to our best advantage."

The bids opened last week were the second round of bids on the major work at the 12-acre Willow Valley Park and Liberty Park, which contains seven acres. The projects were rebid because of lack of interest among contractors.

Rural Home Financing Most Vital

"The availability of financing for homes in the country is most important for continuing development of our rural areas throughout North Carolina," according to Samuel L. Mackie, president of the Federal Land Bank Association of Statesville.

The Federal Land Bank Association of Statesville has been making agricultural loans for more than 50 years including farm homes and recently expanded services to include non-

Liberty Park includes the site of the War Memorial and its associated facilities, the pool and tennis courts, all of which may be reached from Maple Street. The park also includes picnic facilities now in use of Iredell Avenue, and a lighted baseball field, also reached off Iredell Avenue. Major developments in this park is planned in the open land between the ball field and Iredell

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Students Off From Classes September 21

It's almost holiday time for the students—but not the teachers.

City and county schools will be closed Friday, September 21, when teachers throughout District 5 of the North Carolina Association of Educators gather at A. L. Brown High School in Kannapolis for their fourth annual convention.

The district is composed of county and city school systems in Rowan, Cabarrus, Davidson, and Iredell. It is headed by Mrs. Joanna Parlier of Mooresville. Milton Taylor of Kannapolis is vice president. General sessions will begin at 9 a.m. and speakers will include Sam Maury of the National Education Association, Dr. A. C. Dawson and E. B. Palmer of the North Carolina Association of Educators, Dean West-firm of Greenville, and Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Betty Davis.

Sessions will include lectures on legislation, unification, open schools, tenure, tax breaks, retirement, grievance procedures, bulletin board tips, discipline, statewide testing, human relations, political action, and the state employees' credit union.

Various groups will have luncheon meetings.

State School Superintendent Craig Phillips will speak at the superintendent's luncheon meeting at which Marcus Smith, assistant Salisbury superintendent, will be in charge.

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Queen Heather Here Nov. 20

The Mooresville Jaycee-sponsored Christmas parade through the downtown business district November 20 will be graced by the presence of Miss North Carolina, Heather Lee Walker of Hendersonville. The 19-year-old mountain-bred beauty heads the list of lovely girls who will participate in the annual extravaganza that is this area's traditional launching of the Christmas season.

Incumbent Commissioners, Mayor Unopposed In Races

The deadline for filing for municipal offices in Mooresville passed at noon last Friday, September 14, with no last-minute action.

No primary will be needed in Mooresville since only one candidate filed for each vacant office, according to Town Manager Tate Mills.

Candidates for office, scheduled to be elected November 6, are:

Joe V. Knox, seeking re-election as mayor.

Richard A. Nantz, seeking re-election as Ward I commissioner.

William Young, who is a candidate for re-election as commissioner in Ward III.

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Merchants Banquet October 16

The annual banquet meeting of the Mooresville Merchants Association is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16.

The 7 p.m. meeting will be held in the dining room of Mooresville's First Presbyterian Church.

Announcement as to the speaker will be made shortly, according to a spokesman for the association.

According to Mrs. Martha Kennerly, the association's executive secretary, some 300 persons, including owners of businesses, employees of the businesses and their husbands and wives, as the case might be, are expected to attend.

The meal, again this year, will be prepared and served by the members of the Women's Society of Christian Service of Contemporary United Methodist Church.

Traffic Count Vital In New Road Formula

A new rating sheet to establish secondary road priorities for paving has been issued by the N. C. Division of Highways and places more emphasis on traffic counts and value in county thoroughfare planning than did former rating formulas.

Cecil Budd, chairman of the new Secondary Roads Council, said that the new system will be used in setting up secondary pavings and improvement programs in the state's counties during this fiscal year. A new state law requires the Secondary Roads Council to consult with each board of county commissioners when a county's yearly program is formulated.

The new rating sheets give less impact to the number of houses on a road and more to how much the road is used, although such things as home, school, churches and industries still figure materially in setting priorities.

However, traffic counts on dead end roads are divided in half under the new system.

Mac Atwell Home From Hospital

Mac Ray Atwell, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Atwell of the Prospect community, returned home Saturday night, following a 17-day stay in the Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

During his stay in the hospital, Mac again underwent spinal surgery. It was his second such operation this year.

The youngster is getting along nicely. It was reported early this week.

He is scheduled to return to the hospital in January for a cast change, x-rays, and further treatment.

Burlington Names Mack To Board Of Directors

Edward J. Mack of Greensboro, a senior vice president of Burlington Industries, has been elected to the company's board of directors.

His election and that of two other Burlington executives, Frank S. Greenberg and Raymond A. Kassar, both of New York, were announced by Chairman Charles F. Myers and President Horace C. Jones, following a meeting of

Elree Wilson Residence Burglarized

The Elree Wilson home on U. S. Highway 21, just south of town, was broken into last Friday morning and cash and merchandise were stolen.

According to the Iredell Sheriff's Department, entry to the home was made through a window at the rear of the home after the screen to a window over the kitchen sink was torn away.

The crime, according to the investigation, occurred between 8:00 and 11:30 a.m.

Reported taken were: an RCA color television, a 12 gauge shotgun, a 16 gauge shotgun, and approximately \$15 in cash.

No arrests had been made in the case as of mid-morning Wednesday.

Yours truly, Uncle Dan



EDWARD J. MACK
Mooresville Native

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Town's Oldest Structure To Be Mobile Home

But only for 30 yards or so. The Bob Cook homeplace at 951 North Main Street is more than 200 years old. It rests in an arbor of ancient cedars 200 yards from bustling Main Street, behind the present home of two of Cook's daughters. The unpainted weatherboards cover logs, and the structure rests on massive beams fitted to giant stone pillars. The solitude of the abandoned home was disturbed this week by housemovers whose bulldozing and digging prepared for moving day. Nalley Commercial Properties of Easley, S. C. has optioned a 12-acre tract

Iredell's Drug Abuse Campaign Fizzles; Committee Is Dormant

After little more than two weeks in Iredell County, the National Drug Abuse Council quietly folded its tents and left August 16.

The Iredell County Drug Abuse Committee, which was created July 31 on the advice of council representatives, is dormant.

A campaign against drug abuse, billed in early August as a county-wide, two-month, \$50,000 attack on all fronts, has in a work, fizzled. The battle amounted to no more than a skirmish.

Iredell Sheriff LeRoy Reavis, who was instrumental in forming the county committee and is its chairman, says the council's aborted drug-fighting program served a useful purpose.

"The National Drug Abuse Council people simply got off on the wrong foot in our county," Reavis said this week, "and, frankly, we weren't at all satisfied with their approaches. However, Iredell got its money's worth out of the council."

The council planned a campaign in which \$50,000 would be contributed to finance the work of the county committee. Of this amount, \$30,000 would be spent during the two-month educational effort and the remainder would be used in continuing efforts against illicit drug use.

The council suggested a drug information kit be distributed to Iredell families, and that a \$5 donation be requested to offset the new rating sheets give less impact to the number of houses on a road and more to how much the road is used, although such things as home, school, churches and industries still figure materially in setting priorities.

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Uncle Dan From Doolie Says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I see by the papers where these "Who's Who" outfits all over the country is catching down the country on account they invite anybody and everybody to get wrote up in their books and to buy their books. The Government agencies that are calling to "alert the public" are trying these folks the "vanity press."

Mister Editor, the wonder to me is that it's any of the Government's business. This country runs on vanity, cause that's the stuff that sells everything we use from cars to cigarettes, from clothes to colleges, from toothpaste to automatic garage door openers. The desire to buy is built on making a show with other folks, and the products are made to fill the desire.

Actual, all the "vanity press" is doing is telling folks they have "been selected" to be included in such and such a publication. Course, everybody that has a Social Security number or a credit card is important enough to be selected, and for sure they will want the \$25 book that tells all about their reasons for being famous and successful. This is the oldest selling pitch in the book, and no more brazen than most.

The fella at the country store Saturday night took up this matter, and it was agreed they made a pore impression on the "Who's Who" press. Zeke Grubb said his preacher gets selected regular to appear in different books 'bout distinguished people, but the preacher says he just ignores em. Zeke's preacher said the

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