

Randall Vs. Troutman Is Only Contest In Tuesday's School, Town Balloting

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"Although I Disagree With Everything You Say I Will Defend Unto Death Your Right To Say It"

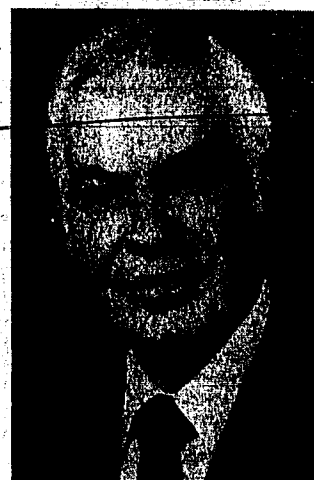
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Ward II Candidate



CHARLES TROUTMAN
At-Large Candidate



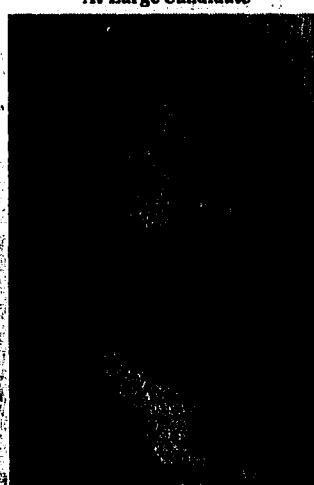
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Seeks Re-Election As Mayor



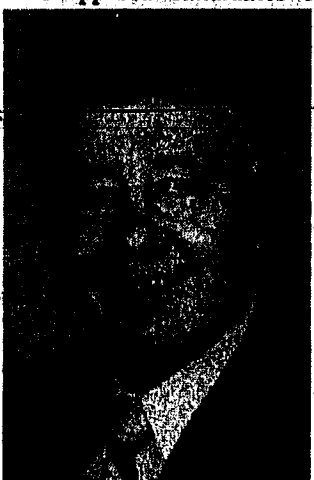
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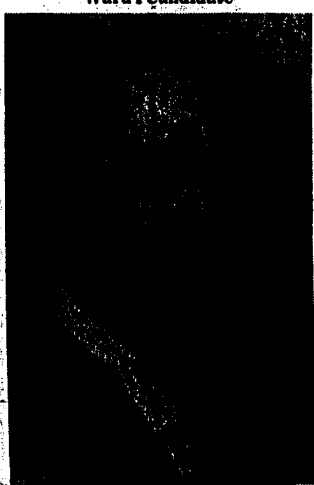
MILDRED MILLER
School Board Candidate



GARY ROACH
School Board Candidate



GRADY SHOE
Ward I Candidate



LAVETTE TEETER
School Board Candidate

Mooreville's town and school board elections will be held Nov. 3.

Only one municipal office is contested in the biennial balloting. All incumbent school board members are unopposed.

Town Government

Mayor Joe Knox is seeking his 10th two-year term. He is unopposed.

The only competitive commissioner race is for the at-large seat. Robert Randall, Ward II commissioner for 16 years, is offering to fill this seat. He is being challenged by Charles Troutman, a retired Mooreville businessman and a newcomer to the political arena.

David Tompkins is unopposed for the Ward II seat being vacated by Randall.

Grady Shoe, a 14-year Ward I commissioner, is unopposed in his re-election bid.

School Board

Unopposed candidates for the Mooreville Board of Education are incumbents Mildred Miller, Gary Roach and Lavette Teeter.

Voting Places, Times

Polling places in the municipal election are Ward I, Senior High School; Ward II, National Guard Armory; Ward III, Park View Elementary School; and Ward IV, multi-purpose building at the municipal golf course.

School district polling places are the same as the town's, with the respective wards extending into the surrounding rural areas that are a part of the school district.

Residents of Barringer Township who are in the Mooreville School District, will vote at Park View. Local school district residents in Davidson Township will vote at the armory.

All polls will be open Tuesday

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DOT Explains Plan To Widen Plaza Drive

The N. C. Department of Transportation will hold a Nov. 5 public meeting on a proposal to widen Plaza Drive (N.C. 150).

The hearing will begin at 3 p.m. in the municipal building at 413 North Main St. and probably will continue until 6:30 p.m.

A DOT spokesman said this week the meeting is designed to give interested persons "opportunities to ask questions, make comments or submit material about the proposed project."

The proposals call for widening 1.3 miles of N.C. 150 between N.C. 116 and West McLelland Avenue. The existing two-lane roadway will be widened to a five-lane facility.

The project is included in the department's basic planning document, the Transportation Improvement Program. Current plans call for construction to begin in fiscal 1990 with an estimated total project cost of \$1,750,000.

The public is invited to attend the Nov. 5 meeting and discuss the

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Uncle Dan From Doolie Says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Of all the problems in the world, Zeke Grubb knows raisins have a low rank. In fact, he told the fellers at the country store Saturday night, he was of a mind that, general speaking, folks hardly think of raisins at all. But he said he has given some thought to dried grapes, and he has decided they can have as much to say about us as all the long, short and medium missiles we and the Russians are arguing about.

Zeke had saw where one company is suing another over how many raisins are in their cereal. Both companies claim they got more scoops of sweeter, plumper raisins in their products. And both say the other's advertising is misleading the public.

First off, Zeke said, it is interesting to recall that not long back the Federal Food and Drug Administration got after one of these cereal makers for suggesting that one of its brands could prevent cancer, and a division of the other one confessed to the FDA that it had been coloring and sweetening water and selling it as juice for babies, knowing that mamas don't ever taste the stuff anyway. So the lawsuit ain't near so much about misleading the public as it is about getting an upperhand in the market, and that's exactly what the arms control talk is about, was Zeke's words.

Another thing about the raisin ruckus, he went on, is that it shows another rule in business and politics has gone by the board. Use to, he said, you didn't build yourself up by tearing the other feller down. You talked about how much better your goods and positions were, but you never called the competition by name. Only recent, he said, has one television network started calling

the others by name.

Then, Zeke went on, you got to wonder how the raisin case unfolds in court. Lawyers will have to ask folks called up for jury duty what they eat when they were growing up. The Post people won't want the Kellogg people and vice versa. The corn flake crowd will be less able to reach a fair impartial decision than the raisin bran bunch, and, fer sure, them that eat sweet rolls or oatmeal or regular breakfast won't be able to take the hole thing serious when the defense and the prosecution calls in exhibits A and B and starts counting and measuring raisins.

The fellers mulled over Zeke's ideas, and it was Clem Webster that allowed to his way of thinking it's a heap better fer a company or a person to stand up and call the other a crook than to start rumors that do a heap more damage. Clem said he was thinking especial of the one going around about urine in Corona beer. The best angle now is that this was started by a Las Vegas distributor fer another brand that didn't like Corona in his market. We git rumors of worms in fast-food hamburgers and signs of the devil on soap and the real trouble is that the companies being slandered only add fuel to the fire by denying the rumors.

Personal, I'm with Clem on product libel. As fer cereals I've never understood why none of em are fit to eat until the companies add all the vitamins, minerals, iron and other nutrition. If you take out what's added, all you got left that's good fer you is the milk you pore over the stuff.

But I think cereal advertising helps our diet. When I see where a bowl of somepun gives me as much pep as bacon and eggs I git hungry fer the real thing.

Yours truly,
Uncle Dan

Miserable Weather Doesn't Dampen Motel Groundbreaking Enthusiasm

It was the best of times in the worst of conditions.

Tuesday afternoon, representatives of Lake Norman Land Associates were joined by many business and government leaders to celebrate the ceremonial groundbreaking for Master Host Inn. The much-anticipated festivities at the Interstate 77/N.C. 150 intersection were held despite miserable conditions that included steady, cold rain and slick, inch-deep mud.

"No matter how it looks, this is not a bad day, it's a great day," Dr. Sam Houston, president of the Mooreville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce, told the umbrella-toting crowd on hand to witness the groundbreaking activities. "This is a great day for the developers of this project and a great day for Mooreville-South Iredell."

The Master Host Inn will be the centerpiece for Norman Station, a commercial-residential complex to be built on the 92-acre site in the southeast quadrant of Mooreville's white-hot-with-growth intersection. Lake Norman Land Associates, a four-man partnership, is the developer of the project.

Pete Meletis, a veteran motel developer, is one of the associates and will be the operator of the Master Host Inn. The other associates are Jimmy McKnight and James Jennings of Mooreville and Tom Gallos of Winston-Salem. All four partners, along with government dignitaries and local chamber leaders huddled under a tent to escape the full force of the rain during the ceremonies.

Meletis spoke for the partners at the groundbreaking and said he is

looking forward to getting the operation started in Mooreville.

"This is the 19th time I've been involved in the construction of a motel, but I'm really excited about this one," Meletis, who has been in the motel development business since 1960, said. "This one is getting really special attention and we're

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Knox Ready For Challenges During 10th Term As Mayor

Tuesday, voters in Mooreville will continue a generation-old tradition: they will elect Joe Knox as mayor.

Knox, who is unopposed in this year's election, will be voted in for his tenth two-year term as the town's leading government official. Prior to becoming mayor, Knox served as a town board member for 10 years.

A native of the North Mecklenburg community, Knox moved to Mooreville in 1943. Almost from day one, he has been actively involved in town-related functions. And the desire to be stay active has not faded over the years.

"It becomes a part of you," Knox said of his duties as the mayor. "You become involved in all aspects of the town's operation and it becomes too important just to walk away."

Two years ago, Knox faced his strongest challenge ever from Larry Rhye. Knox defeated Rhye by a narrow margin, but the closeness of the race generated talk that the current term might be Knox's last.

"My wife didn't want me to run again," Knox said, "but I decided that this year wouldn't be a good time to leave."

"We've got a lot going on in Mooreville-South Iredell, more than in the history of the town," Knox said. "I've been involved in the growth up to this point and it would be hard for a new person to come in and pick up at this stage."

Knox said the contacts he has obtained and the relationships he has built over the years are big advantages for Mooreville in a variety of ways.

"I don't want it to sound like I'm tooting my own horn," Knox said, "but over the years, I have developed good working relationships with county and state officials. I've been Mooreville's ambassador and we have been pretty successful getting the things we need."

Knox mentioned housing grants received during the last two years

and funds for water and sewer expansion as evidence of Mooreville's good standing with state officials.

The town was awarded a \$370,000 Small Cities Block Grant last year for housing rehabilitation on West McLelland Avenue and received another \$355,000 this year for housing work in the Ash Alley, Ash Street and School Street neighborhood. Mooreville has also been successful in obtaining grants for utility expansions to the South Iredell Industrial Park and the Interstate 77/N.C. 150 intersection.

But even with those things ac-

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Addition To Condos On Academy

Work is underway on the second of a three-phase condominium complex — The Academy Place — on the southwest corner of South Academy Street and West McLelland Avenue.

The second phase includes two single-family units in one two-story building, according to Mercedes Burum of Canvasback Road, Mallard Head, developer of the complex.

The price of each of the under-construction condominiums is \$73,600, and one is already sold, Burum said.

Each of the two units will have a combination living room-dining, kitchen, service room, two bedrooms and two baths. Each will have an outside enclosed storage area and a single-car garage.

The developer said the units will be ready for occupancy by December.

The first phase of the project — one condominium and three townhouses in one building — was completed last year, and all are

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Davis Joins Staff Of Chamber

Nancy Davis has been employed by the Mooreville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce as assistant director. She begins work Nov. 2, succeeding Erskine Smith, who recently became Mooreville's zoning director.

Homer Faulk is executive director of the chamber. In announcing the staff addition this week, he said Davis "comes with excellent qualifications and she brings with her a good deal of new energy we are anxious to apply to new and existing projects."

Davis lives in Troutman with her husband, Tip Nicholson, and their daughters, two-year-old Peggy and Brittain, four.

Davis has lived in Troutman since 1979, and she worked in this area as a reporter for the Statesville Record and Landmark. In 1984, she joined the Statesville Chamber of Commerce as director of membership/communications.

She did public relations work with chamber members and volunteers. Her position there afforded Davis the opportunity to attend what Faulk called the "top-notch educational tool" for chamber people, the Institute of Organizational Management for Chamber Executives.

This seminar is offered one week per year and six years are required to receive a diploma. Chamber employees are taught to work with volunteers and handle budget and management details.

Davis attended the institute at the University of Georgia at Athens

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Chamber To Host Halloween Haunts

The magical, mysterious fun of Halloween will be alive in Mooreville Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Mooreville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a series of activities in honor of the Halloween season and designed to bring out the ghostly best in every merchant and child in the Mooreville area.

The main attraction for the chamber's Halloween celebration will be "The Magic Pumpkin." The unique, talking pumpkin will be on display at local businesses throughout the weekend. In addition, Helga, the "Witch" will be accompanying the pumpkin giving free treats to all children 12 years old and younger.

Also, to cap off the Halloween celebration, the chamber will sponsor two costume contests to encourage participation by children and adults.

The fun starts Thursday evening in front of the Big Lots store on Plaza Drive. Helga and the magic pumpkin will be at the store from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, the Halloween characters will be in front of Belk department store on Main Street from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and in front of Roses on Plaza Drive from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, before the evening's trick-or-treating festivities begin, Helga and the pumpkin will be stationed in front of Knox Realty on Main Street from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The first of the chamber two

costume contests begins Friday. All day long, chamber judges will be visiting area merchants to see which local business employees have the

best Halloween costumes. Ron Johnson, vice president of the chamber's merchants division, said

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Every LNMC Day Is A Record For Randall

Robert Randall of Mooreville again is chairman of the Lake Norman Marine Commission. He was elected to a one-year term as head of the four-county regulatory body Monday night during its monthly meeting in the municipal courtroom here.

Randall, who succeeded Mark Kale of Catawba County, has been

Iredell County's delegate 14 years, five of those as chairman. He has served longer and he has been chairman longer than any person in the history of the commission.

The marine commission assists lake-bordering counties with planning and zoning matters, with emphasis on those dealing with on-water structures. Its lake patrol concentrates on protection of property and water safety.

It is made up of appointed delegates from Iredell, Catawba, Lincoln and Mecklenburg, and these counties provide equal shares of its annual operating budget.

Paul Houghton of Troutman joined LNMC in his first five-year term during the meeting this week. Kale's term expired.

A major item during the meeting was continuing discussion of Kale's suggestion last Monday that LNMC consider handing lake patrol responsibilities over to the separate counties and retain only navigation, safety and land-use responsibilities.

The proposal was made in response to Catawba County's consideration of funding its own lake patrol and reducing its appropriation to LNMC. Catawba's government has not acted on this concept. Iredell, however, has marked and equipped a boat it plans

Blackburn To Lincoln Bank Local Board

Richard P. Blackburn has been selected to serve on the Mooreville/South Iredell administrative board of Lincoln Bank of North Carolina.

Announcement of Blackburn's selection was made today by Stephen Robinson of Mooreville, senior vice president and regional executive of the Lincoln-based bank.

Blackburn, 47, executive director of Lake Norman Regional Center in Mooreville, brings to eight the board's membership. Others are Allen Brawley, Bob Amon, Pryor Miller, Clacie Berryhill, Floyd Greene, David Ervin and Mike Heinen.

A native of Fayetteville, Blackburn earned a masters degree in hospital administration at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Ga. He came to the local hospital in 1986 from Phoenix, Ariz., where he was executive director of 318-bed

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Inside This Week

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—A group of concerned Senior High students form local chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving, section three, page 1.

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RICHARD BLACKBURN



Helga Brewing Up Plans For Local Appearances