



NCNB Employees Combine Fun With Their Fund-Raising

Digging Search Slated For Gabriel's Remains

Digging for the remains of Mrs. Dianne Thomas Gabriel could begin at a Mecklenburg County site within two months, according to Joe Momier of Hickory, State Bureau of Investigation district supervisor.

Gabriel, a Mooresville resident and real estate agent, disappeared July 18, 1983. She was 38. Her body has not been found.

However, another Mooresville resident, Johnny Joseph Head, was convicted of second-degree murder in the case. He is serving 50 years in prison.

Officials long have suspected that Gabriel was buried at the Mecklenburg County building materials waste dump where Head

was working as a backhoe operator at the time of Gabriel's disappearance. They have been trying to pinpoint the most likely burial site while they wait for Head's appeals to run out, Momier said this morning.

Gabriel disappeared after leaving her Huntington Woods home here to meet a prospective client to appraise Lake Norman property. Directions to the Head home were found in Gabriel's home.

During Head's trial, prosecutors presented evidence that Head lured Gabriel to his Lake Norman home, bound her hands and feet with duct tape, strangled her and disposed of her body.

Gabriel's family has urged authorities to try to find her remains. Momier emphasized this week that more study is needed before digging can begin.

The SBI will work with the Iredell County Sheriff's Department in an effort to locate Gabriel's body.

The investigation of Gabriel's disappearance was conducted by county lawmen led by Detectives Cecil Cook and Guy Griffin Jr.

Well known in the Mooresville area, Gabriel worked at Steven's Furniture Company in Mooresville, Blackwelder Furniture Company in Statesville and NCNB National Bank in Mooresville before joining the sales staff of the realty firm.

Convenience Store Hit By Robber

A black male brandishing a revolver robbed Quick Fare II, a convenience store at 404 South Main St., Monday night.

Mooresville Police Chief Joe Pult released this information concerning the crime:

Around 9:30 p.m. an armed man came into the store and told the clerk on duty, Marie Saltzman of Salisbury, that he wanted the money in the cash register.

After Saltzman gave the bandit the money, he ordered her into the back of the store, and told her to remain there until she counted 10 or "I might still be here."

Saltzman notified the Mooresville Police Department of the robbery, and a search for the robber was immediately launched, according to Pult.

The unmasked robber was described as being approximately six feet tall. He was wearing blue jeans and a dark blue T-shirt.

Lawmen have not disclosed the amount of money taken. Pult said this morning that "we don't at this time have a suspect."

Work Begins On Relocated Carolina Tire

Carolina Tire Co. of 457 North Main St. will get a new address this fall. It will move into a larger home on Plaza Drive, next door to the Run-In convenience store.

Jim Smith, property manager for Brad Ragan Inc., which owns Carolina Tire, announced start of construction this week.

General contractor is Hatcher Construction Co. of Rockingham and project manager is Paul G. Wilson & Associates of Salisbury.

The frame and roof of the structure will be metal, Smith said, and exterior walls will be masonry. He expects the building to be ready for use by early November.

Carolina Tire's present property will be offered for sale after the new facility is occupied.

The new store will contain some 3,500 square feet of floor space, twice its present size, and its auto-service area will have eight bays, twice its present number. The business will continue offering home appliances.

Mark Lowrance is manager of Mooresville's Carolina Tire.

Brad Ragan also announced this week that the corporation realized its highest earnings in 10 years for the second quarter ended June 30. Net income for the period increased 11 percent to \$1,312,000, or 55 cents per share, compared with net income of \$1,069,000 or 49 cents per share for the comparable quarter last year.

The retail division's growth continued during the quarter. The company opened 12 stores, including its first in Mississippi. Six stores

Maintenance Shutdown Set For Station

The compactor at the Iredell County Waste Transfer Station here will shut down for major maintenance Sept. 19 and be out of service the rest of the month.

The gate to the facility on N.C. 150 at U.S. 21 will remain open, however, and a trailer used to haul compressed refuse to the sanitary landfill will be on the grounds to accept bagged household garbage only.

Ronald Weatherman is the county's sanitary landfill supervisor. In announcing the scheduled maintenance, he emphasized that only bagged household garbage can be accepted during the shutdown.

"We'll assist people with their bags," he explained. "We'll have to load the enclosed trailer front to back, and we won't be able to handle anything that's not bagged and fastened securely. We certainly hope the public will cooperate with us during this period."

Weatherman said Mooresville's sanitation department and area industries that ordinarily use the station will have to haul refuse to the landfill near Statesville during overhaul of the 11-year-old facility.

Weatherman said the work will include a new metal hopper and reworked cylinders for the hydraulic system that compacts waste. He said he hopes to have the system back in service by Sept. 28.

Call Issued For Chorus Members

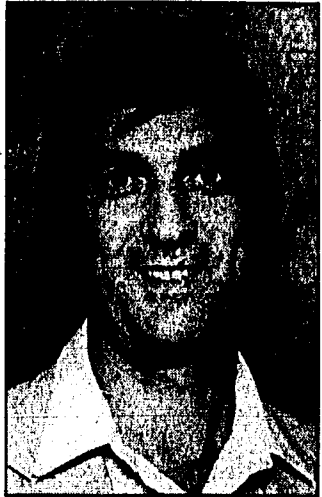
The Mooresville Area Community Chorus will begin fall rehearsals on Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. in the chorus room at Mooresville Junior High School.

Chorus director is Kermit Burns and Mrs. Connie Burns is the chorus' accompanist.

Annual dues are \$8. The Mooresville Area Community Chorus is a non-profit organization of music and art lovers who desire to provide the people of the area with offerings of good music.

Funding is made available partially through the Iredell Arts Council and the North Carolina Grass Roots Arts Program.

All who are interested in singing are invited to join the chorus.



DR. EDWARD WASHINGTON

Washington At LNRMC Full-Time

Dr. Edward M. Washington, whose specialty is anesthesiology, has joined full-time the medical staff of the Lake Norman Regional Medical Center in Mooresville.

Washington comes to Mooresville from Charlotte where he was in private practice two years. He worked at Charlotte Memorial, Presbyterian and Mercy hospitals in Charlotte, a Charlotte ear, nose and throat clinic and at the hospital here.

Earlier, he practiced at Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital, where he was director of the Pain Clinic from 1981 to 1985.

In announcing his addition to the staff, a spokesman for the local hospital said expanded services, including obstetrics/gynecology, required full-time anesthesiology services.

Washington's main interests are anesthesiology for surgery and obstetrics, and recovery work with pain patients.

He is a graduate of New York Medical College in New York City. He completed his internship at Mercy Hospital in San Diego, Calif., his residency at Stanford University

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Uncle Dan From Doolie Says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Clem Webster remarked Saturday night at the country store that he allus figgered ever newspaper gits tired of explaining that it don't make the news, it just reports it. Now comes word that the San Francisco Chronicle makes news. Clem told the fellers that the paper recent run a review of a show that never showed, and from what he saw from the Associated Press the reviewer fell back on a excuse that allus works for a feller Californian that use to do make believe baseball play-by-play on the radio.

The reporter says he can't remember how he could of seen some dancers dance when in fact they didn't dance. Since it was to late to give the reviewer a Breathalyzer test, the newspaper put him in the hospital. Could of been to dry him out, Clem said, or maybe they wanted to have a growth nipped off his nose.

The fellers felt sorry for the newspaper that Bug Hookum said was as much a victim as its readers. It's good for a paper to admit a mistake, like that Washington paper did some years back after a reporter won a prize for a story she made up about a child dope addict. Bug says he still believes a heap more of what he reads than of what he's told, but when a newspaper loses trust it loses everything. Furthermore, he went on, trust can be more than the paper can handle because it is put at by people that have to make judgments of news and other people.

Speaking of trust and making news, Bug recalled the story of the woman that called a big city paper and ask if there was going to be a eclipse of the sun. She was told there was, and that the paper had reported it. She ask if it would hurt her eyes to look direct at the eclipse. The paper

Traditional Tuesday Breakfast Begins United Way's Campaign For \$118,000

The Mooresville-South Iredell United Way will begin its quest for \$118,000 Sept. 15.

An 8 a.m. Dutch breakfast at the War Memorial will launch a drive toward the largest goal in the history of the local UW. Alan Mayhew, UW president, will preside, but the spotlight will be on Carl Nichols, who has the all-important job of campaign chairman.

All campaign division chairmen and other key UW leaders will attend. Government, civic, business and industrial leaders have been invited to attend, as have representatives of agencies that share UW appropriations.

A highlight of the kickoff meeting will be Nichols' report on pre-campaign Pacesetter campaigns conducted by employees of the town, Sterling Engineering, Lake Norman

Regional Medical Center and local offices of NCNB National Bank.

Division chairman will be introduced during the program that will follow the meal. They are Linda Burns, commercial; Maurice Smart, industrial; Jimmie Carpenter, professional; John Martin and Danny Heath, public employees; Roger Hyatt, public schools; Sue McConnell and Betty Rader, residential; and Dick Givens, rural.

The 1988 budget—the goal of this fall's appeal—is \$3,500 greater than the 1987 budget. The UW realized its goal of \$114,500 last fall.

Local agencies approved for UW funds:

Mooresville Christian Mission, Hospice of Iredell County, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, The Cup Of Water, Family Violence

Prevention Services, Jubilee House, Mooresville Rescue Squad, American Red Cross, Big

Brothers/Big Sisters of Iredell County, Iredell County Council On See UW Page 10

Pacesetters' Pace Exciting

Look to your left. Are those people having fun or what? Those who aren't laughing as hard as everybody else are, from left, Jim Murdock, Tommy Davis and Eric Clark, local NCNB moguls. Whooping at right is Cora Hager, who was auctioneer Sept. 2 when NCNB employees here bid for the privilege of smacking pies in faces of the victims. That's Virginia Childress completing the number she did on Davis after bidding highest.

The right-after-work frolic was

part of the bank's participation in the Mooresville United Way Pacesetter campaign. All proceeds from the auction went into employees' UW gift.

Campaign Chairman Carl Nichols said this week he is delighted with enthusiasm and response of NCNB and the other Pacesetters—town employees, and employees of the hospital and Sterling Manufacturing. All have completed their pre-campaign campaigns, or are wrapping them up this week.

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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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Board Clears Path For Apartment Complex Despite Opposition From Local Residents

In deciding the future for a planned multi-family development in Mooresville, the town board decided the needs of the many outweighed the wants of the few.

At Monday's monthly meeting, the local board approved a rezoning request to clear the way for a 40-unit apartment complex on the north side of N.C. 152 just east of the Mooresville town limits.

The board made the decision after hearing statements in opposition to the development from approximately 30 residents of the neighborhood where the apartment complex is planned.

Despite the opposition, which was also presented to the board in the form of a petition, the commissioners, stressing the development firm's reputation for quality and emphasizing the need for new housing in the Mooresville area, voted unanimously to approve the rezoning request from Keenar A. Neel, owner of the 11-acre site where the apartments will be built.

The development, to be constructed and managed by the Weaver Companies, will feature 16 one-bedroom apartments and 24 two-bedroom apartments. The units will be built on six acres of the 11-

acre tract.

The rezoning changed the site from R-20 and R-20A to R-8. The R-8 allows a maximum of eight units per acre and eliminates any need for a zoning change when, as expected, the apartment complex is annexed into the town. R-20 and R-20A are zoning designations for areas in the mile perimeter around the town. Both have development limits of four units per acre.

Ron Niland, a developer with Weaver, addressed the board at Monday's meeting and gave an outline of what Weaver is planning on the site. He said the design of the apartments had not yet been determined but that the apartments would rent for "market" rates.

"This is not a low-rent or government subsidized project," Niland said. "There are no subsidy guidelines for tenants and the rents will be somewhere between \$230 and \$400 a month."

Niland said Weaver, which operates Hillside and Sedgewick apartments in Mooresville, has a good reputation for quality and plans to live up to that reputation at the new development.

"We won't build unless we have a quality product," Niland said, "and we feel there is a need for this type of development in Mooresville. Actually, we could build more, but we are a rather conservative company."

When Niland finished, it was the residents' turn. They took turns stating their opposition to the

project, most stressing the neighborhood's quiet nature and voicing concern about the traffic problems additional development would bring.

"This is a quiet community, most of the people are senior citizens and

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Moose Sponsors Sept. 24 Circus

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, children of all ages. The circus is coming to town!

The Roberts Brothers Circus, three rings of action under the big top, will stop for two shows in Mooresville Sept. 24. The local circus performances are being sponsored by Mooresville Moose Lodge 2012.

The circus shows on the Moose Lodge grounds will be held at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Members of the local lodge are currently selling tickets to the shows. Advance tickets are \$3 for children and \$4.50 for adults. Children under three years old will be admitted free. On the day of the show, all ticket prices will be \$1 more.

All proceeds from the circus will be used to help fund Moose Lodge community projects. Recently the lodge donated funds to help a local couple with medical expenses and the lodge is a regular supporter of Mission Air.

Last week, Bob-O and Bobbino, a husband and wife clown team serving as the pre-show publicity agents for the circus, visited Mooresville and met with Moose Lodge sponsors. During their visit, the clowns, who in real life are Bob and Marji Langin, gave a preview of their show and urged local residents to support the Moose Lodge project.

"We go all over the place and it's amazing what these local organizations do for a community,"

Bob-O, dressed in full performing gear, said. "The members of the lodge are out there selling tickets now and we want to encourage people to get their tickets in advance. The Moose Lodge makes money on all the tickets, but the lodge gets a higher percentage from the advance ticket sales."

Rob Gaskins, director of civic affairs at the local lodge, and Larry Adams, the lodge prelate, echoed Bob-O's advice.

"We want the folks to know that all the money we make after expenses will be used for worthy causes in the community," Gaskins said.

"And the folks who get their

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Bobbino Awaits Bob-O's Balloon Burst With Adams, Left And Gaskins