

# Five-Lane Plaza Drive Topic Of Thursday's DOT Meeting

The consensus is clear: a five-lane Plaza Drive is an idea whose time came more than two decades ago, first with industrial and then with commercial development along the town's northern bypass — a 1.3-mile section of N.C. 150, the area's primary east-west corridor.

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting here Nov. 5 to explain plans to widen the two-lane, heavily-traveled bypass during fiscal 1990 at a cost of \$1.8 million. The meeting will be in the municipal courtroom from 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Efforts to widen Plaza Drive have been underway for years, Erskine Smith, municipal zoning administrator, noted this week. The Mooresville/South Iredell Chamber of Commerce has pushed the upgrading as part of a regional campaign promoting improvement of N.C. 150 between China Grove and South Carolina.

Smith said he anticipates no major complaints concerning the project, "although some plants and businesses may express concern over how much property frontage they will lose to the widening."

Multi-business shopping centers — Mooresville Plaza and Northwood Village — are on Plaza Drive, as are manufacturing plants Draymore-Superba, Carlsbrook and L.B. Plastics.

A third shopping center — The Marketplace — is under construction at the corner of the western end of the street. Wal-Mart, a variety store, will anchor this development that also will contain a Winn-Dixie food store and a number of smaller businesses.

These free-standing businesses line Plaza Drive: Burger King, Hardee's, McDonald's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Brothers Tire Co., Brothers Clean Car Care, Joe's Barbecue, The Run-In, Fast Phil's, Quick Fare, Cavin Funeral Home, Carolina Tire Company, Western Steer Steakhouse, Pizza Hut, Oakleaf Used Cars, Nationwide Insurance Company, CoachCraft, Mooresville ABC Store and Post City Car Wash.

A branch office of First Union National Bank is on the eastern end



Overlooking 1.3-Mile Plaza Dr. From N.C. 115

at N.C. 115, and Security Bank and Trust Company will build a branch on Plaza a block west.

C K Federal Savings Bank has announced plans to open an office on Plaza Drive at N.C. 115 in the vacant building that formerly housed a branch of First Union National Bank.

Several family homes also share Plaza Drive.

A DOT spokesman said this week tomorrow's meeting will give in-

terested persons "opportunities to ask questions, make comments or submit material about the proposed project."

The Plaza Drive pavement now is 26 feet wide. Rob Hanson, DOT project engineer, said five lanes will require pavement 64 feet wide, and curb and gutter will be included.

Hanson and another project engineer, Ron Elmore, will be among DOT personnel at the meeting.

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# Elections Here: No Surprises

Like early-morning fog, Mooresville's town and school board elections came and went on little cats' feet Tuesday.

Of 4,500 persons eligible to vote, only 666 cast ballots in the municipal election, while a mere 748 of 5,671 eligible to vote in the school board election went to the polls.

Reason: only one municipal office was contested, and all incumbent school board members were unopposed.

The only contest race was for the at-large Town Board seat where Robert Randall, Ward II commissioner for 16 years, easily dismissed a challenge from Charles Troutman, a newcomer to the political arena. The vote was 446 to 220.

By wards: I, Randall 185, Troutman 69; II, Randall 130, Troutman 29; III, Randall, 78, Troutman 89; IV, Randall 53, Troutman 33.

Mayor Joe V. Knox, given his 10th two-year term, received a total of 575 votes — 218 in Ward I, 150 in Ward II, 138 in Ward III, and 69 in Ward IV.

David Tompkins, who fills the

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# 81-Acre, 200-Home Lakeshore Neighborhood On Langtree Rd.

An 81-acre community of 200 Lake Norman homes is planned on Langtree Road.

John Crosland Co., Mecklenburg County's largest home builder, is making its entry into Iredell with an investment of \$5.5 million in land and site development, according to Dan Evans, president of the company's Charlotte Division.

Evans said John Crosland has optioned the land owned by Synco

Properties Inc., a Charlotte investment firm.

He said plans call for each lot to accommodate a single-family home. Lots varying from 6,200 square feet to 20,000 square feet will be served by central water and sewer systems, and homes will range in price from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

Evans said the subdivision will be restricted by architectural controls and protective covenants. Crosland

expects to begin building early next year, and to complete the project within three years.

The property is on the south side of Langtree Road near the Fair View United Methodist Church parsonage. Evans said 30 lots have lakefront.

Crosland, which has been building homes since 1937, has presented its

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# Traffic Deaths Of Beaver, Sines During Weekend Stuns Community

Two Mooresville teenagers were killed in unrelated one-car wrecks during the weekend, according to he N.C. Highway Patrol.

The patrol identified the victims as Carry Jayne Beaver, 18, of Unity Church Road, and Edwin Nolan Sines Jr., 16, of 1205 Coddle Creek Dr.

## The Sines Accident

Sines was killed at 1 a.m. Sunday when his 1977 Pontiac wrecked on N.C. 150, some five miles west of town.

Investigation by Trooper Sam Cogdill revealed Sines was driving west alone when his car ran off the left side of the road, struck a tree and overturned.

He died at the scene.

There was no sign of excessive speed, the officer reported.

Born in Mecklenburg County on Aug. 30, 1971, Sines was a son of Edwin Nolan Sines of Terrell and Mrs. Joanne Meacham Sines of 1205 Coddle Creek Dr., Mooresville.

A junior at Mooresville Senior High School, Sines was a part-time employee at the Harris-Tetter Super Market here.

Surviving in addition to the parents are a sister, Miss Amy Sines of Mooresville; a step-sister, Charlotte Parker of Terrell; and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G.T. Meacham of Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan L. Sines of Terrell.



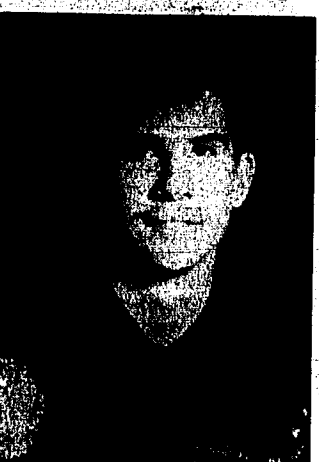
JAYNE BEAVER

A funeral for Sines was conducted at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Rehoboth United Methodist Church at Terrell, with the pastor, the Rev. Carl Johnson, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

## The Beaver Accident

Carry Jayne Beaver was killed early Saturday morning when her 1977 Honda wrecked on the Linwood Road, four miles southeast of Mooresville.

Investigation by Trooper W.T. Byrnes revealed Beaver, who also was alone, was traveling north when her car ran off the right side of the



EDWIN SINES JR.

road. She lost control of the vehicle that came back onto the road, slid sideways and hit a creek bridge abutment as it left the left side of the road.

After hitting the bridge, the car went airborne 60 feet before slamming into the creek bank. The vehicle then rolled into the foot-deep water.

Although the fatal accident occurred around 8:40 a.m., the wreckage was not discovered until 2:30 p.m. by a man riding a bicycle over the bridge.

The time of the accident was determined by the time of Beaver's departure from her grandmother's home, according to the investigating officer.

Beaver's body was found in the wreckage.

The car was traveling around 70 miles per hour at the time of the accident, the officer's report indicates.

A native of Iredell County, Beaver

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# Ceremony And Lunch Note Armistice

Thinning ranks of South Iredell veterans of the "war to end all wars" will be honored here again this year Nov. 11.

World War I veterans will be special guests at an Armistice Day program sponsored by the two American Legion Posts and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. The traditional memorial will include a service at Willow Valley cemetery and lunch at Gresham-Baker Legion Post 66 on North Main Street.

Other honor guests at the service and the meal will be the Gold Star Mothers, those whose sons died in wars.

The service at the cemetery will get underway at 11:11 a.m. 11/11, the time of the signing of the WWI armistice in 1918. The meal will begin at noon.

In addition to Post 66, service

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# Second Bank Of Iredell Office Here

The Bank Of Iredell, which has an office here at 255 North Main St., will open a branch just west of town.

Elbert Richardson of Mooresville is president and chief executive officer of the Statesville-based bank. He said this week The Bank Of Iredell is applying to the N.C. Commissioner of Banks for permission to open an office at One Rolling Hill Road, at the entrance to Lakeside Park on N.C. 150 at Interstate 77.

The bank's fifth branch will be housed in a 2,800-square-foot, two-story Colonial-style building containing four teller stations, two offices, four drive-in windows and parking for 32 vehicles.

In announcing plans for the office here, Richardson stated that the site was selected "because it is in the heart of an area that is exploding with commercial and industrial development."

The bank officer said the office will open early next year.

The Bank Of Iredell opened in Statesville in mid-1983. Its Mooresville office opened in leased quarters in April 1984 and moved into its new building at 255 North Main St. in October 1985.

Other branches are in Troutman

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# Burger King Order: 'Get The Money'

No arrest has been made in Monday's robbery at Burger King, a restaurant at the corner of West McLelland Avenue and Plaza Drive, according to Mooresville Police Captain Frank Owens.

Det. T.N. Stutts investigated the incident which occurred at 6:05 a.m.

This information about the crime has been released:

When Burger King's manager, Frank Vineyard, arrived to open the business for the day there was a black male waiting at the door.

The two spoke and Vineyard entered the business, followed by the black male, who told Vineyard "Take me to where the money is. I don't want anyone to get hurt."

Vineyard and the robber went to the office, where Vineyard gave the

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# McCaskill New County Farm Agent

Nelson McCaskill will join the Iredell County Agricultural Extension Service as the county's 4-H agent on Dec. 1.

This announcement was made this week by Ken Vaughn, director of the Iredell County Agricultural Extension Service.

McCaskill comes to Iredell as a successor to Phil Leftwich, who resigned as 4-H agent in August to accept a teaching position with Mitchell Community College in Statesville.

A 1978 graduate of Pinehurst High School, McCaskill received his bachelor of science degree in agronomy from North Carolina State University at Raleigh in 1982 and a masters degree in crop science from the same institution in 1985.

He comes to Iredell County from Stanley County where he has served

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NELSON McCASKILL

# Town, County Must Coordinate Policies For Utilities Usage

Mooresville's water and sewer life-lines to commercial development west of town are in place and ready for action, but some serious paperwork has to be completed before the lines can be put into service.

At Monday's regular monthly meeting, the Mooresville Town Board discussed the status of the new utility lines, which extend municipal utilities service to the N.C. 150/Interstate 77 intersection. The board's conclusion was that use and payment agreements have to be finalized with the county before new customers can be allowed to tap the lines.

The discussion at Monday's meeting began with a report from Bob Randall, one of three board members serving on a utilities committee appointed by Mayor Joe Knox.

Randall announced the tap and acreage fee schedule that will be used for the new utility lines. The fees will be based on the number of acres to be serviced. The water service fee will be \$225 per acre and sewer service will cost \$250 per acre.

Randall also reported that developers and business operators who participated in the funding of the utilities expansion project would be credited with full acreage fee payments.

Eight businesses and development firms chipped in to help pay for the \$1 million-plus project, which was financed to a great extent by a \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant.

The contributions will be credited to the acreage fees assigned to the developers and business operators. The contributors will pay the same

# AES's Myers Retiring At Year's End

Harry W. Myers Jr., an Iredell County Agricultural Extension Service agent more than 30 years, will retire Dec. 31.

His work in Iredell dealt particularly with poultry, tobacco and forestry.

A native of Ruffin in Rockingham County, Myers, 55, attended Ruffin High School and earned a bachelor of science degree at N.C. State University.

Immediately after college, Myers served two years in the Army before joining the staff of the Iredell County extension service in July 1957. He served 28 years in the Army Reserve.

Myers and his wife, Nancy, have two children. The family lives near Statesville.

# Uncle Dan From Doolie Says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Folks feel strong about land, but the fellers reminded themselves Saturday night at the country store that few of em feel the same way. About the only agreement to come out of their discussion of land was that the Good Lord ain't making no more of it.

Zeke Grubb got the item on the agenda by noting that railroads all over the country are cutting back on track and giving up rights to land under railroads they quit using. There's a lesson for us all, Zeke said, in what happens to abandoned roadbeds. This feller says the land goes back to air and assigns of whoever the Government give the railroad the right to take it from. The next feller feels just as strong that arguing over land ownership makes as much sense as fleas fussing about who owns the dog they live on.

Between private ownership and universal ownership, Zeke declared, is a range of views mighty hard to cover with policy, so we cook up zoning as the next best thing. Where Government has claims on land railroads give up, he said, it is turning rails into trails. The thinking must be to let people get out and do some walking and thinking. Maybe they will come to a new understanding on who owns this old world anyway, was Zeke's words.

Ed Doolittle, fer one, wasn't buying any. He stood foursquare fer private ownership. He said ever case of land being took over by Government is another case of Americans forfeiting rights they won more than 200 year ago. When private land becomes public land the public loses because upkeep goes up at public expense, was Ed's words. And this is true fer national forests,

national parks, national anything.

Practical speaking, Clem Webster allowed, it's gitting to the place where turning land over to the Government is the only way to keep from turning it into shopping centers and parking lots. Developers come by waving big bucks and sudden the city lights look brighter to us country folks, Clem said. We can only hope Americans git to us before foreigners, he went on, because he sees ever year where the deed to another big chunk of America is somewhere overseas.

The sad truth is, Clem declared, we ain't never set no records fer foresight. How long is it going to be, he ask, until we need all them railroads we're plowing up so we can git back to economic transportation. How long before this land we're turning into public "scenic easements" is going to be needed to grow food?

Right now, Clem said, the oil glut has made diesel cars such a drug on the American market till one foreign maker is giving \$4,000 bonuses to owners that will trade diesels in on new gasoline models. The company said diesels still are selling good in Europe, where fuel is three times what it is here. His guess is, Clem said, all them traded-in diesels made in Europe will head back home where they're appreciated, and we'll keep barreling along until the next oil crunch when we'll wish we had em back.

Personal, from what I could figger, the fellers were agreed that we Americans still are holding true to our character. We're allus learning all there is to know about fighting the last war, but our memory is the world's worst.

Yours truly,  
Uncle Dan

# 90 Exhibitors Will Display Gift Crafts During Festival

With some 90 exhibitors scheduled to be on hand, the 11th annual Working Fingers Festival will be staged at the War Memorial this weekend.

The annual crafts show and sale, which this year will include some 65 booths, is sponsored by the Mooresville Recreation Department.

The festival will be held Nov. 7 and 8. Open hours on Saturday will be

from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and the Sunday hours will be from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m., according to Wanda McKenzie, who is coordinating the two-day event.

Among the exhibits will be items of handmade woodworking, stained glass, needlework, jewelry, paintings, candles, hand puppets, silk arrangements as well as all types of dolls. In addition, there will be a table full of baked goods. All will be offered for sale.

Among of the exhibitors will be Walt and Linda McBride, Sherrill's Ford residents, who make replicas of historic homes and buildings, and Linda Waldron, a White Springs, Fla., native, who makes dolls, cats, bowls and bird houses from gourds and who will be making her first appearance at the show.

Judging from pre-festival interest in the traditional fall project, this year's festival will be the biggest and best ever, according to Mrs. McKenzie, director of women's activities for the Mooresville Recreation Department.

Early this week, Mr. McKenzie said the local recreation department is clearing the decks for the exhibitors and hundreds of visitors who are expected to converge on the

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# Pierce ASU Distinguished Alumnus

Richard Pierce, 65, of Mooresville was one of the three persons who received Appalachian State University's 1987 Distinguished Alumni Awards during the university's recently-held homecoming weekend.

Others honored were Tom Dougherty, of Boulder, Colo., a public relations consultant and Franklin Graham III, of Boone, head of Samaritan's Purse.

A native of Mooresville, Pierce, as a student at Appalachian in the 1940s, prepared for an award-winning journalism and public relations career. Four years on the staffs of the "Rhododendron" and "The Appalachian" laid the foundation for a stint with the Cottrell News Bureau in Washington, D.C., and 15 years at The Charlotte Observer, the first 14 as a sportswriter and editor and a year as business editor.

Twice named North Carolina's top sportswriter, Pierce also won a number of N.C. Press Association

awards for columns, spot news and features. He initiated the state's first outdoors sports page, was named the nation's top conservation writer and wrote numerous articles for national outdoor publications.

Pierce, over the years, served as an officer of the Southern Conference and Atlantic Coast Conference sportswriters associations and was president of the South Atlantic League Baseball Writers Association.

He co-hosted a weekly television program on outdoor sports for two years, and was a scriptwriter and host of a number of outdoor sports movies.

In 1964, Pierce joined Duke Power, serving for 20 years as manager of News Services, assistant vice president of public relations, vice president of corporate communications and assistant to the president and chairman of the board.

In 1987, he won Duke Power's most prestigious employee honor, the

Robinson Award, for outstanding community service. He also wrote the entry that resulted in Duke

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