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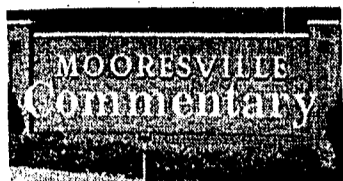
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Salutes Graduating
Classes Of 1991**

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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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Commencement. By Friday, Mooresville and South Iredell seniors will think they've heard all there is to hear about that word. They'll hear that their high school graduation is "not an ending, but a beginning" and that it is now time to "go out in the real world."

But before the Class of 1991 rushes out with eyes riveted on the future, they need to take a minute to look around and remember.

It's easy in the midst of all the pomp and circumstance to overlook the fact that Friday's ceremonies signify not just the end of this year, but the summit of a 12-year climb. It's also easy, with proud parents and grandparents pulling in every direction, to tell classmates you'll catch up with them later. But as of Friday, later doesn't mean the same.

After commencement, the ties that bind classmates are severed. It's the saddest fact about the happiest of days, but it's nevertheless true: Friday will be the last time some members of this year's senior class see each other.

After 12 years of building family-like relationships, the brothers and sisters in the Class of 1991 will go their own ways. Some, of course, will stay close. But others will slip away, some bound for glory, some for tragedy.

Take the time, seniors, to firmly grasp those memories one last time. Don't let hard feelings or grudges prevent you from shaking hands and sharing hugs with those who have been a daily part of your life for more than a decade.

It will not mean the end of a friendship, just the beginning of a new type of relationship. It's the kind of thing you only get one chance to do here, in the real world.

That loud thwack Monday night was the Mooresville Town Board slamming its cumulative palm against its forehead. You've seen the "Wow, I coulda had a V-8" commercials. Monday, the town board acted out a similar version with "we" and "curb and gutter" inserted in the appropriate places.

The commissioners admitted that curbs and gutters should never have been removed from subdivision requirements. To their credit, the board members are accepting the blame and are rushing to slam the barn door before any more horses escape. Unfortunately, some thoroughbreds have already been lost.

The requirements — along with street-width standards — were changed to help the town attract affordable housing for the growing number of people interested in living in Mooresville. The exemptions made subdivision construction less expensive and developers — some using rather biased interpretations of "affordable" — answered the call.

Now the houses are up and the muddy roadside ditches are full. In one new neighborhood where houses are, to put it mildly, a little pricey, the residents want the town to step in and solve their problem.

Requiring curbs and gutters in the development when it was built would have meant more up-front expense for the developers and, as a result, higher lot prices for the buyers. In other words, the developers would have had to spend more to make more and future residents would be getting what they paid for.

Now, if the town has to go in

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Farrington Charged In Bus Wreck

Sharon (Sissy) Farrington, 32, of Faith Road, Mooresville, has been charged with three counts of misdemeanor death by vehicle and one count of simple possession of marijuana.

Farrington was driving the Charlotte/Mecklenburg school bus that was involved in a May 17 wreck in which three Alexander Junior High School students were killed and 12 others were injured.

The accident occurred just south of Cornelius at the intersection of N.C. 115 and Bailey Road when the bus pulled from Bailey Road onto the highway into the path of a tractor-trailer.

Farrington was released from Charlotte Orthopaedic Hospital last week following treatment for fractures and other injuries.

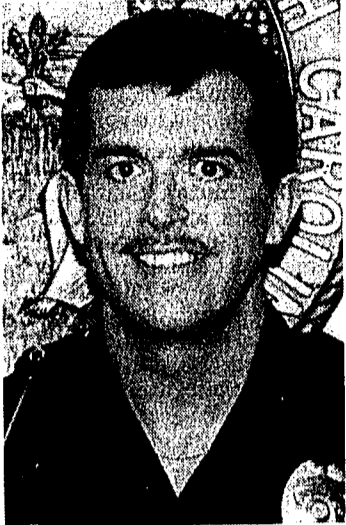
Police said a blood test taken the night of the crash turned up traces of marijuana in Mrs. Farrington's system. Dr. Donald Bruce of Compuchien Laboratories in Research Triangle Park said traces of marijuana can be detected in a person's system several weeks after the drug is used.

Assistant County Police Chief Cris Owens said that a small amount of marijuana was found in Farrington's pocketbook aboard the school bus.

A charge of simple possession of marijuana involves less than a half ounce of marijuana.

Farrington, an office worker and substitute bus driver in the

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BENNY COOK JR.

Cook Is DARE Officer

Officer Benny W. Cook Jr. has been named as the Mooresville Police Department's first DARE officer, charged with providing drug abuse prevention education for the Mooresville schools.

Cook, 31, who has served with the Mooresville Police Department for nine years, will teach DARE courses at Woods Elementary School beginning in September.

DARE, or Drug Abuse Resistance Education, teaches children to recognize and avoid the social pressures that can push them to abuse drugs.

The program was created by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Tax Rate Holds—For Now—In Town's Budget Proposal

Mooreville's tax rate will remain unchanged if: (a) the town board determines that Town Manager Rick McLean's lean budget proposal is acceptable and (b) the state does not reduce or otherwise alter the schedule of municipal reimbursements.

Those are two big ifs, but that is nevertheless the situation as town board members start the month-long process of reviewing the budget package McLean presented Monday night.

The \$8,469,911 budget proposal calls for the tax rate of 64 cents per \$100 valuation to remain unchanged and for all utility rates to stay the same. It also eliminates virtually all major purchases planned or sought during the next fiscal year, which begins — ready or not — July 1.

In the cover letter submitted with the 37-page outline of expected expenditures and revenues, McLean called his proposal a "hold-the-line" budget, citing the "current recession and uncertainty in the nation's economy."

The "hold-the-line" portion refers to the skimming off of requested expenditures for improvements, repairs and replacement equipment for various town departments.

The proposed budget does include a three percent cost-of-living salary increase for all town employees, but no money is budgeted for merit salary increases.

The proposal is based on an assessed tax valuation of

\$299,194,499. Due in most part to annexations that will become official on June 30, the amount is \$23,769,702 higher than last year's.

That tax base increase, roughly 8.63 percent, will enable the town to generate \$152,126 more with the same tax rate.

In the cover letter, McLean said the proposal does not call for a

large amount of capital reserve funds to be spent, but it also does not include the estimated \$150,000 it will cost to get a recycling program up and running.

Under the proposed budget, all departments will be operating on lean budgets, but the recreation department may be the best ex-

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Four Area UM Churches Expect Pastor Changes

Although there will be no official announcement until June 9, new pastors are expected to be assigned to several Mooresville area Methodist churches.

The appointments will be announced Sunday by Bishop Bevel Jones III of Charlotte as the final event of the 1991 session of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, which is in session at Lake Junaluska this week.

The Rev. Edwin Hedgpeth is scheduled to be returned to Broad Street United Methodist Church for his third year.

Scheduled to be returned to Central United Methodist Church for his third year is the Rev. Robert L. Moore.

The Rev. Cliff Stroupe, who is completing five years as pastor of Fair View United Methodist Church, is scheduled to be assigned as pastor of Prospect United Methodist Church in Union County near Monroe.

Scheduled to succeed Mr. Stroupe at Fair View is the Rev. H. Stephen Kiser, who currently is serving as pastor of the Littlejohn-Gamewell Charge in the Statesville District.

The Rev. Steve Martin, pastor of Triplett United Methodist Church in the Mazeppa com-

munity for five years, is scheduled to become pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Granite Falls.

Scheduled to come to Triplett is the Rev. Mike Holder, who has

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Interviews For Supt. Finalists

Now there are three.

The search for a superintendent to head the consolidated Iredell County-Statesville school system has been narrowed to three finalists.

Those finalists are Jesse Register, superintendent of the Cabarrus County schools since 1989; Ann Shortt, a division director in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools since 1990; and Sam Wooten, superintendent of the Chester County, S.C., schools since 1988.

The finalists were announced Tuesday by Edie Holland, member of the Statesville Board of Educa-

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Peace Recovering From Monday Lightning Strike

Richard Raymond Peace, 31, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Peace of Mooresville, is in stable condition at Catawba Memorial Hospital in Hickory after being struck by lightning Monday afternoon while water-skiing on Lake Norman.

Peace was water-skiing near Long Island in Catawba County, just before 5 p.m. Monday. He was water-skiing behind a boat piloted by two friends.

As Peace skied through Ter-

rapin Creek, near mile marker 20, he was struck. The bolt reportedly struck his head and exited his body through his back.

Lightning bolts can carry between 30 million and 200 million volts of electricity. Temperatures inside the bolt can range from 15,000 to 60,000 degrees Fahrenheit, according to experts.

Peace is in the critical care unit at Catawba Memorial, according to his father.

Filing Period Nears For Town Government Hopefuls

Local government hopefuls may begin filing July 5 as candidates for four municipal offices, which will be filled in Mooresville's biennial election in November.

Voters will decide the office of mayor and three seats on the six-member Board of Commissioners.

Under the current election system, which was adopted before the 1989 municipal election, voters elect three commissioners and a mayor every two years. Four commissioners represent specific wards. The remaining two commissioners are elected as at-large candidates.

The terms of Grady Shoe, commissioner from Ward I, David Tompkins, commissioner from Ward II, and Robert Randall, an at-large commissioner, will expire this fall, along with the term of Mayor Joe Knox.

All candidates must file by noon August 2. Candidates may begin filing July 5 at noon.

To file, candidates must be registered voters, must live within the Mooresville city limits and must pay a \$5 filing fee. City council candidates must live within Ward I or II or must run as an at-large candidate. Candidates can file at the

Mooreville Town Hall at 413 N. Main St.

To register for the upcoming election, visit the Mooresville Public Library at 304 S. Main St.

MSHS, SIHS Graduations Friday

Mooreville Senior High School and South Iredell High School will hold their annual graduation exercises June 6.

Mooreville's Class of 1991 will march into the Mooresville Stadium to the sounds of "Pomp and Circumstance" at 7:30 p.m. Graduation will be moved to Roland R. Morgan Auditorium in the event of rain.

South Iredell High seniors will begin their graduation ceremony at 8 p.m. at the South Iredell High School football stadium in case of rain; the ceremony will be moved to the high school's gymnasium.

Because of limited space in both Morgan Auditorium and in the South Iredell High School gymnasium, only 1,000 students will be admitted to either graduation ceremony. A rain-out will be announced by 6 p.m.



Roadway eroding ditch in exclusive subdivision