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NAACP Charges City With Racism

★★ Vows To Fight City ★★ For Equal Opportunity



Dr. J.T. McMillan
...city is racist



Mrs. Lee Faye Mack
...introduced resolution



Alfred B. Lewis
...Blacks should vote



Mrs. Wilhemina Cheek
...Fired Police Officer

by James Smith
Staff Writer

"There's as much racism in Winston-Salem as anywhere else. You just don't know it, but it's here. What makes racism so rough in Winston-Salem is that they're able to buy so many black people."

Those words were expounded Monday night by Dr. J.T. McMillan, president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, (NAACP).

The local chapter held a meeting Monday night at St. James A.M.E. Church of

which McMillan is pastor.

The mass meeting was in protest of the alleged racist practices of City Government in the abrupt firing of a black policewoman and the firing of a member of the city recreation department.

Dr. McMillan also said that although blacks now have the opportunity to go into motels, hotels and restaurants, that it wasn't enough. "The city of Winston-Salem has undermined the black community," he stated.

He told his audience of more than 150 that "black people in Winston-Salem are going to fight for what is rightfully theirs, and that's a chance for equality. It's an opportunity to stand tall, shoulder to shoulder to anybody," he said.

The keynote speaker for the meeting was Alfred Baker Lewis, national treasurer emeritus of the NAACP. Lewis has been a member of the national board for 27 years.

Before Lewis' speech, Mrs. Lee Faye Mack, who is very active in city politics, made a resolution that the local chapter do everything within its "power" to see that justice would prevail throughout the city for both Mrs. Cheek and Sumler and for all the blacks.

Although the resolution was made, it was not, however, made clear as to what extent the NAACP would go to insure that "justice would prevail."

Mrs. Cheek was fired about two weeks ago for what has been described as "conduct unbecoming an officer."

A recent newspaper article quoted Police Chief Thomas A. Surratt as saying Mrs. Cheek was fired because of her association with a known "lottery operator."

Sumler was fired from the City Recreation Department last February for alleged violation of the city purchasing policy.

McMillan told his audience See NAACP Page 2

County Offers \$5.25 Million For Tanglewood Park

by James Smith
Staff Writer

As a means of preserving Tanglewood Park for the citizens and residents of Forsyth County, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners have offered \$5.25 million for its purchase.

Dr. Julian F. Keith, chairman of the board of commissioners, said in a news conference Tuesday that the commissioners were prompted their decision after there was some public speculation to the discontinue of the park and its possible sale or lease for commercial purposes, the resulting loss of use to the public.

However, the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has offered a substantial grant of \$1 million to Forsyth County, provided the county is able to acquire Tanglewood Park as part of its overall park and recreational development program.



Dr. Julian Keith

In a recent letter to William R. Lybrook and L.D. Long of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., N.A. (trustees under the will of William N. Reynolds), Keith said, "the offer to purchase the park is subject to adequate financing arranged by Forsyth County and customary conditions relating to the conveyance of fee-simple marketable title and satisfactory closing arrangements as soon as it is feasible."

Keith also stated that the loss of Tanglewood Park as a See COUNTY Page 2

Den Mother Receives Award

by Azzie Wagner
Staff Writer

Mrs. Georgia Lyles Bailey, veteran Den Mother in scouting of the Old Hickory Council of the Boy Scouts of America, was recently honored for service at the 56th Annual Scouts Banquet held in the Reynolda Road Western Electric Co. Cafeteria. Donald Soefker, Council President, was Master of Ceremonies.

Activities included a buffet style dinner, installation of Council officers for 1976, presentation of 1975 Round-up Awards and the presentation of Silver Beaver Awards, the highest Award in Scouting.

Mrs. Bailey received an Outstanding Service in Scout-



Mrs. Bailey
...42 Years Service

ing for having been a Den Mother and Leader for 42 years. She has been a Den Mother since the age of 16 and she is now 58. "I was a scoutmaster for 20 years simply because I could not find a man in my church or community that wanted to

bother with a group of children, especially a group of boys. Therefore, I did it myself and I have had the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorer Scouts."

It is as unusual as interesting to note that Mrs. Bailey has never headed a Troop of Girl Scouts which is the trend for most women. States Mrs. Bailey, "I went into scouting and became a Den mother for a Boy Scout Troop because I wanted to involve myself in something that would allow me to work closely with the youth as well as my only son and to watch him grow from a Cub Scout to an Eagle Scout."

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