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Mayor Pro-tem C.C.

Ross called him "Mr.

Winston-Salem named

its new Public Trans-

portation Center in his

honor, but Hampton D.

Haith had been doing a

masterful job of super-

vising the transit sy-

stem for a long time

before he received his

Mr. Haith has been

in the transportation

business since 1942.

and since that time he

has been dedicated to

the cause of public

transportation in Win-

ston-Salem, first as

manager of Safe Bus

and now as co-ordinator

"Public transporta-

tion is more important

now than ever before,"

Haith declared. "With

pollution, congestion,

and parking places

accolades.

of WSMT.

Transportation,"

* 20 Cents

Black Women's Caucus Is Organized

group called the Black Women's Political Caucas has been organized to enhance the power 4 Diselection in the

Ora Coleman, chairper-

son of the organization, said the Caucas will hold an organizing meeting September 17 in Raleigh to bring together Black women from each of the state's political districts.

"The purpose of that meeting will be to bring together women from every congressional district in the state in an effort to consolidate a political power base so

that Black women can begin to collect and consolidate its efforts in the political process."

Concerning long range plans, Ms. Coleman

continued, saying, "We hope to use that power in the best interest of Black women throughout the

The Caucus is a non-partisan organization and is an outgrowth of the Minority Caucus of the International Women's -Year which met in Winston-Salem in June.

The County work was a on July 16 in Raleigh. It is

the only non-partisan organization actively involved in the state to increase minority women's representation in the rest of some manager was

Candidates Ask For Police Review Board

has been a major plank in the platforms of several candidates for city government, and a common cause among conservatives and political gadflies alike.

When the NAACP dropped its investigation of the shooting by police of Tommy Lee Odum, they tempered their verdict with the rider that a police review board was a good

A police review board, composed of citizens and possibly some city officials and police representatives, would investigate such matters as the killing of a suspect, charges of these cases."

A Police Review Board against individual officers, such as police brutality, and generally monitor the law enforcement program to ensure justice to all citizens.

> Rodney Sumler pictures the police review board as a cross-section of the city. containing a judge or possibly the district attorney, some attorneys or police personnel, and a majority of citizens. He would like to see the board have as many members as a grand jury, and hopes that blacks would outnumber whites.

> "After all," Sumler explained, "It's blacks who are involved in most

NAACP Drops

Investigation The NAACP has con- ney Sumler, talked to a cluded its investigation of number of witnesses of

the death of Tommy Lee the Glenn Avenue inci-Odum, who was shot by dent, and announced that police officers outside the no further investigation is Magistrates Settle With Interracial Pair

rob the Star-Lite Grocery the reason for the using a gun loaded with investigation, blanks. He encountered "We feel that when police officers outside the anyone loses his life as a store and, according to result of police action, it some witnesses, pointed ought to be looked in to." his gun at police officers, The NAACP's decision refusing to halt when concurs with that of the ordered to do so. Allean S. police and district attor-Gill, a black woman ney, who ruled the officer, and another po- shooting justifiable, since liceman fired at Odum. He officers could not have was hit in the head and known that Odum's gun side, and died of his only contained blanks. wounds the following day.

ing committee, which this case, Sumler called consisted of president for a police review board Patrick Hairston, Charles composed of citizens to McLean of the state investigate future inci-NAACP office, and Rod-dents.

Committee spokesman Odum, 21, attempted to Rodney Sumler explained

Although no evidence of The NAACP investigat- wrongdoing was found in



Item 8 on the Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Agenda calls for your concern and personal support. You may wish to retain and support each issue in this important series in safeguarding our interests through the Black Caucus.

8. HEALTH

The Caucus has vigorously sought passage of legislation to provide for a system of national health insurance. There is strong support and demonstrated need for such a program, yet concern about cost, which fails to recognize the savings in unifying existing health costs, and the cost in human terms, continues to impede action on the bills before Congress. To receive Caucus support, a health insurance program must contain three essential elements: 1) comprehensive

coverage, including dental expenses, 2(trust fund financing based on ability to pay and 3(reliance on the federal government as the insurer, along with the elimination of co-insurance or deductibles. We are concerned that efforts to pass a much more limited program of catastrophic health insurance will limit progress toward comprehensive national

health insurance. The Caucus supports legislation to provide grants to establish regional demonstration programs to encourage secondary school students from disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue careers in the health professions, and endorses H.R. 3432 which would create such a program Because the minority community is critically underserved by the current health

care delivery system, and See Alert, Page 2



A Hair-raising Experience--Two contestants in the hairbraiding contest take a break before braiding. The contest, sponsored by the downtown public library, featured entrants from several city recreation centers.

cities now need an effective system of mass transit."

The interracial couple who sued two Winston-Salem magistrates for refusing to marry them have nearly won their court case, but their troubles are not yet over.

In a session Wednes-

day, July 20th, U.S. Magistrate Herman Smith advised Mike Lewis, attorney for the defendants, magistrates Harold Thomerson and J.C. Lewter, to give top priority to the settlement settle out of court went to the Legal Aid Amendment, and they indicated that in Smith's Society for assistance. asked that depositions defense. The two magis- chapter of Legal Aid, prevent disclosure of any trates had refused to brought suit against the of their testimony to keep and Thomas Person, cost of the marriage dence, Smith advised the marriages were against damages, and a court settle out of court, and gious beliefs.

that," Carol Figueroa couples who request it. agreed to sign a consent recalls, "I wanted to say: Because the magis- order agreeing to marry 'That's your problem, not trates are appointed interracial couples.

1977, when the legislature marriages legal. repealed it. Person and Lewter and Thomerson however. One of Lewter

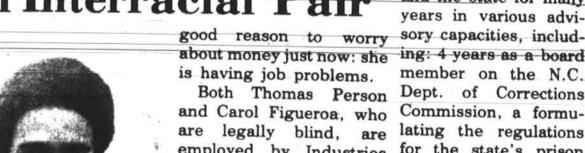


Carol Figueroa

of the case. This advise to marry them, the couple lawyers, pleading the 5th judgment, Lewter and Bertram E. Brown II, an taken in the case be sealed Thomerson did not have a attorney with the Forsyth as well as an injunction to perform a marriage cere- magistrates, asking for \$5 secret anyway. mony for Carol Figueroa in actual damages, the After hearing the evistating that interracial license, \$50,000 punitive magistrates' lawyers to their personal and reli- order compelling the negotiations began. magistrates to marry them 'When they told me and all other interracial the magistrates have

members of the state The magistrates' refu- judicial system, it was them to marry us or not." sal to perform interracial expected that the North says Carol Figueroa. "It marriages is in violation of Carolina Attorney General would be bad to have your a 1967 Supreme Court Rufus Edmiston, would wedding performed by decision, Loving vs. the defend them, but repre- somebody who hates Commonwealth of Virgi- sentative of his office, you." nia, which outlawed racial Andy Vannoy, issued a The monetary aspect of restrictions on marriage. statement saying that they the case is still unsettled, North Carolina retained could not take the case but the magistrates have an unconstitutional law because it would consti- agreed to pay, says prohibiting interracial tute a conflict of interests Brown. The exact amount marriages until March 24, with the laws making such of that payment may

Figueroa requested their engaged the firm of White and Thomerson's stipulamarriage ceremony seve- and Crumpler to defend tions in agreeing to settle ral months after the them, and the case went is the promise that no one state law was taken off the to court July 20. The involved should ever magistrates refused to disclose the sum agreed When Lewter and answer questions put to upon. Thomerson refused to them by Legal Aid Society



Thomas Person

According to Brown,

"I don't know if I want

never be publicized,

Carol Figueroa has

employed by Industries for the state's prison for the Blind. Last week, system; a member of says Carol Figueroa, she the Winston-Salem was taken off the job that Planning Board for 13 she had been doing, and years; and liason officer given a different job which for minority busionly pays about half the nesses. salary of her old job.

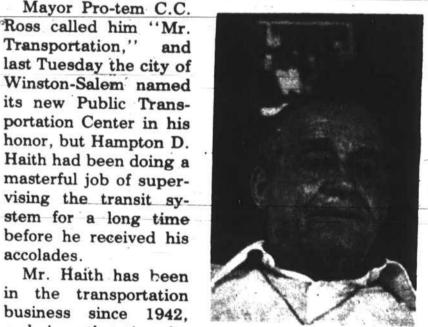
any more, but they gave

"How can they suddenly say I'm not blind? That eye test is 18 months

transfer and pay cut Merchants Association, As a part of the program somehow related to her announced the launching merchants will be urged to involvement in the suit of a massive county-wide adopt a uniform policy of against the magistrates, program to deal more reporting all shoplifting but the Industries for the effectively with the crime incidents to the police. An Blind say that the job will of shoplifting. be phased out in three weeks. Ms. Figueroa's attorneys have advised have reached staggering police department and her to wait the three weeks before considering further action.

Chronicle Weather Outlook

Cool the remaining of the week, with highs in the upper 70's and low 80's. Chance of precipitation 15% Thursday, 20% Friday thru Sunday. Sunny & hot Monday and Tuesday.



Transit Building Dedicated

To Local Black Official

Hampton D. Haith

"Public transportation is bound to lose money, though," said Haith, explaining why such systems are no longer privately owned. "Operating costs are high, but fares must be kept to a minimum so that poor people will be able to use the system."

Haith's civic activities are not limited to transportation. He has served the community and the state for many years in various advigood reason to worry sory capacities, includmember on the N.C. Both Thomas Person Dept. of Corrections

This last position, he explained, is important because it gives him the responsibility of ensuring that minority businesses get a fair chance to bid for federal projects.

Even with a building named after him, and "being close to becoming a senior citizen" as he put it, Hampton Haith is not resting on his laurels. He still has plans for improving the transit system. He is particularly concerned with the elderly and with handicapped per-

'In the future, we must pay more attention to the needs of the handicapped," said Haith. He described special buses which have been designed to accomodate wheel. chairs. Winston-Salen does not have any of those buses yet, but he hopes that they will one day be purchased for the city transit system. In the meantime, he says, drivers assist those passengers who are unable to cope with boarding on their own.

When he is not engaged in community activities or church work at St. Benedict's Haith enjoys golfing. A row of trophies in his den suggest that he handles golf as he does the transit system: very skillfully.

"They said they moved me because I wasn't blind Anti-Shoplifting my job to a sighted Program Launched person," she stated.

The new anti-shoplifting program is the product (over 50% of shoplifters business today.

Thomas Blair, Manag- are juveniles) and the ing Director of the Greater Downtown Asso-She is afraid that the Winston-Salem Retail - iation of Winston-Salem. elaborate computerized record system will be Losses from shoplifting maintained to enable the proportions. Last year court personnel to deal losses in Winston-Salem more effectively with alone amounted to an repeat junvenile offendestimated \$20 million. The ers. An information netcosts were ultimately work has been established borne by each citizen in to keep merchants inthe form of higher prices formed as to the disposi-(shoplifting loses cost the tion of junvenile shopliftaverage Winston-Salem ing cases and an antifamily of four \$560 in shoplifting educational campaign will be carried into the schools.

> Blair stated that he was of a one year effort on the confident that a concerted part of the Winston-Salem effort on the part of the Retail Merchants Assoc- merchants, law enforceiation, the Forsyth County ment personnel and the Juvenile Justice Council, courts would result in a the Court Counseling significant reduction in Service, the Juvenile shoplifting which, by any Division of the Winston-- measure, is the most Salem Police Department expensive crime against