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Wilmington 10 Pardon Sought

Top officials of the U.S. Justice Department have been in contact with Governor James Hunt pushing for a pardon for the Wilmington 10. Jack Cozort, special counsel for Gov. Hunt, said last week that a meeting is being arranged between the governor and representatives of U.S. Attorney Griffin Bell. That meeting will follow a meeting of Wilmington 10 defense counsel and Hunt to be held this Wednesday, August 10.

The action by Justice Department officials followed a petition signed by 60 members of Congress who recently asked Attorney General Bell to do what he could to persuade Hunt to intervene in the case.

Hunt has reluctantly approached the pardon issue which will have serious political consequences for his career. Repeatedly he has said that he ought not intervene in the case as long as it is in the courts. The case is now on appeal in the U.S. Federal District Court in Raleigh and in the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

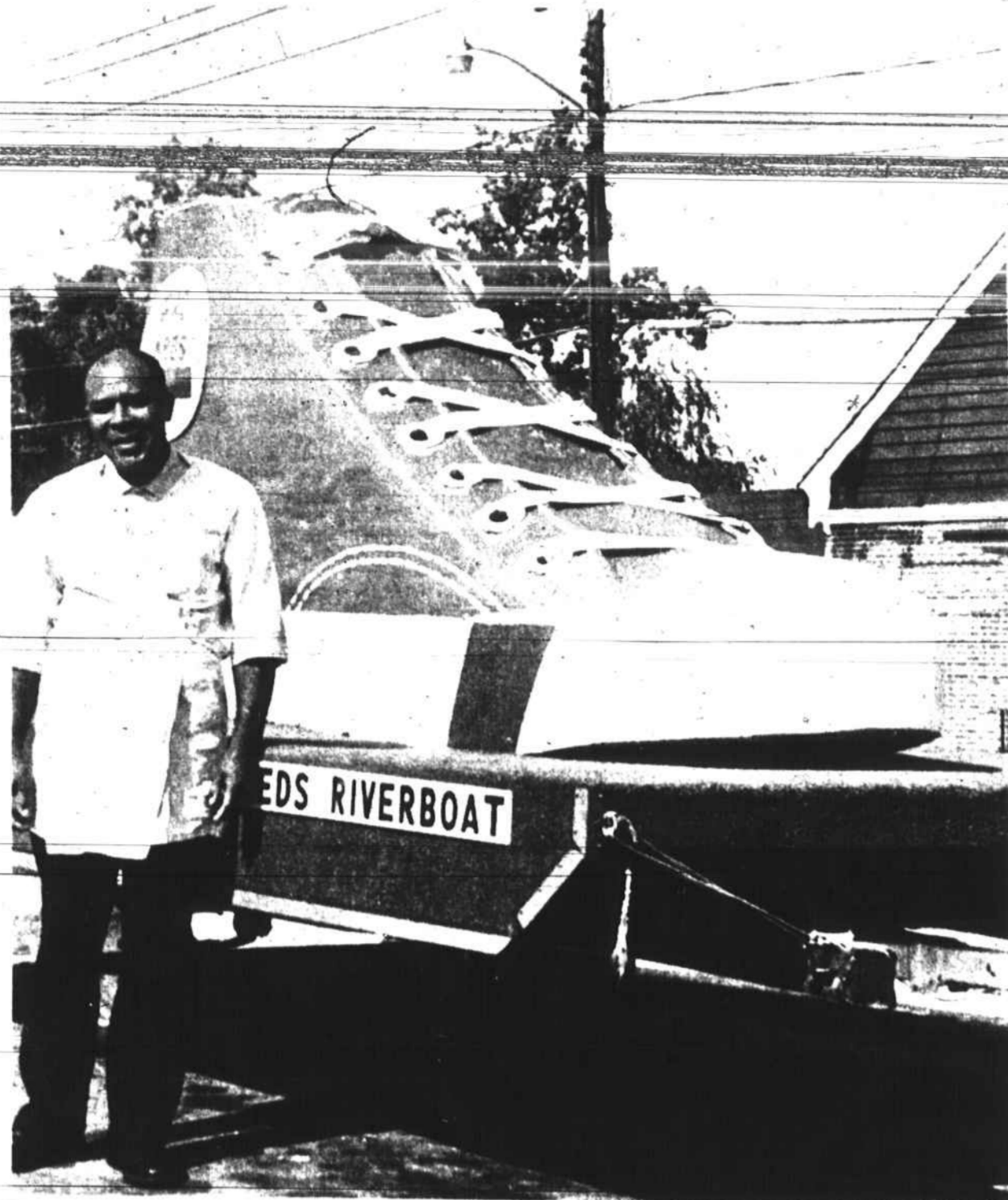
The defendant's chief counsel, James Ferguson, has said the appeals might take as long as four to five years to complete the judicial process. Meanwhile the defendants would have to continue serving long prison terms

until they became eligible for parole.

issue, along with dissatisfaction with political patronage among many Blacks, has been signaled by many Black leaders as a source of discontent which might cause a massive Black bloc vote against Hunt's aspirations for a second term. Soon N.C. voters will vote on a measure to allow North Carolinians' governors to succeed themselves. E.B. Turner, first vice-chairperson of the North Carolina Democratic Party, said recently that many Blacks are concerned about the lack of appointments. The appointments have also been an issue with the General Baptist Convention and the N.C. Black Democratic Caucus. Turner and several other Black leaders have met with Hunt to discuss the Wilmington 10 case and the organizations have written letters to Hunt asking him to pardon the Wilmington 10.

Some Black leaders say the pardon issue involves

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'If you see Bob Lanier, tell him his shoes are ready.' This gunboat of a tennis shoe, which is even too big for Lanier's size 22 foot, has been parked outside the Community Shoe Store on Patterson Avenue for a week. Walter Washington, the store's owner, says the monster Ked has created a lot of interest in his shop...in fact it's been a shoe-in.

Alternate Plan Submitted By Reynolds Advisory Board

By Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Reporter

The 7 members present at the August 3rd meeting of the Reynolds Health

Center Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend the reappointment of four board members whose terms expire this month.

Three of the board members up for reappointment constituted the committee to draw up an alternate plan to the proposed merger with the Health Department. They are Committee Chairman

C.P. Booker, Dr. Wilveria Atkinson, and Frankie G. Barnes. The fourth member is Andrew L. Yarborough.

The County Commis-

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Boycott Slowly Gains Support

One by one Black patrons can be seen drifting in and out of the highway grocery and convenience store of Joe Judge, located on Route 301 in the town of Whitakers. But one week ago a boycott was imposed upon Joe Judge by three organizations, the Peoples Coalition for Justice, African Liberation Support Committee and Workers Viewpoint Organization, at a Whitakers rally July 28. Two of the organizations are not Whitaker-based organizations.

The boycott of Joe Judge's store was called after Judge shot and killed a Black man, Charlie Lee, on April 19 when Lee attempted to get \$7.00 change back from Judge. Judge was charged with murder and released on bond. No trial date has been set.

For a brief period following Lee's murder the town's Blacks did not patronize Judge but following cessations of demonstrations then led by Rev. Edward King and Golden Frinks, the town's residents again began to patronize Judge.

Black businessmen in



Nathaniel Wiseman

Staley Wants Fair Weather Friends

Nathaniel Wiseman, the owner of Staley's Northside Restaurant, wishes he had some fair-weather friends.

A few months ago, when he was threatened with eviction because of back rent he owed, the black community rallied to his support, picketing outside the restaurant, and patronizing it to show their sympathy for his cause, but now that the crisis is over, they seem to have drifted away.

"People seem to think that if they support a business during a crisis, that they don't need to come back any more, but that's not the way to keep a business going," says Mr. Wiseman.

"Black groups have been good about booking meetings here," he concedes. "Church groups and sororities have begun to meet here, but as for everyday customers, the whites still outnumber the blacks 9 to 1.

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Burke To Seek Office

Vivian H. Burke announced Friday that she will seek the Democratic nomination for alderman from the Northeast Ward in the September 27 primary.

She is challenging David Wagner, the only other announced candidate in the race for the seat now held by Carl Russell.

Mrs. Burke, guidance counselor at Lowrance School, has been active in the Democratic Party, serving as precinct chairman, delegate to the county, district, and state conventions, delegate to the National Black Mayors Conference, NCEA legislative commissioner, and the chairman of the Forsyth County committee to elect Shirley Chisholm.

Her platform developed from input from the citizens of the Northeast Ward, includes: a police review board, which is almost a unanimous item among candidates; adequate police and fire protection; and a stronger enforcement of the affirmative action plan.

Mrs. Burke also favors a Northeast Ward Advisory Committee to advise the alderman of the needs

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Affirmative Action Stagnates In Job Freeze

By Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Reporter

There has not been much action in the city's Affirmative Action program, according to statistics provided by Deputy City Manager Jack Bond.

In 1970, the city employed 446 blacks, 319 of them in Service Maintenance. As of June 1977, Winston-Salem employed 582 blacks, of which 299 were still in the lowest level: Service Maintenance.



Jack Bond

blacks in the area. The Dept. of Labor stated in a 1974 report

cause of this, the city has done very little hiring in recent months, but they are trying to amend the uneven employment figures in the hiring that is being done: 48.6% of all newly hired employees are black.

The number of blacks employed in each category has remained about the same, despite the city's supposed efforts to increase their number, and despite the federal government's monitoring of the situation.

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CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM
NUMBER OF BLACKS

EEOC CATEGORY	Dec. 1970	Dec. 1974	Dec. 1975	Dec. 1976	Mar. 1977	June 1977
Adm./Officials	2	3	3	3	4	4
Professionals	18	32	38	34	37	37
Technicians	25	31	32	38	38	40
Protective Service	31	48	46	47	46	45
Office/Clerical	17	33	39	46	45	45
Skilled Craft	34	88	102	107	110	112
Service Maintenance	319	314	292	304	300	299
TOTAL	446	549	552	579	580	582

At the highest level of employment, Administrative/Officials, there are four blacks: Bond; Nellie Jones, director of Human Services; Transit Coordinator Hampton Haith; and Walter Farabee, the Economic Development Coordinator.

These four persons represent 10% of the 40 people listed on this level of employment, far below Bond's goal of 19.1% and, according to a U.S. Department of Labor survey of Forsyth County, far below the potential of

that 5.8% of the blacks in Forsyth County are qualified to hold Administrative/Official positions -- roughly 1600 persons, of whom the city employs 4. Approximately 1600 more blacks qualify for professional level jobs; the city employs 37, out of a total of 181 job slots. One factor in this picture is the job freeze, Bone explains.

This city policy, which has been in effect for several years, states that when an employee resigns, his job slot is not filled unless it is absolutely necessary. Be-

Womble Announces Candidacy

Larry Womble announced his candidacy for alderman in the Southeast Ward at a picnic in Reynolds Park last Saturday.

Womble, who is an administrative assistant at Old Town Elementary School, will challenge the incumbent, Eugene F. Groce, who has announced his intentions to run for a second term.

In his announcement to run, Womble stated that he intends to run an open and aggressive campaign. He opposes, he said, a city government which too often in the past has been insensitive or ineffective in responding to the needs of the people.

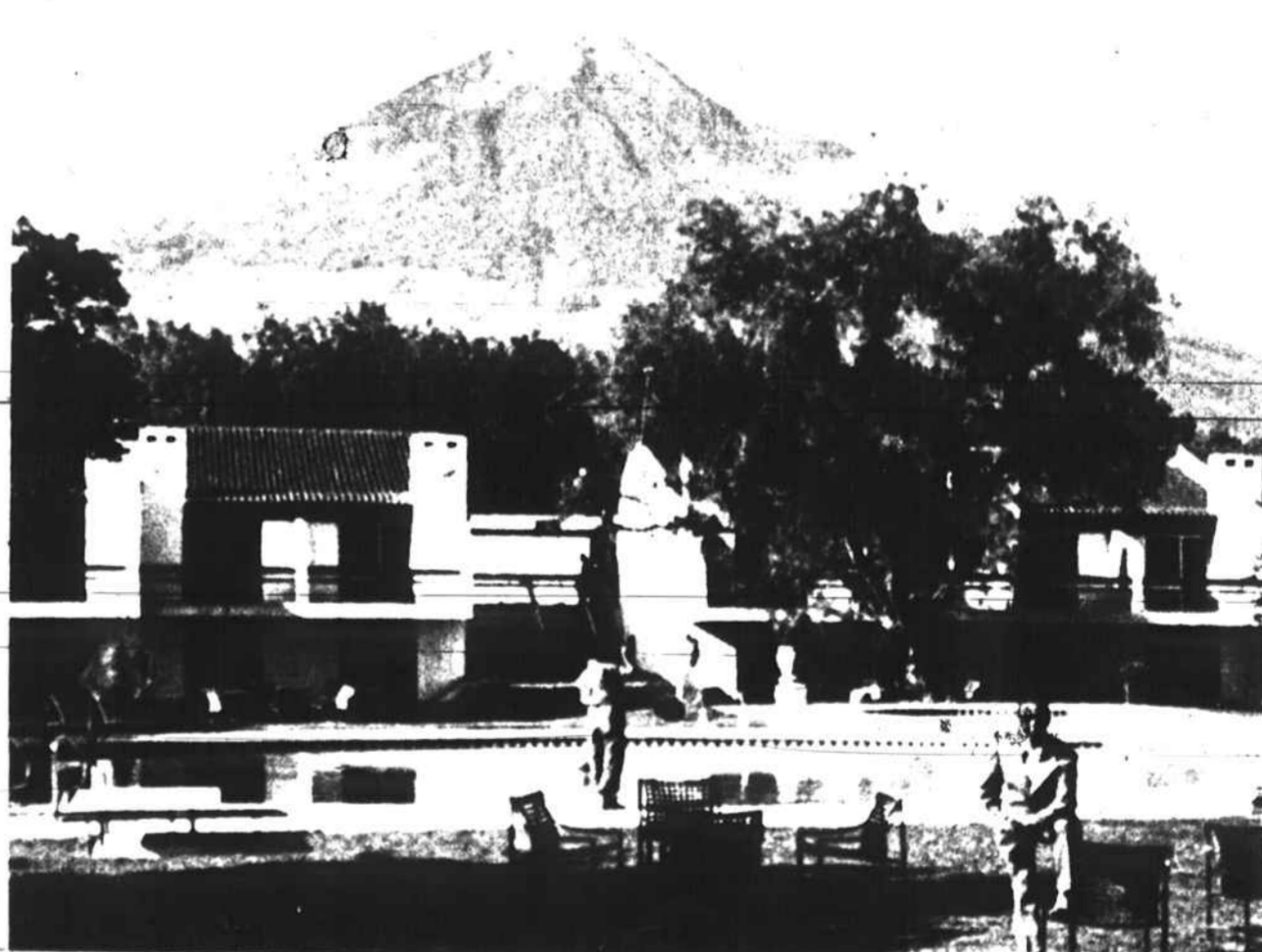
Womble favors "ready accessibility of elected officials," and a "grass-root in-put into the decision-making process." He also listed adequate police/fire protection and stricter enforcement of housing codes as priorities in his campaign.

The picnic at which he announced his candidacy was sponsored by the Concerned Citizens of the Southeast Ward, and was attended by Womble's fellow aldermanic candidates Vivian Burke, and Larry Little, and by Cecil Butler, who is running for mayor.

The fact that he is running for election in a ward that is nearly 75% white does not bother Womble, he said. "We are not running a black/white campaign," he stated, to a round of hearty applause from his well-wishers.

Womble, a native of Winston-Salem, is a graduate of WSSU, and holds a master's in education from the University of North Carolina

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C.E. Nottingham could start his own National Geographic with the beautiful color photos he took in Guatemala. See story on page 7.

Chronicle Weather Outlook

Sunny & hot today thru Sunday. Highs in the mid to upper 90's. Lows in the mid 70's. Chance of rain 20% Friday & 40% Sat. & Sun.

Russell To Run Again

"I'm going to run for something," Carl Russell promised, "Whether it's mayor or alderman."

When interviewed last Tuesday, Russell was putting the finishing touches on a speech he plans to give "Thursday, or possibly Friday," he said.

"I don't want to announce too soon because I want to be sure of things before I run," Russell explained. "I know the color of my skin will be a problem. I wanted to run in 1970, and I started to run 3 years ago. If I had been white with all my years of experience in government, I would have been drafted to run."

This year, he is considering volunteering to run. The presence of another black candidate in the race -- Cecil Butler -- does not disturb him.

"I will get the bulk of the black vote in whichever race I enter," he declared.

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