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Gubernatorial Succession: Hot Issue On Nov. 8 Ballot

By Sharyn Bratcher
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One of the issues to be decided in the November 8th general election is gubernatorial succession. North Carolina is one of only seven states which prohibit the governor from serving a second term.

If the referendum is passed by the voters in November, Governor James Hunt will become eligible to run for re-election in 1980, but there is still

much controversy concerning succession.

In Raleigh, a group called Citizens Against Succession has prepared a booklet called "The Case Against Gubernatorial Succession," explaining the negative points of the proposal.

The pros and cons of succession are:
1. The one-term system hinders continuity in government, because officials appointed by the governor often must leave their positions when

he does--on the other hand, the four-year limit prevents the incumbent from establishing a dynasty or a political machine.

2. If governors can serve a second term, they might spend their last two years in office gearing up for re-election. Opponents of succession argue that governors could campaign anyway--for the U.S. Senate, for example.

3. A one-term restriction is unconstitutional, limiting the voters' choice for

the office. A two-term limit, however, is still a limit, and in theory equally unconstitutional.

4. Pro-succession spokesmen say that a one-term limit hinders the two-party system because the opposition party cannot use the incumbent governor's record as a point in the election. Anti-successionists claim that the one-term limit does not give the opposition a fair chance to get in power.

5. A one-term restriction protects the

separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches. On the other hand, the majority of the N.C. General Assembly favored placing the issue before the voters in November.

6. It takes one term for the governor to gain the experience to do a good job. But, argue the opponents, no candidate ever admits to be unequal to the job; they all campaign with vows of "taking

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At WSSU

Russell Rally Sparks Conflict

Supporters of black mayoral candidate Carl Russell believe that the newly-enforced rule prohibiting on-campus politicking had something to do with the fact that his opponent is a member of the Board of Governors of the Greater University.

Russell will face Wayne A. Corpening in the Tuesday runoff for the Democratic nomination for mayor. If he wins the nomination and defeats Republican Henry Lauerman, he will become the first black mayor in the city's history.

Numerous politicians have spoken heretofore on the campus, but when Robert J. Ward, an assistant professor of political science at WSSU, announced the Russell rally, some faculty members reportedly objected.

WSSU Chancellor Douglas Covington met with staff members Sunday to decide on a course of action. Covington later met with Russell at the funeral home, and told him that he could speak on campus as a public figure, but he could not ask for votes or contributions from the students.

Russell complied with these stipulations, saying that he had great respect for the new chancellor, and that Covington should be given a chance to establish his authority.

He pointed out, however, that the campaign prohibition is not in effect on any other campus of the greater university.

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Officials

Debate

Building's

Outcome

By Sharyn Bratcher
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A city-county staff report has recommended the destruction of the eight-story government center at Third and Main streets, but quite a few persons, including two mayoral candidates disagree.

Both Carl H. Russell and Republican Henry Lauerman have opposed the demolition of the Government Center.

"I have always opposed the tearing down of these historic landmarks," said Russell. "I am the one who saved the old market when they wanted to tear it down."

"It makes no sense to pay four or five thousand dollars rent for space in NCNB Plaza when we have office buildings that

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Photo By Hugh Smith

From Left to Right: Nancy F. Wilks, present Executive Director; Wynette Alexander, present President of the Board of Directors; Marion B. Wooten, former Executive Director from 1928 to 1973; and Nancy Martin, former Board President. The portrait of Mrs. Wooten was done by Clarence Nottingham of Nottingham Studios and presented to the center in recognition of her years of service.

Bethlehem Community Center Celebrates 50th Anniversary

By Angela Wilder
Staff Reporter

There is no doubt concerning the great contributions the Bethlehem Community Center has made to the community

and to anyone that has ever come in contact with them. What began as a dream fifty years ago,

today is a reality. Through many trials and tribulations the center's existence has gone from surviving to thriving.

Often a parallel between the visit of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh to Winston-Salem and the opening of the Bethlehem Center is noted. However,

in October 1927 something happened other than a mere open house. This marked the beginning of professional child care outside of the home for the city. To promote quality child care was the objective of the center and it required several years

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Little Demoted-Parole is Denied

By Carolina Community
News Service

The demotion of Joanne Little has been upheld, despite the fact that Ms. Little's employer, Dr. D.P. Lane, submitted a statement that Ms. Little was at work on the two days that prison officials charged that she left her workplace without authorization. The demotion of the prison disciplinary committee was upheld by Ethel Fincher, Superintendent of the N.C. Correctional Center for Women. Neither doctor's statement nor a statement from his assistant were considered by the disciplinary committee, nor by Superintendent Fincher.

Sources high within the prison administration have said that if the statements were considered that Ms. Little would have possibly been found not guilty of the charge. Ms. Little appeal of the demotion is now being considered by Director of Prisons Ralph Edwards. Edwards is expected to make a decision soon. Ms. Little was hired at Lane's office as a dental

technician last March after several other employers in the Raleigh area had turned her down for employment, primarily because of the publicity which made her internationally a cause celebrity. She was acquitted of the 1975 slaying of Beaufort County Jailer Clarence

Alligood who a jury held was attempting to rape her. Several civil rights, human rights, religious and other groups heralded her case as an example of several kinds of exploitation within U.S. society. At the time of the attempted rape Ms. Little

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Hauser Calls For Compromise In Health Center Issue

By Sharyn Bratcher
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Fred D. Hauser, Chairman of the Forsyth County Board of County Commissioners has asked acting county manager Nelson Newcomer to meet with representatives of the health department and Reynolds Health Center to arrive at a mutually satisfactory solution to the health center issue.

Nicholas Meiszer proposed the merger of Reynolds Health Center with the Health Department, but his plan met with strong opposition in the black community, because they felt that such a merger would have a detrimental affect on staff and facilities at the health center.

Members of the Reynolds Health Center advisory board have offered a plan which would keep the health center independent, with its own policy-making board, and its own administrator, who would report to the health center board of directors and the county manager, both of whom are under the authority of the county commissioners.

The plan advocated by county health director Dr. Thomas R. Dundon and approved by the board of health calls for a consolidation of the health center with the county health department, with the county health director as chief administrator.

Before the county commissioners decide on a plan of action, Hauser wants the parties involved to discuss all the possibilities, and to try to reach a compromise.

"Nelson Newcomer asked for a few weeks to do this," Hauser explained. "He doesn't work in the way of telling people what to do. He talks with them, and listens to their ideas."

The participants in the talks will include Newcomer, Dr. Dundon; Dennis Magovern -- administrator of the health center; Dr. Smith, the chairman of the county health board; and C.P. Booker, chairman of the Reynolds Health Center Advisory Board.

"I hope we can reach a decision within thirty days," said Booker.

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Mr. and Mrs. Manuel S. Evans share the pride in recent five-year award received from the Shell Oil Company.

Evans Receives Shell Award

Emmanuel Evans has received a plaque from the Shell Oil Company in recognition of his five years in business at the Shell Service Station at Trade Street and Northwest Boulevard.

The station has a nice atmosphere. It's a place you might stop to ask directions, or just to visit. It faces a grassy hillside,

and a scattering of wildflowers brighten the view. Mr. and Mrs. Evans both work at the station. "I do the repair work, and she does the book-keeping," Mr. Evans explains.

Mrs. Monte B. Evans has added a woman's touch to the business. In the garage, where most

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Fire Destroys Trade St. Warehouse

By Sharyn Bratcher
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While many Winston-Salmites were feeling like daredevils on the rides at the Dixie Classic Fair, fire captain Wendell Brown was a few blocks away on the most dangerous ride in town: the basket of the fire department's snorkel truck, hovering over a wall of flames.

Brown was on duty at the new fire station on Cherry-Marshall around six p.m. Thursday night, when the call came in reporting an explosion and fire the E.G. Forrest Produce Tar Heel Banana Co. Warehouses at 900 N. Trade Street.

Flames climbed high into the air, as the fire quickly spread to another warehouse nearby.

Soon seven engine companies were fighting

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Recent fire destroyed this warehouse on Trade Street last week.