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Blacks Get 1/4 Of City, County Appointees

By Yvette McCullough and John W. Templeton Staff Writers

The Forsyth County Commission and the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen have each appointed 47 and 44 blacks, respectively, to serve on commissions, boards and committees, according to a Chronicle survey of appointments by the two bodies.

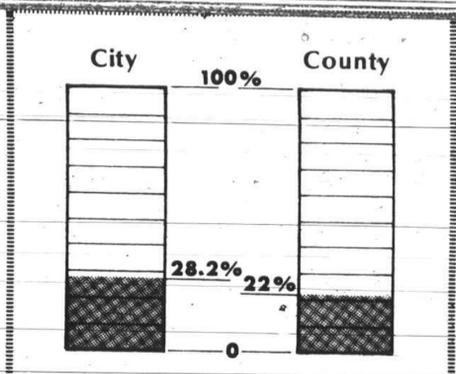
Black appointments to county boards and committees constitute 22 per cent of 214 total appointments the commission makes.

The aldermen have appointed blacks to 28.2 per cent of the 156 total appoint-

ments.

County Commissioner Mrs. Mazie Woodruff was not satisfied with the county statistics. "That doesn't sound very good at all to me," she said in a telephone interview Tuesday night. "I've been working on it, but I'm just one vote." "I've had one person tell me we shouldn't be pushing for blacks on every commission," she said. "But we're in a catchup effort and we won't catch up during my four years as commissioner."

Commission Chairman Fred D. Hauser agreed with Mrs. Woodruff. "I don't think that's enough," he said Wednesday. "Mrs. Woodruff and I are watching that. We're trying to get more blacks and



Blacks as a per cent of total appointments

more women. Hauser said there would probably be blacks appointed to a new nursing home regulatory board the county will be forming shortly.

Mayor Wayne Corpening said that he felt that he had appointed more blacks than any other Mayor.

"I think I've appointed more blacks than any other Mayor, look at my appointees," Mayor Corpening said. "I think that they have been representative of the community."

"I don't think we want to get into the position where you have such and such a number of blacks, females, Baptists or Methodists," Mayor Corpening contin-

ued. "I'm always going to recommend some of the best people I can find and I think I'm doing this, and if someone else wants to change it then its up to them."

Blacks were appointed to 91 or 24 per cent of the 370 appointments for the city and county. Of the boards who members are appointed by the city, 17 out of 20 have at least one black member and for the county the number is 18 out of 32 for the county boards and commissions.

For the city, their are three black chairmans, newly appointed Evelyn Terry of the Alcohol Control Board and Thomas Hooper, chairman of the solicitations

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E. Winston Bounces Back

By John W. Templeton Staff Writer

A 51-year tradition of library service for Winston-Salem's black neighborhoods has been kept alive with a little help from the Friends of the East Winston Branch Library.

The East Winston branch, in danger of being closed several months ago, has increased its circulation five-fold since the beginning of the year.



Mrs. Corinne Phillips and Miss Sandra Phifer (right) participate in an Adult Basic Education class at the East Winston branch library, part of the expanded services the branch is offering. Staff photo by Templeton

A lot of the credit for the turnabout is being heaped upon a group of approximately 50 persons who organized themselves as the Friends of the East Winston Library and began to spread the word that the 24-year-old branch had not yet seen its dying day.

"We vowed to help the library out; to see what we could do to increase its activities," said Mrs. Carmen Elijah, chairman of the Friends.

Since the formation of Friends last spring, the county library system has painted the building, provided new draperies and furniture and a copying machine for public use. Forsyth Technical Institute has begun General Education Diploma and Adult Basic Education classes at the library.

East Winston has also been made part of the children's outreach program of the county library

and has a full-time children's library assistant.

Before, the changes, says Mrs. Elijah, the library was "inactive."

"Many people thought it had been closed until they heard it was about to close," said Mrs. Margaret Allen, adult services assistant at the branch.

According to Mrs. Allen, the library had a total circulation of 1247 books and other materials during the month of January. However she said that figure has shot up to 6613 for the month of August.

"You have to give people the services they need," said Mrs. Mazie Woodruff, a county commissioner, library board member and patron of the East Winston branch. "We've got a good staff there. They're very innovative. The Friends

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—all for you—

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RHC Solution Made Priority by County

By John W. Templeton Staff Writer

Acting County Manager Ed Jones and the County Commissioners have placed a high priority on soon resolving the long-simmering dispute over the organization of Reynolds Health Center and the Public Health Department.

"Reynolds Health/Public Health Organization" is listed third among ten priority issues and projects Jones presented to the Board of County Commissioners at its Thursday briefing.

Jones, who is filling in while manager H.L. "Pete" Jenkins undergoes treat-

ment in a Raleigh hospital, said, "The board is very anxious to get it resolved. They've been very adamant with me about it."

The acting manager said he has asked county staff to come up with a way of working out the details of an organization plan. Whatever the process, said Jones, it would include input from Dr. Thomas Dundon, health director, and Dennis Magovern, RHC administrator, and the Public Health and Reynolds Health Center advisory boards.

"I have no preconceived notion about how this all fits together best," said

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Holly House: Halfway to Independence

By Yvette McCullough Staff Writer

It is a big old house in the downtown area. The occupants come and go about their daily lives. Some work and others go to school. For a person on the outside looking in it looks like an ordinary everyday family.

The looks aren't that deceiving, because it is a family, but it is made up of young women who have had some history of mental illness. The place is Holly House for women who have suffered mental or emotional illnesses or mental retardation, to help them become self-supporting members of the communi-

ty.

The head of this household is Charlotte Abicht (pronounced Abbott) a former secretary. She had worked in the secretary world for 15 years and wanted to try something different. She said that she is familiar with depression herself, which can really make the difference.

"Being familiar with the situation you can entail what the needs are and you can understand what the girls are going through," Abicht said.

She said that she views Holly House as a big family or a finishing school. "We're learning new attitudes new trends," Abicht said.

Holly House is a Forsyth Rehabilitation House. Referrals are made by the division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Department of Mental Health. The average length of stay at the home is two to six months. The maximum capacity of the home is 11 women and the average age group is from 16 to 35 years of age.

Most girls that come to the house has some trainable skills and efforts are made to help them find jobs or if they are students they continue with their studies.

"When we are first referred a girl we spend a few days with the girl, meeting the girl letting her know what she's really going to

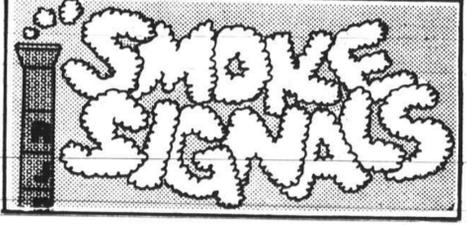
walk into," Abicht said.

"We evaluate their work history and see what she has to offer."

If the person is a trainable retarded then they contact Goodwill. The house has also worked with Forsyth Technical Institute and Barbizon.

"The feeling here at the house is to give the girl enough freedom to be herself, to accept responsibility, but be here if she needs help," Abicht said.

"The mother role is pretty heavy with me and I'm here 24 hours a day," Abicht continued.



"I'm from Noo Yawk, Man. Yeah. The Apple is the joint."

That phrase has been repeated so many times by so many people, but there is a monotonous sameness about the New Yorkers, whose only source of pride is their city of origin.

When people come on like this, I begin by being annoyed at their sneering attitude toward anything outside New York's city limits, but I always end up feeling sorry for the braggarts, because it's really all they have.

Ask them if they've ever been to a Broadway show, to the U.N., to Lincoln Center, the Statue of Liberty, Wall Street, Chinatown, the art museums. No They haven't. They live in projects, or brownstones, and they "hang out" on street corners or play ball in the park. So what's the point of being a New Yorker? It's supposed to be an automatic "cool." But somehow, it just doesn't come off.

Deborah stepped off the Greyhound Bus and took in Winston-Salem's skyline in a scornful glance. "Is that all?" she sneered.

As we drove home, she treated us "provincials" to a running commentary on the wonders of the city.

"They have this marvelous restaurant, in Manhattan," she informed us. "A crowd of us went there after graduation. It was so serious. They have this big table with lots of little bowls on it--and, you know what? You get to make your own salad!"

We country-folks did not faint on cue. We took her to Darryl's.

There does seem to be one foolproof method of dealing with the worms from the Apple. When somebody begins an obnoxious monologue about his New York citizenship, interrupt him and ask: "Where are your grandparents from?"

I've asked dozens of times and never been given an answer farther north than Virginia or a town bigger than, say....Hooterville? By Sharyn Bratcher

Security Tight For Inauguration

By Sharyn Bratcher Staff Writer

WSSU Chancellor H. Douglas Covington has requested SBI protection during the week of his inauguration ceremony because of threats he has received by letter.

Andrew A. Vanore of the N.C. Attorney General's office confirmed that the Chancellor had consulted the Attorney General for advice in the matter, and had been granted protection. Vanore declined to comment on the nature of the threats.

Dr. Covington said that the incident was related to a "personnel matter" at WSSU.

Dr. Covington will be formally inaugurated as Chancellor of Winston-Salem State University at 2 p.m. Friday, September

29th in a ceremony at Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium. The ceremony will highlight a week long celebration of events, which included a concert by Earl Fatha Hines, the Founders Day Observance, and a Student Government salute to the chancellor.

In a press conference Wednesday Morning, Dr. Covington discussed his plans for the university, listing the establishment of a graduate program as "the top of the list" of priorities.

The Chancellor stated that he was "not pleased" with the WSSU students' scores on the state licensing board exam in nursing, but he added that the changes that have been made in the program may not affect the students' scores until next year or the year after.



WSSU Photo by Roland S. Watts

Lying on a table in the Natural Science Department at Winston-Salem State is a 5'5" rattlesnake whose fate was to become a trophy and a meal for its captors. Bill Hayes of Merry Ferry Road, [2d from left] a construction worker on the campus, caught the snake near Tobaccoville and brought it to the classroom of Fr. Jacqueline R. Shepperson. She and the Science Club took off the hide for stuffing and mounting and Hayes and the club members fondled the snake meat.

A Snake IN The Class