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She'll Lead County's Democrats

Parmon Elected Party Chairman

By JOHN SLADE
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Earline Parmon made history Monday night when she became the first black chairman of the Forsyth County Democratic Executive Committee. The position became vacant last month with

"Earline's genius is 90 percent hard work and loyalty.... Basically, people wanted to see her get it (chairmanship) because she's earned it."

-- Shedrick Adams

the sudden death of party chairman Joseph Parrish Jr.

Robert Joyce, a party worker, nominated Parmon for the post at the special meeting, calling her a representative of blacks, whites, rich and poor.

"Earline has always supported our (Democratic) ticket after the elections," said Joyce. "She has always taken a stand for our side even when it wasn't the most popular thing to do."

Joyce also praised Parmon's support of the school system and Forsyth Technical Institute bonds in the Nov. 8 city-county bond referendum.

Aldermen Virginia Newell and Vivian Burke seconded Parmon's nomination, saying she had worked her way up through the party ranks and deserved to be chairman.

"Not only has (Parmon) worked from the ground up," said Newell, "she has helped send Democrats from the state House to the White House."

Said Burke: "(Parmon) is an outstanding grassroots woman. She never gets tired and she loves the Democratic Party. I admire this woman because she is touched by God and walks with Him. I truly

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Go Tell It On The Mountain...

Ronnie Corley, a student at Kimberly Park Daycare Center, Kimberly Park Terrace with a rendition of "Go Tell It On The Mountain" (photo by James Parker).

Local Muslims Reluctant To Ride Jesse's Wagon

By AUDREY L. WILLIAMS
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Earlier this month, Louis Farrakhan, national spokesman and leader of the Nation of Islam, announced that the organization would launch its support for presidential candidate Jesse Jackson. Though Winston-Salem's Islamic community is not opposing the support, its members are not endorsing Jackson.

Supporting Jackson will not bring about a change in the economic parity of black Americans, says Spurgeon Griggs, director of the Institute for Islamic Involvement, the only Islamic-related mosque in Winston-Salem.

"We do support Jackson," says Griggs, "but there are fundamental changes that need to be made and we don't believe these changes will be brought about by another president, even if it is Jackson."

Griggs also contends that getting black Americans registered to vote is not the answer to their economic problems and that electing Jackson would not mean a better way of life for blacks.

"Farrakhan represents a minority of the Islamic organizations in this country at this point," says Griggs, "but our organization has not officially taken a position one way or the other."

The small minority, says Griggs, is the Nation of Islam, an organization once considered to be one of the most populous and influential black organizations in the country during the reign of the now deceased leader and founder, Elijah Muhammad.

When Muhammad died, his son Wallace Muhammad took over and Farrakhan, 50, became the national spokesman. When Muhammad's son began changing the philosophies of the organization to make them more orthodox and changed the organization's name to the American Muslim Mission, Farrakhan left to form his own Nation of Islam.

Because of his "tremendous visibility and his tremendous oratory," says Griggs, he (Farrakhan) is often mistaken as the leader of the now-defunct Nation of Islam of Elijah Muhammad.

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Increased sales: Six year old Akisha Sims holds on to one of the season's popular items (photo by James Parker).

Year Of The Doll

Sales Of Black 'Little People' On The Increase

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Just as last year was the year of the electronic game, this year can safely be called the "Year of the Doll."

Nationally, shoppers are storming malls in search of plump, pudgy little one-of-a-kind creatures called Cabbage Patch dolls and, according to local toy merchants, dolls of all kinds are selling better than ever.

Black dolls are in demand, too. "Black dolls are selling better than they have in the past," said Julia Childs, assistant manager at K&K Toys in Hanes Mall. "People are asking for black dolls."

Unlike black dolls of the past, today's black doll is more than a white doll with brown skin. "The companies have been making black dolls that look as good as their white counterparts," Childs said.

Although it is difficult to pinpoint just when the black doll first hit the American toy market, the demand for them grew from pressure from black parents that black children needed to have toys they could identify with.

Unfortunately, the first dolls did little

to represent the looks of black people and looked somewhat scary. At least one toymaker recognized that shortcoming and set out to do something about it. When Remco Industries first introduced its line of black dolls in 1968, a spokesman for the firm said in the *Saturday Review*, "We have a number of dolls here that we've come out with that are Negroid dolls. These dolls have been on the market in a sense in the past five years. However, they were normally made out of regular Caucasian dolls. We used to take our dolls and simply mold them in a dark color and call them Negro dolls."

In order to improve the looks of the black doll, Remco hired a special designer to incorporate "Negro features into our dolls." Since that time, black dolls have taken on a new look and are becoming more popular with today's children.

Today, most dolls come in both black and white versions and some Oriental, Indian and Spanish as well. Coleco Industries' Cabbage Patch dolls, this year's craze, come in both black and white, as does Baby Skates, also a big seller. And an old-time favorite, the Barbie doll, has

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Charlotte NAACP Gets Boycott OK

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The Charlotte NAACP was granted permission earlier this week from the organization's national office to boycott Charlotte's Food Lion Inc. grocery stores.

Local NAACP president Pat Hairston said on Wednesday that similar permission for Winston-Salem's NAACP may be forthcoming.

"We are waiting the word from the national office as to when we have permission to start the boycott (of local Food Lion stores). I expect it may come today," Hairston said.

Hairston announced last week that NAACP chapters

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Elisha Oliver treated the senior citizens at Kimberly Park Terrace Community Center during their Christmas party with an old favorite, "Ol' McDonald Had A Farm" (photo by James Parker).

Sheppard Elected As Board Chairman

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education broke a two-week-old deadlock Monday night by electing Dr. William Sheppard as its new chairman and Garlene Grogan as vice chairman.

Sheppard was elected on a 6-1 vote, with Mary Margaret Lohr abstaining. Marvin Calloway, who served as last year's chairman and was nominated on Dec. 5 for a second term, was absent from the meeting. Superintendent Zane Eargle said that Calloway was sick with the flu and wished to withdraw his name from consideration.

In making his acceptance speech before taking the

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