

Chronicle issues endorsements

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For associate Supreme Court justice, Henry Frye. Unbeknownst to some of us, the state's first black Supreme Court justice, who earned his stripes as a well-regarded state representative, has competition and needs and deserves your vote to remain on the bench.

For state Senate, 20th District, Lafayette Jones. What Jones, a black Republican candidate (the two can go together), lacks in experience he makes up in mettle,

forthrightness and common sense.

For state House, 67th District, C.B. Hauser. Dr. Hauser, a tireless worker who surprised many, apparently including himself, with a victory two years ago, faces competition in his newly created single-member district and could lose if black voters show poorly at the polls.

For state House, 66th District, Annie Brown Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy, a local attorney, runs

unopposed in another new district. But she returns to the Legislature with our blessings.

For state House, 39th District, R.J. Childress, Margaret Tennille and Tom C. Womble. In the county's multi-member House district, this trio of Democrats combines sufficient measures of experience, accountability and accessibility to earn another trip to Raleigh.

For county commissioner in a special election, Mabel Holton.

Mrs. Holton, a longtime and loyal Democrat, is somewhat of an unknown quantity in this race to fill the seat left empty by the death of Fred Hauser. Former Democrat David Drummond is, however, a known quantity whom we would prefer to remain unelected.

For county commissioner, Mose' Belton Brown. Mrs. Brown is a petite woman with big plans -- to give Mazie Woodruff some much-needed company on a

white male-dominated board that commands more power and influence than many of us realize. Some have questioned her experience. We, however, look forward to the new ideas she would bring.

For Board of Education, Evelyn A. Terry and William H. Tatum. Religion and politics apparently don't mix because some of the things that have happened on this school board have been virtually unholy, from the school

breakfast issue to the system's farcical reorganization. This board desperately needs more diverse voices and Mrs. Terry and Tatum can provide them. They are both energetic, intelligent and conscientious.

Our other endorsements:

For state attorney general, Lacy Thornburg; insurance commissioner, John Long; labor commissioner, John Brooks, and register of deeds Laverne Speas.

Willie the Wino's Wisdom

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wing son-of-a-gun, at least we always know where he's coming from. Hunt is wishy-washy, but Helms scares me. And he will scare every black, Indian and right-thinking white if he's re-elected and that Percy fellow in Illinois loses. 'Cause if that happens, Jesse becomes chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

If y'all think the CIA is running crazy now, look out Nicaragua and the Third World! Me: So, it seems that you are more anti-Reagan and Helms than you are pro-Mondale and Hunt?

Willie: Yeah, but what else is new? The lesser of two evils is almost always the choice for black and poor folk.

Me: Folk tell me that the governor's race is a hot one.

Willie: Well, you know, that Democratic primary just about tore up the black community. So now, you got black folk who supported Eddie Knox rallying behind Republican Jim Martin and turning their backs on Rufus (Edmisten).

Me: So, what's gonna happen on election day?

Willie: The hell if I know, but I'm gonna vote for Edmisten 'cause I always follow the advice of that Black Leadership Round-

table group. But I will say this: Jim Martin is a sincere dude who put some distance between his politics and those of Jesse Helms. I'll give him credit for that. Rufus better watch out.

Me: Do you have a choice for 5th District Congressman?

Willie: You bet your Boone's Farm I do. Steve Neal has done all right and deserves another term. But I'll tell you, progressive folk need to stay on Steve about his support for all that money for defense and military spending. That's crazy.

Me: Brother Willie, I've got to go soon, but I would appreciate your insight on the local elections: school board, county commissioners, etc.

Willie: Clifton, baby, I ain't got no insight, but I do have eyesight. And my eyesight tells me that we need to put black folk like Mose' Belton Brown on the county commission, Bill Tatum and Evelyn Terry on the school board, Annie Brown Kennedy and C.B. Hauser back in Raleigh and Lafayette Jones in the state senate.

Me: Does the fact that brother Jones is a Republican bother you?

Willie: Why should it? In fact, I admire the brother for shaking off the shackles of Democratic Party slavery and running as a

Republican. Let's face it, brother, if we gonna play this game of politics, we need to put pressure on both the mules and the elephants, as well as work to build an independent force like the Rainbow Coalition.

Me: Willie, as usual, it's been nice and informative rapping with you. Anytime you're "Up South" in Connecticut, look me up in New Haven.

Willie: Man, it's too cold up there for the kid -- the people and the weather. But let me lay this on you before you raise.

Tell the folk that whatever they do, make sure they vote and vote wisely on Nov. 6. I know they are frustrated, but tell 'em that

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cerning candidate for governor Rufus Edmisten's failure, after several invitations, to meet with the N.C. Black Press Association.

I congratulate you on your position not to meet with Edmisten on his terms at a later date in Raleigh, N.C.

I would appear that some candidates for political office are still afraid to let it be known that they are interested in our support.

I had begun to have some good feeling concerning the attitudes

and positions of some politicians and was beginning to feel that we had reached a point in our development on the road to respect. It would appear that Mr. Edmisten is still living in the past insofar as his respect for the minority press (is concerned).

Again, congratulations and do not waiver in your concern for earned respect and equality in all areas of life.

Me: Later, Willie.

Willie: So long, lawyer. By the way, you got a quarter?

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Curtiss Todd
Winston-Salem

Marable

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its own housing supply by rent control." On abortion rights, the GOP reaffirmed its support for an anti-abortion constitutional amendment, stating that "We oppose the use of public revenues for abortion and will eliminate funding for organizations which advocate or support abortion."

The Reagan administration's bitter opposition to racial equality has been clearly manifested in its 1983 purge of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, opposition to affirmative action and its concern for "reverse discrimination" against whites. The 1984 platform denounces the "twisting" of civil rights enforcement in what it terms "the excessive interference in the education process. We support tuition credits" for private, usually all-white schools.

On international issues, the radical Reaganites embrace an agenda which reinforces racism, imperialism and global war. Promising to "keep the peace by keeping our country stronger than any potential adversary," the Republicans call for unprecedented increases in nuclear and conventional weapons spending. The platform applauds "the liberation of Grenada" and warns that "Nicaragua cannot be allowed to remain a Communist sanctuary, exporting terror and

arms throughout the region."

The Republicans denounce the Soviets as a "threat to freedom and peace on every continent," but are mute on the vicious racist state of South Africa. The document even goes so far as to "reaffirm our commitment to the rights of all South Africans," which is simply another way of defending white minority rule.

In short, the re-election of Ronald Reagan will mean almost certainly a U.S. invasion of Nicaragua in the next two years; the strengthening of the apartheid regime and its criminal wars against Zimbabwe, Angola and Mozambique; the destruction of civil rights laws; the reduction of Social Security payments to the elderly; the introduction of fundamental religious dogma into our schools and the erosion of the environment and health and safety standards in the workplace.

Millions have already died or been hurled into poverty and joblessness under Reagan; now millions more face the same fate. The Republican platform represents a "united front" of all radical reactionaries and the corporate elite, from the Ku Klux Klan -- which has again publicly endorsed Reagan -- to Wall Street.

This Tuesday, Do Something Positive . . . VOTE DEMOCRATIC

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OUR FORSYTH COUNTY LEADERSHIP . . .

<u>N.C. Senate</u>		<u>N.C. House</u>	
20th District	39th District	66th District	67th District
TED KAPLAN	R.J. CHILDRESS	ANNIE BROWN KENNEDY	C.B. HAUSER
MARVIN WARD	MARGARET TENNILLE		
	TOM C. WOMBLE		
<u>County Commissioners</u>		<u>Board of Education</u>	
NEAL BEDINGER	MABEL HOLTON	GRACE CARTER	WILLIAM (BILL)
MOSE B. BROWN	JAMES N. ZIGLAR, Jr.	EFIRD	H. TATUM
		EVELYN A. TERRY	JOHN W. WOOD
<u>Judges</u>		<u>Register of Deeds</u>	
LYNN P. BURLESON	R. KASON KEIGER	LAVERNE E. SPEAS	
JAMES A. HARRILL, Jr.	PAUL SHEPARD		

OUR STATE LEADERSHIP

- RUFUS EDMISTEN for Governor
- BOB JORDAN for Lt. Governor
- LACY THORNBURG for Attorney General
- THAD EURE for Sec. of State
- EDWARD RENFROW for State Auditor
- HARLAN BOYLES for State Treasurer
- CRAIG PHILLIPS for Superintendent of Public Instruction
- JIM GRAHAM for Commissioner of Agriculture
- JOHN BROOKS for Commissioner of Labor
- JIM LONG for Commissioner of Insurance
- Supreme Court Judge HENRY E. FRYE
- Supreme Court Judge BURKY B. MITCHELL, JR.
- Superior Court Judge CHARLES C. LAMM, JR.
- Superior Court Judge WILLIAM C. GRIFFIN, JR.

OUR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- WALTER MONDALE/GERALDINE FERRARO
President/Vice President
- JIM HUNT for U.S. Senate
- STEVE NEAL for 5th District
U.S. House of Representatives

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St. James Church 724-3865

Northeast Ward:

NAACP Office 748-2341

East Ward:

Shiloh Baptist Church 724-9263
Galilee Baptist Church 724-3857

Southeast Ward:

Emmanuel Baptist Church 788-7023