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## Smith's backers go to Wood

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Afro-American Democrats who a week ago supported G. Dee Smith for mayor said they will have no problem supporting Martha S. Wood, however, they doubt that the same consensus exists among whites in Winston-Salem.

On Oct. 17 Mrs. Wood won the Democratic nomination beating Mr. Smith 8,957 to 8,110 votes, according to official figures from the county Board of Elections. (Mrs. Wood picked up 24 votes after the board's canvass on Oct. 19.) Her victory put an end to what some community leaders have called nasty campaigning.

Workers in Mrs. Wood's camp alleged that their counterparts in Mr. Smith's corner instigated racial disharmony by telephoning potential voters and asking them to call a Dial-a-Klan recorded message that was demeaning to Mrs.

Wood and to Afro-Americans.

Mr. Smith denied any association with the Klan but has said that some of Mrs. Wood's workers, particularly attorney Larry D. Little, were responsible for tagging him a racist. As a result of that tag and other negative campaigning, Mr. Smith said, he lost the election.

Some white Democrats have said they would rather vote for Republican challenger Lenville M. Sale than cast a lot for Mrs. Wood. However, Afro-American Democrats who supported Mr. Smith said they will support the woman nominated by the party.

"I support the Democratic ticket," said Vivian H. Burke, alderman of the Northeast Ward. "Mrs. Wood has won the Democratic nomination and I will support her because she's on the Democratic ticket. Things like this just don't bother me and it shouldn't bother members of the

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## Beatty sentenced to 46 months

By TONYA V. SMITH  
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Attorneys John A. Dusenbury Jr. and Larry D. Little wished they could have taken their client home with them at the conclusion of Tuesday's trial in U.S. Federal District Court, but Celeste E. Beatty was bound over to the court and sentenced to serve 46 months in prison.

Ms. Beatty was convicted of robbing the Friendly Center Branch of Gate City Federal Savings and Loan and five other banks in the Triad. She was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury March 27 on the six counts of bank robbery. Originally Ms. Beatty faced

a maximum sentence of 25 years and/or a \$250,000 fine. However, she was sentenced under newly installed federal minimum sentence guidelines which meant she could receive as many as 51 months in jail or as few as 41 months.

"Of course we would like to have seen her come home, but under the federal guidelines I certainly think the judge did the best he could under the circumstances," said Mr. Little.

"Celeste needs treatment and help and hopefully she'll get that now. That was a concern and recommendation of the judge - that she be sent to a facility that could offer her the help she needs."

Ms. Beatty, 25, had confessed to robbing the banks. It was later revealed that she was suffering from a severe schizophrenic illness that prompted her to eat dirt and corn starch and pull her hair, according to the report and testimony of psychologist John F. Warren.

"Unfortunately," Mr. Little said, "psychologists for the state saw no mental problems in Celeste. Celeste had been a model citizen in our community. I have watched her carefully since March 1, and I have known her since she was a child, and I am convinced that she will make a major

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## Honeycutt's attorney says DA violated client's constitutional rights

Judge Margaret Sharpe denies defense request for injunction, warns parents of potential for charges against them

By TONYA V. SMITH  
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A judicial soap opera that began two weeks ago climaxed this week as the principal who had been charged with nine assault on children charges had his attorney turn the tables of justice, putting the District Attorney's office on trial.

On behalf of his client, William E. Honeycutt, attorney Daniel S. Walden accused the state prosecutors of violating the defendant's constitutional rights. Mr. Walden also accused District Attorney Warren Sparrow of making decisions that circumvented the judicial system for personal political reasons. Mr. Sparrow is up for reelection in 1990. Mr. Walden asked for an injunction against the state, preventing it from ever charging Mr. Honeycutt based on incidents that occurred on bus #553 on Sept. 11.

The former principal of Mineral Springs Elementary School was tried and acquitted on Oct. 10 of seven charges of assault on children less than 12 years old. Mr. Honeycutt was only recently replaced at Mineral Springs and temporarily reassigned to a position in the school's administrative offices. The children had accused the principal of shoving, kicking and slapping them. He was scheduled to appear in court Oct. 20 on two additional charges. However, the parents who filed the most recent charges, Angelita L. Cherry and Peggy A. Groom, wanted the case continued to allow the district attorney's office to respond to a list of requests submitted by them and the Concerned Mothers of Forsyth County.

The 17 mothers met with Mr. Sparrow Thursday morning and asked for a continuance because they needed more time to prepare their case. They said they needed more time to subpoena additional witnesses, Alderman Vivian H. Burke, Assistant Superintendent Annie Hairston and executive superintendent of schools Palmer Friend, and to subpoena the former principal's work record

On Oct. 20 assistant district attorney John W. Totten asked Judge Sharpe for a continuance of the case. Mr. Walden, however, objected and said he was filing a motion alleging double jeopardy - meaning the state wanted a second chance to try to convict Mr. Honeycutt using the same evidence and witnesses heard in the first trial. The defense attorney cited two North Carolina laws and

a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that basically outlaws gradually trying individuals in cases involving several victims if the prosecution has identified all the victims before the trial.

Judge Sharpe said she would continue Mr. Honeycutt's trial until Oct. 24 to give her an opportunity to read Mr. Walden's motion. After the case had been continued, Mr. Totten took a voluntary dismissal of the newly filed cases - something he said Mr. Sparrow and his co-workers had agreed upon doing if the case was not continued.

In court Tuesday, Mr. Walden filed a new amended motion and charged that members of the district attorney's office telephoned witnesses he had subpoenaed on Friday and told them the case would be continued and there was no need for them to appear in court. He called the witnesses he had subpoenaed last week, Ms. Cherry, Ms. Grooms and Detective A.D. Sims of the city police department, to the stand Tuesday and asked them if the district attorney's office instructed them not to appear in court Friday.

Ms. Cherry and Ms. Grooms said they had received a telephone call, but

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## Parents undaunted by judge's warning

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Sitting calmly, very relaxed with his legs crossed and arms folded, William E. Honeycutt was the picture of innocence this week in Forsyth County District Court. He definitely did not resemble the man who 12 children said flew into a fury of rage and assaulted

Mr. Honeycutt, 52, had been the principal of Mineral Springs Elementary School for 10 years. Last week, a successor was named to his position as a result of the criminal charges filed against him and Mr. Honeycutt was temporarily moved to the city-county school's central office.

Throughout his appearances in court on Oct. 10, Oct. 20 and Oct.

with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System.

The parents also told the district attorney that they wanted a different prosecuting attorney to try the case - preferably Todd Burke, an Afro-American, and they didn't want Judge Margaret Sharpe to preside over Mr. Honeycutt's second trial.

24, Mr. Honeycutt has resembled a quiet, caring father. His gold rimmed glasses, conservative suits and ties and slightly receding hairline demand the respect young children and adults alike give to a man of his stature. His wife, other family members friends and his pastor have joined him in the courtroom as a sign of support.

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## BATTLE FOR THE EAST WARD

### Incumbent: V. K. Newell

By TONYA V. SMITH  
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Virginia K. Newell - alderman, community activist, business woman, educator, mother - experienced earlier this week an emotion that she isn't very accustomed to: loneliness.

For the first time in nearly 50 years she is without her husband, George Fisher Newell, who died Oct. 10 after a lengthy illness.

True to form, Mrs. Newell doesn't have the blinds closed in her home that's nestled in the middle of the cul-de-sac off Pickford Drive. Ironically,



Virginia Newell

### Challenger: R. Rowell

By ROBIN BARKSDALE  
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The Republican candidate for East Ward alderman says he has a different perspective on politics, one that allows him to view his decision to seek public office more as a calling than any type of personal choice.

Richard Rowell, who will face incumbent Virginia Newell in the November general election, began his journey to political office on a road that would take him to New York, Wisconsin and Mexico. A native of Winston-Salem, Mr. Rowell left the

city in the 1960s in search of answers to some of the problems he saw in his home community. By gaining a broader perspective of the world, he said, he felt he would be better able to correct some of the trouble areas in Winston-Salem.

"I had to understand people in poverty. I looked at situations in my community and they confused me. I wanted to know if it was that way everywhere. I was determined to find a way to make things better for myself and my community," said the 42-year-old Mr. Rowell. "I came back



Richard Rowell