

Judge Karen Galloway Pulled It Out Just In Time

By Joseph E. Green

Things looked rather bad for Judge Karen Galloway, Durham's charming District Court judge as the early returns rolled in on election night two weeks ago.

Her opponent, Richard Chaney, was giving her a serious thrashing in many predominately white districts and many of her supporters, black and white at election headquarters, appeared ready to throw in the towel.

For a long time, it appeared that Judge Galloway, 31, a Duke Law graduate who had been appointed to the district court bench by Gov. Jim Hunt, would soon have to hustle in the courthouse corridors with other Durham lawyers.

As the tally sheets were posted with numbers such as those at the Carrington Junior High precinct that showed 737 for Chaney and 226 for Galloway, one Galloway supporter, began plucking black and grey hairs from his neatly trimmed beard. "This looks bad," he moaned.

It was not until late in the evening that Judge Galloway began to even get close to Chaney, a former Chief Assistant District Attorney. But then the ballots from the predominately black precincts started coming in. Shepard Junior High School gave Judge Galloway 715 votes to 18 for Chaney; Burton School reported 1,212 votes for Galloway to 31 for Chaney.

Both candidates had appeared before the formidable Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People seeking an endorsement, but a disappointed Chaney said during an interview that he thought the minds of some of the committee members were already "made up" prior to his appearance.

Judge Galloway and her campaign staff ran a scientific and slick campaign, while Chaney said that he believed his efforts were "disorganized."

"I don't really know what I would have done differently," Chaney said. "It was close. I am disappointed."

Well, here is what Judge Galloway did: She and her staff targeted sufficient numbers of white voters to keep her close to Chaney in areas where people simply might not have voted for a black woman judge.

At Hope Valley School precinct, she got 453 votes while Chaney received 562. At the Gorman Ruritan Club on New Oxford Highway, she received 326 votes, while Chaney received 684. She did not beat him, but she stayed close — a plan that she hoped would pay off in the end.

"We wanted to run a low-key campaign," Ms. Galloway said after the election. "We met with a lot of people, liberals, conservatives, moderates."

Judge Galloway had an image problem. Chaney, using newspaper advertisements, suggested that Judge Galloway, a black woman, was not color blind when it came to judging blacks in a courtroom. He also suggested that social activism often took precedence

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over her judicial judgment.

"People had to get to know who Karen Galloway was," she said, "so I went out and met people. She made allies throughout Durham County, and she won the support of the black ministerial alliance whose members urged their congrega-

tions to vote for Judge Galloway.

In the end, the judge had beaten the former assistant district attorney by 1109 votes. Judge Galloway had lost her voice and Chaney was distraught.

It was all very simple. Her plan worked. Lawyers, black and white, now have to come

before a black female judge with an imposing afro.

For four more years, the legal types, including perhaps Chaney, will have to go into her courtroom and address her as "your honor," not because she wanted it that way, but because the voters of Durham County had decided that that was the way it was going to be.

Black Professionals Agree To Study Ways To Help Black Progress

By Donald Alderman

WINSTON-SALEM

A two-day effort by three major black professional organizations to band together to spur more community progress on a statewide basis marked a "good beginning," according to participants.

The focus of the two-day meeting several weeks ago was to outline ways that North Carolina's black doctors, dentists and lawyers

can combine their resources to exert additional political and economic clout to benefit the black community generally.

Underlying this, however, are beliefs by many of the professionals that the erosion of black political and economic gains will eventually affect the professionals themselves since the bulk of their business comes from the black community.

Generally, members of organizations that represent the state's black lawyers, doctors and dentists, concurred that while the weekend efforts produced positive discussions and good ideas, the key issue now is to effectively follow up on the discussion. They set themselves a six-month schedule for developing concrete plans.

The organizations that held their annual conventions together for the first time were the N.C. Association of Black Lawyers, the Old North State Medical Society, and the Old North State Dental Society.

Their discussions centered around three recommendations presented by State Senator Henry Frye (D-Greensboro). Frye recommended the following:

- * The groups should create a political education organization, similar to the now defunct Atlanta-based Voter Education Project.
- * The groups should form a political action committee (PAC).
- * The organizations

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Blacks Want Allen, Many Whites Want Leary

By Joseph E. Green

If William A. Allen is reelected sheriff in his July 27th runoff with Roland Leary, it will not be because white people elected him. It will be because black people returned him to office.

Allen received the endorsement of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People. Leary and North Carolina Central professor Jess Bowe attacked Allen's performance as sheriff, saying during the campaign that he was soft on drug pushers and administered justice in an unequal fashion.

It was not quite clear why the Committee did not endorse Leary. Some say that they think the Chief of the local ABC officer is best settled right where he is, in the anti-liquor business.

Leary disagrees. During an interview with *The Carolina Times*, he said, "I want to be sheriff for all of the people. I have had experience in drug enforcement, murder investigations and in robberies," he said. "What we have in the sheriff's department now is not good enough."

Jess Bowe, who finished third, did not receive the Committee's endorsement mostly because he does not have a single black on his staff at Central's Criminal Justice Program. Durham Committee members did not look upon this situation with favor this time, though in previous elections, Bowe won the Committee's endorsement.

If blacks had split their vote between Leary and Allen, the former could have easily won. While Allen received 227 votes in Oak Grove, a white precinct, Leary received 236. At the Gorman Ruritan Club precinct, Allen received 452 votes while Leary received 463. Even at Hope Valley School, thought to be an Allen bastion, the Sheriff received 406 votes while the ABC chief received

277. It was clear from the white precincts that white voters wanted a new sheriff.

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But Allen's neck was saved by black voters who pushed him ahead. At Shepard School, Allen received 554 votes while Leary received 31. At Hillside, Allen received 569 votes while Leary received 89 and at the Burton School, Allen

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Five Hinckley Jurors

WASHINGTON: Five of the jurors who acquitted John Hinckley, Jr., by reason of insanity for trying to kill President Reagan testify before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee recently which is looking into reforming the law to make it more difficult for defendants to plead insanity. (L-R) are Glynis Lassiter, Lawrence Coffey, Woodrow Johnson, Ms. Maryland Copelin and Nathalia Brown

Grimes To 'Face' Grand Jury

By Isaiah Singletary

The case of a Durham man charged with killing a pedestrian in a highly controversial hit and run case will go the Durham County Grand Jury next week, according to District Attorney Dan K. Edwards.

In an interview last week, Edwards said that while he will definitely present the case of Robert B. Grimes to the Grand Jury. He hadn't decided with what he would charge Grimes.

Edwards could ask the Grand Jury to return an indictment against Grimes on charges of either first or second

degree murder, voluntary or involuntary manslaughter.

Originally, Grimes, who gave his address as 2901 Carver St., was charged with involuntary manslaughter in the death of Chester Reams, 37, of East Club Blvd.

But following an extensive investigation by *The Carolina Times*, which revealed that the stories of two eye witnesses corresponded, contrary to contentions by police investigators that they were contradictory. The newspaper's investigation also showed that Grimes has a long criminal record

characterized by an unusually high number of dismissals by the state's prosecutor, prior to trial.

Additional controversy swirled around the case because a number of people believed the death was racially motivated. Grimes is white. Reams was black, and was killed while walking along the 2400 block of Guess Road with a white woman.

At this point, there are more questions surrounding the case than there are answers, despite the fact that Edwards will take the case to the Grand Jury that is

scheduled to meet for at least two days next week.

It is not clear what evidence Edwards intends to present. Neither is it clear whether Edwards or the special prosecutor in the case, Angus Thompson, the North Carolina NAACP general counsel, will present the evidence to the Grand Jury.

Thompson entered the case at the request of the Durham Branch of the NAACP, and was accepted by Edwards, he said, because there is so much controversy surrounding the case.

The Grimes case began

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One Of Mills Brothers Dies

HOLLYWOOD — Harry Mills (r), one of the singing Mills Brothers, died at his home on June 28 at the age of 68. He is seen in this 1966 photo with other members of the group as they marked their 40th anniversary in

show business. Left to right are: Herb Mills; Don Mills; guitarist Norman Brown and Harry Mills. The brothers, who started singing in Ohio in 1926, last performed together in Atlantic City in September, 1981.