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Black Publisher Appointed To Board

Governor Jim Hunt today appointed Tom Jervay of Wilmington to the N.C. State Goals and Policy Board.

Jervay is the editor and owner of the Wilmington Journal. He is a member of the Business and Professional Men's Club, the New Hanover Black Leadership Conference, and the NAACP. He is a past president of the National Negro Publishers Association and is a former member of the board of directors of Planters National Bank and the New Hanover Memorial Hospital.

The State Goals and Policy Board is composed of 15 members—11 appointed by the Governor. He has already named 10 of his appointees. Four members are holdover members having unexpired terms. Members of the board serve terms of four years.

The Board on State Goals and Policy was created by the 1971 General Assembly to develop recommendations and to advise the Governor on broad issue areas, and to prepare with him new programs, legislative proposals and pending priorities. Since 1973 the Board has been inoperative.

This summer the Governor has reactivated the Board, not only to develop policy recommendations for his administration, but also to involve citizens in that effort.

The basic purposes of the Board are to survey the whole range of state needs, propose state goals, and recommend ways for state government to achieve these goals.



John L. Vine surveys the ruins of the uninsured business he has vowed to rebuild.

'Too Old And Too Poor Too Quit'

Vine To Rebuild Uninsured Business

"I'm too old and too poor to quit," said John L. Vines, grimly surveying the ruins of his business, destroyed in a fire July 2nd.

Vines, who was blasted from the flaming building when the fumes from a gasoline container were ignited by the pilot light of the hot water heater, still has one arm in a sling, but he and Mrs. Vines are already working to clear the debris from the burned out building.

"That will make it easier for the building inspector to look things over," Mr. Vines explained. Vines wants to rebuild, but the building, located at the intersection of Patterson and Liberty, must first pass inspection.

"If it doesn't, I'll go home and sit," says Vines. He is not willing to relocate, he says.

The building, which suffered about \$30,000

damage, was not insured. "I don't believe in insurance," said Vines. "If I paid a thousand dollars a year in insurance for 15 years, I'd have \$15,000 in insurance, but I'd rather put that money in the bank. Insurance companies are getting rich with out money."

The customers' clothes destroyed in the fire were not insured, either, but Vines stated that he intends to compensate those who lost good clothes in the fire. The store's business records survived the fire.

Mr. Vines says he is recovering rapidly from his injuries. Doctors wanted to do a skin graft on his left arm, he said, and it is the last area to heal, but otherwise, he is mending well.

Now he is waiting for the building inspector's verdict, so that he can start over. Asked if he would insure the building this time, John L. Vines replied: "No. I still wouldn't."

Black Legislator Reviews Session

Representative Richard C. Erwin, one of only four blacks in North Carolina's House of Representatives, won a few legislative battles and lost a few in this year's session, but on the whole he feels that it was a successful year.

He supported the Equal Rights Amendment, but he was not surprised when it failed to pass the Senate. "Three people who originally supported ERA shifted their votes," Erwin explains. One factor in the amendment's defeat was the idea of women serving in combat situations in the armed forces.

The ERA Amendment cannot be reconsidered until 1979, because a bill cannot be re-introduced in the session in which it was defeated (unless the Senate reverses its vote—which it will not, says Erwin), but meanwhile the provisions of the ERA are being quietly implemented in other laws passed by the legislature.

"We have changed the laws about a married woman obtaining credit, the man being automatically considered the head of the household, and other sexist practi-

ces," Erwin explained. So whether ERA passes in 1979, or not, many of its tenets will already be law in North Carolina.

Liquor-By-The-Drink was another controversial issue that failed to pass the Senate. "What people don't understand about Liquor-By-The-Drink is that even if the bill had passed the state legislature, that wouldn't give North Carolina liquor by the drink. The people would have to decide that. If the bill had passed, then there would have been a referendum in November, giving the people a chance to decide," said Erwin.

One minor "cleanup bill" with special significance for Winston-Salem was House Bill #277, legitimizing interracial marriages. It was introduced by Representative Patricia Hunt of Chapel Hill.

"The old law was unconstitutional," says Erwin. "It conflicted with the Supreme Court decision on Loving vs. the Commonwealth of Virginia. I didn't think anyone would vote against changing it—but eight people actually did." The eight legislators who voted to keep interracial marriages in-



Richard C. Erwin

valid were all white, but none of them were from this area.

Mr. Erwin introduced a few bills of his own in the House. His contribution to North Carolina criminal law was a bill prohibiting the carrying of firearms to any event for which admission is charged. "Before that law was passed, you could legally have carried a rifle to a football game," said Erwin.

Another of Erwin's bills, one which would have eliminated all prohibition against the advertisement of the price of eyeglasses, failed to pass, because the bill's other supporters wanted another added, imposing a penalty on anyone who

advertises falsely. With a little more discussion and revision, Erwin is confident that the bill will pass in the '78 session.

Asked if any bills passed that he did not approve of, Erwin named the bill which gave the legislative services committee subpoena power. Erwin says he does not feel that they should be an investigative agency. The General Assembly already had subpoena power; that particular committee did not need the power on its own.

The subject of the Wilmington 10 case did not come up in the General Assembly. "There's nothing we can do about it," Erwin explained. "We do not have the power to grant pardons, and they were convicted by the courts. The solution to that case rests with the government."

Black First

Wesley A. Brown—became the first black to graduate from the Naval Academy of Annapolis on June 3, 1949. Henry O. Flipper became the first black to graduate from West Point on June 15, 1877.

Responds To Corpening Meeting

Butler Charges Back-Room Politics

Wayne Corpening, former local Democratic party chairman, received backing for mayor from 50 or 60 of the city's leading businessmen in an informal meeting held at the Twin City Club last week. Although Corpening has not yet announced that he plans to run for mayor, the get-together was supposedly called to encourage him to run.

Cecil Butler, who is running for mayor, reacted to the daily newspaper's banner headline announcing businesses' support for his "unofficial opponent" by saying: "I'm glad that the people of Winston-Salem have a chance to see how Wayne Corpening works. We have had back-room politics for a long time, and this is just another example of it."

He added: "It is also significant that the meet-

ing was held in a club that does not welcome black members."

Although sources confirm that the Twin City Club has no black members, two black guests were present at the reception for Corpening: Aldermen C.C. Ross and Richard Davis.

The third black alderman, Carl Russell, did not attend the meeting. He is considered a possible candidate for mayor.

Utilities Commission Reopens Hearings

The Utilities commission has announced that it was reopening its investigation and hearing on voluntary peak-load time-of-day electric rates with a new hearing set for August 31, 1977. The rates apply to Duke Power company, and were first heard in December 1976. The new August hearing will cover all events since a chance to be heard for approval of the rates for use by the public.

Electric customers are represented in the case by the new Public Staff rates established by the 1977 Legislature and by the Attorney General.

The offer of the time-of-day rates on a voluntary basis for individual customers is designed to give those customers who want to arrange a major part of their electric use for off-peak hours an opportunity to save money on their electric bill, by

having cheaper rates for off-peak hours and higher rates for electricity used during on-peak hours.

The Commission Staff supported the Duke rates at the December hearing as offering a good opportunity for savings by Duke's customers, with incentives to shift their electric use to off-peak hours. The Commission Staff had reservations about the CP&L and Veeco rates, as their off-peak rates were not as low as Duke's off-peak rates. Duke's residential voluntary rate proposal provides a \$10.75 per month customer charge, a demand charge of \$3.20

per KW on-peak demand in the summer and \$1.60 per KW for on-peak demand in the winter, and an energy charge of 1.8 cents per KW for on-peak use and 1.3 cents per KW for off-peak energy. Duke's off-peak hours at the reduced rates are all-day Saturday and Sunday, and all hours Monday through Friday except 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. during summer months and 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon during winter months. CP&L and Veeco filed for longer hours for the on-peak rates.

Duke's present year-round rates with electric water heater have a monthly customer charge of \$4.69 and an energy charge of 2.38 cents per KWH for the first 350 KWH, 3.15 cents per KWH for the next 950 KWH, and 3.05 cents per

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Richard N. Davis

Davis Seeks Re-Election

Alderman Richard N. Davis of the North Ward announced Wednesday, July 27, that he will run for re-election this fall. He will be seeking a third term as alderman, running for the second time against Larry Little, who lost the 1974 election by just eight votes.

When he was first elected to the Board of Aldermen in 1970, Davis, an accountant, became the first black to represent the North Ward.

In announcing his candidacy, Davis listed some of his accomplishments as alderman. They included: the establishment of a citizens' service line for complaints or requests for service; program budgeting and management by objective; the reduction of substandard housing in his ward; and more and better city recreational facilities.

One project in which Davis is particularly interested is the establishment of a police review board to investigate complaints against the police and to monitor their activities. If Davis is re-elected he may be in a position to implement this plan by becoming chairman of the Board of Aldermen's public safety committee. Floyd S. Burge, Jr., the present committee chairman, has

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Chronicle Weather Outlook

Periods of showers. Highs from the mid-70s in the mountains to the low to mid-80s elsewhere; lows from the 60s in the mountains to the low to mid-70s elsewhere. Clearing this weekend but not as hot. Highs in the high 70s to lower 80s.

Mixon Serves As Interim Postmaster

When Winston-Salem's postmaster R. Graves Wilson retired last week after forty years with the post office, an interim replacement was appointed until the new postmaster is chosen.

The officer-in-charge is Enola C. Mixon, the first black woman to handle the postmaster's job in the Twin City.

"My supervisor nominated me for this job, because he thought it would be good experience for me," Mrs. Mixon explained.

She has been with the post office for ten and half years, starting out as a distribution clerk, and working her way up. Before assuming the duties of postmaster, Mrs. Mixon was a sectional center director for Employee and Labor Rela-



Mrs. Enola C. Mixon

tions in Greensboro.

"The post office is very interesting work," says Mrs. Mixon. "It is very important to see that the people receive messages from their friends and families, or business communications." See Postmaster, Page 2



John DeVries

DeVries Runs

In N.W. Ward

John DeVries, chairman of the Crystal Towers Neighborhood Association, has announced his intention to run for alderman in the Northwest Ward, the seat presently held by John Elmer.

In announcing his candidacy, DeVries cited major issues of concern to his ward, including city planning, increased city revenues, public transportation, and public safety.

When asked about Lawrence Washington, who is also a candidate in the Northwest Ward, DeVries responded that

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