

# Wilmington 10 Pardon Sought

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more than the executive and the judiciary, but the Democratic Party as well. Larry Little, Winston-Salem candidate for City Council, speaking on the capitol grounds at a Wilmington 10 rally last month, charged the Dem-

ocratic Party with complicity in the 10 case. Little said he felt the Party was involved in the case because the major figures, including Senator Robert Morgan who was attorney general in 1972, and then Governor Robert Scott, are Democrats. (CCNS).

## Staley Wants Friends

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"I don't know why that is," he went on. "Maybe reason blacks can't make it out here for lunch, but on a given day you may see 35 whites in here and only 2 or 3 blacks."

Still, business is going reasonably well, he says. Summer is a slack time in the restaurant business, so Staley's Northside has closed on Sundays, but come September, they will be open on Sundays with some new features to offer.

"We are going to have a buffet area to go with our salad bar," he said, indicating a portable 'contraption' designed to keep food hot for a "serve yourself" buffet. "There would be no point in using it now," he said. "People aren't that interested in hot food in the summer time."

His best selling item right now is the rib eye steak sandwich. In colder weather, the favorite is country-style steak.

Things have gotten better since last winter's crisis, says Wiseman. He was behind in the rent, he explained, because the founder of Staleys died, leaving him the restaurant, but also leaving him a large inheritance tax to pay off. So he worked on getting that paid, and let the rent go for a few months. Now the taxes are paid, and the rent on the building gets paid on time, so things are going pretty well for Mr. Wiseman. But he still wishes a few more blacks would come out to Northside for dinner.

## Burke Seeks Office

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and concerns of the citizens.

Mrs. Burke, a graduate of Elizabeth City State University with a Master's Degree from A&T, is an active member of the AKA Sorority, and is involved in work with the Experiment in Self-Reliance, the YWCA and the National Council of Negro Women.

Her recognitions for service awards include: NAACP Outstanding Service Award; one of North Carolina's Outstanding Volunteers for ESR; a Heart Fund Service award; and several honors within the AKA Sorority. Mrs. Burke was also selected as one of the twenty outstanding black women in Winston-Salem.

## Reynolds Advisory Board

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Advisory Committee will meet with the Forsyth County Board of Health for further discussion.

In going over the diagrammed chain of command for the health center, committee chairman C.P. Booker stressed that no people were named in the plan. "This is just a slot chart," he said.

The board did not make any recommendations about personnel to fill the designated positions.

Defending the committee's plan, Dr. Wilveria Atkinson stated that it is consistent with the structure of other health agencies in the county. "The government does not designate the health department as the agency for primary health care," she said. "Its role is merely supplementary."

The board also discussed the possibility of receiving special funding from the federal government for health care. "We qualify," Dr. Atkinson explained. "Because parts of Forsyth County have been designated as medically underserved."

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## Committee Sponsors Dinner For Little

The Committee to Elect Larry Little will sponsor a dinner in honor of Mr. Little's candidacy for Alderman of the North Ward. It will be held on Thursday, 11 August 1977 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Winston-Salem State University Student Union Building.

Mrs. Lillian Lee, wife of Howard N. Lee, former candidate for Lt. Governor and currently Secretary of the North Carolina De-

velopment, will be the guest speaker.

Mrs. Lee, a native of Savannah, Georgia and mother of three taught in the Public Schools of Savannah and Chapel Hill for over a decade and worked for two years in the Chapel Hill Outreach Project. She was an active political campaigner for her husband in his successful mayoralty con-

## Womble Announces Candidacy

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at Greensboro.

The next step in Womble's campaign will be a fund-raising event to be held Sunday afternoon at LaTerre XXI. The program is entitled: "Fall the Way We See It," will feature a fashion show by Dera-Ta Fashions, Inc. and music by Bill Bright's



Larry Little

test in Chapel Hill and also his campaign for Lt. Governor.

She will be visiting Winston-Salem on August 11 to offer her support and encouragement for Mr. Little's campaign.

Jazz Quintet and by a singing group called "The Healing Force." The program, which will last from 5 until 9:30 p.m. will be accompanied by an hors d'oeuvres buffet. Tickets are available in exchange for a contribution to Womble's campaign fund.

## Job Freeze

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In the area of black employment, since 1975 the city lost one professional, gained 8 technicians, lost one person in protective service, gained 6 in office/clerical jobs, ten skilled craftsmen, and 7 service maintenance people. Out of a work force of 1687, these changes seem hardly significant.

As the highest ranking black official in city government, Jack Bond is usually made the scapegoat for the city's poor showing.

"Besides all the blacks that expect me to work miracles, there are a lot of people who don't want any blacks in city government," he explains. "I have to deal with both groups."

"One problem, he says, is that blacks expect him to be 'their' city manager. 'I can't do that,' says Bond. 'Orville Powell doesn't work just for whites. He is the city manager for all the people. I can't just favor blacks.'"

Much of the criticism he

receives is general griping, he feels. "They complain that I'm not doing anything, but what do they want done?" he asks. "Some of these critics don't know where they're going, how they'll get there, or what they'll do if they do get there."

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Robert Chiles



Carolina Baines



James Robinson

## Man In The Street

# Restrictions On Homosexuals

Some three years ago it was predicted that the Gay Rights Movement would be the biggest rights movement of the late 70's replacing the women's rights movement.

Recently, the Equal Rights for Homosexual movement encountered a real "thorn in the side" when former Miss America Anita Bryant set out on a nationwide campaign against the Gay Rights Movement.

This week the "Man in the Street" asked passers-by if they felt there should be any restrictions on homosexuals in employment or public activity. Here is how a number of them responded.

Naomi Suber replied, "No, there shouldn't be unless they have trouble on a job. They shouldn't be discriminated against for their own personal feelings. A person should be able to live life as they choose as long as it doesn't interfere with others."

Robert Chiles answered, "No, everybody needs to work. If that's the way they want to live that's their business. I don't have anything against them."

Carolina Baines commented, "Yes, because I

need a job."

Anita Bryant these people should not be teaching our children, they pose a threat to normal society."

James Robinson remarked, "No, because that is directly in opposition of what America stands for. A person should be able to do what they like as long as it doesn't infringe on the rights of others. To place restrictions on homosexuals would be a violation of their constitutional rights."

Mary Sloan Jones answered, "No, they are humans like anyone else, and God shows no favoritism. They should

anyone else. They shouldn't be discriminated against because of the way they are."

Cleveland Riddick said, "I'm really not sure. I don't think these people should be discriminated against but I'm not sure I would want my seven year old son taught by a homosexual. I need to find out more about the matter before I make a commitment."

Alice Buchanan responded, "I think homosexuals should be rehabilitated. I see homosexuality as a disease like alcoholism. I have nothing against them I just think

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they are helped I don't feel they are capable of doing certain things."

Rayvon Kelley stated, "No, homosexuals are just as qualified for jobs if not more so than any other segment of society. Why should a person be discriminated against because of their sexual preference. The days of the lipstick wearing 'faggot' are gone. Homosexuals aren't dangerous animals and they don't molest children."

No clear cut majority could be found and there was an extremely wide

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## Boycott Slowly Gains Support

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the town say they can't understand why Blacks still buy goods at Judge's since the same goods can be purchased at black stores. Mack Williams, who operates an Amoco station on the town's main street, said, "It's frustrating. When I ask them (Blacks) about a bill they won't come back. The white man has all of his color trading with him and 95% of the blacks."

Clyde Worsley, a Black woman in her late thirties, said she believes that Blacks in the town will "in time pull together." but has sharp words for Blacks trading with Judge saying, "Blacks trading at Joe Judge are a bunch of dummies."

Mike Pittman, a college student home during summer vacation, explained the lack of solidarity among Blacks in this way: Older Blacks and younger Blacks in the town are not together. "Older Blacks count as being Black but they don't count when you go up against the whites," Pittman's candid remarks got nods from several other young Blacks who were with Pittman at the time.

In this Black belt community, where Blacks easily outnumber whites, to a visitor the problems of racism seem pervasive, almost as though the civil rights movement of the 1960's never happened.

For example, one of the town's stores is in obvious violation of the public accommodations act which was won only after several years of sit-ins and freedom rides through the south. Another store on 301, is the stop for Trailways buses. Blacks attempting to use the restroom facilities are told the restroom is out of order, while reportedly whites are allowed to use the restroom.

A Black reporter went into the store to gain access to the restroom last week and was told by attendant Jim Essex, "It is out of order and can't be used." When told by a reporter that a white woman used the same restroom facilities last week, the attendant replied, "It was working

then." When asked if he were prejudiced, the attendant quipped, "No, I ain't prejudiced. If I was, I would go out of business." The North Carolina Human Relations Commission in May investigated complaints that discrimination was occurring at the store but did not turn up any violation.

The same reporter found that general business relations between Blacks and whites in the town are conducted much like they have been on the region's plantations for generations. A good example is the experience of Annie Mann, 34, who two years ago paid \$700 down for a double-width mobile home from United Mobile Homes. Expecting a delivery in January, her trailer was actually delivered seven months later, only then to have the driveway blocked by the local inspector who said that the trailer could not be put there. Ms. Mann was told by Mayor Hershell Johnson that the trailer could not be in the city limits because of zoning restrictions. The trailer was finally delivered when zoning laws were changed, but Ms. Mann had to buy and install a septic tank because the city's sewer facilities could not be tapped.

Finally when Ms. Mann was hospitalized a few months ago, she returned to find the trailer had been repossessed by the trailer dealer, without having gone to court and with no notice to Ms. Mann. Her electricity was never connected.

The problem, she says, is "There is no organization nor anyone that you can turn to for help." Her problems are not isolated.

Many of the town's citizens knew of her problems but no one came forward to help. But she's not the only one having problems. One Black man, who bought a house across from the town's mayor's home, was not allowed to tap into the sewer system. Blacks in the town did not protest.

But when Charlie Lee was killed that seemed to be the straw that broke the camel's back. Why then have the town's Black citizens gone back

to Joe Judge's store? One man who didn't want to be identified answered the question, saying, "The whites for so long have been on top that most Blacks have no idea of the effect that even the short boycott had a few months ago. But this time I think the people will pull together."

There was a quiet transition from protest politics to reconciliation during the month of May when representatives of the N.C. Good Neighbor Council, including Executive Director Ben Ruffin, held meetings in the town to discuss solutions to long-standing grievances. As recently as last Monday night Lenwood Long, Chief of the Community Assistance Division of the N.C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources met with town officials to discuss a matching Environmental Protection Agency grant to develop a plan for development of the town's resources. Long's visit followed several protest meetings in which water and sewer for the town's Black citizens was discussed.

Mayor Hershell Johnson said that even if an EPA grant were made available for water as was done three years ago, the town might not be able to afford to put up matching monies. At that time, EPA made a grant for \$30,000 to extend the town's water sewer system, but the \$10,000 matching funds Johnson said were not available. The area now unserved is the southeast quadrant of the city, which is inhabited by the town's Blacks.

A resumption of the protest activities has imposed another boycott of Judge's store. This time the protests come from the more militant Blacks, some of whom proclaimed at a July 28 rally in the town that Charlie Lee's death and poor housing lack of water and sewer and lack of employment were the results of capitalism, which they announced would be put on trial at an August 22 people's court in Whitaker. (CCNS).

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