

# Chronicle Profile

## No Time To Say Hello---Goodbye



Walter Farabee

Walter Farabee stays so busy he might remind you of the rabbit in Alice in Wonderland: "I'm late! I'm late! For a very important date."

Since it came to our attention that he was one of the "Big Four," Winston-Salem's highest ranking black officials, we tracked him to his lair in the NCNB building. He was in conference once; once we just missed him.

That evening, while we were struggling to make sense of the minority businessmen's meeting at WSSU, Mr. Farabee walked by: "Hello. I'm sorry I

missed your call. Can't talk now. See you later this week..."

Missed him again. Intermission at the Miss Black America Pageant...there's Walter Farabee disappearing down the stairwell: "See you Mon-daaay..." comes the echo.

Monday it was, and he seems to stay that busy. Phone lights twinkle from his desk. And little mountains of paper wait for a moment of his time.

"I'm just an integral cog in the machine of city government," he says. "I don't know why I stay so busy..." One reason is that he

has a pretty important job. As Economic Development Co-ordinator, Mr. Farabee in charge of facilitating industrial recruitment, planning and co-ordinating business development and employment opportunities.

"People are always stopping me and asking for a job," he said in a puzzled voice. "I'm NOT the personnel man. I'm supposed to see about creating jobs, not filling them."

Another reason for his popularity may be the fact that he is enthusiastic, well-informed, and willing to listen. Mr. Farabee explains com-

plex business matters in very simple terms which show that he thoroughly understands them. He doesn't need to hide behind the mystery of bureaucratic jargon because he knows what he's doing.

Ask him about economic planning and his eyes sparkle with enthusiasm and he races from map to map.

"Downtown is one of my top priorities," he says. The fact that so many businesses are moving out of the downtown area worries him.

"First we have to

bring the people back," he decided. One possibility for the downtown area is to build high-rise apartments or condominiums downtown so that the residents will be within walking distance of the shops. With potential customers in residence, Farabee hopes food stores, craft shops, and other businesses will appear downtown.

Another of his present concerns is the Local Public Works Bill, a Chamber of Commerce program to provide jobs, 10% of which must be given to minorities.

## Candidates Engage In Fund Raising

Fund raising was the major concern of several candidates for alderman last week.

Larry Womble, a candi-



date for alderman in the Southeast Ward, held a fund-raising fashion show at LaTerre XXI Sunday night. For a \$7 donation, Womble supporters were treated to a program of fashions by Dera-Ta Fashions and furs by Anastasia. Music for the evening was provided by the Healing Force and by Bill Bright's Jazz Quintet.

One unexpected bit of fund-raising was a white mink stole, a surprise donation from Anastasia Furs, which was auctioned off to the highest bidder. The fur, valued at \$800, went to La Terre's owner Ron Goodwin for a \$400 donation to the Womble campaign.

Furs highlighted the fashion given Sunday night at LaTerre XXI. The program, presented by Dera-Ta Fashions and Anastasia Furs, was part of a fund-raising drive for the campaign of Larry Womble.

According to Earline Parmon, one of the co-ordinators of the campaign, it takes from \$2700 to \$3500 to operate a successful campaign. The Sunday fete should provide Womble with about 2/3 of that goal.

Another candidate for Alderman, Larry Little,

who is running in the North Ward, was on hand to give moral support to Womble. Little held his own fund-raising banquet last Thursday night at Winston-Salem State University. The guest speaker was Lillian Lee, wife of Howard Lee, the former mayor of Chapel Hill.

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The play is directed by Mrs. Flonnie Anderson, who wrote the drama with the assistance of the actors themselves. Written last year, the play has been performed several times at Parkland High School, and has been entered in state and regional drama contests.

They won the state high school competition last year, and then took the play "on the road" to the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Norfolk, Virginia, where they won the high school division, and the Grand Trophy, defeating college competi-

tionist in the crowd. One puzzled young man, watching a dramatic outburst of shouting and staccato ballet movement, shook his head and muttered: "Weird. Weird. Are they from Wake Forest?"

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