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Black Lawyers Criticize Sharp

No Blacks Or Females Appointed

By Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Reporter
The North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers has issued a statement calling for N.C. Chief Justice Susie Sharp to recall the 13 appointments that she

made last week to the Superior Court Nominating Committee. If she does not reconsider her choices, the Association plans to urge Governor Hunt to terminate the existence of the committee by rescinding his

Executive Order. Justice Sharp appointed thirteen persons to the Superior Court Nominating Committee, and none of her nominees were blacks or women.

Charles E. Daye,

president of the N.C. Association of Black Lawyers, charges that Sharp made these appointments in spite of the fact that his organization sent her a letter on August 2nd offering to assist her in

the identification of blacks qualified to serve on the committee.

"We think blacks and women have been done a great injustice, which borders on a rank insult," says Daye. "It See Sharp, Page 2

\$1 Million Pledge For Soul City



James F. Hansley

Business Investments Companies (MESBIC) at its closing session on Friday, August 12, pledged a minimum of one million dollars as its goal for venture capital for the Soul City new town.

According to James F. Hansley, Conference spokesman, the American Association of MESBICS represents some eighty-seven MESBICS whose venture capital resources exceed 100 million dollars. Hansley stated the purpose of MESBICS is to... "provide equity capital to small business persons who are socially and economically disadvantaged."

Soul City hosted the three day conference, August 10-12, which brought together leading MESBICS throughout the region and nation to discuss major issues facing the venture capital industry.

Speakers at the conference included Philip T. Drotning, Director of social Policy, Standard Oil Company (Indiana); Michael Lacagnina, Purchasing Director, Westinghouse Turbine Components; and Clarence Bishop, Senior Legislative Aide to Congressman Parren J. Mitchell.

The million dollar pledge will boost Soul City's efforts to recruit industries to the area. Floyd B. McKissick, developer of Soul City, said Monday "This pledge will definitely help our recruitment of industry because it will allow us to offer financial assistance to firms interested

Soul City, N.C. -- The South/Southern Regional Meeting of the American Association of Minority Enterprise Small

Republicans Announce Candidate

By Sharon Bratcher
Staff Reporter
Edward L. Powell, Forsyth County republican chairman, announced Henry C. Lauerman is his party's nominee for major of Winston-Salem.

In a press conference last Friday, Powell said that Lauerman would formally announce his candidacy on August 24th on the steps of City Hall. Lauerman, a law professor at Wake Forest University, is a 60 yr. old native of Chicago, Illinois and a graduate of the Naval Academy, with law degrees from Georgetown University and Duke University. He served as a career naval officer from 1938 until 1962, winning 3 See Republican, Page 2

Sumler To Run In N.E. Ward

By Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Reporter
Rodney Sumler announced last week that he will be a Republican candidate for the Alderman's seat in the Northeast Ward. Sumler, founder of the Dungeon Club, and chairman of the NAACP Labor Committee, said of his party choice; "I am a black American citizen who chooses to run Republican in protest of the take-for-granted attitude that the Democratic party has about blacks--assuming that blacks will continue to vote for the party of good promises while still remain at the bottom after years of complete democratic rule..." See Sumler, Page 2



Sylvester Nettles has completed requirements to be considered for the national SEVCA Recognition Award.

Local 70001 Named For Recognition Award

70001 is a program designed specifically to meet the needs of people in the 16-22 age bracket who have generally left school before completing twelve grades. The typical associate is guided into immediate full time unsubsidized employment. During off hours the associates prepare for their high school equivalency diploma (GED) under the guidance of qualified instructors. An audio-visual instructional program helps prepare associates for employment and upgrade himself on

the job. When an Associate successfully completes the orientation and GED preparation plus participation in the SEVCA (Seventy Thousand-One Career Association) he is eligible to be nominated for the National SEVCA Recognition Award. Sylvester Nettles has accomplished these goals. He has been employed at Holly Farms Chicken & Seafood on North Liberty Street for six months. He has been promoted from Fry Cook to a "Trainer" of all the other Fry Cooks

of Holly Farms. He is now up for a merit raise. He has successfully passed the GED and has begun preparation to re-enlist in the United States Army. Sylvester is interested in Electronics and Auto-Mechanics. The winner of the award will receive a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) savings bond, a plaque and a certificate of recognition from the National Office in Newark, Delaware. His coordinator is Mrs. Ivey N. McDaniel. See 70001, Page 2

Teenage Pregnancies

13,000 Babies Born

First of a 2-part series

Teen-age pregnancies are increasing in North Carolina. The number of both out-of-wedlock births and abortions in our state rose again in 1976 over the previous year. Young women between the ages of 12 and 19 years old gave birth to the majority of the 13,042 babies born in North Carolina last year without legal fathers.

An unplanned pregnancy can pose serious problems to even the adult, married woman who can provide a two-parent home for the baby. For the young girl, who has reached neither emotional maturity nor financial security, the

problems are greatly intensified. Consider, for instance, the situation of the 11 year-old girls who gave birth to a baby in 1976 in North Carolina. Or the 1,158 fifteen year-olds. Or the 3,792 seventeen year-old young women.

There are several alternatives open to a single woman who is pregnant--abortion, keeping her baby, adoption or marriage. Professional counseling can often help her to understand more fully each of the alternatives and to consider more realistically the choices in the light of her own circumstances.

Decisions crowd in rapidly on the young girl when she learns she is pregnant out-of-wedlock.

One of the first and most difficult choices she faces is whether to carry the baby to term or have an abortion. Another immediate concern in many instances is the need for financial assistance. A decision on living arrangements during her pregnancy, and personal relationships with her family and with the baby's father are among the problems which confront her. For the girl who chooses to continue the pregnancy, the decision on whether to keep her baby or plan adoption is the crucial choice. Some girls are unable to make the decision until after the baby is born. Some who initially choose to keep the

Davis Challenged to Debate

Larry Little, a candidate for alderman in the North Ward has challenged incumbent Richard N. Davis to a debate concerning the issues in the North Ward.

The challenge, hand delivered to Davis on Monday, called for an intelligent discussion of the issues in a public debate to be held in September at a mutually agreed time and place.

Davis responded to the challenge Wednesday morning in a letter to his opponent, indicating that he is willing to debate, provided that it is

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Russell Enters Mayor's Race

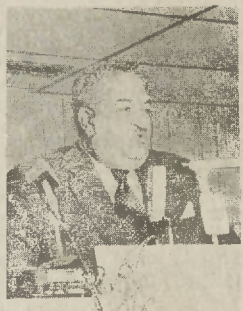
By Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Reporter
Carl Russell capped his 16 years of service as alderman of the Northeast Ward with a bid for the mayor's job.

In a press conference at Russell Funeral Home last Thursday, Russell announced his candidacy to a chapel-full of newsmen, well-wishers, and fellow candidates.

Russell attributed the lateness of his announcement to concern for his health. He is in good health now, he says, and his announcement is a response to the "prodding of so many friends to enter the race."

"I don't have a lot of money behind me, but I do have the encouraging promises of so many friends, both black and white, who have insisted that I run." He went on to mention that one of his opponents was offering large sums to people to work on his campaign. Asked if he would pay his campaign workers, Russell smiled bitterly: "With what?"

He listed the following proposals for the city of Winston-Salem: a fairer



Carl Russell

At the press conference Russell was asked about his long-standing feud with fellow aldermen Ross and Davis. "Well, if I'm elected major, that will end, won't it?" he replied.

Russell's entry into the Democratic primary stretches the field to four candidates, two white and two black.

Attending Mr. Russell's press conference were fellow candidates Larry Womble, Larry Little, Clarence Washington, Virginia Newell, and David Wagner, who now has one less opponent to worry about in the Northeast Ward.

NOW is for Women

By Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Reporter

NOW, the National Organization of Women, would like you to know that they are interested in sensible issues, like child care and women's rights--not in bra-burning or who-lights-whose-cigarette. They would also like more participation from the black women of Winston-Salem.

Helen Courvoisier, a local physician and president of the Winston-Salem chapter of NOW, says of the organization: "In Forsyth County 25% of all heads of households are women. When we talk about rights for women, we don't mean catering to a bored housewife--we're working for equal opportunity and equal pay. The average income for a woman used to be \$2,000 less than a man's. Now it is \$2700 less. To me this is reason enough to become active."

She feels that the organization could be especially beneficial to black women, because they are on the lowest income level; first comes white males, then white females, black males, and finally the black woman. Since many women are supporting their families with their income, it would certainly be in their best interests to try to get equal pay.

One of NOW's functions is to make women aware of opportunities and options that exist for them. The organization supports the Shelter for Battered Women, and can recommend places to get help in such areas as vocational guidance, counseling, or legal advice.

In the fall, Dr. Courvoisier plans a series of workshops to help women cope with plumbing,



Dr. Helen Courvoisier

electrical, and automotive repairs--areas in which women are often easy prey for repairmen.

In a wider spectrum, NOW is concerned with women's legal rights. One proposal mentioned by Dr. Courvoisier states that it one of the partners in a marriage works while the other stays home and keeps house, then half the income should belong to the one who stays home.

Abortions is another pressing issue within the women's movement. The new government law prohibiting Medicaid from paying for abortions seems to insure that unwanted children will be born to those who can least afford them. NOW's national organization is fighting this and other forms of discrimination against women.

The Winston-Salem chapter of NOW will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14th, at the Glade Street YWCA. The topic for discussion is day care, a serious issue for working mothers anywhere, but especially critical in Winston-Salem.

"We are in the city where 2 infants died in a day care center," Dr. Courvoisier warns. Hopefully, this meeting will evaluate the day care possibilities and advise mothers of safe places to leave their youngsters

Chronicle Weather Outlook

Partly cloudy. Highs from the 80s along the coast to upper 70s in the mountains; lows in the 60s along the coast and in the Piedmont to upper 50s in the mountains.

Showers on and off today thru Sunday. Sunny and hot Monday and Tuesday.



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