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Boycott Likely  
At ABC Site

By Sharyn Bratcher

Members of the black community, angered over what they believe to be the unfair treatment of Dr. Raymond Oliver and concerned about possible respect to a black church, are discussing a possible boycott of the construction site where an ABC Store is being built.

The ABC store is being constructed by the Wilson-Covington Construction Company, a white company who got the land after the ABC Board used to negotiate with Dr. Raymond Oliver, a black dentist and land developer, who had originally been awarded the land.

Some members of the community, including several political candidates, feel that an injustice is done to Dr. Oliver. Oliver and Mayoral candidate Cecil Butler have written to HUD headquarters in Greensboro to ask for an investigation.

"We are considering a boycott," says Lee Faye Mack, President of Concerned Citizens. "They cannot keep doing this kind of thing to the black community. In fact, I don't even think it is cool for those construction workers to be over there. People are very upset about this, and something might happen."

Another concern is the fact that the ABC Store will face Galilee Baptist Church.

"It is disrespectful for them to build a liquor store right in front of a Baptist Church," says Germanic candidate Virginia Newell.

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Sue Filed in Middle District Court

## Integon Denies Discrimination

By Sharyn Bratcher

Attorneys for the Integon Insurance Corporation filed a six-part case Tuesday in U.S. Middle District Court in response to a discrimination suit filed by six minority women.

The original complaint was filed by Herman Steiner, attorney for the women, charged Integon with maintaining an employment policy of racial segregation, and discrimination against women in hiring, promotion, transfers, qualifications, requirements, disabilities and other terms and conditions of employment.

The suit asks for \$100,000 in punitive damages and the cost of legal fees in bringing suit, as well as back pay and other benefits.

First of its Kind in State

## Black Museum Dedicated

Carolina Community News Service

Pat Bryant, a founder and editor of the Carolina Community News Service spoke at the dedication of a Black History Museum by the Chatham County Fair in Pittsboro Tuesday afternoon. The program was a presentation of the 10th division of the fair to honor the late Charlie Baldwin, described as a "reless worker for the fair" in the past. Baldwin was credited with preserving the slave cabin which will now serve as a museum on the grounds site.

The cabin, donated by Willis Wrenn, on whose property it stood, is an authentic, handcrafted 19th century dwelling hewn of cypress wood. Mr. W. Bryant, President of the local Farm and Home Organization and chairman of the Museum Committee, supervised the transfer and construction of the cabin. Artifacts and furnishings were obtained through efforts of the Pittsboro and Siler City Chapters of the North Carolina Federation of Negro Women. Descendants of the Milligans, builders and original inhabitants of the cabin, still reside in the area and were present at the dedication. They assisted Mr. J.E. Ramsey Jr., Chairman of the Piedmont Council on Performing Arts, in drawing up a genealogy of the family.

The efforts of the Chatham County Fair organizers to preserve the history of African Americans were praised by Pat Bryant, who spoke of the significance of slavery and its impact on the present day status of blacks. Bryant drew news stories published in black newspapers this year, he drew parallels between these current events and conditions during the years of slavery and bondage. He exhorted the audience to a vigilant awareness of these events in order to combat continuing injustices in the economic and judicial systems.

Guest artist at the fair, Mrs. Lula Watson, a 103 year old musician, treated the audience to a performance of spirituals.

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This Street Scene fan was trying to boogie to bluegrass: his "Don Cornelius" dancing with a hillbilly band was one of the stranger sights in Saturday's festivity.

Haley Protests  
Bias Charges  
In Land Saleby Sharyn Bratcher  
Staff Writer

Redevelopment Commission director James Haley called a press conference Tuesday to clarify his organization's position in the sale of Parcel 129-C of redevelopment land. "We would welcome a HUD investigation," said Haley.

Dr. J. Raymond Oliver, a local black developer, has charged that there was a "possible conspiracy" to keep him from developing the land, and has written to the HUD Regional Director Sebella to complain.

Parcel 129-C, a one-half acre tract located on Claremont Avenue behind Winston-Mutual and the Burger King, was offered for sale in 1975. Haley says that originally only one firm bid on the land-Wilson-Covington Construction Company. Dr. Oliver asked to be able to submit a bid, so they reopened the bidding. At the bid opening October 9, 1975, the bids submitted were: Dr. J. Raymond Oliver-\$16,100; Cumberland Development Corporation-\$12,164.85; and Wilson Covington Construction Company: \$10,813.

"Cumberland Development Corporation was represented by John Duncan, who is black, but the company is owned by whites," said Haley.

John Duncan, director of the Midwest Piedmont Area Business Development Association, says that the company is interracial. One of the co-partners Edward Jenkins is a black architect from Greensboro.

On October 23, 1975 the Board of the Redevelopment Commission approved the sale to Dr.

Oliver, but after applying for and being granted an extension by the Redevelopment Commission, Oliver was forced to withdraw his bid, because of difficulties in financing. One of the main priorities set by the Redevelopment Commission for use of the land was the building of an ABC Store to replace the one on Fifth Street.

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Minister Threatens  
To Sue Broadcaster

"I have consulted an attorney, and I may take legal action," says Reverend Rayford J. Thompson, referring to a clash between himself and WXII reporter Jane Harrington.

The issue arose last May when the Black Business Action League sponsored a banquet, which they said was endorsed by the Ministers' Association, the NAACP, and several other local organizations. Some of these organizations subsequently called press conferences stating that they did not endorse the banquet.

WXII began an investigation of the banquet, which they felt might have been mistaken for the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet whose proceeds go to charity.

"It was an investigative report," Jane Harrington recalls. "I discovered that the money would go to the Black Business Action League, and not to charity."

She also did some checking into the background of Reverend Rayford Thompson, who was one of the banquet's sponsors.

"He got his doctorate from the Teamers School in Charlotte," said Ms. Harrington. "I called there and asked how I could go about getting my degree. They told me to send them some letters of reference and a sizeable contribution to the school."

She also checked Thompson's church background, and discovered that his former congregation had fired him and taken him to court for "moral turpitude."

Since the story was aired on WXII, "it has been a nightmare," says Ms. Harrington. She has received a tape of Thompson criticizing her, and Thompson's letters of complaint was forwarded to the television station from WFMY-TV in Greensboro.

Thompson says that he will deal with the matter in his forthcoming book.

Russell Refuses

Politicos  
Disclose  
Finances

Three of the four Democratic candidates for mayor have made or agreed to make financial disclosure statements in order to reaffirm their belief in "openness in government."

William G. Pfefferkorn made the first financial disclosure in a Tuesday morning press conference at which he presented members of the press with copies of his 1976 federal income tax return and a list of his financial holdings. They included his residence, valued at \$81,640, property holdings totaling approximately \$140,000, \$50,000 in certificates of deposit,

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Renewal Removes  
Black Business

Durham, N.C. (CCNS)--James Pridgen, 69-year-old black man, is struggling to do what appears to be the impossible: Build a retail grocery business on Durham's North Mangum Street, a location in which the last tenant, also a retail grocer, folded due to lack of customers.

Pridgen has been a grocer since 1946. His Quality Food Market, once on Pettigrew Street, was one of the sixty black businesses located in Durham's Hayti section. But like the sixty other businesses, Quality Food Market has been forced to make way for urban

renewal in 1969. Quality had a "good and moving business," recalls James Pridgen. He continued, saying, "If I could have stayed on Pettigrew Street I could have sat down and crossed my legs."

After moving from Pettigrew Street, Quality Food Market had "a fair" business for almost eight years in what was called a temporary location on Fayetteville Street, three blocks from the Pettigrew location, until the Durham Redevelopment Commission informed Pridgen that again he'd have to

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The black museum in Pittsboro offers tangible roots to the black experience.