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Wayne Corpening

Mayoral Candidates Seek Black Vote

by Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Writer
With Carl Russell eliminated from the mayoral race by the October 18th runoff, both Democrat Wayne Corpening and Republican Henry Lauerman have become interested in the black vote, realizing that Winston-Salem's 35,000 black citizens could be the decisive factor in the general election.

Wayne Corpening has been appealing to Russell supporters to forget the racial factor, and to realize that race relations in Winston-Salem are better than anywhere else in the state, an opinion with which most blacks disagree.

Henry Lauerman has sought to appeal to black voters by borrowing planks from Carl Russell's platform. At a Monday meeting of the Winston-Salem Seroma Club, Lauerman announced that he favored the establishment of a human relations council to deal with racial affairs in the city.

Wayne Corpening wrote off the black community, and directed the thrust of his campaign toward the white community, which allowed him to reap the benefit of an anti-black vote without addressing himself to the issues of the black community. See Vote, Page 2

Henry Lauerman



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ABC Board Refuses To Renew Lease

By Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Writer
The Forsyth County ABC Board voted yesterday not to renew the lease of Store #8 in Jetway Shopping Center, a decision which landlord Dr. J. Raymond Oliver feels is a political move against him for past run-ins with the Board.

Dr. Oliver, who is presently the only black in Winston-Salem with a lease to an ABC Store bid in 1975 on a 1/2 acre tract of land on Claremont Avenue on which the Redevelopment Commission wanted an ABC Store built. Since he was the highest bidder, he was given the option on the land, but was unable to carry out his plans because, he said, the ABC Board refused to negotiate with him.

On December 24, 1975 Oliver received a letter from Guy Ward of the ABC Board, stating that the Board preferred the plans of the Cumberland Development Corporation, an interracial company based in Greensboro, the second highest bidder. A spokesman for Cumberland claims that they did not hear from the Board, so they made no further plans to develop the land after losing the original bid.



New city personnel director Al Beaty

Health Center Talks At A Standstill

by Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Writer
Progress in the negotiations for Reynolds Health Center have been temporarily stalled by the change in county managers, said Advisory Board Chairman C.P. Booker.

Fred Hauser, Chairman of the Forsyth County Commissioners, had asked Booker, Dr. Smith, and the health department and health center directors to meet with acting county manager Nelson Newcomer, also a candidate for the permanent position.

The job was awarded to Pete Jenkins, and progress has been halted, says Booker, until Jenkins can familiarize himself with the situation.

Dr. Oliver, charging that favoritism was present in the land sale, appealed the decision to See ABC, Page 2

The land was sold to developer Jack Covington, the low bidder in 1975, for the sum of his original bid. Covington already holds two leases for ABC stores, one at Reynolds Manor and one on Fifth Street.

Black To Head City Personnel

Beaty Promises To Hire More Blacks

Winston Salem named its first black personnel director, Al Beaty, who will succeed Arnold Aspenden, who announced his retirement two weeks ago.

Asked if he would support the Affirmative Action policy, designed to hire more blacks in city government, Beaty replied that he is concerned not with the legal requirements for an equal opportunity program, but with the moral requirements which make it a necessity.

The Bakke Case, said Beaty, makes no difference at all in his thinking along those lines. The case, which charges reverse discrimination against whites, is presently being considered See Beaty, Page 2

Clean Water Bond Act Await Voters On Nov. 8

By Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Reporter
On November 8th, North Carolina voters will be asked to approve \$230,000,000 in bonds to provide funds to local governments for environmental improvement.

The Amendment, called the Clean Water Bond Act of 1977, will authorize the state to sell bonds to raise the money to provide grants to local governments for the construction or improvement of wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection systems, and water supply systems.

Each county will be allocated an amount of bond proceeds based upon their population in proportion to the total state population. Forsyth County is slated to receive \$3,332,015 for water supply systems, and \$1,581,653 for wastewater collection systems, of the \$230,000,000 total.

State treasurer Harlan E. Boyles explained the need for the bond issue: "In 1971 we were of the opinion that the clean water bond program was a wise investment. The facilities provided through the use of bond proceeds are today contributing substantially to the economic and health needs of our people. We think the proposed program will be equally beneficial to the citizenry of the State, and thus the economic returns will far exceed the annual costs to be incurred."

The proceeds of the bonds in the Clean Water Fund will be divided between the Pollution Control Account and the Water Supply Systems Account.

If the \$112,000,000 allocated to the Pollution Control Account, \$75,000,000 would be used exclusively to provide the State's share of funds required for wastewater treatment works. Projects to qualify for federal grants. The remaining \$37,500,000 is to be divided among the counties of the state, on the basis of population.

The \$110,000,000 in the Water Supply Systems Account will go to grants to be made by the Division of Health Services of the Department of Human Resources for the construction, expansion, or improvement of water supply systems, and the acquisition of real property necessary for such projects. The money is to be spent over a period of five fiscal years.

Saccharin To Stay On Market

WASHINGTON -- The House of Representatives has voted to keep saccharin on the market for another 18 months while scientists try to determine whether the artificial sweetener can cause cancer in humans.

The House vote, following similar action in the Senate, effectively blocks a Food and Drug Administration proposal to ban the use of saccharin as a food additive.

The proposed regulation was published last March after a Canadian study linked saccharin to bladder tumors in test animals (rats). Under the FDA proposal, saccharin would have been removed from supermarket shelves and sold only as a non-prescription drug.

Rep. Steve Neal, D-N.C., was a cosponsor of the bill to delay the saccharin ban.

"I think it's reasonable to hold up the ban until we've done much more testing," Neal said. "People have been using saccharin since about 1900. I don't believe it's necessary to take it off the market while we try to determine the effects of its use by humans."

The bill directs that the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a See Saccharin, Page 2



... Outstanding Citizen Award

H.B. Goodson received the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Winston-Salem Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute. The award was presented to Goodson at an October 20th banquet in the Red Room of WSSU's dining facility.

A Readers View

NAACP President Says, 'Blacks Don't Want Freedom'

Patrick T. Hairston

No one can make you more free than you wish to be. It is a sad truth that the vast majority of Black people in W-S. don't wish to be free because along with freedom goes responsibility and far too many of us are too content to let things remain as they are. Many of us are saying "as long as I have

my fine car (and its payment), a house payment, and a wallet full of plastic cards that I can use to charge what I want I'm as free as I need to be."

Believe you me this is exactly where the system wants us to be because as long as this is the case we're nowhere but on the accounts receivable ledger and that makes things just right for keeping a man

enslaved and in his place. Some go so far as to say I got my job the hard way, let them do the same thing. The NAACP that fought so long for me to get this job and is still fighting for me to keep it is foolish, that is why I don't support it with my membership. You'll aint done me no favors.

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Black Cowboys: Soul On Horse

By Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Writer

Black cowboys, a historical footnote that seems to have escaped the textbooks and the makers of Gunsmoke, still exist, and several of them were in evidence at last week's rodeo.

Two of them, Bud Bramwell and Billy Wilds are unusual even for black cowboys. They are from Connecticut. Black cowboys from CONNECTICUT?

"I spent eight years in Oklahoma," Bramwell explains. "And I went to the University of Oklahoma, got on their rodeo team."

Why the rodeo, we wondered, instead of perhaps the Boston Celtics? "You are horse-crazy as a kid, and you keep up with it," he shrugs.

Bramwell specializes in roping and bulldogging. See Cowboys, Page 5



Rodeo cowboys Bud Bramwell, Marty Fink, and Billy Wilds bring a touch of the old West to Winston-Salem.

"They ask me what I want for the health center," stated Booker, "And I tell them I want what the people of East Winston want. And the people of East Winston want it converted back to a hospital as soon as possible. So that's what I want."

Booker's present concern, however, is to keep the county health department from merging with the health center, with the health department director in control.

"In these proposed meetings, I get the feeling that they want to get me off by myself and railroad me into something," Booker observed. "But I tell them I have a committee, and I will not meet without that committee."

Some blacks are afraid that the merger idea is a plot to close the health center completely, and to move the services to Baptist Hospital.

The merger idea originated with former county manager Nicholas Meiszer, who stated that the center could be run more efficiently, and serve more patients at less cost, if there were a clear-cut chain of command.

Alderman Carl Russell, whose ward contains the health center, favors its return to hospital status.

"The outpatient services could be part of the See Health, Page 2