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## New Political Group

### Twin-City Democrats Downtown Headquarters

The former headquarters of unsuccessful mayoral candidate Cecil Butler has been converted into the office of the Twin City Independent Democratic Club, a non-profit, non-sectarian political club.

Butler is one of the organizers of the club, along with John X. Williamson, and Linda B. Cothren, who constitute the initial Board of Directors.

According to the organization's articles of incorporation, the purposes of the club are: to carry out voter education projects, to seek and support candidates for public office; to hold political workshops; to bring speakers to the community; and to act as a referral agency to those in the community in need of assistance, medical, financial, or otherwise.

The headquarters is located downtown on the Trade Street Mall. "We are still part of the regular Democratic party," says Mrs. Howard Johnson, one of the directors of the organization. "But we hope to carry out projects in addition to the work done by the regular party."

21 Recorded This Year

## Murder Has No Season

There is a pattern to murder, observes Detective-Sergeant T.S. Worsham, but it is not the traditional one police once

looked for. "When I first came into the department, they told me that a lot of murders took place in the summer when it was very hot, and people became short-tempered," he recalls.

"Then in winter when people are cooped up together indoors, we looked for quarrels leading to murder."

he had come into her house Thursday, breaking screens and glass on the windows, and firing several shots.

## City Seeks Budget Advice From Residents

Before next year's city budget is developed, the citizens of Winston-Salem will be given opportunities to tell their aldermen what they would like included in the city budget and community development programs.

There are several ways that residents can make their wishes known to government officials.

Next Monday and Tuesday, November 14 & 15, the city will hold public hearings at 7:30 p.m. in city hall which the public is urged to attend.

On Saturday, November 19 WXII-TV Channel 12 will present a live call-in program from 6:15 to 7 p.m. The number for those who wish to call is 723-0527.

The city will also print mail-in forms in newspapers this week, so that readers can write their budget suggestions and mail them in to City Hall.

Those areas in which citizens could express concerns include: environmental health, protection services, transportation services, human resources, recreation and culture, housing and economic opportunities.

East Winston residents might use the hearings to

ask for attention to the facilities at Winston Lake, or request expansion of the community watch pro-

gram. Reynolds Health Center is not a city matter, so references to it would not be appropriate, but requests for more funds for a community recreation center, such as Happy Hill, would be in order.

Winston-Salem was the first city in North Carolina to provide people with the means to speak out on budgetary considerations before the budget is developed.

"I hope people will attend the hearings, and we hope for a really big response," said Tom Frederick, budget director.

Last year's hearing produced over 40 written suggestions on a wide range of city programs. Ninety-four responses came by mail, and 45 residents aired their views on the television program.

"That doesn't seem to hold true any more," Worsham noted. "Murders can happen any time all year round. But they do seem to take place frequently at the first of the month."

He has a theory about that.

"First of the month, people have just gotten paid. There are parties, drinking. Quarrels break out, and it leads to violence. Then, at the end of the month, people are out of money—we get more robberies."

The first weekend in November bore out Sgt. Worsham's theory. A shooting stemming from an argument last Thursday night left Ulysses H. Leonard dead and Agnes Wilson hospitalized with a gunshot wound in her ankle.

William Leslie Oakes, 29, was arrested at his sister's house a few hours after the shootings on Friday, and charged with murder.

Police were called to the home of Agnes Wilson at 1418 Derry Street Thursday night because of a quarrel between Oakes and Leonard, involving Miss Wilson.

In a warrant filed against Oakes Friday, Miss Wilson charged that

On Thursday night Oakes threatened to kill both Agnes Wilson and Ulysses Leonard. Friday at 3 p.m. he came back.

Miss Wilson was shot in the left ankle when she came to the back door. Ulysses Leonard went running out the back door, and was grabbed by Oakes, who shot him in the face.

They were both lying outside when we got there," Worsham recalls. "And a whole crowd of people had gathered, but nobody would admit to seeing anything right then."

Information about the assailant came later, as officers questioned people individually.

Leonard was pronounced dead on arrival at Baptist Hospital.

"He was shot with a low-caliber weapon, probably a .22," noted Worsham. "The majority of shootings involve a .22. And you'll find that professional killers aim for the stomach area. It is not as quick, but it is more likely to cause death. If you aim for the heart and miss, the victim has a good chance to recover."

The murder statistics according to Public Saf-

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## May Be Challenged

### Election Still Undecided

The outcome of the Winston-Salem city elections is still in doubt, because board of elections officials are still struggling with piles of write-in

votes in a three-way race.

Carl H. Russell, running third with around 6,000 votes at press time, seems to have lost his bid to become Winston-Salem's first black mayor, but he indicated that he is waiting for Thursday's canvass before deciding whether to challenge the results.

"There were irregularities in several of the precincts," said Russell. "Some of the precincts

did not have pencils, and some had the write-in ballots hidden.

"One white lady got so upset about the way they did her about the write-in ballots that she wrote a letter complaining about it. She hand delivered one to me, and sent one to the Board of Elections."

"The election was stolen, anyway," he added.

Russell confirmed the rumor that he had been offered \$5,000 to support Wayne Corpening, the

Democratic candidate who defeated Russell in the October 18th runoff for the nomination.

"They offered me \$5,000 to support Corpening. But so did the Republicans. Both sides offered me money."

Rather than support either of the party candidates, Russell launched a write-in campaign, stating that neither party would make concessions to blacks in their platforms.

The unofficial tally late Tuesday night showed

Wayne Corpening ahead that the candidates had by approximately 1,000 until Saturday to challenge the results of the Henry Lauerman election.

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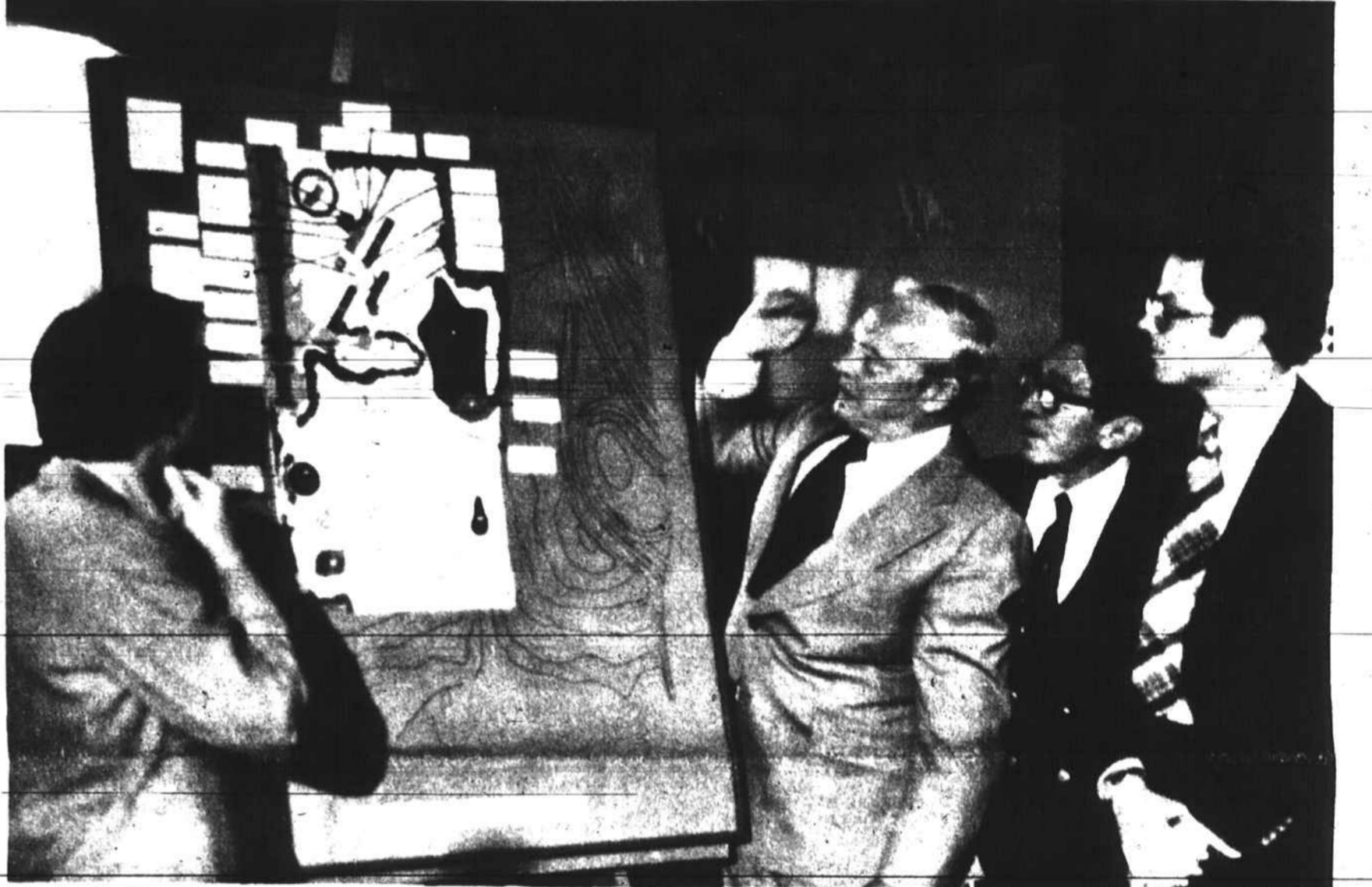
At press time, Lauerman had not conceded the election, and Russell stated that he would wait until Thursday's canvass before considering further action.

H.B. Goodson, chairman of the Forsyth County Board of Elections, stated

"The person who is in second place. The unofficial tally showed Corpening 11,200; Lauerman 10,220; Russell 8,071. said Goodson, explaining that the challenge would only be appropriate if enough votes were instated to change the outcome of the election.

In the aldermanic races Vivian Burke defeated Rodney Sumler, who had

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Perry G. Harmon, director of community services for Hanes Corp., points out sale of donated land to (left to right) David A. Irvin, Nature Science Park Board president; Fred D. Hauser, County Commissioners chairman; and Robert D. Martin, another Hanes official.

## Hanes Donates Land To County

Hanes Corporation recently presented to Forsyth County the deed to the three acres of land adjoining the Nature Science Park.

Fred D. Hauser, chairman of the Forsyth County Commissioners, accepted the deed from Perry G.

Harmon, director of community services for Hanes. Hauser said the County Commissioners intend to include the donated land with the other 27 acres currently leased to the Nature Science Park.

Hauser also referred to the formal resolution the

Commissioners passed three acres will be used earlier this year pledging continued support for the of a man-made Lake. The programs offered by the lake will enable the Park Nature Science Park.

to expand its educational programs to include more nature study around water plants and animals. Science Park, said the

## Health Center Merger Issue Nears Solution

Acting county manager Nelson Newcomer told the Wednesday meeting of the Reynolds Health Center Advisory Committee that he would not make any decision concerning the merger of the health center and the county health department, proposed by former county manager Nicholas M. Meiszer.

Newcomer, who was considered for the position of county manager but passed over in favor of H.L. "Pete" Jenkins, indicated that he would not remain with the county much longer, and stated that he would leave any recommendations to Jenkins, who starts work November 14.

Some members of the advisory committee feared that this step will further delay the final settlement of the issue.

C.P. Booker, chairman of the advisory committee, stated that his group planned to meet to draft a letter, urging the County Commissioners to act on the proposal without further delay.

The Advisory Committee has submitted a plan which calls for the health center to remain independent from the health department. Dr. Thomas R. Dundon, county health director, favors a reorganization proposal, along the lines of Meiszer's original suggestion. Dundon's proposal has been endorsed by the board of health.

The County Commissioners have made no decision as yet about the fate of the health center, but they may take the matter into consideration at their regular meeting Monday night.



## Referral Information

Forsyth's Information Referral Service Telephone went into operation Nov. 7 at 727-8100.

The service, which is being called the FIRST Line, provides meaningful information and direct access to more than 150 different public and private agencies that seek to serve the people of Forsyth County.

The purpose of the new service is to consolidate piecemeal information and referral activities of numerous agencies throughout the community into one telephone number where citizens can call when they need help but don't know where to start.

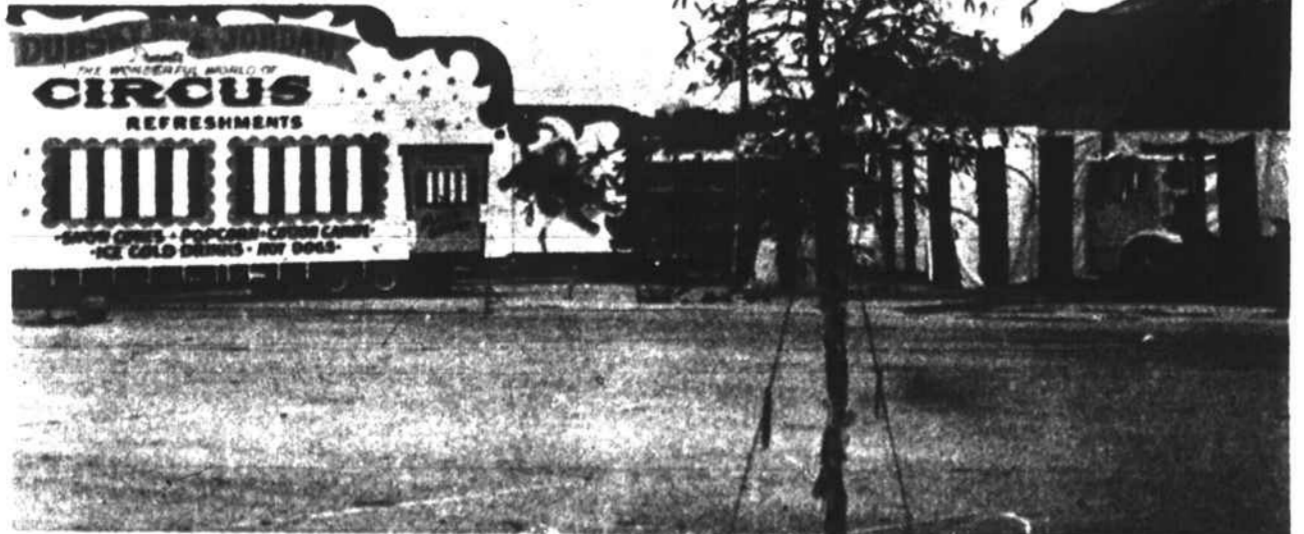
The three-person office has been set up under the Forsyth County Government with funds from the Winston-Salem Foundation. Although the office is open only Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., the 727-8100 number is answered in the evenings and on weekends by Contact: Winston-Salem to handle any calls of an emergency nature.

The operations of the FIRST Line are coordinated with all programs of local governments and private agencies such as the Red Cross, Voluntary Action Center, YMCA, Crisis Control Ministry, the Boy Scouts, YWCA, the Salvation Army, Consumer Credit Counseling Service and many more.

Both public and private agencies are also represented on a Citizens Advisory Board established by the Forsyth County Commissioners to help formulate the services being offered by the FIRST Line.

## CORRECTION

The Jetway ABC Store official who was quoted as saying that the store was busy was not Henry Topping, as stated in the November 5th edition of the Chronicle.



The Dubsky Brothers & Jordan Circus has pitched its tent in Northside Shopping Center, and will feature shows under the big top, after you shop.