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Chairman Resigns

Democratic
Party Leader

By Yvette McCullough
Staff Writer

Not too many women have the dual honor of being a deputy sheriff and chairman of the Democratic Party, but Alinda Foote Alston, who holds the honor, will soon relinquish the distinction. After about five years as first vice-chairman and several months as acting chairman Alston has decided to resign from both positions.

"I will continue to work with the Democratic Party but there are several new people getting involved in the party and I want to give them a chance," Alston said. Also being Party Chairman is a full time job."

Working in the political arena and working in the Democratic Party is not any thing new for Alston. She first became involved in the Democratic party by following in her father's footsteps.

"My father was involved in politics and I got involved because of him," Alston remarked.



Alinda Foote Alston

"I didn't know the struggle we were having until I got involved."

"People say that politics is a crooked game, but the people that say that aren't involved," Alston continued. "The party tries to reach people on a grass root level,

and approach all races."

As chairman and vice-chairman, he said she has tried to stress voter registration and voter education.

"I tried to tell them to look at who they are voting for and know some-

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Against Funding Cuts

Child Care Council Fights Back

By John W. Templeton
Staff Writer

In the wake of a 30 per cent cut from its budget last year, the North West Child Development Council, Inc. has laid off 53 of its employees and may soon eliminate transportation for its children.

However, the council has decided not to take its reduction in funds from the state of North Carolina lying down. The NWDC board of directors voted Monday to retain a lawyer to file an administrative appeal with Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. and possibly with the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The key point of the council's complain is that the state treats it and four other child care agencies in western North Carolina differently from other such institutions receiving governmental support.

For these five agencies, the state will pay a maximum of \$99.49 per month for children whose families fall under certain income levels. But for other institutions, the state will pay as much as \$126 per month.

The five western agencies receive funds channeled through the state from the Appalachian region. Until this year, they also received substantial funding from the Title XX child care program of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

NWDC executive director Susan Law said the council's Title XX funds were cut by almost 90 per cent under the new state plan. She said the council hopes to have its funding maximums raised to the level of non-ARC agencies, but failing that, hopes to receive additional funds to provide transportation for the children. Last year, the NWDC budget was \$1.5 million. This year, it's a little more than \$1 million.

The council's board decided to stop transportation of children in a month in the latest of a series of budget cutting measures.

NWDC had already begun charging parents \$1 a day for picking up children. In previous years, the service was free. Before the start of the fiscal year on July 1, the council laid off 53 workers, mostly teachers aides.

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Staff Photo by Templeton

Little Miss Ebony Polite makes friends with a stuffed dog as Mrs. Evelyn Lewis attends her at the Cleveland Avenue Child Development Center, one of 14 centers operated by the North West Child Development Council, Inc.

Day Caring

Next week, Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. answers tough questions on topics ranging from the competency test to corrections in Questions and Answers, the Chronicle's new feature that puts you directly in touch with top newsmakers.

In an hour-long interview with Chronicle executive editor John Templeton, Gov. Hunt also lays out his goals and aspirations for the state and how his plans affect blacks.

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- The city's "Black Renaissance" of art, a "Cover-up" in City Hall and our "Simple" senator are topics of Editorials on page 4.
- Mayor Wayne Corpening is the interviewee in the first "Q&A" feature. Read excerpts of his remarks on page 5.
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In Chronicle Interview

Corpening Defends Record

By Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Writer

Mayor Wayne Corpening was the first guest of the Winston-Salem Chronicle news staff in "Question & Answer," a public affairs feature in which public figures will be asked about contemporary issues.

Corpening, who has been mayor of Winston-Salem since November 1977, met last Thursday with Chronicle reporters Sharyn

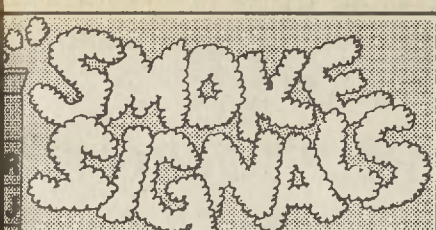
Bratcher, Yvette McCullough, and John Templeton, to discuss the progress he has made in his first months in office.

The mayor stressed his interest in the revitalization of downtown, explaining that it is responsible for 13% of the property taxes.

He spoke of cutting red tape for downtown building permits, revising ordinances which are outdated, and seeking input from a cross-section of the community in curing the ills of downtown.

Corpening expressed faith in his Human Relations Commission, disagreeing with complaints that it is a "do-nothing" organization. (A few hours after Corpening's defense of the Commission, Patrick Hairston resigned from the group, charging that the group was not accomplishing anything. See related

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is a pretty neat trick to walk out of a meeting and to the remaining participants applaud you for walking on them.

Patrick Hairston, president of the local branch of the ACP, pulled off that feat the other night. It all came out because of a unique set of circumstances that says something about the way things are run in this city.

Hairston walked out of the meeting of the city Human Relations Commission, the body created earlier this year. His complaint was simple: the commission isn't doing anything.

However, it turned out that he was not alone in that regard. Almost before the door of the alderman's chambers shut behind Hairston, the other members were asking him for "waking up" the commission.

The remaining members criticized themselves for getting "hung up" on technicalities in the effort to decide exactly what the commission should be doing. One member made reference to the city's "lack of interest" in the committee. Another member revealed that he too was planning to resign unless something -- anything -- got done.

Part of the problem was apparent as soon as one walked into the room. The commission, made up of more than 20 persons scattered across the visitor's section of the alderman's meeting room, resembled a choir practice room rather than anything else.

Unlike a choir, there was no one person to conduct or to coordinate the many voices. As a result, the meeting was a jumble.

The number of members is a good rule of thumb as to the ability of a group to carry out its mission. Powerful groups such as the county commission or board of aldermen have relatively few members, in order to get things done. Less powerful groups, designed to be little more than a forum for sounding off, have lots of members.

It was also evident that the commission had not received a real mandate as to exactly what they were supposed to do.

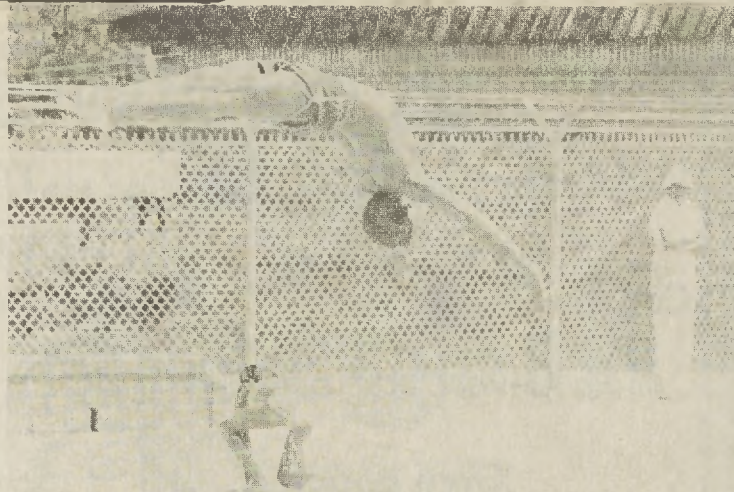
That goes back to the commission's origin. It was proposed during the 1977 campaign as a way of dealing with the issues facing human relations in the city. Between the campaign and its creation, the commission itself became the issue.

Now, there's a commission; however, the issues still need to be faced. None of the issues have been faced by the commission as it has drifted in limbo.

Yet, the last meeting indicates that the commission has reached a watershed: it will either do something, as the members wish; or it will do nothing, and just fade away.

That may have been what Hairston had in mind.

John W. Templeton



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Graceful as a Swan

Gerald Glenn, 14, of 208 State Street, takes a backward dive into the cool waters of the Winston Lake swimming pool on a 96 degree day when the pool was the only place to be.

Abortion as Genocide

By Yvette McCullough
Staff Writer

"I firmly agree with Reverend Jesse Jackson that abortion is not the black community's solution to the 'poor black' problem," said Rev. Curtis Carrington, minority chairman of the Right to Life Committee.

"Encourage abortion and in about 20 years the 'problem' will disappear. As Rev. Jackson has said, abortion is genocide, an attack against black people disguised as a gift by our friends."

Rev. Carrington is the pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Greensboro. He has spoken to legislators, numerous ministers and at various churches across the state on the abortion issue.

"Although it may not be an intended life, who are we to say who's wanted," Carrington said. "A baby is innocent, he could grow up to be the next president or a preacher."

"A child unwanted by his mother today, may be the sole support of that mother tomorrow," Carrington continued.

Carrington also believes that abortion is genocide. The dictionary defines genocide as being a deliberate, systematic measure toward the extermination of a racial, political or cultural group.

"Abortion is a way of trying to do away with the poor class of blacks," Carrington stated. "When a young girl gets pregnant, you can't say that committing a murder

will solve a problem."

"Shouldn't we do what is right instead of what is convenient?" Carrington remarked.

Nationally black leaders have come out against abortion. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, executive director of People United to Save Humanity (PUSH) is a strong supporter of the National Right to Life Committee.

"It is strange that sociologists choose to start talking a-



about population control at the same time that black people in America and people of color around the world are demanding their rightful place as human citizens and the rightful chance to the material wealth in the world." Rev. Jackson has stated. "Given the history of people of color in the modern world, we have no reason to believe

that whites are going to look out for our best interests."

The president of the National Right to Life Committee is a black woman, Dr. Mildred E. Jefferson. Dr. Jefferson, the first black woman to graduate from the Harvard Medical School, believes also that abortion can mean genocide for blacks.

"I would guess that the abortionists have done more to get rid of generations and cripple others than all of the years of slavery and lynchings," Dr. Jefferson has said.

Although various black leaders have come out against abortion, some black women feel that abortion is a matter of choice.

Ora Coleman, chairperson of the North Carolina Black Women's Political Caucus in Charlotte, said that abortion should be a matter of choice.

"Abortion is not a question of right or wrong, but a question of whether or not a woman should have a choice," Coleman said. "If funds are not available then black poor women would not be able to afford to have abortions."

"The government does not have the right to make the choice because that is not its role," Coleman continued.

"Black women have been bombarded by super stupid talk about how abortion is genocide," one black leader stated. "These women know that as long as someone else does not force an abortion on them then it is not genocide."

"I'm sick and tired of this Right to Life bull," said a

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