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Black Vote Key Factor In Races

Size Of Vote Crucial

By John W. Templeton
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The numbers and preferences of black voters loomed as a key factor in deciding who will represent the 5th District in the U.S. House of Representatives and North Carolina in the U.S. Senate, as Election Day, Nov. 7 draws near.

Campaign managers for Democrats Rep. Steven Neal and Senate candidate John R. Ingram stressed the importance of good black turnouts for their candidates, while Republican 5th District challenger Hamilton C. Horton, Jr. bragged of his "progress" in black precincts, during pre-election Chronicle interviews.

Incumbent frontrunner Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., sidestepped the question of how he expected to do in the black community during a Winston-Salem

appearance Tuesday, Oct. 31.

"I don't view black constituents any differently from white ones," said Helms. "All of us are interested in this country."

He said he would support seeking private sector jobs for blacks, particularly black youth. "I don't want them locked in the welfare syndrome."

"I'll do that whether they support me or not," said Helms.

Ingram campaign manager Charlie Webb said by phone from Raleigh, "We hope there will be a high turnout in the black community. It will obviously be beneficial." Webb said Ingram was hoping for a good turnout overall to aid his changes to pull of his second upset victory this year.

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Two Blacks Seek N.C. House

By Sharyn Bratcher
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On Tuesday Forsyth County voters will elect 7 candidates to the North Carolina Legislature: 2 Senators and 5 representatives to the House. Two black candidates, one Democrat and one Republican, are contenders.

In the House race, four incumbent Democrats Judson D. DeRamus, Ted Kaplan, Harold L. Kennedy, Jr., and Margaret Tennille are trying for re-election, and newcomer Richard Barnes, who calls himself, "The People's Lobbyist" is the 5th Democratic contender.

The Republicans are offering only 4 candidates: Donald R. Billings, Russell G. Brown, Mary Pegg, and Rodney Sumler.

Dick Barnes places the needs of the

elderly in 1st priority in his campaign. He favors more home care for senior citizens, geriatric training for nursing home employees, and a revision of the homestead exemption bill. Barnes favors the ERA Amendment, opposes public financing of gubernatorial elections, and is against a repeal of the sales tax on food. When asked about a possible minority set-aside provision in state contracts, Barnes commented: "I think it's excellent." He also favors a regulation of insurance rates.

Judson D. DeRamus is an incumbent Democrat. He favors tax cuts for the elderly, general tax relief, and coordination of state energy programs. He has voted for ERA. "Basically, I'm concerned about the 3 E's-- energy, education,

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Hermon Brooks of San Diego, California was a real show stopper Friday night at the ebony Fashion Fair. Brooks has been a model for the last 10 years.

Tenants Want Mailboxes Closer

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Many of the elderly residents of Holland Homes would like their mailboxes moved closer to their apartments, but a postal official says that regulations prohibit it.

Holland Homes, a housing project for handicapped and elderly persons, is located on Highland Avenue. It consists of a number of one-story brick apartment buildings. The mailboxes are located in a small detached building at the end of the parking lot. That building also serves as the laundry for the apartment complex.

Residents who are handicapped or who suffer from arthritis have difficulty in getting to the mailboxes, especially in the winter when the sidewalks may be icy.

Lexie Truesdale of Apartment J has had her mail transferred to her son's house, because of the trouble she had getting to her mailbox. "My knees give out", she said. "I don't know why they didn't put the mailboxes outside the door".

One advantage of having the mailboxes in a central location is supposed to be less risk against theft of social security checks, but Deborah M. Presley says that her check has been stolen from her mailbox anyway.

Alberta B. Harvey, the public housing manager who manages the apartments, says that the mailbox question is not a matter for the Housing Authority to decide. It is a post office regulation, she said.

Raymond Crowder of the North Post Office confirmed this. "About a year ago," he states, "they came out with a regulation that if you had a cluster of boxes in one place you could not move them to the porches



Robert Frazier, a resident of Holland homes, picks up his mail from the mailbox cluster, located in a building away from the apartments themselves. Some residents complain that it is hard for them to get their mail.

Reynolds Health Center: A Community Tradition

by Yvette McCullough
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"Who says we don't need this health center?" a woman waiting in the Reynolds Health Center asked. "We need it, because it's 'bout the only thing black folks have in the way of a hospital."

This seemed to be the sentiment of most people sitting in the waiting room at the health center.

"I don't come here very often and when I do I bring someone who uses it," said Helen Ashe, a visitor at the health center. "It's alright the way it is and it shouldn't be changed."

"I come here for my own needs," said Amanda Hanes. "I wait a long time sometime and I think they need help, but we need this place."

Reynolds Health Center began in 1975 in the former site of a predominantly black 250 bed general hospital. The old Kate B. Reynolds Hospital experienced financial problems due to low occupancy rates following the end of segregated hospitals. Some of the financial problems carried over to the health center.

"The initial financial problems have not been eliminated," said Dennis Magovern, the center's administrator since its origin. "We're serving poor people or people who need financial assistance."

"The county subsidizes the center; we just have to see that the subsidizing doesn't get out of hand," Magovern continued. Magovern said that when he came to the center he was naive about some of the problems.

"I had no grasp of the background of the facility or its significance to the black community," Magovern said. "I was aware of the potential racial conflicts when a predominantly white county government takes over a predominantly black facility."

Magovern said that as an administrator he has tried to establish credibility for fairness and equality. However, black nurses at the center are preparing an Equal Employment Opportunities Commission complaint, charging they have been discriminated against in pay and promotions. The nurses are under the supervision of the public health department instead of Magovern. The health center offers non-emergency medical and dental care. Pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology are areas of specialization, along with eye, and diabetes clinics. It also has a pharmacy, clinical lab, a radiology unit, a sickle cell program, Woman-Infant-Child (WIC) program and a family planning program.

One goal of the health center is to encourage people to go to the center instead of the hospital emergency rooms. Magovern said that the health center has a favorable impact on the hospital emergency rooms by treating minor injuries.

However, he said, a shortcoming of the center is that it doesn't have the necessary extended hours. The center has no services on weekends or after hours.

"I don't think 24 hour coverage is necessary, but we could have the clinic open once or twice a week after hours from 5 to 9," Magovern said. "Then we could test the response and phase it in." Magovern said he put in a request in the budget for additional personnel but the request wasn't granted.

The original Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial Hospital was built in 1938 on the same location where a new Reynolds Hospital was later built in 1969. The new hospital was occupied in January of 1970 and was built in exchange for the black support of a bond issue that helped to finance Forsyth Memorial Hospital. Forsyth Hospital was built in 1964.

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McLean Tribute Planned

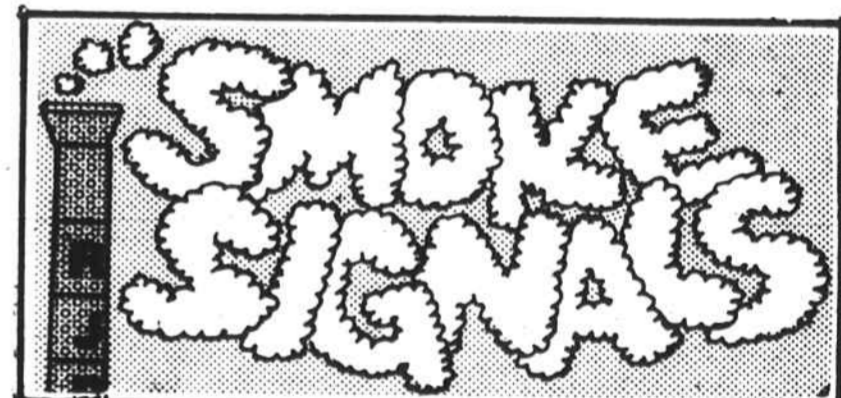
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The Winston-Salem branch of the NAACP will stage a tribute to Charles A. McLean, the local civil rights activist who has been state field-director of the NAACP since 1950.

The banquet in honor of McLean, who retires from the NAACP post at the end of the year, will be tentatively held Jan. 20 at the Benton Convention Center, tribute organizer Tracy Singletary reported to the branch meeting Monday night.

Singletary called McLean "one of the true warriors of the NAACP." McLean was named field director emeritus by the state NAACP convention in Charlotte Oct 20.

The 68-year-old McLean logged countless thousands of miles across the state during the 1950's and 1960's helping blacks regis-



Halloween can be a pretty bewildering day if you're only 18 months old and nobody has explained these pagan customs to you.

My daughter came home from a hard day at nursery school, no doubt expecting a relaxing evening of watching commercials, occasionally interrupted by some dull program. Instead, she was rushed through dinner, and bundled back into her parka.

Adding insult to injury, Mommy wrapped a scarf around her head, stuck a peacock feather in the back of her hair-do, and draped a blanket around her. Then came lipstick streaks on each cheek.

"Ahh! Isn't she a cute Indian?" (Have these grownups gone mad? Is the moon full?) Somebody banged on the door. Mommy answered it, and didn't seem surprised at all to see people in masks and weird outfits. SHE LET THEM IN!

"Oh, yes. She's ready to go. Here's her trick or treat bag." (Ready to go? Who's ready to go? With those thugs, are you crazy?)

"Come on, Honey. Let's go trick or treat". (I know that voice. It's Crystal, the babysitter. How was I supposed to know her under a mask and a blond wig? Does she think I'm Jean Dixon?)

Under escort (who who walk too fast) she is trundled from house to house. Her captors bang on strange doors, yell something, and people throw things in their bags.

The ordeal lasted about 15 minutes. Then back home again: "We had to bring her home. She's been howling the whole time. I guess she's scared or something".

By Sharyn Bratcher

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