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Wachovia Woos M&F Supporters

By Yvette McCullough
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Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, N.A.'s response to the news that Mechanics and Farmers Bank plans to open a branch in East Winston was to tell black leaders it too wanted to open a branch in the area.

Dalton Ruffin, city executive for Wachovia Bank and two other Wachovia officials met with Alderman Virginia Newell, spokesperson for a group backing M&F, Monday to tell her that

they were interested in putting a branch bank in East Winston.

"We are considering a bank in East Winston as well as studying all areas to see what would be good to put our office," Ruffin told the Chronicle. "We will put a branch in any area where it will be a benefit to our customers."

However, Alderman Newell told a group of citizens in a meeting Tuesday night that Wachovia's timing to put a black bank in East Winston was "bad."

"The black community is personally affronted

considering the progress we have made with Mechanics and Farmers Bank," Alderman Newell said. "We asked Wachovia to withdraw their proposal."

Mechanics and Farmers Bank's board of directors approved a decision last Thursday to locate a branch here. J. J. Sansom, president of Mechanics and Farmers, told the Chronicle that he was aware of Wachovia's actions.

"I understand that Wachovia has ap-
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Starting Early

Staff Photo by Templeton

Little Miss Nieobe Renee Dalton, 18 months, is the proud winner of the Winston-Salem Beauticians Association's International Tea and Baby Contest sponsored by Chapter No. 2 of the bond for first prize.

Stowe Demands Safety

By John W. Templeton
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James Stowe, the Lewisville man beset by racial harassment since March had to make his remarks brief as he addressed the Forsyth County commissioners Monday night.

"I must go home and get on guard duty," said the shoe store manager with a trace of bitterness. "It's a shame that a man has to guard his own house like this."

Stowe parted with this admonition to the commissioners: "If the sheriff's department can't protect us, then we will do everything in our power to see if federal funds are cut off for Forsyth County."

Supporting Stowe's request for protection from incidents such as cross burnings, death threats and snakes tossed into his yard were Mrs. Velma Hopkins, state president of the Concerned Women for Justice which had passed a resolution in support of fair housing in the county, and NAACP education chairman Walter Marshall.

The two spoke during the annual budget hearing of the commissioner's, a three hour session during which the body heard three dozen requests or justifications for

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Mrs. Velma Hopkins and James Stowe tell Forsyth County Commissioners more protection is needed for black families moving into white neighborhoods.

Register 1 Million By 1980 : Leaders

By John W. Templeton
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RALEIGH -- Black leaders from across the state took the first steps toward a drive to register the bulk of the estimated 1 million blacks who will be eligible to vote during the 1980 elections, during the "survival conference" of the N.C. Black Leadership Caucus here last weekend.

Howard N. Lee, secretary of the N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, told delegates that blacks should organize a political action committee in each country with two goals by Sept. 1:

• "choose a black to run for every local office ... that makes sense," and,

• "have a voter registration plan to canvass every household."

Lee, a founder of the caucus and run-off loser for the Democratic lieutenant governor's nomination in 1976, told the group that youth should be particularly targeted. "In order to carry this out, you've got to involve young people, particularly high school seniors," said Lee.

The figure of one million potential voters, the normal winning tally in statewide races, was often cited during

day-long conference as evidence of the potential for black political power in the state.

"There are 350,000 blacks on the books," said Dr. E. Lavonia Allison, vice chairman of the caucus. "And by 1980, there will be a million plus eligible black voters. The agenda is written for us; nobody can do this but us."

During the conference, participants produced caucus positions on a number of issues arising out of workshops in education, employment/economics, health and housing.

The caucus voted to oppose private school exemptions from state regulation, raising scores on the National Teachers Examination and the state's response to higher education desegregation demands of the federal government. The body supported increasing the access of parents to schools.

Recommended and accepted was a proposal to convene a conference to deal solely with the subject of black economic development in the state.

The consensus among the body was that to make those and other recommendations effective, that funds would have to be raised for a black lobbying effort in the state capital.



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Caucus, Clergy Back McKissick

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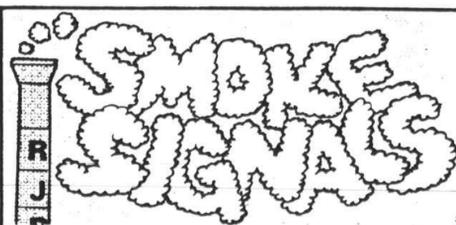
RALEIGH -- The N. C. Black Leadership Caucus and a group of Baptist churchmen have pledged their moral and financial support to the Soul City new town development in Warren County and to its developer, Floyd B. McKissick.

McKissick has come under fire from the state's two U. S. senators and from the Raleigh News and Observer for not having attracted industry to the city.

The caucus voted unanimously during its meeting last Saturday to send copies

of a resolution recognizing Soul City's impact on Warren and Vance Counties and findings by federal investigators that they have no improper expenditures of federal grant or loan funds to the senators, Gov. James B. Hunt Jr., Housing and Urban Development Secretary Patricia R. Harris and President Carter.

Earlier in the day, Rev. Joy Johnson, former president of the General Baptist State Convention and now head of a group called Church Laity-Clergy Economic Development Corp., said his group had pledged to raise as much as \$500,000 to invest in new industry at Soul City.



Say Veteran Cops

Economic Misery Breeds Crime

Editor's Note: The views expressed in this article are strictly the personal opinions of the two interviewed and do not represent the views of the Winston-Salem Police Department.

By Yvette McCullough
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A major portion of crime committed in East Winston is the result of frustrations brought on by economic conditions, a segregated environment and the lack of blacks in key policy making positions, said two veteran city policemen.

Captain Johnnie Landon and Officer Frank Green, a crime prevention specialists, said that frustration is the strongest factor in crime in the black neighborhood.

"Their aren't enough jobs in East Winston," Landon said. "Some of them don't know anything about working, which creates problems."

"If a kid sees on television to go out and buy some Kentucky Fried Chicken and he doesn't have any money,



Green



Landon

continued.

Landon also said that some children lacked proper home supervision and home training.

"Some of them don't have any incentive to do better," Landon said. Landon is the Captain of District II, which is bounded by U.S. 52 and U.S. 311.

Green said that the system perpetuates itself and helps to build the frustrations many blacks face daily.

"We have a problem with imagery," Green said. "Black people don't have many people to look up to."

"Blacks are only allowed to attain certain levels in this city," Green continued. "Blacks don't have the key policy making positions and the blacks that do have some authority still have to answer to the white man."

Green said that frustration plays a big part in the way that blacks deal with crime.

"Some people live in an atmosphere that is conducive to crime and when you're practicing wrong you become

he may go out here and snatch an old lady's pocketbook to get some money to buy some chicken," Landon

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