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## Sheriff Responds to Complaints

# 'I Am Not A Racist'

By Donna Oldham  
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Lancaster

Winston-Salem County Sheriff Manly Lancaster says that he is tired of people saying that he is a racist and that he is tired of people saying that he is a racist. He took office in December of 1970 with the idea that he would be fair about everything...employment, promotion and treatment. It's a fallacy for anyone to think that he is a racist," he told the Chronicle Monday.

Lancaster said that when he took office, there were 10 blacks with the rank of deputy in the department. Now there are nine and one-half years in office, he has increased the number of blacks to 21 including one captain and one sergeant.

Other departments have a ratio like ours. The sheriff's department has a higher number percentage of blacks employed than any other department," he said.

Lancaster explained that according to recent population figures of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County, the police department's jurisdiction is 40 percent black. The sheriff's department's jurisdiction is 22 percent black. Yet, the sheriff's department has more black deputies for the population that the police department has officers for its jurisdiction.

Lancaster said that during his terms as sheriff, he has received support from the black community, but that recently that support had been a bit strained.

"There's no question about the support, but recently, I have received some complaints that black deputies are not being promoted as they should.

The sheriff said that promotions in his department include many things, but years of service, personal record and a vacancy are priority items.

He gave an example saying that several months ago, a group of black citizens came to his office and recom-

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Photo by Donna Oldham

## Go Fly A Kite

Kite flying is fun for all ages, but the important thing is to pay attention, no matter how big or little you are. Cynthia Lewis and her son flew their kite last Saturday at the Winston Lake softball field.

## Forced to Resign

# Black Deputy Falsifies Data On Application

By Donna Oldham  
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Officials of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department say that a black deputy who resigned earlier this month, was asked to do so because it was discovered that he had falsified information on his job application; not because of his driving record.

Everette L. Carson, 28, said that he was hired by the sheriff's department when it was discovered that he had played college basketball.

"I first applied for the job in 1977. Then in early February of this year, Major G.R. Dillon called me and asked me if I was still interested in a job," Carson said in an interview last week.

"When he (Maj. Dillon), was looking at my application, he noticed that I had played basketball at Barber Scotia College. He asked me if I would be willing to

play basketball for the department when they challenged the highway patrol. As long as I was getting a job, I thought I'd go along with the program," Carson said.

He continued, "The subject of my driving record came up. Mrs. Mazie Woodruff (who recommended him for the job) told Maj. Dillon that I had a bad driving record, but, during my interview, he said that it wasn't important because they could put me in a department where I wouldn't have to drive a car," he said.

Carson was hired and reported to work on Feb. 12, and was assigned to the radio room. He also practiced basketball with the other deputies at East Forsyth High School in the afternoons.

"Maj. Dillon said that he liked my attitude. On Feb 5 or 6, Sheriff Lancaster went through the department telling people that he had hired me to play basketball and that after the game he was

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# Business Leaders Cited for Community Service

Winston-Salem Chronicle Publisher Ernest H. Muttter Evans, Jr. and his wife, Mrs. Evans, of radio station WISL were named as outstanding black business and community leaders.

Erwin, co-owner of the House of Beauty, was named outstanding businessman of the year.

Evans were cited during the fraternal annual "Bigger and Better Business Week," at the Goler Metropolitan Church.

Evans told the audience of approximately 50, that business people should be "to stay in business and to make

the program, entitled "We Need Black Entrepreneurs," featured Pitt and Mrs. Evans as the featured speakers.

L. Lassiter was chairman of the program, Mrs. Evans is president of the



Pitt

Businessman of the Year



Davis

Man of the Year



Evans

Businesswoman of the Year



Erwin

Sigma Man of the Year

GREENSBORO--Stan Davis Jr., general manager of the Carolina Peacemaker, was chosen 'Man of the Year' by the Greensboro branch of the NAACP because of his "approach in using the paper to relate to the needs of the community."

"He and his staff make themselves available and respond when the community calls," said B.J. Battle, a member of the nominating committee. Davis' sensitivity and determination to bring out facts in the Peacemaker as they are, said Battle, "further demonstrate his willingness to support and serve the community."

Battle said that probably the single most important item that made Davis the recipient of the award was Davis' appointment of a board of advisors to the Carolina Peacemaker. "To make the paper more responsive to the needs of the community he even established a board of advisors to speak out on the needs of their neighbors,"

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Erwin

## Erwin to Seek U.S. Judgeship

Through the urgings of his family and friends, Richard C. Erwin of Winston-Salem, a Judge in the North Carolina Court of Appeals has announced that he will accept the federal judgeship nomination that he turned down two weeks ago.

Contacted at his chambers Tuesday afternoon Erwin said that "a lot of people talked to me, had prayer with me and urged me to accept the appointment."

Erwin had announced earlier this month that he intended to stay on the Court of Appeals because of a flare-up of a diabetic condition earlier in the year. He said Tuesday however that his personal physician had given him the go-ahead to seek the judgeship.

"My doctor said that it would have some effect on me, but if I control my diet and handle it like he tells me then I won't have any problems," Erwin added.

"I was highly honored to receive the recommendation from Senator Morgan. If my nomination is confirmed by the senate, then I will accept the judgeship," he said.

"I am appreciative of the support the voters of North Carolina showed me during the election of 1978. I also want to thank those who supported me in the 1974 General Assembly election.

Erwin, the first black to ever win a state-wide election, would be North Carolina's first black federal judge if confirmed.

# 5 Police Cars Wrecked Stopping Drunk Driver

A Clemmons man engaged law enforcement officials from four different agencies in a high-speed chase that involved 20 police cars and ended in Kernersville on Monday morning.

Eugene R. Zebra, 18, is charged with speeding to elude arrest, failure to heed a blue light and siren, driving while under the influence of alcohol, driving without an operators license and driving the wrong way

on a controlled-access highway by the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department.

The chase began in Clemmons and ended more than an hour later in Kernersville when the car that Zebra was driving rammed into a police car, blew a tire, and crashed.

Five police cars were wrecked and two police road blocks were penetrated by Zebra, who drove his car at speeds in excess of 120 miles per hour along I-40.

Officers from the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department, the Winston-Salem Police Department, the Kernersville Police Department and the Winston-Salem Detachment of the North Carolina Highway Patrol were involved in the incident.

## Russell In Hospital

Carl H. Russell Sr., former Winston-Salem alderman and mayor pro tem is a patient at Forsyth Memorial Hospital, according to spokesmen for the family.

Officials at the hospital say that Russell, who is listed in satisfactory condition, "has some lung problems," and entered the hospital on March 18, after complaining that he could not breathe.

Russell, who was con-



Russell

victed last month of failure to pay his income tax is to report for a six month active sentence in a federal prison on May 1.



Photo by Donna Oldham

## In Joseph's Garden

As the Lenten season moves toward Easter Sunday, various religious organizations are making preparations. Above, members of First Baptist Church rehearse for an Easter Drama "In Joseph's Garden." Director Catherine Humphrey, seated left, explains a scene. Left, Shedrick Adams who will play Nicodemus; Albert Palmer as Joseph; and Janet Warren as Asenath.