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'Sting' Nets 1 Arrests, 200,000

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Winston-Salem Police Department started in its version of "The Sting," when officers recovered approximately \$200,000 in stolen property, seized drugs, and recovered automobiles and motorcycles and cleared 157 criminal cases.

Over the past six months, the Organized Crime Section of the WSPD's Criminal Investigation Division has been conducting an under-cover, anti-fencing operation on career criminals.

The undercover officers including officers from Burlington and High Point Police Departments and the Forsyth County District Attorney's Office all participated in the sting, according to Capt. John R. Turner of the WSPD.

Called "Operation Leaky Bucket," the operation was conducted in Ogburn Station under the name of Ed's Repair Shop.

According to Cpl. J.A. Hammonds of the WSPD, "It was long before word got around and people started bringing hot items into the store." He said that the anti-fencing operation was a first for Winston-Salem's Police Department.

As a result at 2 a.m. Tuesday, arrest teams composed of uniformed police officers, vice and narcotics officers and D.D. detectives, headed by Sgt. G.G. Myers of the Organized Crime Section began a round-up of charged defendants.

Defendants had been charged on April 28, by the Forsyth County Grand Jury who returned 102 bills of indictment, charging 31 defendants with 202 felony offenses.

Hammonds said Tuesday, that 22 warrants have actually been served and the police department is still working on probably 100 more charges which could still be pending on the 31 defendants.

The charges include, sale and delivery of marijuana, cocaine, breaking and entering, larceny, larceny of automobiles and motorcycles, possession of stolen property, breaking into an automobile, and possession of firearms.

According to Turner, following arrests, District and Organized Crime detectives began follow-up investigations.

Those indicted in "Operation Leaky Bucket," are: Frank Binkley, 23, of 3019 Craft Drive; Albert Douglas, Jr., 21, of 2312 Fanning Road; Aaron Tyrone, 27, of 2927 N. Patterson Ave.; Roger Nettles, 19, of 2927 N. Patterson Ave.

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Black Voters Are Not Fools

A News Analysis

By John W. Templeton
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"How many of you know who John Wood is?" Beaufort Bailey asked a black audience not too long ago. None in the relatively well-educated crowd knew.

"Well, you ought to know who he is, because the black community gave him 4,000 votes for the school board last election and I lost by 200 votes," Bailey continued.

That brief moment captured the central conflict in local black politics since the early races of Rev. William R. Crawford for the state House of Representatives in the 1950s.

The question has been: How to get a black elected in a county-wide election in which the black vote is a minority of the total electorate?

On one extreme has been the "vote-black" philosophy as epitomized by Rev. Howard Wiley, the master of ceremonies Sunday, when white candidates were snubbed during the black political revival, and the "don't scare the white folks" philosophy as epitomized by Dr. Jerry Drayton.

Both viewpoints, in their own way, take the attitude that black voters are too ignorant to make of their own minds about who to vote for. Both would have black voters blindly following a designated list pre-selected like robots.

Both attitudes stand in the way of real political progress for blacks in Forsyth County. Obscured in the rhetorical debate as to which approach is best have been several fundamental lessons of politics.

First, when one is in the minority, one builds coalitions.

For example, when black state Senate candidate

Rev. Moses Small planned to invite Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green as the speaker for his roast, he was almost ostracized because Green defeated Howard Lee in the 1976 runoff.

However, it would have been a perfect example of a white minority group, in this case Green supporters, having every reason in the world to seek out the support of blacks, and possibly being able to deliver the kind of white support Small might need to win countywide.

Second, one does not vote for candidates one does not want.

In four different races, there are multiple seats open: the state Senate, the state House, county commissioners and the school board.

Interestingly enough, if the black candidates were

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Photo By Santana

The Iron Horse

Reuben Jacobs, 4, of 1205 E. 12th St. uses a handy fire hydrant at the corner of 12th and Cleveland Avenue as his vantage point to watch traffic and dream about horseback riding.

White Candidates Snubbed At Black Political Rally

By Donna Oldham
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The apparent snubbing of white candidates brought a turbulent end to a black political rally, Sunday at the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

Angry white and black candidates predicted that the event could mean loss of support for black candidates among white voters and for WSSU.

State Rep. Dick Barnes said, "My phone's been ringing off the hook.

There's going to be some repercussions."

The program lasted four hours with speeches by civil rights leaders, NAACP President Patrick Hairston, Evelyn Terry, Charles McLean and Lee Faye Mack and two sermons by the Revs. J.D. Ballard and William S. Epps.

Interpretive dance and gospel singing were interspersed through the speeches.

The next to the last scheduled event, the introduction of the candidates gave rise to the turmoil.

The Rev. Howard Wiley introduced the black candidates present and called them up on the stage.

After the candidates arrived on stage, Wiley asked Atty. James A. Beaty, a representative for Gov. James Hunt's re-election committee, to get off the stage. Beaty and Wiley argued which ended with Beaty leaving.

Wiley then asked other candidates to stand. That request brought shouts from the audience that the white candidates should go on the stage.

After the white candidates had come up on the stage and begun introducing themselves, Wiley walked off, saying his part of the program was over.

State Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy, running for a full term called Wiley's actions, "distasteful and

humiliating."

"What happened Sunday will set us back years in race relations. He wasn't just disrespectful to candidates, but the our current legislators and senators and other elected officials," she said.

Rep. Kennedy pointed out that Wiley's actions were a slap in the face to Winston-Salem State. "The legislators that were insulted Sunday are the same ones who vote on WSSU's budget in June so this could be detrimental to them," she said.

State Rep. Margaret Tennille echoed Mrs. Kennedy.

"I have never felt so insulted as I did Sunday. I have never been treated in such a way. I was totally stunned," she said.

Rep. Tennille continued, "I think that anytime peo-

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500 Could Lose Food Stamps

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At least 7,614 households in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County could face the loss of June and July food stamps if the U.S. Congress does not appropriate emergency funds for food stamp recipients.

Although the fiscal year for the government doesn't end until September, the allotment for food stamps will run

out this month, unless Congress takes some emergency measures.

"It's a scary situation that we're facing," said Mary Johnson, food stamp program supervisor for the Forsyth County Department of Social Services.

"The last report we received stated that as of March 31, of this year, 7,614 active households participated in the foodstamp program. Of those, 1500 are getting the full allotment, this means that they are getting little or no income," she said.

Mrs. Johnson said that the situation could be resolved if Congress acts quickly, but there is no guarantee.

"We have no way of knowing on a local level if they will get us the money. If we don't know by May 15, then we must put the emergency alternatives that we've thought up to use," she said.

She said that her office has three alternatives in the situation.

● If the money is appropriated in time, then the food stamps will be distributed as

usual. ● If the money is allotted, then recipients could get their food stamps but the June stamps would be late.

● If Congress doesn't act in time, then food stamps for the months of June and July could be suspended.

● Mrs. Johnson pointed out that while the money for fiscal 1980 has already been spent, that the money for fiscal 1981 has

Russell Sentence Delayed A Month

Former alderman and members of his family. On Feb. 28, Chief Judge Eugene A. Gordon of the U.S. Middle District Court, found Russell guilty of failing to file income tax returns since 1976, on an approximate income of \$370,000. He pleaded guilty to one of four counts after a plea-bargaining agreement with the U.S. Attorney's office, provided that the government would allow dismissal of the other three charges.

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Firemen and Emergency Medical Technicians gather around John Frederick Marley, who was struck by a car while riding his bicycle on Highway 311 near East End Blvd, Sunday. Marley, of 701 Mock St., was riding on the wrong side of the highway according to city police, when he was struck by George McClendon of 3041 Colgate Drive. Marley was taken to Forsyth Memorial where he was treated and released for a dislocated shoulder.

Ministers Make No Endorsements

By John W. Templeton
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The Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates has voted to condemn the snubbing of white candidates during a rally last Sunday, and decided not to make any endorsements for the May 6 primary.

The minister's action took place Tuesday following the presentation of a report by the political action committee of the conference to endorse a slate of Democratic, national and statewide, candidates, but no candidates on the local level.

Several ministers, among them Revs. C.M. Savoy and G.G. Campbell, opposed the endorsement of President Carter on the grounds that national black leaders had advised blacks not to choose any presidential candidates yet.

Discussion then turned to the Black Political Revival '80 Sunday, over which a

dispute occurred about the recognition of white candidates.

Rev. A.H. McDaniel made a substitute motion that the conference thank the committee, headed by Dr. Jerry Drayton, and submitted a statement registering disapproval of the Sunday incident.

The effect of the move was that the conference wound up making no endorsements for the primary.

Dr. J. Ray Butler, conference president, expressed the sentiments of the group. "The Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates does not condone any discriminatory acts where candidates are involved. Every person should be treated with courtesy and given due respect."

Revs. Butler and Drayton said local candidates had not been endorsed to avoid divisiveness if certain black candidates had not been picked. "We can not afford to play one black candidate off against the other."