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Freeman

Who'll Get Judgeship?

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"To appoint Freeman would soothe growing unrest in the Democratic party, caused by DeRamus' victory. Bill Freeman should have won that election. By electing DeRamus, black people have committed judicial suicide," the source said.

The source also said that Beatty would not have acted as Hunt's co-chairman and battled constant criticism by blacks for that role had not he had the judgeship in mind.

Ben Ruffin, special assistant to Gov. Hunt, said Monday that any rumors about the judgeship were "premature at this time."

"Gov. Hunt won't make any decisions until after the general election in November," he said. However, Ruffin added that if Beatty was nominated that he would support him.

When contacted at his office Tuesday, Beatty also called the rumors

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Aldermen to Consider New Standards

By John W. Templeton
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The Public Works Committee of the Board of Aldermen has paved the way for Winston-Salem to become the first city in North Carolina to require that every dwelling have "heating facilities."

On a 3-1 vote, the committee voted to recommend to the full board that the requirement be added to the city housing code. The board will take up the issue at its Monday meeting.

According to W.W. Disher, inspections superintendent, no other city in North Carolina has required heating as a standard of fitness for houses.

The committee also approved a new definition for "unfit for human habitation," which sets apart nine major standards from other defects which would only be considered as substandard. Currently, any violation of the housing code, such as a torn screen, makes the house unfit for human habitation.

Also endorsed as a staff policy was the use of the in rem repair remedy for substandard houses. Members were told by city staff that they already have the authority to order repairs.

Those were the last remaining issues of a comprehensive code revision proposed by city staff in March at the urging of the Citywide Neighborhood Coalition and its

Housing Code Enforcement Committee.

Paul Shepherd, chairman of the committee, was pleased with the results of the study. "I want to commend city staff for doing the things they have done."

The staff report on in rem supported his contention, raised back in November, that the city already has the authority to repair dwellings if their owner does not.

Despite the committee action, it was obvious that housing codes are a hot issue, particularly from the standpoint of the landlords.

C.W. Myers, the city's largest landowner, complained that tenants were "tearing them up faster than I can keep them up." He cited damage from pets,

abuse and burst pipes due to unpaid fuel bills.

Nancy Starbuck said inspectors should not post notices of substandard conditions because tenants refuse to pay their rent. "You can lose three months rent over a broken window light and a pushed out screen."

It took some horsetrading to get the revisions approved by the committee. The heating provisions met the consent of each member but Alderman Eugene C. Groce, after Alderman Larry D. Little proposed that any owner be given 60 days after a notice from an inspector, to install

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'I'd Rather Steal Than Starve'

By Donna Oldham
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Some Forsyth County food stamp recipients say they will use any measure possible to feed themselves and their children, "should the government suspend their food stamps due to lack of money.

The waiting room of the Social Services Department was crowded Monday when The Chronicle asked people

what they would do without their food stamps.

"I'll steal before I'll starve or starve my babies," said a woman who had two small children with her, and is expecting another in two months.

"I don't have no job. If I had a job, then most of my check would go for a babysitter. So I don't work, I stays home, and I gets food stamps. I ain't gonna deprive my kids of their

meals, I'll steal or do what I have to do to get them food," she said.

A woman who said her emergency. "We been eating less every day, and I've been

Food Stamp Patrons Brace For Cutoff

name was Ruth said that she had been cutting back on her family's meals for the past months in prepara-

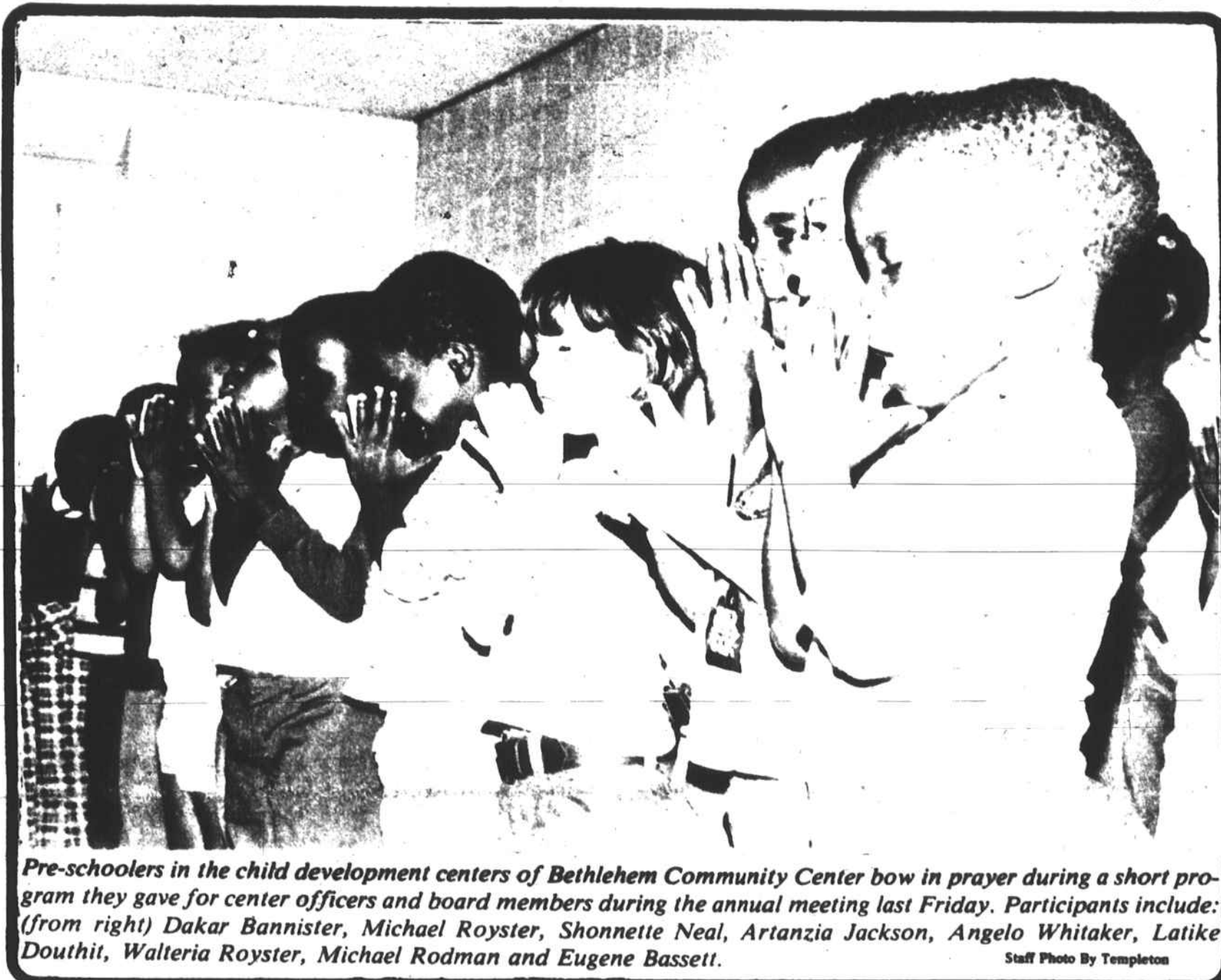
tion for the possible government don't do what it should," she said.

Lucy, a woman in her early 50s, said she's not worried about losing her food stamps. "The government ain't gonna let all these people starve. They'll get the food stamps, and they'll get them in time, they better, or I'll cuss somebody out.

Mary, a white woman who said she was embarrassed to be on food stamps

in the first place blamed the shortage on college students.

"All these rich college students get an apartment and get food stamps and call themselves poor. They caused this whole mess. I'll bet they go to the store in sports cars, damn them all," she said and started to cry.



Pre-schoolers in the child development centers of Bethlehem Community Center bow in prayer during a short program they gave for center officers and board members during the annual meeting last Friday. Participants include: (from right) Dakar Bannister, Michael Royster, Shonnette Neal, Artanzia Jackson, Angelo Whitaker, Latike Douthit, Walteria Royster, Michael Rodman and Eugene Bassell.

Burkins Blasts Browder Remark

He Wants Race-Free Runoff- Why Bring It Up, She Asks?

By John W. Templeton
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A challenge for a race-free runoff campaign for the vacant District Court seat has been attacked as bringing up the issue of race.

B.R. Browder, the second-place finisher who Tuesday, filed for a June 3 runoff against May 6 primary leader V. Jean Burkins, said in a statement, "In the runoff for District Judge, I challenge my opponent and I challenge for voters of Forsyth County to a campaign free racial bias -- the only kind of campaign which honors the integrity of the office we both seek."

Burkins, the only black among the five original Democratic candidates, reacted to that statement by saying, "That's like Carter saying, we aren't going to talk about Chappaquiddick. By talking about it, he is interjecting the fact that there is a black and white running."

Told of Burkins reaction, Browder said the intent of his statement was to keep racial overtones out of the campaign. "I don't want to point it out at all."

"You should elect a judge based on merit," said Browder in a telephone interview. He said he respected Burkins and had sent her a personal letter to

inform her of his decision. The judicial race emerged as the only Democratic contest to go to a runoff after fourth-place finisher H.B. Goodson opted not to call for a new election in the county commissioners race.

Two Republicans, Ray E. Whiteheart and John A. Redding have called for a runoff against second place finisher Forest A. Conrad in the county commissioner's race.

Both Burkins and Browder agrees that the key in the race will be who is able to turn out their supporters, with no other races on the ballot.

"It's going to be a matter of whether we can convince the voters whether it's in their best interests to vote," said Burkins.

The challenge will be to bring people out," said Browder.

The second-place finisher said he was urged by friends and by his five young adult children to continue his campaign. "You know they say when you're No.2 you try harder. I've waited and worked a long time to run for District Judge..."

To vote in the runoff, voters will follow the same procedures as they did on May 6 as the 79 polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

City May Get Tough Housing Codes

Trial Dates Set For Sting Defendants

By Donna Oldham
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Twenty seven persons arrested during "Operation Leaky Bucket," the Winston-Salem Police Department's under-cover, anti-larceny operation had first appearance hearings on Monday before Superior Court Judge Judson D. DeRamus.

The 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.

The 27 defendants Monday were charged with 99 bills of indictment. Those who qualified received court-appointed attorneys and all received arraignment dates.

Cases set for arraignment, charges and dates were:

Virginia Helms King, sale and delivery of marijuana.

Joe Wallace Shuler, larceny of a motorcycle, June 2.

Frankie James Crosby, larceny of a motorcycle, June 2.

Sammy Lee Carter, larceny of a motorcycle.

Aaron Tyrone House, breaking and entering, larceny and receiving, June 2.

Andrea Johnson, larceny of a motorcycle, open.

Conce Juano Adams, larceny of an auto, May 19.

Cassandra Anita Westberry, sale and delivery of marijuana, felonious possession of marijuana, June 2.

Ellis Tyrone Ingram, simple breaking, larceny and receiving, June 3.

Pauline Margaret Conrad, sale and delivery of marijuana and cocaine, June 2.

Tarry Alden Miller, delivery of marijuana (2 counts), sale and delivery of marijuana and felonious possession of marijuana, June 2.

Richard Earnest Teague, larceny of a motorcycle (6 counts).

Johnny Richard Reid Sr., possession of stolen property (3 counts), breaking, entering, larceny and receiving, breaking and entering a motor vehicle and larceny, sale and delivery of marijuana and felonious

possession of marijuana, open.

Joanie Renee Tucker, felonious possession of marijuana (2 counts), sale and delivery of marijuana (3 counts), open.

Earl Marshall Boston, breaking, entering, larceny and receiving (2 counts) and second degree burglary and larceny, June 2.

Thomas Aaron Facyson, felonious possession of LSD, sale and delivery of LSD (2 counts), sale and delivery of marijuana and possession of LSD, open.

Strother Sheila Holder, breaking, entering, larceny and receiving (5 counts), second degree burglary and larceny (4 counts) and house breaking, larceny

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The trailer portion of a tractor/trailer rig carrying approximately 16 tons of fabricated steel flipped over when the steel shifted as the driver turned onto Maple Street off 4th Street Tuesday, according to city police. The driver, Blendon Burris was driving the rig, owned by Tri-State Transit of Morton, Ill., to Ghent, Ky. He was not injured.