

Burkins Wins Runoff



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By Donna Oldham
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Jean Burkins rolled up 150 to 1 margins in predominately black precincts to sweep the Democratic nomination for district court judge in a runoff election with B.R. Browder and move a step closer to becoming the first black woman judge in Forsyth County history.

"I want to thank all the people who made my winning the nomination possible. My winning is a vindication of their faith and trust. I want to thank Mr.

Browder for running a fair campaign," said Ms. Burkins as election returns were being tabulated Tuesday night at the Forsyth County Board of Elections office.

Burkins only won 23 of 80 precincts, but, she won them by such margins as 533 to 6 at Carver School precinct and 364 to 2 at Memorial Coliseum precinct. Browder failed to get any votes at either Fairview School or Happy Hill while Burkins got 228 votes from both sites.

Browder generally beat Burkins by 2 to 1 margins, in the other 56 precincts and

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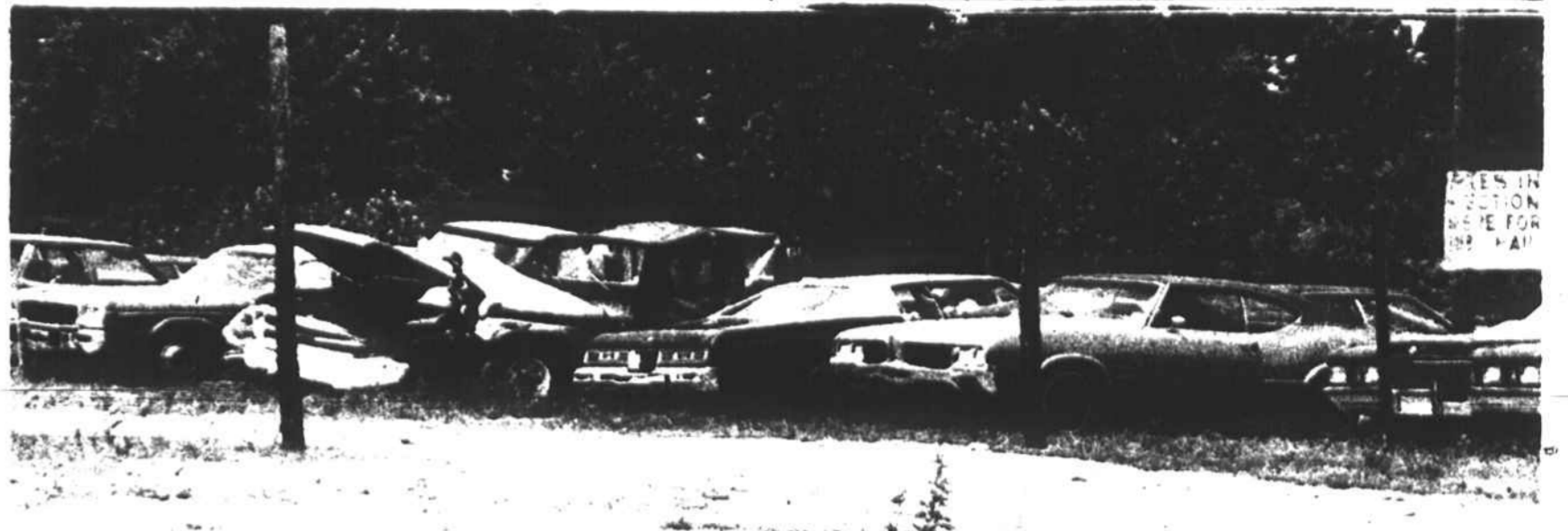


Photo by Santana

The Winston Auto and Disposal Inc. at 1660 Stadium Drive should have an eight foot high screen around it, say city zoning inspectors. Owner Billy Fritts says he plans to erect one.

Police May Move District 2 Station

By David Puryear
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Winston-Salem's new police chief said this week that the department's cramped station house in District II may be closed, if an acceptable new location cannot be found to house the district operations.

In an interview with the Chronicle, Chief Lucius Powell said that, although closing District II is "the alternative of last resort," he may be forced to realign the city's law enforcement operations into three districts.

"One of my first priorities is to find a new location for the station in District II," said Powell. "But the department has been looking for suitable space in the district for some time now and so far has been unsuccessful. We may have to consider closing the station."

District II is currently headquartered in the basement of the Sunrise Towers apartment on 9th Street.

"District II now has about 1200 square feet," said Powell, "which is about as

much space as I currently have in my two bedroom apartment. My family feels crowded in an apartment that size, so I can see how (the district II officers) might feel working in that space with 50 or 60 people coming and going."

Powell refused to speculate on possible new alignments of the districting system, should District II be closed.

"I know that talking about this kind of thing can get people upset. We are going to do our best to find something," said Powell. "Perhaps this publicity will encourage someone to come forward and make available a location that we haven't looked at yet."

Powell, who took command May 27, said he is working on a proposal for reorganizing the department's internal structure. He said he expects to present his ideas to city manager Bill Stuart "hopefully within the next 45 days."

According to Powell, the current administrative setup has 13 to 15 department supervisors reporting directly to the

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Chief Powell

Aldermen Require Heating

Mayor Wayne A. Corpening broke the tie to adopt a new requirement that heating facilities be present in every house in Winston-Salem during the Monday night meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

The mayor voted along with Aldermen Vivian Burke, D-NE, Larry Little, D-North; and Virginia Newell, D-East, to approve a change in the city housing code on its second reading. The measure passed 5-2 last meeting, one vote short of the margin needed for approval on the first vote.

Corpening said he favored the wording of the change, which gave landlords flexibility to make arrangements with renters to provide heat.

Alderman Eugene Groce, D-SE, one of three opponents, predicted the move will raise the rent for many tenants because of the expense of replacing stoves stolen when tenants move. Alderman Ernestine Wilson D-South and Robert Northington, R-West, voted against the measure.

In other action, the board delayed a public hearing on a zoning change to permit apartments near Peachtree Street upon request of the developers.

Citizens Fight Junk

Junkyard Required to Erect Screen

By John W. Templeton
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A Stadium Drive auto junkyard will have to erect eight foot high fences or screens to comply with local zoning regulations, according to the city inspections superintendent.

The firm, Winston Auto and Disposal Inc., has attracted complaints from nearby black residents in Columbia Terrace and on Peachtree Street, most recently at the Monday night meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Bill Fritts, owner of the firm, said his lawyer and engineer are working on a site plan for an acceptable barrier around the yard.

A.E. Speas, inspections superintendent, said Tuesday that Fritts had been informed of the requirement for a screen around junkyards. "He's zoned all right," said Speas, referring to the 1-3 zoning of the area south of Bowman Gray Stadium. However, the industrial performance standards for that type of zoning also call for the

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UNCF Tops Goal For Phone Pledges

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Thanks to some big givers and a lot of little givers, the local Phonothon of the United Negro College Fund raised \$2,000 more than its goal of \$12,000 during three days of telephone solicitation.

"A lot of black students in North Carolina are going to be helped by this effort," said Mrs. Betty Hanes, Phonothon chairman.

More than 50 volunteers called a list of 2,000 prospects last Tuesday to Thursday, said Hanes. "I don't think we got any negative responses, just a lot of people who were apologetic because they couldn't give more."

The drive netted \$14,047 in pledges from 646 donors, according to UNCF area director Cynthia Perry. She urged donors to send in the gifts as soon as possible. The largest single gift came from First Baptist Church, \$1,400. Four other churches -- United Metropolitan, \$600; Shiloh Baptist, \$500; Emmanuel Baptist, \$100 and Mt. Zion Baptist, \$100 -- gave more than \$100.

The Twin City Medical Society, an organization of

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Mayday

Photo by Oldham

Residents of Kimberly Park Terrace held their first May Day celebration May 28. The festivities were part of a fund raising activity for resident's children. Disco dancing, singing and the wrapping of the traditional "May Pole", were all part of the fun. The king, queen and first runner-up of the May Day were honored and reigned through the fun seated from left, King Michael Conrad, first runner-up Cassandra Thomas and Queen Meshia Jackson.



Proclamation

Mayor Wayne A. Corpening presents Cynthia Perry, area director of UNCF a proclamation in recognition of the phonothon.

Jordan Shooting Shocks Friends

By Donna Oldham
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The shooting of Vernon Jordan has shocked close local associates of the civil rights leader.

Jordan, director of the National Urban League and one of the country's most influential black men, remains hospitalized after he was shot by a sniper May 29 in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Jordan, 44, was in Fort Wayne to speak at a dinner of the local chapter of the Urban League when he was shot in the back in a motel parking lot seconds after stepping out of a car driven by a white, female companion. He was struck by a second bullet in the leg as he fell to the ground.



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Elijah

Winston-Salem Urban League president Thomas A. Elijah, a close friend of Jordan and his wife, called the

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City, County Preserve Services Without Tax Hikes

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Forsyth County Manager H.L. Pete Jenkins has proposed a budget for fiscal 1980-81 which would not call for a property tax increase much to the delight of both the County Commissioners and taxpayers.

Jenkins, during a meeting with Commissioners Monday, proposed a \$74.3 million budget beginning July 1, that recommends a 13.8 percent increase in revenue and spending, yet no increase in the county's existing property tax rate of 80 cents per \$100 valuation.

The budget also recommends a 10 percent increase in salaries of all county employees.

In his presentation to the board, Jenkins said that inflation was the primary cause for proposed increased expenditures.

"If you felt that you could cut the tax rate by paring the Social Services budget, then you could be making a major error," he said.

He added that approximately \$6 million of the proposed \$10.6 million recommended for the Department of Social Services are federal and state funds provided on a matching basis.

Jenkins said he was pleased with the balanced budget proposal although he admitted that it was "tight."

He credited a productivity improvement effort which caused expenditures to be lower and higher than anticipated revenues in 1979-80 for his ability to hold the new budget in line for 1980-81.

In the new budget proposal the largest expense would be the recommended \$27.2 million for the operation of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System. The current budget calls for \$24.5 million. The figure proposed by Jenkins cut only

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Photo by Templeton

City manager Bill Stuart displays budget charts to aldermen during briefing on the 1980-81 city financial plan.

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The proposed city budget for 1980-81 would continue city services at current levels, including grants to outside agencies, and upgrade some departments forced to scrimp during tighter years.

City Manager Bryce A. "Bill" Stuart unveiled a \$105.8 million budget to the aldermen at the current tax rate of 72.5 cents and water and sewer rates, an announcement which brought cheers from his bosses.

Because of higher anticipated property tax revenues, no major slashes were proposed in the Stuart budget, although selective trimming in the departments reduced the city payroll by three employees.

Still included in city spending plans are such programs as the Police Incentive Program of the Patterson Avenue YM-CA, which has faced the threat of elimination the past two years.

The fledgling Human Relations Department's budget was almost doubled to give director Herman Aldridge additional staff support.

Highlights of the budget proposal include:

- An increase in cemetery fees at Evergreen and Woodland Cemeteries and a non-resident user fee for city recreation facilities.
- Construction of a neighborhood recreation park in the Northeast Winston area on Bowen Boulevard.
- A nine per cent general adjustment to salaries or city employees.
- An objective to train minority entry-level employees to progress to equipment operator positions, to foremen and then to supervisors.
- An objective to increase minority firms participating in the bidding process by 20 per cent.

A budget must be adopted by June 30.