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## City Gets First Black Police Major

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O.D. Redd

Police captains Oliver D. Redd and Morris A. Robertson were promoted to the rank of major Tuesday and placed in charge of bureaus as part of Chief Lu Powell's reorganization of the department's administrative structure. Redd is the first black major in the department's history.

Redd and Robertson will join Major Joseph Masten as a triumvirate of bureau chiefs who will manage the day-to-day operations of the department and reduce

the number of supervisors reporting directly to the chief's office.

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## Starting Early

From the mouth of babes comes the message from blacks in Wrightsville, Ga., where a near-majority of black residents have been excluded from the political process. Demonstrations which have dragged on for months have produced a Justice Department investigation and commitments for black hiring in county government. Leaders of the crusade have vowed to continue. More on page 2.

## Superintendent To Maintain Principal Ratio

By David Puryear  
Staff Writer

School Superintendent Dr. James Adams said this week the percentage of black principals in the city-county school system would not decrease as a result of his appointments of five new principals, two of whom will replace blacks.

"The ratio will stay at least the same," said Adams, responding to questions after Monday's school board meeting. Adams emphasized, however, that he would not "be bound by mathematical formulas."

Adams will soon make permanent appointments to fill the top spots at Paisley and Anderson High Schools, Jefferson Junior High, and Easton Intermediate. He will also make a temporary appointment to fill the post at South Fork Elementary while the current principal there, Nancy Braswell, serves a one-year assistantship with the state department of public instruction.

The opening at Anderson came when Adams recommended to the board that Robert Brower be moved from there to the principalship at Walkertown Junior High. That change, coupled with the retirement of Melvin Scales as Paisley principal, would leave Kennedy High School's Benjamin Warren as the only black principal in the system above the junior high level. In all, 14 of the 63 principals in the system during the last school year, or 22 per cent, were black.

However, Adams said he felt he had done a good job in the past in appointing blacks to principalships. "We have done a good job in the past, but we need to do more," said Adams. "We are trying to go higher than we are."

Out of the nearly 60 applicants for the five principalships, "about seven" are black according to

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## YMCA Leader To Speak Here

The annual dinner of the Patterson Avenue YMCA will feature a black airline executive who heads the national council of YMCAs and a tribute to 69 Century Club members.



James Plinton

Richard Glover, executive director, announced that the dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26 in the Benton Convention Center with James O. Plinton, vice president of Eastern Airlines as speaker.

Plinton heads the market development efforts for Eastern Airlines. He was the first black to become a corporate officer of a major airline in 1971 when Eastern named him vice president. For 14 years, he had served as an executive of Trans World Airlines.

An early black air pioneer, Plinton was a flight instructor for the 99th Pursuit Squadron, the all-black unit known as the Tuskegee Airmen. After World War II, he helped reorganize Equador's national airline and established an air service on Haiti before returning stateside.

Sharing the spotlight with Plinton will be the 69 Y.M.C.A. members who have donated \$100 or more during the past year. Glover said new board members will also be elected during the annual membership meeting.

Tickets can be obtained at the YMCA or from any board member.

## 'We're Going Through With It' NAACP to Picket

By Donna Oldham  
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Members of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) said during a meeting Monday night that they will finalize plans Thursday for possible boycotts and pickets in the city that will include City Hall, the ABC stores and the Winston-Salem Transit Authority. The meeting was held at the Greater United Progressive Baptist Church on 11th Street and Jackson Avenue.

Patrick Hairston, president of the local branch said that the Thursday meeting will be the deciding factor in what type of boycott or picket, when and how long.

"It's a matter of finalizing our strategy on Thursday night. We're going through with it and will be successful. Winston-Salem is the biggest discriminator," he said.

The NAACP called for the possibility of a picket following the transfer of local ABC administrator Bert

Weeks, to the city recreation department after the ABC board had called for his dismissal.

Weeks had been accused of not reporting surplus liquor shipments and mismanaging local ABC stores.

The NAACP paralleled the Weeks case with that of a former recreation department employee Rodney Sumler, who was fired from the department for using a city discount to purchase a television set for his own personal use.

Hairston also noted that even though Weeks was transferred to the recreation department, he continues to draw his salary of \$28,000 and will do so for the next 16 months.

"We're going to organize pickets to picket City Hall and we're also organizing a campaign to stop riding the buses, and boycott the liquor stores. We're going to hit the city hard," said Hairston.

He continued, "The city that we pay taxes to treats black people like aliens. Anytime there's an upper level position open, blacks are either over qualified or under

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## Cabbies Walk Out Over Pay

By John W. Templeton  
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Angry cabdrivers stormed out of City Hall and refused to drive from late Monday night until Tuesday afternoon after the Board of Aldermen only approved part of a rate increase.

W.R. Clayton, manager of Blue Bird Cab. Co. Inc., said the drivers went back to work at about 3 p.m. Tuesday. "They had shut down last night before I even got back to the office," he said just after the return to work.

"They struck back in the only way they know how," Clayton said of the men, who were angry that the aldermen only back 50 per cent of a rate increase, enough to cover gas costs, but not enough to provide them with a pay raise.

About three dozen

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"Nanna" Barrett with some of her kids.

## They Call Her 'Nanna'

By Donna Oldham  
Staff Writer

Jessie Barrett has her own method of dealing with young people...she treats them as she would her own.

That may be why Mrs. Barrett is referred to as "Nanna" by most of the children in Northampton, a Turnkey III development off Butterfield Drive.

Last Saturday, Mrs. Barrett, her daughter and four other neighbors sponsored a cook-out for the community's young people. As she sat on her porch and watched hamburgers and hotdogs being devoured she reflected on being "Nanna."

"Children need something like this cook-out to let them know someone cares. I don't know some of these kids, but I love them all, they're all my babies," she said as she surveyed a yard full of youngsters from stroller to high school.

Nanna said that her love affair with children has been going on for years. "I'm from Winston-Salem, but lived in New Haven, Conn., and have come back

here to live. Even in Connecticut, children would always play in my yard and hang around," she said.

"Ever since I grew up to be lady, I've been interested in children and children know that I care. I'm disabled with diabetes and I sit here and care for the children and watch out for them."

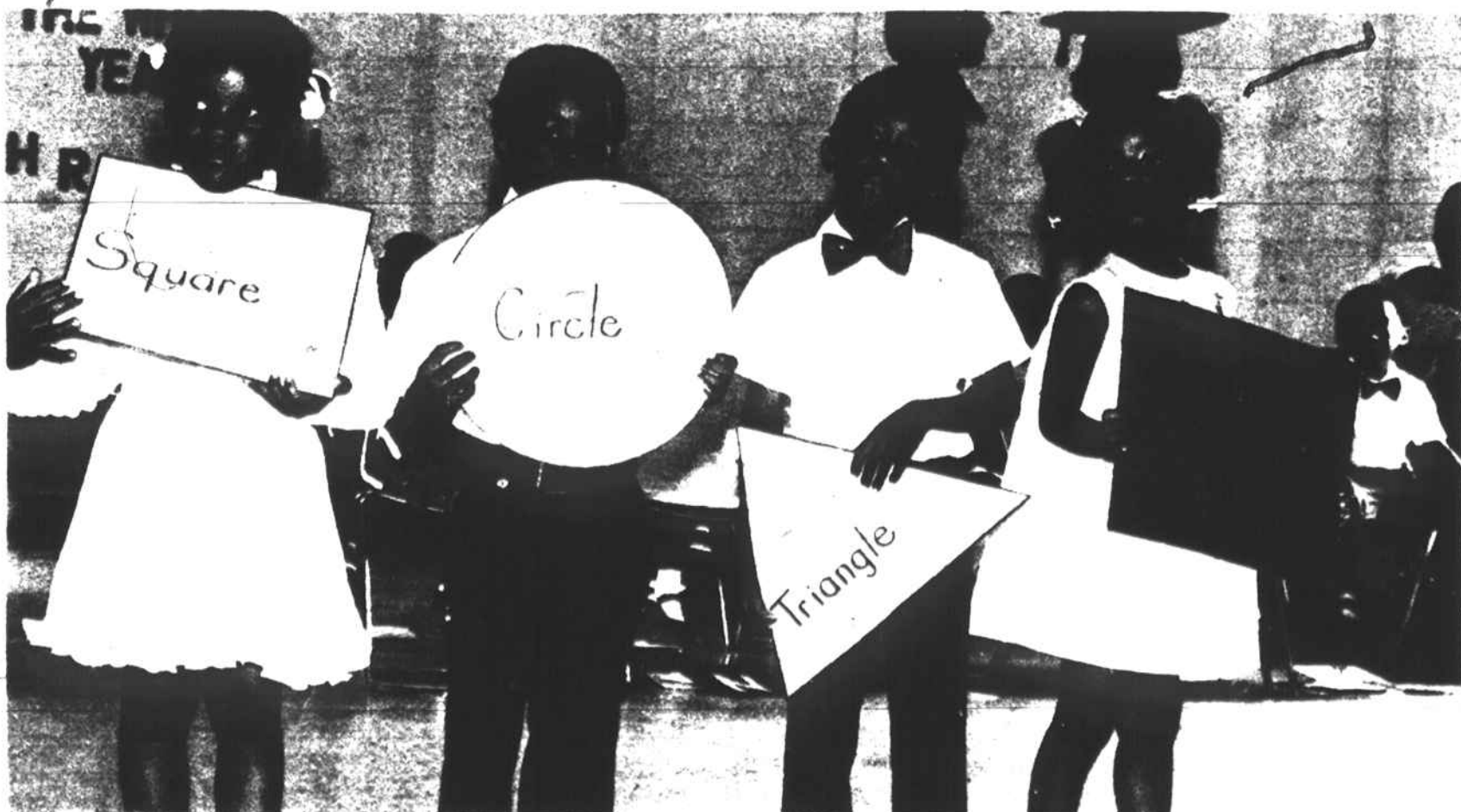
Mrs. Barrett said that often, the children watch out for her. "When my daughter's not here, they'll come knock on the door and see if I'm alright, even these big old boys," she laughed. She said that her success with young people is just common sense.

"These children mind so good, they give me respect. You can't approach a child by hollering at them or cursing at them. We don't want the devil to get in our children," she said.

She added that since moving into Northampton a year ago, she has encouraged many teenagers to accompany her to church, Greater United Progressive Baptist Church.

When the Golden Boys and Gigolos

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## Shapes Of The Future

Performing a song and dance during graduation exercises Sunday at the Winston-Salem State University Early Childhood Center are, from left, Keona Bryant, William Hollis, Christopher Reed and Sessie Vickers. Sixteen kindergarten and 11 first graders took part in the commencement. The young graduates recited poetry and inspirational speeches, and heard remarks from Mrs. Maurice I. Jackson, center director and Mrs. Moss Belton-Brown, PTA president, in honor of the occasion.

## Recruit Tops Navy Class

Seaman Recruit Wanda L. Cockerham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee E. Cockerham, 2930 Galaxy Ct., Winston-Salem, was recently named top recruit of her 80-woman company at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla. She was honored for her excellent military bearing, attention to duty, leadership and overall outstanding performance during eight weeks of basic naval indoctrination. "I joined the Navy to gain work experience," she said.

Cockerham will attend radioman school at San Diego, Calif. She is shown above with Rear Admiral Hugh A. Benton, director, Total Force Management Control and Analysis Division, Rear Adm. Benton, speaker at Cockerham's graduation ceremony, is demonstrating the use of a sextant. Mariners use the sextant to locate their position at sea.



Cockerham and Adm. Benton