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Mrs. Lillian Gaylord is congratulated at her 100th birthday celebration by from left, Mrs. Ruth Stokes, Mrs. Eunice Ayers, Mrs. Eva Swargen, Dr. H.R. Hedgely, Rep. Margaret Tennille, Mrs. Geneva Hill and Mayor Wayne Corpening.

Friends Gather to Honor Gaylord's 100th Birthday

Mrs. Lillian Gaylord, a fixture in the Forsyth County Democratic party for years was honored, Saturday for her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Gaylord says, who actually turned 100 Tuesday, July 15, that she had no secret for such a long life. "I just kept working in the church the Democratic party and the Sunday school," she said.

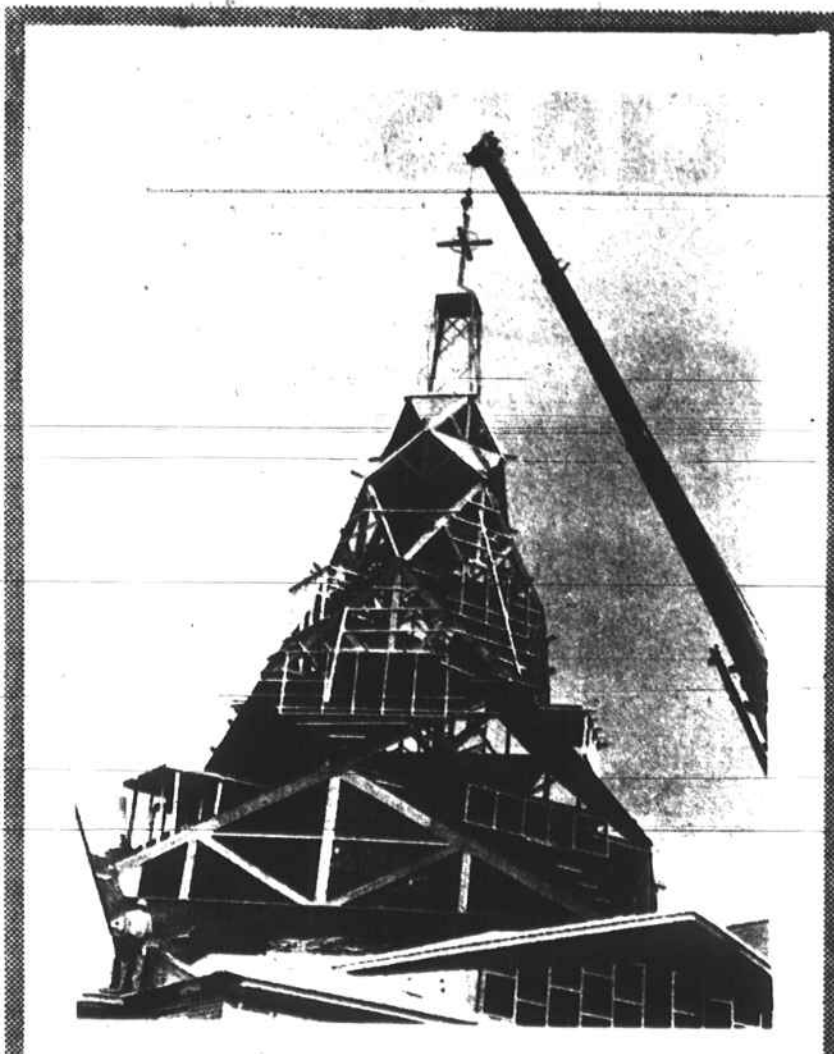
She was born July 15, 1880 on a plantation in South Carolina, where she sometimes picked 300 pounds of cotton a day.

"I never let anybody outdo me. If someone picked 300 pounds, I picked 330 pounds," she said.

The reception for Mrs. Gaylord, was given by the Missionary Group of First Baptist Church and was attended by approximately 125 people, including family, friends and local politicians.

Mayor and Mrs. Wayne Corpening presented Mrs. Gaylord with a citation and a birthday cake. Among others attending were Mrs. Ruth Stokes; Register of Deeds Eunice Ayers; Dr. and Mrs. David R. Hedgely, pastor emeritus of First Baptist; Rep. Margaret Tennille; Mrs. Geneva Hill; North Carolina Appeals Court Judge and Mrs. Richard C. Erwin; Judge and Mrs. William Z. Wood; Miss Louise Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips;

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Staff Photo by Oldham

The steeple that will adorn the new chapel of United Metropolitan Baptist Church was erected last Wednesday. The chapel, which is located between the church's two education buildings, is scheduled to be completed Sept. 15.

Family Lives in Terror Following Cross Burning

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

"I do alright until it starts getting dark," said Lorraine Roseborough following the burning of a cross in her yard July 8.

The Roseborough family has lived at 1300 Fenimore St., for the past seven years and Mrs. Roseborough said they have not had any trouble until last Tuesday, when

a three-to four foot cross was burned at the foot of their yard.

"We never had any warning that a cross would be burned. There are four black families in this neighborhood, but they haven't had any problems to my knowledge," she said.

Mrs. Roseborough said she had been watching television until about 11

p.m. on the night the cross was burned and got up to look out the front door before she went to bed, which she said is a habit.

"I looked out the door and saw something burning. I called my husband and told him there was something outside burning. I kept thinking, please don't let it be a cross, but it was," she said, visibly shaken by the ordeal.

Although city police were called to the scene and investigated, they found no leads, according to Maj. M.A. Robertson, head of the field services division of the WSPD.

Robertson said that the cross is currently being analyzed in the police lab.

Mrs. Roseborough said she has no idea who would want to burn a cross in her

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Burkins Says in Interview

'They're Out to Get Me'

By John W. Templeton Staff Writer

District Court candidate V. Jean Burkins fought back against what she termed "a deliberate attempt to destroy my credibility" over her handling of two parking ticket summonses issued against her.

Burkins, with the backing of a half-dozen black leaders, refused District Attorney Donald K. Tisdale's request that she resign her post as assistant district attorney. Tisdale failed to return nine phone calls from the Chronicle Tuesday.

The four year veteran prosecutor had defeated B.R. Browder in a June 3 runoff to become the Democratic nominee for the District Court seat vacated by Judge William H. Freeman.

During that campaign, she received two parking tickets in April and May for violations outside the Hall of Justice, she recalled in an exclusive Chronicle interview.

"I normally parked in the parking deck, but I had lots of places to go and I needed to get to my car in a hurry. I put them in the car and didn't think about them until after the primary."

Two summonses were issued on May 28. Burkins paid the tickets on June 6. She said she stapled the receipts to her copy of the summonses.

"On July 3, before I went on vacation, I went down and pulled my files out of the drawer to give to

another DA along with my receipt to indicate that I had paid the ticket so that they could dismiss it," recalled Burkins.

"It is the usual practice of the DA's office to dismiss anybody's parking ticket summons upon presentation of a receipt showing that the ticket had been paid," Burkins explained. "At that time, it didn't cross my mind that it would be anything wrong with anybody in the office dismissing my summonses."

The trial date of July 8 passed without her giving the summonses to another prosecutor.

Burkins said she next thought about the summonses on July 10 when another prosecutor "came up to me and told me that there were some undercurrents that led him to believe I should pay the costs of court and not have the summonses dismissed."

The next day she came in with the \$54 to pay the court costs on the tickets, said Burkins. After coming out of court, she was asked by a reporter for the Winston-Salem Journal about the summonses.

Her reaction at that time was "panic." "I said I had given the jackets to Charlie Walker (another assistant DA). That was not true." Walker denied having knowledge of the file. Burkins then went to the cashier's file and paid the court costs on the summonses.

Saturday morning she was awakened by phone calls from various persons

"It's scary that there are people who don't want me in office so badly that they would do this."



Burkins

telling her about an article on the summonses. Burkins said she had several conversations with District Attorney Tisdale during the weekend. By Monday,

Tisdale first suggested and then urged her to resign, the later coming during a meeting between Burkins,

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Do Police Have Secret Goon Men?

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

A source in the Winston-Salem Police Department has alleged that several members of the police

alcoholic.

"They're trying to get her on a drunk driving charge. If they do, they'll have that judge by the seat of his pants. People try to keep stuff like that out of the

It's A Damn Lie, Says Chief

department, particularly officers in the vice and criminal investigation units had considered attempting to discredit assistant prosecuting attorney V. Jean Burkins, by placing marijuana in her car or in her residence to keep her from being elected judge, even prior to her incident involving two parking tickets last week.

The source said that several plans were underway not only to discredit Ms. Burkins, but to virtually ruin several other black officials in the city, including Sgt. M.V. McCoy of the Administrative Investigation Division of the police department.

"These guys are out to intimidate people. They don't want Jean Burkins as judge, they don't like the idea that McCoy gets to wear a suit everyday while the rest of us are in blues," the source said.

Police Chief Lucias "Lu" Powell called the allegations "inconceivable." "Because of the sensitivity of the vice and narcotics, the department is very closely monitored."

Powell also called the source "a damned liar, who didn't have the guts to be identified. You tell him or her, I said it and print it like I said it," Powell told the Chronicle.

The source, who was joined in the conversation by a court official said that Ms. Burkins was not the only person on the list. The source said he personally knew of several conversations between police officers about a judge's wife whom they believe to be an



Powell

papers, and to do that they have to keep it out of court and off the dockets," the source said.

The source continued, "what Jean did everyone has done to an even worse degree. That D.A.'s office is full of it. They are the most disorganized bunch I've ever seen. Even if she had given the jackets to one of those guys, they probably still would have denied it."

A white lawyer told the Chronicle Tuesday night that he personally knew of at least one instance where vice officers had attempted to gain access to a lawyer's personal life through his girlfriend.

"A lot of these guys hate lawyers. They're of the opinion that they arrest them, and we get them free. Well, it's a job, just like theirs," he continued, "I wouldn't be surprised if these guys don't have a list of outspoken and prominate blacks and liberal, young whites they really want to see out of the way, you know, toned down a bit. It's scary."

The court official said that information from the police source was common

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Hill: Match Black Firms With Buyers

The successful development of minority businesses has created a need for finding new ways to match minority suppliers with potential purchasers, says George Hill, president of Winston Mutual Life Insurance Co.

"Minority businesses have matured and diversified. Instead of providing only goods and a limited range of services, minority businessmen are moving more and more into professional service fields," says Hill 40, who heads the eighth largest minority-owned insurance company in the United States.

The number of black-owned professional service enterprises has increased more than 28 percent since 1972, according to the latest U.S. Department of Commerce survey of minority businesses. Receipts for this business category were up 63 percent to \$641.4 million in the same period.

Existing purchasing councils have effectively united minority suppliers of goods with buyers, Hill says. Special efforts, however, are needed to now bring together minority businesses offering professional services and potential customers.

To assist this new breed of minority businessman, "Companies must have a mandate from top management to seek and support minority businessmen who supply services, as well as goods," says Hill, whose firm has developed a strong working relationship with R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., a \$9 billion-corporation also based in Winston-Salem.

Cooperation must also come from the entire minority business community, he adds. "Winston Mutual and other established businesses have tried to help newer minority operations in Winston-Salem gain initial contacts with buyers like Reynolds Industries," Hill says.

Hill says his company's relationship with R.J. Reynolds was developed through contacts made with individuals working there, setting an example for other minority businesses seeking contracts with large companies.

RJR, which currently holds two contracts with the insurance firm, has been a Winston Mutual client since 1972. Winston Mutual has one contract to offer life insurance coverage to seasonal employees of R.J.

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George Hill