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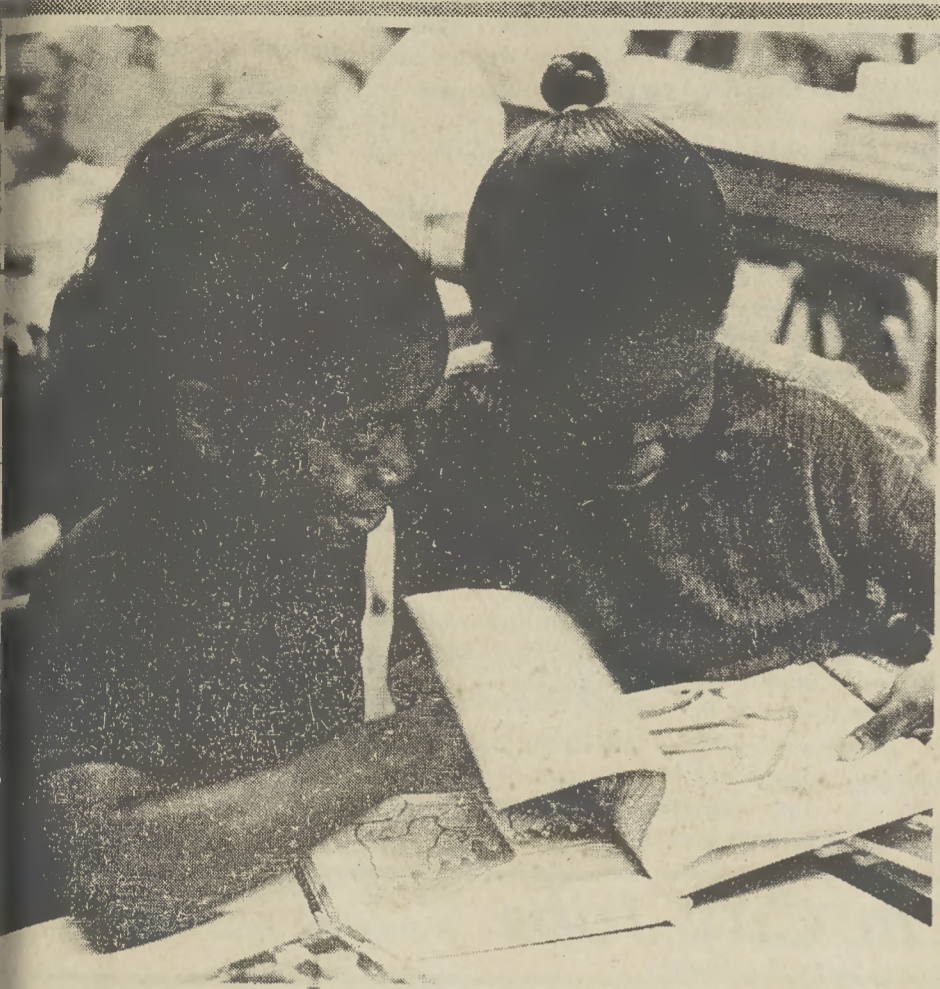


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Two Heads Better Than One

New Books and old friends come together on the first day of school. These two Kimberly Park 5th graders thumb through new reader.

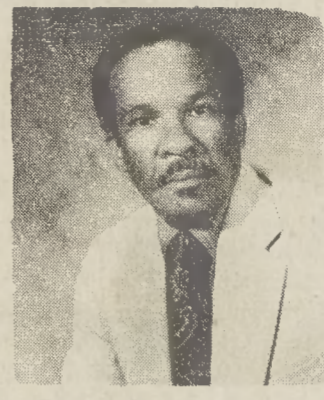
From RHC Board

County Ousts Booker

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

C. P. Booker, the black chairman of the Reynolds Health Center Advisory Committee was ousted Monday night in a surprise vote by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners. Booker, an insurance executive, had served as chairman of the board for the past four years and was nominated by Commission-

er Mazie S. Woodruff, who cast the only vote in his favor Monday night. The commissioners chose instead to replace Booker with Betsy I. Sawyer, a former member of the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Board of Education. Mrs. Sawyer, who was nominated by Dr. James N. Ziglar, Jr., vice chairman of the commissioners received all the commissioners votes except Woodruff's.



Booker

former RHC advisory committee chairman expressed shock when Booker was rejected by the other board members in the secret balloting. However, the commissioners re-appointed the other board members whose terms had expired, Andrew L. Yarborough, Mary C. Williams and John W. Duncan, all of the board of commissioners said of Booker's unpopularity with the board "those things happen sometimes." Hauser would not comment, however on the rumor that Booker had been ousted because of his sometimes highly critical statements of the county manager's office, most often voiced during the time when Reynolds

Mrs. Woodruff, herself a Fred D. Hauser, chairman

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Crash Kills One, Injures 3 Others

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

As several mourners left the wake of a 15-year-old boy handed himself last week while a prisoner in the Forsyth County Jail, they witnessed another horror, when the boy's step-father apparently slammed his car into a crowd of people killing an elderly woman and injuring three small children. Pender Cowan Cates Sr., 37, of 1530 Marbie St., has been charged with second degree murder and four counts of hit and run with personal injury and failure to render aid. He is being held in Forsyth County Jail in lieu of

\$100,000 bond. Witnesses told police that Cates had tried to force his way into Hooper Funeral Home at 1417 E. 14th St., where the wake for his step-son, Ervin Lester Lewis Jr., was being held. According to witnesses, Cates was forcibly kept from attending the wake because of alleged bad blood between his family and the Lewis family and because he was heavily intoxicated at the time. Cates allegedly, when denied entrance, went to his 1979 brown Chevrolet and waited for the wake to end. As mourners began leaving the funeral home, Cates, according to eye-witnesses, gunned the car and slammed

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Winner

Minnie Ervin holds a trophy she received during the beautician's national convention two weeks ago in Louisiana. Details on page 10.

Black Teachers, Principals Decline

The number of black teachers and black principals in North Carolina has declined by 25 percent and 3 percent respectively since 1970, according to the associate executive secretary of the North Carolina Association for Educators, Dr. E. B. Palmer, Sr. Palmer participated in a symposium of delegates from 17 states of formerly dual school systems on "Minority Teacher Displacement," held two weeks ago at the NEA headquarters in Washington, D.C. The two-day conference focused on problems surrounding the employment status of blacks and other minorities in formerly segregated school systems, now desegregated. The overall generalization of the conference was that black teachers and principals are retrogressing in their employment conditions in the 17 states that were represented at the conference including Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware,

Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. Alabama reported the loss of 3,519 black teachers between the period of 1970 and 1976. Tennessee reported the loss of 1,672 black teachers during the same time period. The statistics that Dr. Palmer submitted to the conference reveal that from 1964-65, there were 44,823 teachers in North Carolina. 32,265 were white and 12,558 were black. The white teachers were 72 percent of the total work force, while 28 percent were black. In 1979-80, there were 59,971 teachers in North Carolina. 46,647 were white and 12,664 were black. The white teachers represented 77.8 percent of the teaching force and blacks represented 21.2 percent.



Poag

Rites Held For Poag

Funeral services were conducted Aug. 20 at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church for Thomas Foy Poag, a retired Winston-Salem educator, and the city's first black scoutmaster.

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Palmer said that the conclusion reached was that while there were 106 more black teachers in the North Carolina teaching force in 1979-80, than in 1964-65, the

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Heavy Readers

April Jackson, Michelle Jackson, program coordinator Anita Wells, and Stephanie Jackson share booklet about Cape Hatteras at East Winston Library. See story page 10.

14 Blacks Hold Top City Posts

By John W. Templeton
Staff Writer

Recent appointments and a reclassification study have pushed the number of blacks holding top city jobs to 14, according to assistant city manager Alexander R. Beaty. Four blacks now head departments and three others hold the second-level job in their departments. In total, 14 blacks hold jobs in paygrade 30 or above which have a salary of \$20,000 or more. They are 14 percent of the total of 98 city officials in those grades.

Beaty said further steps are being taken to meet the city's goal of 19 percent minority representation among all personnel levels. Noting that none of the positions fell within the Public Works Department, Beaty said, "We're doing some work identifying vacant positions and developing some strategies for insuring minority participation in them. "The end result will be a new affirmative action plan," he added.

Rev. Warner Durnell, spokesman for the NAACP's effort to promote affirmative action in city government, said the city has made a good start with the appointment of Lester Ervin as fire chief and William McGee as convention/coliseum director.

"The city would be hard pressed to admit that it was a response to the demands of community based organizations," added Durnell, "but it's safe to say that our efforts certainly didn't hurt."

Durnell said discussions were held last week between City Manager Bill Stuart, Beaty and human relations director, Herman Aldridge to discuss the upcoming affirmative action plan.

"Right now, I think they need to concentrate on the middle level and assistant manager positions to insure that there are people ready to move up," said Durnell.

Beaty said that, in technical areas such as civil engineering, the city may have to train its own top level minorities. "Most civil engineers are employed in private industry and are being sought by everybody and our pay ranges don't interest them at all."

"The strategy would be to bring people in at smaller levels and provide them with on-the-job training so that they would be in place to be considered for promotion," he added.

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County's EEO Blasted As 'Mockery'

By Donna Oldham
City Editor

Members of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People stole the thunder from officials of the Forsyth County Personnel Department by calling minority statistics that were presented to the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners last week "a big fat nothing."

The statistics were meant to show the commissioners and others who attended the board's weekly briefing session how well the city was doing in the hiring of minorities and women. Instead, NAACP president Patrick Hairston, and the Rev. Warner Durnell called the statistics "a mockery."

"Look at this," said Hairston as he held up several different charts and graphs that had been passed out by county personnel director Reginald Luper.

"How could anyone take this seriously when it is written on lined paper, not typed and run off on a duplicating machine. It looks like they prepared it out in the hall just before they passed it out," said Hairston who added, "our country dollars pay for all these secretaries, yet they

pass out some handwritten stuff like this. This lets you know how important or unimportant this is to them," he said.

"You can report in bold letters that it is not acceptable to the Winston-Salem Branch of the NAACP. It never said a damn thing about affirmative action," Hairston said.

Although Luper passed out the information in a large quantity, eight pieces to each commissioner, members of the press and other county officials and seemed ready to explain the county's progress, Commissioners Mazie Woodruff and Grady Swisher said that they would need time to digest all the information. Both questioned whether eight separate handouts were really necessary.

"It's not really that complex. It's just being fair. We don't need all this paper," Woodruff said.

Even before receiving all his handouts, Swisher said "I've seen enough. All this paper is a waste of the taxpayer's money."

Woodruff, who appeared outwardly agitated by the shabby manner in which the data was presented asked Luper "are you satisfied with the promotions of

minorities and women?"

Luper replied by saying "I feel significant progress has been made in the program. To say I'm satisfied, no ma'am, I can't say I'm satisfied with the first four years of results."

The report was an update of the county's progress after four years of equal opportunity hiring, which was started in 1976, and given five years or until 1981 to complete.

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Closed Labor Day

The Chronicle will be closed Monday, September 1, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Please have your news and photo requests in to us no later than Friday, August 29, at 5 p.m. We will reopen Tuesday, September 2, at our usual time; 8:30 a.m.