



Greensboro lawyer Walter Johnson was sworn in Friday as the first black chairman of the state Parole Commission.

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ve don't accept checks anymore," Stevens said. Since one of the judgements against Stevens runs out next week, he has been hitting the streets with his books trying desperately to collect on some old debts and favors. "I feel confident that I'll have the money, if not this week, then next week. I've had problems before and God has always helped me and I believe the same is true now," Stevens said.

Contrary to some people's belief, breast cancer strikes men as well as women. One in a hundred breast cancer victims is male and his chances of survival are far lower than a woman's.

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the stolen goods. Officer Frank Green of the WSPD told the residents' committee Monday night that if neighbors would care enough to get involved and initiate a "crime watch," for each other, the burglaries would decrease and the guilty parties could perhaps be caught.

"Citizens and the police department have trouble communicating with each other. We are faced with limited manpower and people who don't want to get involved and those are our two biggest hinderances," Green said, adding that the three most common things a police officer hears while trying to investigate a crime is (1) I didn't see anything, (2) I didn't hear anything, and (3) I don't want to get involved.

"We need information to solve a crime. We are only as good as the citizens will let us be," he said.

The Cherryview residents disagree. Most took issue with Green and related to him incidents where there had been eyewitnesses to the burglaries, the information was given to police officers and nothing was ever done about the situation.

"The police department doesn't patrol Cherryview like it should or any other black community," said one irate citizen whose home had been broken into.

Albert Britt, another break in victim told Green, "When my house was broken into, the police came and asked me a whole bunch of stupid questions like who my momma and daddy was and I told him he didn't need to know all that," said Britt who continued, "from that day on I decided that it didn't do no good to call the police."

The residents agreed that because most people living in Cherryview work during the day, and the burglars are

also neighbors, the situation is difficult at best.

"It's community people who know when people aren't home, and they skip school and break into people's houses," said Dorothy Aikens.

Cutler, whose home has also been broken into said that television, stereos, cameras, money, jewelry, lawnmowers and bicycles were the main items taken.

Ishmael Stowe related an incident where his neighbor across the street pulled into his driveway and got home just in time to see his color television going out through his kitchen window. "There were eye witnesses to that, they told the police about it, and the police say that they have to catch someone with the stuff on them before they can be arrested.

Mrs. Aikens said that much of the problem rests with parents of the teenagers who were involved in the break-ins.

"I know of an instance where some children stole some clothing from a woman's house and she saw them the next day wearing her children's clothes and the parents knew they didn't buy it," she said.

The Cherryview situation is similar to a series of burglaries that occurred in Kingston Greens, another Turnkey development located off Old Greensboro.

Last spring, residents of Kingston Greens held a homebuyers association meeting after it was rumored that community teenagers were responsible for the thefts of a substantial amount of jewelry, money and several small radios and other appliances.

Police later arrested several teenagers responsible for the thefts.



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technical assistance for is the focal point of the region's medical services. Emergency Medical Services. Since Forsyth County and facilities this loss may

have a detrimental effect on the delivery of EMS. This will not affect ambulance

service or certification of EMS personnel because these are state programs. The county will also technical assistance from COG in the areas of outdoor recreation grants, Title XX and transportation development.

Loss of COG assistance in all of these areas will mean that Forsyth County will have to increase its staff size which will result in a heavier tax burden on the residents.

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neth Royall (D-Durham) as its chairman. Royall, who is chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, has been reappointed to the commission by Lt. Governor Jimmy Green.

The commission consists of 12 members -- four appointed by the Governor, two

each by the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House, plus the chairmen of the Appropriations and the Finance Committees of the House and Senate. The commission is responsible for recommending to the General Assembly proposed biennial budgets for state government.

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of the nurses heard that we'd been fired, they cried and said they didn't see what the problem was, but I do. Denise wanted people there with education. She's an education freak. A lot of good her education does her, I had to show her how to fold and pin a diaper because she didn't know how."

Ernestine Wardlow, an employee for 12 1/2 years echoed Mrs. Lash. "The only thing Denise showed us how to do was to bathe one patient and then it took her two and one-half hours to do it and she still didn't wash his head."

Yvonne Washington, who had worked at Amos Cottage for 10 years said that she believes that the mass firings are racially motivated.

"She seen me coming one day and closed the door in my face. I don't think she liked black people period. She treated us like dogs."

As an example, Ms. Washington said that all the patient care attendants were forced to eat in a bathroom or in their cars away from other staff members, who had a loungelike area. "Do you know what it's like to try to eat your lunch while someone's going to the bathroom...it takes away your appetite," she said.

All women said that at one time or another, they had all dispensed medicine to patients, something only registered nurses are supposed to do and that patients were allowed to lie in their own excrement while the assistants were busy with other patients because the nurses refused to clean up waste material.

The women also alleged that on several occasions, patients have been beaten up by staff members, one of whom was intoxicated, but the matter was "hushed up."

"I reported one of the patients getting beat up one time and I was told to mind my own business," Mrs. Lash said.

The women also told of occasions where patients were either given the wrong medicine or an overdose of their prescription. "One poor boy slept for three days before they got him awake," Mrs. Washington said.

Another incident that was "hushed up," as the women referred to it was when two white therapists were caught in a sexual act in one of the hospital's trailers.

"They never said nothing about it, they just hushed it up as if nothing ever happened," one of the women said. Ms. Lash and Ms. Washington, who acted as

spokeswomen for the group, said that at the time of their evaluation, Ms. Estridge told them that the preliminary progress reports would not be counted and that in fact, the women were doing "good work."

"I asked to be transferred when I was first put on probation, but I was told that my seniority wouldn't count for anything and I couldn't be moved. We were all told that we were doing well and would soon be off probation. Well, we're off probation alright, we got fired," Ms. Lash said.

Ms. Allen said that Ms. Estridge had tried to keep her from collecting unemployment benefits. "She told them that I didn't need no unemployment, and she knows I've got three children," Ms. Allen said.

The women said that in addition to what they deem injustices, they were told to "shut up" by Ms. Estridge on several occasions.

"Things are going on out there and we didn't have anyone to go to. Dr. Hinman said if we didn't like something, "there's the door."

The women fear that since their firings, their personnel files will be doctored to show reasons for the firings other than those originally given to keep them from drawing unemployment.

"It's bad out there I swear it is," said Mrs. Wardlow, who said that two other black women in similar jobs at Amos Cottage who are on probation will be fired in the near future. One of the women is her sister.

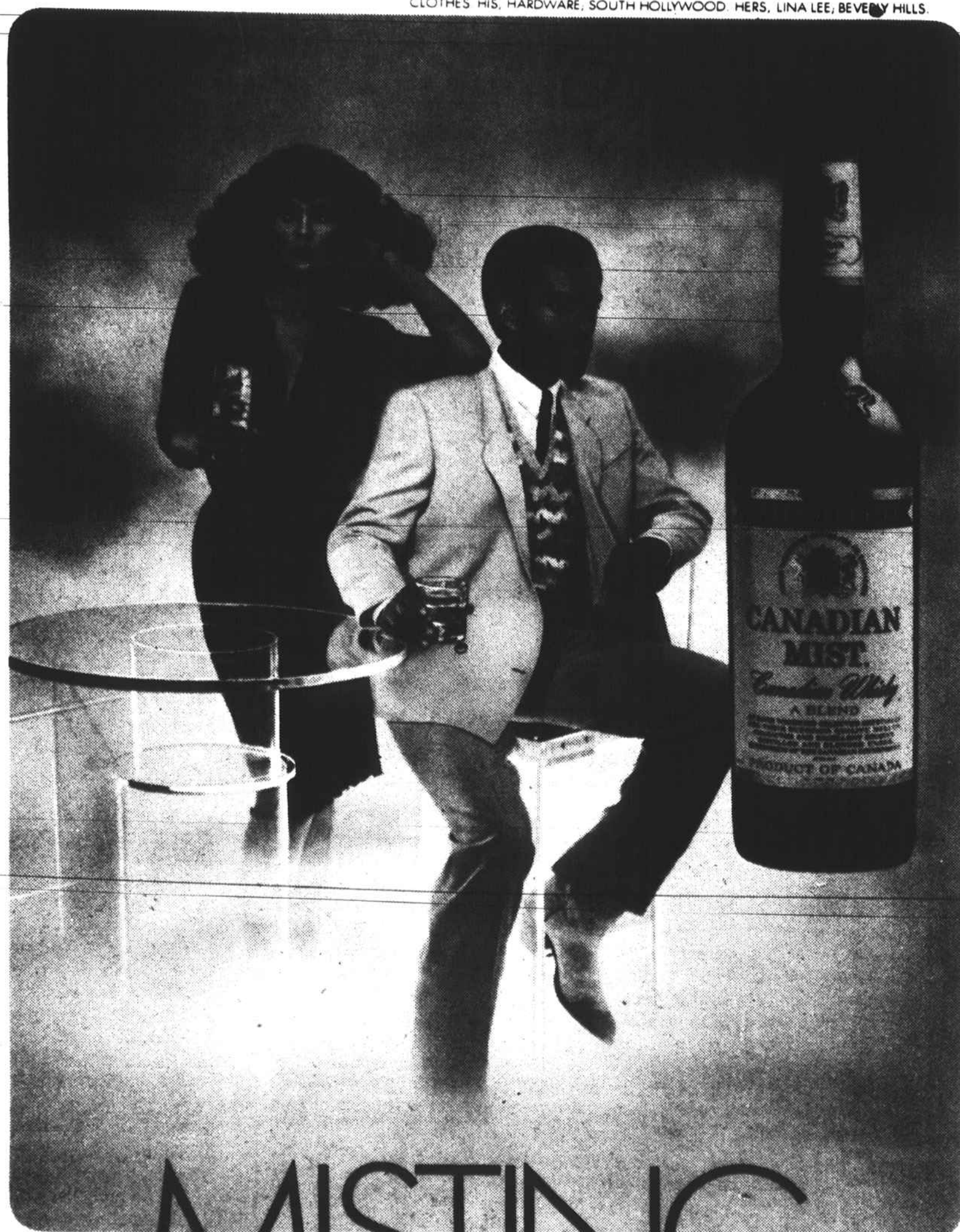
Bill Glance, of the public relations department of Bowman Gray Baptist Hospital Medical Center said that to his knowledge the women were given the correct reason for their dismissal.

"The job descriptions were changed when the new supervisor came in. The ladies were evaluated several times and when their job performance remained marginal, they were fired," he said.

Ms. Lash disagrees.

"I've never been fired from a job in my life. I been working at Amos Cottage for 20 years and if a person don't know their job after 20 years, they should have been fired a long time ago. Denise put on my evaluation that I didn't know how to fold a diaper and I had to show her how to fold one. She's nothing but a liar."

The dismissals are being investigated by the Winston-Salem Human Rights Commission and the EEOC office in Greensboro.



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