

The Strike

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She plays the violin and the piano, excels in the classroom, leads cheers at football games and, of course, reigns as homecoming queen.

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They Should Weep

Columnist Tony Brown says Andrew Young, Coretta Scott King and other black leaders ought to cry — at their failure to give direction to the struggle.

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Reservations

Plan Not Tough Enough, Womble Complains

By Ruthell Howard
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Although an Equal Employment Opportunity Program and Affirmative Action Plan presented to the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen's General

Committee last Tuesday night was, on the whole, well received, Southeast Ward Alderman Larry Womble says he has reservations.

Womble says he doesn't reject the plan "outright," but that he would like to see higher goals for minority employment.

Fellow aldermen Vivian Burke and Virginia Newell are, on the other hand, guardedly optimistic in their reactions.

East Ward Alderman Newell says she is pleased with the plan, but she is not yet satisfied with the city's progress in increasing the percentage of minorities in upper-level city jobs.

"The city manager (Bill Stuart) has been honest in his attempt to have some affirmative action," Newell says. "He has pursued it with diligence and given us a plan we can live with."

The plan was drawn up by Assistant City Manager Alexander Beaty after Northeast Ward Alderman Burke requested a plan to be adopted by the Board of Aldermen in the board's Public Works Committee Aug. 9 meeting.

Burke and the other black aldermen say there is

a need for such a plan to help increase the percentage of minorities in city positions.

After reviewing the plan, Burke, who is not a member of the committee, says she is "pleased" that a plan has been developed.

"As I look at the plan, I feel that it will be a workable one," she says. She adds that she is waiting for more discussion by the General Committee before commenting further.

If the present plan is approved by the board, it will be the first affirmative action plan adopted by the city since 1975 (the existing plan, presented to the board in 1981, was not approved).

The new plan has a short-range goal of increasing the percentage of blacks in official and administrative positions from 20.5 percent to 23.8 percent by 1985. For women, the 1985 projection is an increase from 7.7 percent to 9.5 percent.

Similar increases are projected for blacks and women in other job categories, and the plan also includes long-range goals in those areas.

Womble's contention is that the projections are too low. He also says figures used to formulate the goals should have included the percentage of blacks in the city rather than just the number of blacks in the labor force.

"There are a lot of blacks and women who are not

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Racing For Six

Timothy Griffin of the Tiny Indians Pee Wee team returns interception for a score in his team's victory over Ardmore last Saturday at Miller Park (photo by James Parker).

Schank's Support In Black Community Remains Uncertain

By Ruthell Howard
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The race for sheriff of Forsyth County isn't over yet.

Republican Steve Schank, a former deputy in the sheriff's department, has launched a write-in campaign in an attempt to oust incumbent Manly Lancaster, a Democrat who won decisively in the July 29 primaries.

No Republican candidate entered that race.

At a press conference Tuesday evening in Wake Forest University's Reynolda Hall, Schank charged that he was dismissed by Lancaster for "being politically disloyal" and advocating the investigation of a death that he suspects was murder.

Schank also accused Lancaster's department of failing to properly investigate 43 unsolved murders in Forsyth County, covering up crimes — including an alleged statutory rape involving two deputies in a local motel — and the misuse of county funds.

The department, he said, needs a "house cleaning." "This is the type of thing I'm talking about in the sheriff's department," he said. "This is a cover-up and it's happening."

Referring to the recent

dismissal or resignations of 11 officers accused of drug use in the Greensboro Police Department and the suspension of two after an investigation which began last year, Schank said,

Larry Little, chairman of the Black Leadership Roundtable Coalition (a group of black leaders formed the organization to offer political guidance before the primary elec-

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-- North Ward Alderman Larry Little

"The Forsyth County Sheriff's Department has never had a house cleaning." He added that Lancaster is "unable or either unwilling" to deal with such problems.

Schank further charged that morale is low in the department and criticized Lancaster for dismissing Capt. Harry Joyner, who had publicly opposed Lancaster's re-election effort.

Schank said he has the support of many who supported Robert Woods and Bob Carter, Lancaster's two opponents in the primaries, and predicted he will defeat the sheriff in the November elections.

But Schank's support in the black community, where Lancaster met with strong opposition, is uncertain.

North Ward Alderman

tions), said the coalition will probably discuss the situation in its meeting tonight and decide whether or not to become involved.

As for his personal support, Little said although he strongly opposed Lancaster's candidacy, "I'm not committing myself to support any write-in candidacy. I feel that if they (people who wage write-in campaigns) were serious, they'd file like everyone else and run a campaign. A write-in campaign is nonsense in this instance."

But Schank appears optimistic.

Once in office, he said, "It will take me about 30 seconds to solve about 90 percent of the (department's) problems."

He said guilty personnel would immediately resign if

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Blacks And The Chamber

Participation Among Minority Firms Low, But New Task Force May Change That

By Ruthell Howard and Edward Hill Jr.
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While there have been concerted efforts on the part of prominent black businessmen and officials of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce to solicit more minority businesses, blacks still comprise a little more than one percent of the chamber's membership.

Of the chamber's nearly 1,600 members, approximately 35 are black according to its latest figures.

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-- Tom Trollinger

The chamber also has no black officers, which are voluntary positions, and only two black members on its Board of Directors.

Thomas E. Waldrop, vice president and general manager of the Piedmont Publishing Co. and president of the chamber, says there has been a concentrated effort, over the past few years, to recruit more minorities.

"A black business has as much at stake with the chamber as a white business," Waldrop says. "We wish we had more minority businesses and we're working hard to get them to see the advantages of belonging to the chamber. A large amount of energy and effort is geared toward trying to attract minority businesses."

Waldrop adds that the chamber will form a task force by next year that will consist of "citizens who understand the black community and perhaps will help us understand the black community better."

"We're working harder at trying to get more black representation at chamber functions," he says.

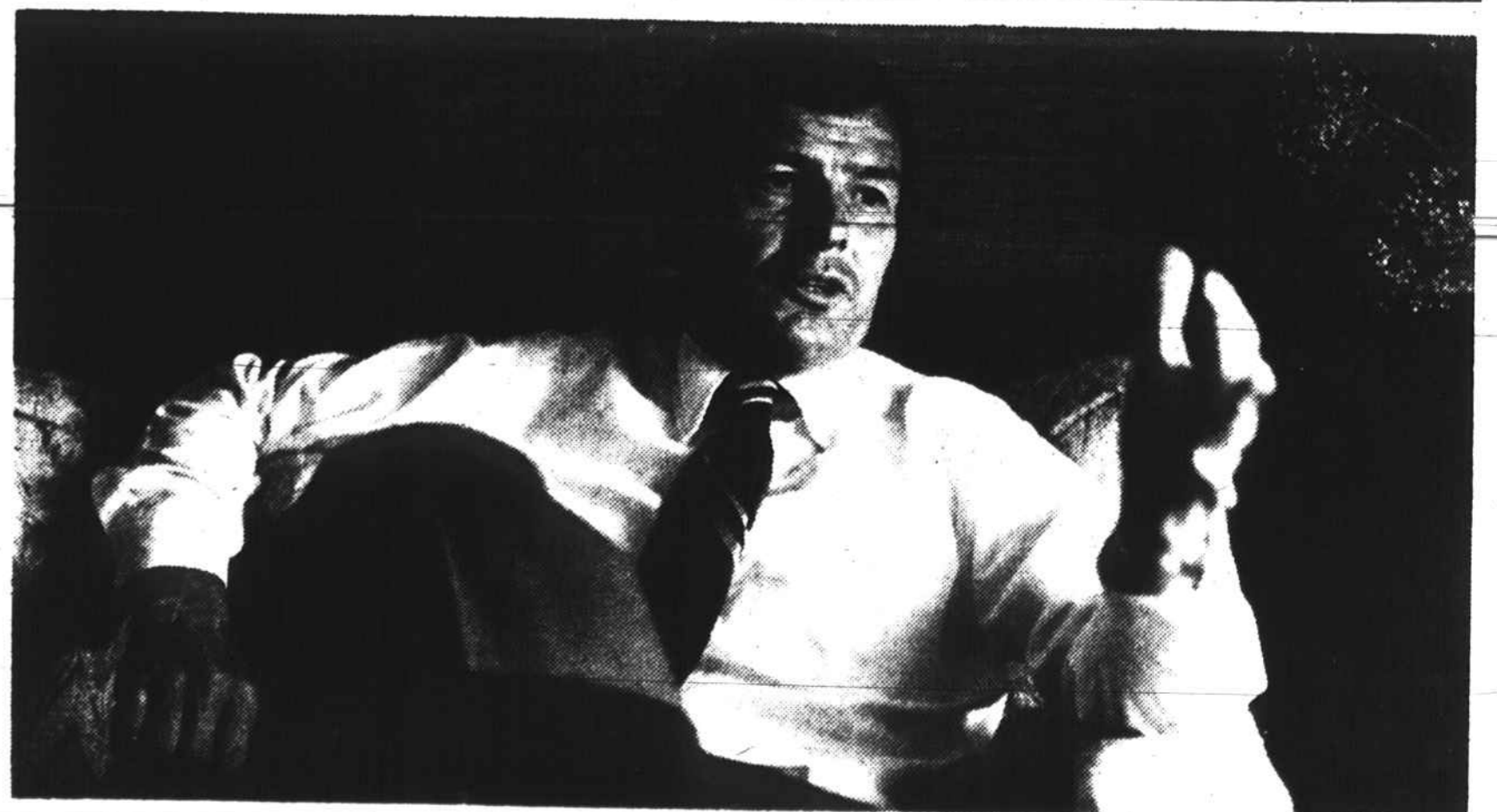
In talking to the city's black aldermen, Waldrop says he received positive feedback on ways to approach the problem.

"The real purpose (of the meeting) was to get to know them and let them get to know us," he says. "With (North Ward Alderman) Larry Little and all the other black aldermen, one of the things we stressed was jobs, minorities and how we can do a better job of attracting and retaining them."

Waldrop admits that there is a need for the chamber to be more visible in the black community and says that black members, such as Tom Trollinger, "have helped us identify some resources in the black community that will be very helpful."

Blacks Share Part Of The Blame

Trollinger, owner of Contract Furnishings, is one of the two black board members.



Efforts Being Made

Thomas Waldrop, president of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, says the chamber has been diligent in its efforts to recruit more minority members. Some black businessmen say they don't know enough about the chamber or don't have the time to be active members (photo by James Parker).

While Trollinger feels that the chamber has not been aggressive enough in its efforts to attract more blacks, he also contends that blacks could show more initiative.

"Up until recently, the Chamber of Commerce did not actively seek out black and minority businesses," Trollinger says. "I think that now there is a more concerned effort to recruit black businesses. I'm not at liberty to discuss those moves at this time because they are still in

the planning stages. But I will say that this whole thing is a two-way street. On the one hand, you have a situation where the chamber is wondering why more black businesses are not members, and, on the other hand, you have the black businesses wondering why the chamber isn't doing more to get them involved.

"Black businesses just can't sit by and wait for so-

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