

Un-Democratic

An editorial reaction to the Democratic Party's choice to fill a vacant school board seat and a spirited essay by Tony Brown on Uncle Toms and segregationists. **Editorials, Page 4.**



Gaining Steam

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Democrats Choose Wood For School Board Seat

By Ruthell Howard
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After failing in their attempts to have a black woman nominated by a Democratic committee of precinct chairmen and vice chairmen for a vacant seat on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education, local black leaders have set their sights set on the 1984 school board election.

White incumbent John Wood was chosen Friday night by the committee and approved by the Board of County Commissioners Monday night to fill the Democratic opening. Wood, who lost his bid for re-election in the Nov. 2 elections, will complete a term vacated by Tom C.



Earline Parmon tells Democratic committee of her decision to support Evelyn Terry, who was nominated by black community representatives to fill an appointed post on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education.

(photo by James Parker)

Womble, who won a seat in the state House.

The black community chose Evelyn Terry, assistant coordinator in Winston-Salem State University's Government Relations Department, as its lone candidate for the position and strongly supported her, giving Terry an almost unanimous vote from black precincts.

That support was enough to put Terry in front of candidates school board incumbent Nancy Wooten, Johnne Armentrout and David B. Stallings and to place her in a runoff with Wood.

But the support was not enough to withstand the votes Wood received during the Democratic "mini-convention" in the main public library downtown as he beat Terry 501 votes to 283 1/2.

Terry was undaunted in her loss, however.

"I love democracy," she said after the election results were announced. "Whenever Democracy is practiced, win, lose or draw, we always win."

Terry was elected as the black community's choice at a meeting with approximately 60 blacks last week.

Three other blacks -- Walter Marshall, chairman of the NAACP's Political Action Committee, Fleming El-Amin, an instructor in the Optional Educational Center, and Earline Parmon, program director for the East Winston Restoration Association -- were interested in the seat, but conceded their support to Terry after the black community chose her as its nominee.

Parmon, speaking at the mini-convention before nominations were presented to the committee, reiterated that she had withdrawn her name from competition to support Terry.

It was hoped that Terry would join Beaufort Bailey, a black man who has previously served a school board term and who was the frontrunner in the Nov. 2 school board election, in bringing black representation to a board that has lacked a black member for four years.

Amid sentiment by some present that the election was a no-win situation, Terry remained optimistic and said, "I love a good fight."

She said she is also pleased with the unified black community support and with the votes she received from some white precincts.

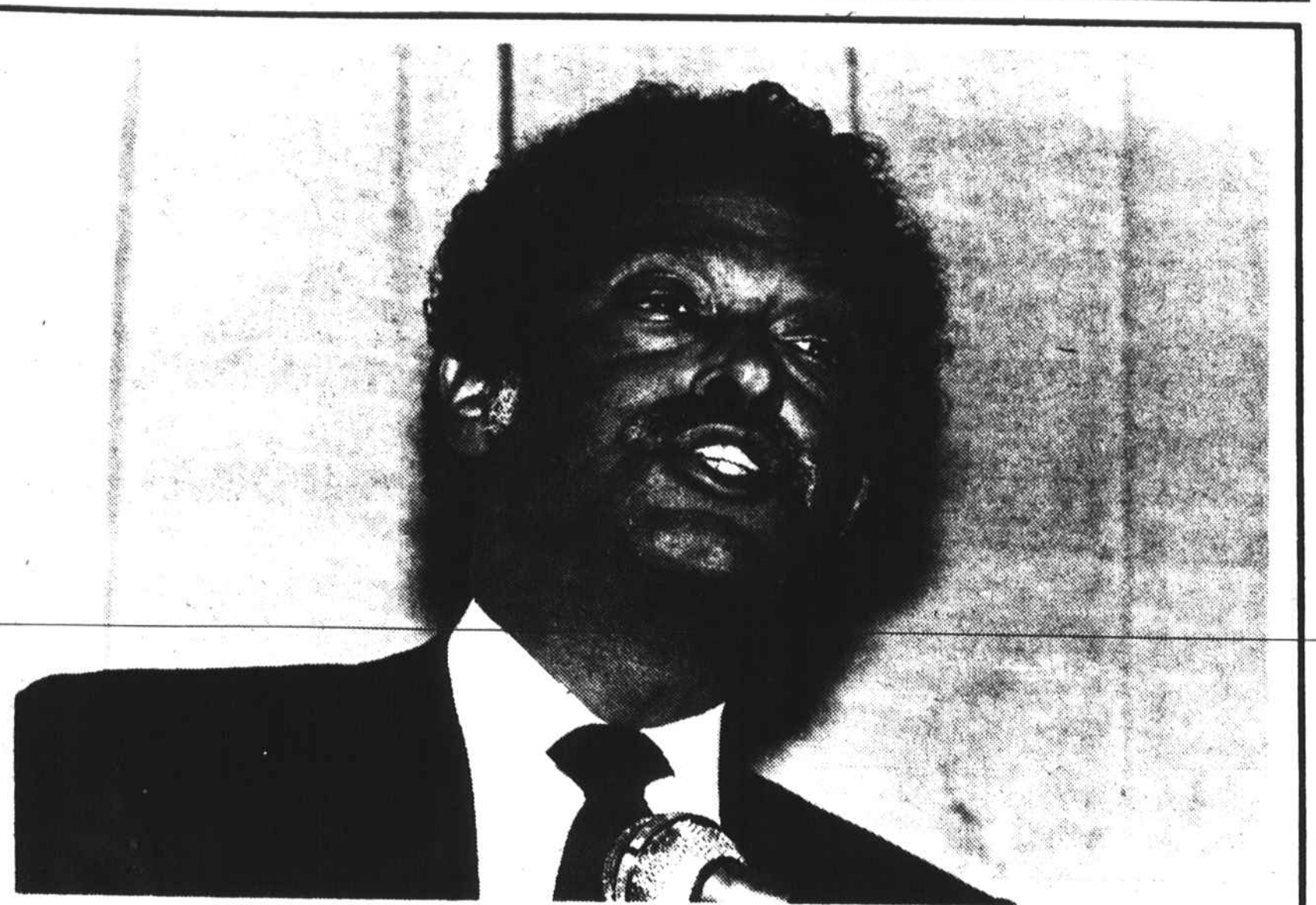
"I'm not only for the black community but for the total community," Terry said. "Certainly my main concern is for the black community, but we have to do what is best for the good of the total community."

Victor Johnson, who organized the recent meeting of black community representatives and moderated the session, was not surprised by the outcome of the election.

"It turned out exactly the way we thought it would turn for us," Johnson said Friday night. "I'm happy about the unity. It shows that we can select our own candidate and support that candidate."

Johnson also praised Parmon for orally withdrawing from the competition before the precinct leaders to support Terry's candidacy.

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Making His Point

Durham attorney and businessman H.M. "Mickey" Michaux addresses a Benton Convention Center audience as keynote speaker for the Minority Business Week Banquet, sponsored by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Minority Business League. The purpose of the nine-day observance which began Nov. 12, is discussed by Chronicle columnist Clifton Graves on page 4 (photo by James Parker).

Police Investigating Sales Firm

By Ruthell Howard
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Detectives in the Winston-Salem Police Department are investigating charges by local women that a transient company, Clean All Products of Greensburg, Penn., which presently employs mostly blacks, uses questionable sales tactics, mistreats its salespersons and misrepresents the nature of its business.

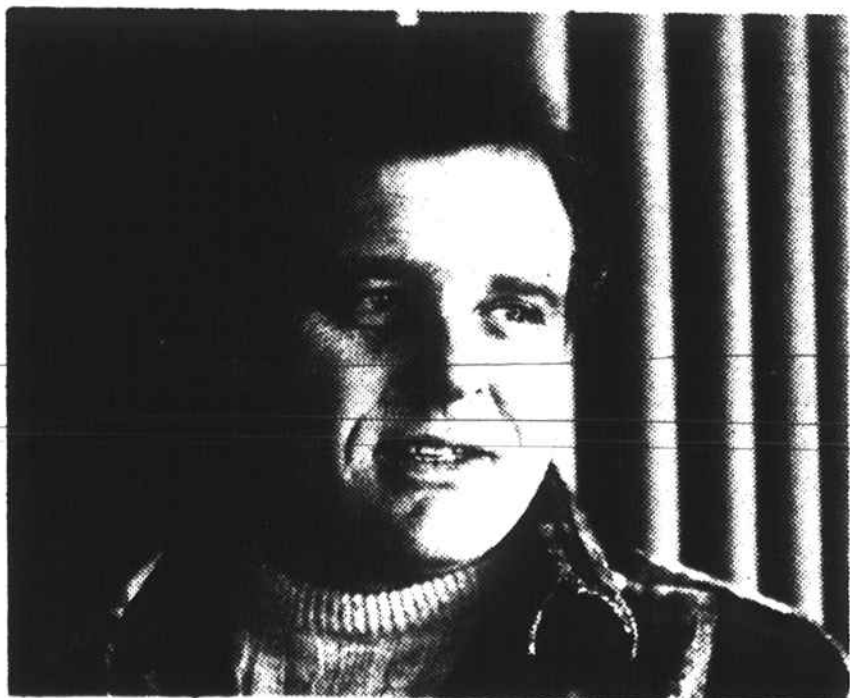
After reading an employment advertisement in the *Winston-Salem Journal* recently promising travel, free on-the-job training, commissions and bonuses, seven black city residents joined the company, which is tem-

porarily based in Lexington and transports its employees to cities in the area to peddle a cleaning agent door-to-door.

All seven left the company within three days.

Three of the recruits -- Karen Nadine Carter, 20; Vernia Stoutamire, 23, and Betty Rush, 17 -- alleged that once hired, they were given \$6.00 to buy food daily, worked up to nine hours, walking almost five miles a day, and went through a brief training period that involved encouraging trainees to use force or seduction to enter residents' homes. The women also said that the company employs minors.

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Jerry Smith

Defense Committee, Among Others, Takes His Cause To Heart

By Ruthell Howard
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Politicians, entertainers and business, social, economic and religious groups from both the black and white communities have championed the Jerry Smith cause.

Proof is in the long list of endorsers who support Smith's stance for freedom of speech and the right to report what he sees as systematic discrimination practices.

Some of those organizations and individuals, which include the Winston-Salem NAACP, the Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates and the Winston-Salem Central Labor Union, AFL-CIO, reiterated that support at a press conference last Tuesday morning in Parkway United Church of Christ.

A benefit concert, held Sunday evening at Salem College and featuring local folk singer Paula Larke, was also

"If government agencies cannot be used, then our agencies become useless. We are not just asking you to help Jerry Smith's legal defense, but to help protect your right to speak out."

-- Willie McDowell

Co-Chairman, Jerry Smith Defense Committee

announced at the conference. The performance was organized by Ms. Larke and her accompanist Kay Vives, a paraprofessional for the Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina.

"Unions were founded on a simple principle: 'An injustice to one is an injury to us all,'" said Wendell Eysenbach, public relations chairman for the Central Labor Union, at the conference. "Jerry Smith believed that his former employer was, through him and through other employees, unfair to groups of its tenants. Jerry Smith decided not to remain silent about that injustice, but instead to report it to the responsible and properly constituted body for investigation."

Smith, a former maintenance man for the Wilson-Covington Construction Co. who charged the firm with discriminating against its black tenants, is now embroiled in a legal battle over his allegations.

After Smith brought his charges before the Human Relations Commission, the company sued him and his

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Some Thoughts On Thanksgiving

By Edward Hill Jr.
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In keeping with the spirit of the season, the Chronicle approached shoppers at the East Winston Shopping Center to ask: "What do you have to be grateful for this Thanksgiving?"

Linda Bailey, sophomore at Winston-Salem State University: "I'm thankful that I'm still here and that my family is alive and well. I'm also thankful I'll be getting a chance to go home."

LaKay Broadway, student at WSSU: "I'm thankful that God has kept me alive for another year and that my family is safe and in good health."

Selinda Hardy, student at West Forsyth Senior High School: "I'm thankful that I'm here to share another Thanksgiving with my family."

Rhondra Anderson, student at West Forsyth: "I'm thankful for living, for my health and strength and that God has allowed me to see another Thanksgiving."

Martha Gillis, resident of the south side of Winston-Salem: "I'm thankful for having a job and for having my family together for another year."

Lola Kirkland, student at East Forsyth Senior High School: "I'm thankful for my life, my health and my strength."

Varda Kirkland, student at East Forsyth: "I'm

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Lola Kirkland



Rhondra Anderson



Larry Gordon