

Date And A Mate

A blind date resulted in more than a nice evening out for one Richmond, Va., native who decided to make Winston-Salem her home.

Newcomers, Second Front.



Who's Best Qualified?

Who should be the black community's presidential candidate in 1984? Columnists Tony Brown and Manning Marable share their picks.

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Play Ball!

Baseball season is here, and this issue of the *Chronicle* includes a preview of the area's top teams and players.

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Integrated Churches: Why Are There So Few?

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Staff writers Robin Adams and Edward Hill Jr. also contributed to this story.

If there is no black heaven or white heaven, why are

because of differences in the manner black congregations are accustomed to worshipping as opposed to white congregations.

Moreover, there is the black church's role as often a spiritual, cultural and economic power base in a community that without it might be powerless.

"This (the black church) is the only place where we have some identity, where we are somebody all the time," says Cedrick Rodney, chaplain at Winston-Salem State University.

Still, a small percentage of black worshippers are switching from predominantly black churches to white ones. And a few area whites are attending black churches. It used to be strictly a one-way street.

Dr. Charles Long, a religion professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, says black churches were formed early in American history because black people were treated as second-class citizens in white churches, if they were allowed to worship in them at all. Discrimination in the pulpit, he says, started the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion Church movement in this country.

"Blacks never tried to kick folk out of their churches,"

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Our Black Churches



An eight-part series examining Winston-Salem's black churches

there black churches and white churches?

The sentiment locally seems to be that blacks and whites should be willing to worship together, but there is still a need among black people to have their own separate religious institutions -- partly because white churches don't always accept black people and partly

Roach, Manager Rile Customers

By RUTHELL HOWARD
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Four Winston-Salem State University students hardly expected a roach to be a part of their meal when they sat down to dinner recently in the Shoney's Big Boy Restaurant on Old Salisbury Road.

But Sharon Denise Phillips, a junior sociology major at WSSU, says she and her friends, Sandra Harper, Ray Cheryl Wilder and Linda Bailey, watched a live roach crawl from under their bread just after their meal was delivered.

An apologetic waitress took the bread from the table and brought two more plates of bread, one of which still had a roach on it -- a dead roach -- Phillips says.

She adds that she is angry about the roach, but even more disturbed by the restaurant manager's attitude toward her and her friends.

Phillips alleges that the manager, Ben Nichols, was discriminatory in handling the students' complaint, telling them that the building had just been sprayed and that "all restaurants have roaches." She also says Nichols wanted them to pay for the food, which she felt was unfair.

"He did not say he was sorry," she says.

When they refused to pay for the food, Phillips says Nichols told them they could leave.

"His attitude is really what upset me," says Phillips, who feels that Nichols treated her and her friends with little regard because they are black and because they did not look more influential. "I understand that all restaurants have roach problems, but I feel that if we had been more prestigious-looking, he would not have treated us that way," she says.

Nichols, however, says that the situation was handled properly and that he did not discriminate against the students.

"I don't know how in the world it (the roach) got in there," Nichols says. He adds that the waitress tried to

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Irene P. Hairston, a retired teacher, is the first woman to be named vice chairman of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning Board (photo by James Parker).

Another Tough Job

And Planning Board Vice Chairman Is Happy To Have It

By EDWARD HILL JR.
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When Irene P. Hairston was elected recently as vice chairman of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning Board, it came as little surprise to one Winston-Salem alderman who has observed her over the years.

"I feel that it is wonderful to have her serve in the capacity of vice chairman, not as a woman, but as a capable person," says Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian Burke. "I was not at all surprised because she has the dedication and the experience as a board member to do a capable job."

A former teacher in the city/county school system, Mrs. Hairston has served on the planning board since 1980 and is the first woman elected to the position. The planning board makes zoning recommendations to the aldermen for approval.

Shortly after her retirement from the school system in 1977, Mrs. Hairston was appointed to the city/county library board by John Tandy, then chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Before she could settle in and make a smooth transition from the classroom to

the meeting and planning room, however, Mrs. Hairston encountered an unusual situation that later proved to be a "blessing in disguise."

"A group of Klu Klux Klan members requested a space in the Fifth Street Library for an exhibit," says Mrs. Hairston, referring to the 1980 incident. "We turned them down and a confrontation ensued. There were perhaps a hundred reporters there. It was a very tense situation."

"We had a meeting and we determined that if we denied them, it would be a violation of the First Amendment. The strange thing was that once we made a decision to let them go on with the exhibit, they lost interest and decided not to have it. All in all, it was a pivotal point in my involvement with boards and decision-making because it made me sensitive to the democratic needs of all groups of people."

Mrs. Hairston made such an impression in her handling of the Klan matter that she was approached by several committees and organizations. She presently serves as chairman of the city/county library board and Vienna Precinct No. 2 (a Democratic voting precinct) as well as a

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Mediation Center Head Encouraged By Support

By EDWARD HILL JR.
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After only three weeks on the job as director of the fledgling East Winston Neighborhood Justice Center, Paul Owens Cloud says he already is encouraged by the level of response he has received.

"We're still in the process of making contacts and organizing things," says Cloud, a Winston-Salem native, "but already I've gotten a tremendous amount of cooperation and encouragement from the community and from the court system. Actually, I didn't expect this much this early."

Cloud, who was named director on March 1, was

chosen from a field of seven candidates. He is a graduate of High Point College and earned his law degree from North Carolina Central University. He also has worked as a law clerk for a private firm in Wilmington and as a researcher at North Carolina A&T State University.

"I thought that my legal background, my research experience and my knowledge of the East Winston community would bring something to the Mediation Center," Cloud says.

The Mediation Center will serve as an alternative to the court system. Cases such as domestic, landlord-tenant and employer-employee disputes will be referred to the center by private attorneys and local community and social agencies. The more serious cases, such as breaking

and entering, simple assault and the communication of threats will be referred to the center by district court judges and the district attorney's office.

After a court date is set, the case will be referred to the Mediation Center. If an agreement is reached by the parties, the charges will be dropped, says Cloud, and the case dismissed. If an agreement is not reached, however, the case will go to trial as scheduled.

Cloud says that he and 20 volunteer mediators will go through three days of intense mediation training this week by "expert" mediators from an established center in Chapel Hill. They will then be certified to mediate, effective April 1.

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Morningside Residents Say Stranger Harasses Their Daughters

By RUTHELL HOWARD
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To prevent what they allege is harassment of teen-agers in their neighborhood by a white male, residents in the Morningside area plan to circulate warning leaflets and are considering taking legal action.

The residents say they have been troubled by the man, who, they charge, has driven through the area trying to coax teen-agers into his

car, since December.

Three residents, Mrs. Jacqueline Teal, Mrs. Gwendolyn Stewart and Ronnie Sockwell, all say their daughters were confronted by Lewis Carlton, who worked several months in the area as a salesman for Orkin Exterminating Co. Inc.

Orkin recently terminated Carlton for "a bad attitude," says Manager Ron Rogers, but Rogers says he has no proof of Carlton's alleged activities in the neighborhood while he was with the

company.

Mrs. Teal, president of the Morningside Manor Home Buyers Association, charges that Carlton, who is believed to be in his mid-20s,

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Mrs. Jacqueline Teal

came to her home several times on what he said was Orkin business.

says, and the second time Carlton inquired about Sharon again.

"He said, 'I'd sure like to take her home with me... I mean, I'm sure I'd like to take the picture (of Sharon that was hanging on the wall) home with me,'" Mrs. Teal says.

She also charges that Carlton later entered her home uninvited and went to her bedroom. "He was very free," she says of his eagerness to wander about her home.

"I'm concerned about our neighborhood," says Mrs. Teal, who also says Carlton has appeared

on the Parkland campus. "We should feel free without worrying about someone intimidating our kids in our own backyard."

Mrs. Stewart, who was already using Orkin's services but hadn't gotten a service call for two months, says Carlton showed up at her home in January on what he said was Orkin business and asked to take her 14-year-old daughter Tamiko to a movie.

She says she told him no, but he

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