

The Bonds

After extensive campaigning by both proponents and opponents, local voters went to the polls Tuesday and overwhelmingly passed a \$35 million city-county bond package.

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Radio Jock

WAAA's Jay Jackson says he was in Winston before he knew it -- and he's enjoying the stay.

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Last Leg

The WSSU Rams and the Virginia Union Panthers could clinch the CIAA Southern and Northern division titles, respectively, provided both make strong showings in this week's action.

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FASHION FAIR



A fashion extravaganza came to town last weekend as the Ebony Fashion Fair made its stop in Winston-Salem. The show, sponsored locally by the Winston-Salem Urban League Guild, featured a dozen models in luxury, laid-

back, daytime, show-offs, high-voltage and a touch-of-class fashions. In its 26th year, the Ebony Fashion Fair presents shows in major U.S. cities, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, England and Canada.

Almost Two To One

Bond Package Passed By Voters

By JOHN SLADE
Assistant Editor

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Though the NAACP and the Black Leadership Roundtable opposed them, all eight components of a city-county bond package received voter approval Tuesday, with 28.8 percent of the city's 124,926 registered voters turning out at the polls.

Mayor Wayne Corpening compared the success of the \$35 million bond package to the failure of bonds in 1976 and 1979 for the expansion of Memorial Coliseum. "The last time we had just one issue," said Corpening. "This time we had a much broader base."

The results of Tuesday's referendum call for

•\$15 million to expand the Benton Convention Center and build an accompanying parking deck; final tally: 12,785-10,667.

•\$7.5 million to help finance the reorganization of the city-county schools; 20,939-13,189.

•\$4.5 million to expand Forsyth Technical Institute; 22,545-10,667.

•\$3 million to develop an industrial park east of Winston-Salem State University; 11,975-10,030.

•\$2.2 million for street improvements; 12,756-9,533.

•\$1.1 million to improve downtown sewers and drainage systems; 13,804-8,335.

•\$900,000 to prepare eight acres of land across from City Hall for development; 11,533-10,715.

•\$800,000 to upgrade downtown storefronts; 12,138-9,828.

Alderman Virginia Newell, who, in conjunction with Alderman Vivian Burke, called a press conference Monday to endorse the bonds and react to what both called "misrepresentations and false statements" by the opposition, said she was pleased by the outcome.

"I feel really good about the bonds passing," said Newell. "The (voter) tur-

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-- Alderman Virginia Newell

nout (28.8 percent) was high for a bond election."

Newell attributed the turnout to the "interest generated in the community" by the proponents and the opponents of the bond package. "Maybe they ought to do this with all of the issues," she said. "People who were really serious thought the bonds may have been lost and said, 'We better get out and work harder.'"

Dr. Zane Eargle, superintendent of the city-county schools, said he wasn't surprised that the school bonds passed by

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Handouts Anger Groups Opposing Bonds

By JOHN SLADE
Assistant Editor

A pro-bond flier handed out by an ad hoc pro-bond group calling itself the Coordinating Committee for Get Out To Vote angered some bond opponents who charged that the flier, which instructed voters to "Punch These Numbers," but did not state whether the numbers beneath meant yes or no votes, were used to mislead and manipulate black voters.

Earline Parmon, a member of the executive committee of Mayor Wayne Corpening's Citizens' Committee for Jobs and Education Referendum, said the Coordinating Committee for Get Out To Vote, an outgrowth of the mayor's committee, authorized the printing of the fliers to be passed out at the polls. "It was basically the idea of the people who formed the committee," said Parmon. "The idea was to go out and actively pursue votes."

Walter Marshall, local vice president of the NAACP, labeled the flier a "slave ticket" and said, "I can guarantee in 1984 that they won't put out this slave ticket over here." Marshall was one of several who criticized the strategy as unethical during the city-county election Tuesday that approved all of the \$35 million city-county bond package.

"Nothing is unethical about (the fliers)," said Parmon. She said she and the other five others formed the group to organize pro-bond strategies targeted at the black voters. Workers for Parmon's committee were stationed at black precincts, as were workers for the NAACP and the Black Leadership Roundtable, both of which opposed the entire bond package.

"Blacks don't give blacks sense enough to come up with our own strategy," Parmon said.

But Mel White, a member of the Roundtable, said

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PUNCH THESE NUMBERS

- ☒ 103
- ☒ 113
- ☒ 122
- ☒ 130
- ☒ 140
- ☒ 148
- ☒ 160
- ☒ 169

This slip of paper, printed by pro-bond forces, was passed to voters by volunteers and paid workers.

Wilson: 'Didn't I Tell You?'

By ROBIN ADAMS
Staff Writer

"I predict that the school bond referendum will be the lead vote-getter," school board member Beaufort Bailey had said Tuesday before the first election returns were tallied. As the night wore on and the results from the 79 county precincts were in, Bailey almost proved to be a prophet.

All eight city-county bonds passed and the controversial school bonds placed a strong second to the Forsyth Technical Institute bonds, much to the delight of the pro-bond Citizens' Committee for Jobs and Education Referendum and the chagrin of the anti-bond Black Leadership Roundtable and NAACP.

A sampling of reaction from the pro-bond forces in their Benton Convention Center headquarters:

Dr. Zane Eargle, city-county school superintendent: "A lot of people were happy with the school assignment plan and apparently that showed. I'm pleased."

Margaret Plemmons, school board member: "The committee has done so much work. I am very pleased."

Ike Howard, senior events coordinator at the Benton Convention Center: "The things in the bond addressed the improvements of certain facilities. The convention center is here to attract new money into the community. We have

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They're Still Blue

Possible Repeal Of City's Blue Laws To Be Studied Further

By JOHN SLADE
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The Board of Aldermen sent the proposed repeal of the city's blue laws back to its General Committee for at least another month of study after 26 speakers urged the board not to vanquish the code, which restricts Sunday business hours.

The board's General Committee recommended at its Sept. 27 meeting to repeal the blue laws, which prohibit most businesses from opening until 1 p.m. on Sundays. Alderman Larry Womble said last month that the laws are outdated, and he and Alderman Larry Little said more part-time jobs would result if businesses were allowed to operate all day on Sunday.

But city residents at Monday night's public hearing, which lasted nearly two hours, said Sunday ought to be preserved as a day of rest and that they feared employers would require workers who want to attend church to work.

Dr. Paul J. Craven Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church,

said a repeal of the blue laws would radically affect the "little space of time" citizens of Winston-Salem have to rest. He also said the additional four or five hours that businesses could open on Sundays would be worked by already-hired personnel.

"I don't plead that a lack of refinement (of the codes) is not needed," said Craven, "but you don't refine by throwing everything out."

Dr. Warren Carr, pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church, said the blue laws are "biased in favor of Protestants in general, and Moravians and the tobacco industry in particular." He said the laws should be repealed because they are unequal and unjust, but he said the board should come up with other guidelines that preserve the desire of those who want Sunday as a day of rest. "... I urge you ... to use your imagination, ingenuity and courage to come up with, not religious laws, but imaginative laws that might be a ground-breaking example for other cities," Carr said, asking the board to keep the present laws until more equitable laws can be made.

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Getting The Word Out

The pro-bond forces' publicity campaign included this billboard, featuring among its faces WSSU Chancellor Douglas Covington, far right (photo by James Parker).