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believe this woman, Earline Parmon, can walk with Rumors of last-minute bids by white candidates for the chairmanship did not materialize and Bob Chambers motioned that Parmon be elected by acclamation. Therefore, the usual procedure of roll-call voting was dispensed with and Parmon was elected unanimously.

Said Parmon, 40, in a prepared acceptance speech: "My fellow Democrats, I accept the honor and responsibility you have given me with mixed emotions -- sadness because of the reason for this meeting: the untimely

death of Joseph H. Parrish Jr.... I am likewise filled with gratitude -- to each of you and those whom you represent for giving me this opportunity to serve you...."

She continued, "There are those who will call me 'the black chairman.' I assure you that I am proud to be a black female Democrat, but I look forward to winning your respect and to dealing with the criticisms, not because I am black and female, but because of the job I am doing as your party chairperson.

"I am calling for unity in the Democratic Party of

Forsyth County," she said, "and I will be will be working hard with each of you to see that we meet our goals as one of the most viable counties in North Carolina."

NAACP President Patrick Hairston said he is glad to see Parmon become chairman of the Executive Committee. "I'm glad for her and I hope the Democratic Party will get behind her and let her be the type of chairman she can be," he said.

Shedrick Adams, who recently resigned his post as 2nd vice chairman of the party to become staff assistant to Rep. Steve Neal,

D.N.C., said the Democratic Party showed "sincere affection and support" for Parmon. "Earline's genius is 90 percent hard work and loyalty," said Adams. "I think she could have had opposition, but basically people wanted to see her get it (chairmanship) because she's earned it."

Viewing Parmon's victory from a Republican's point of view, Vernon Robinson said he hopes the Republican Party will "make similar efforts to put blacks in leadership roles."

"I, personally, and a number of other Republicans have taken pot

shots at the Democratic Party in Forsyth County and everywhere for not having black folk play roles in the Democratic Party," said Robinson, "especially since blacks are 90 percent Democrats nationally. Earline's election shows that the Democrats in Forsyth County are interested in sharing power."

Also on Monday night, attorney and Wake Forest University Law School instructor Mike Wells was elected by acclamation as the 1st vice chairman, and Ralph Mason of Kernersville was chosen, 486-280.5, over Mose Belton Brown as 2nd vice chairman.

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a black version as well as a black friend.

"There are more black dolls out on the market and they are going quickly and there is a demand for them," said Sue Gordon, a sales clerk in the toy department at J.C. Penney's. "We have black Barbie dolls and they are selling at a good rate."

Both Childs and Gordon said that all the Cabbage Patch dolls at their stores, both black and white, have sold out.

"People will buy a Cabbage Patch doll no matter what the color," said Childs.

A salesclerk at Barrington's at Hanes Mall said that the store has not had a difficult time "adopting out" the black Cabbage Patch dolls or the original black "Little People," Xavier Roberts' original handmade dolls that sell for

\$125-\$300.

"We had about two or three black original Little People and they all sold well," she said. "Most black people adopt the dolls, but we had a black lady from Tennessee who adopted a white doll. I think it was for her granddaughter."

A quick check through the mall revealed that, while black dolls may be in demand, they are not as readily displayed as white dolls. In fact, one store had a front display featuring a variety of white, Indian and Oriental dolls, but no black ones.

And most printed ads feature the white dolls and occasionally add a picture of the black counterparts in small inserts.

And a black parent said that she noticed that it was difficult to find the black dolls. Jane Penn, who has

four children, said that she went to East Winston Shopping Center looking for black dolls but could not find any. "I thought that, since this was a black neighborhood, the stores would have black dolls, but they didn't," Mrs. Penn said.

Though the Penn children don't make a fuss about black or white dolls, Mrs. Penn said she makes it her duty to buy both. "We just make it our business to get them some black dolls," she said.

Over the years, Mrs. Penn said she has noticed a change in the looks of black dolls. "They used to look so ugly and, for a child to want a doll, the doll should look good," she said.

One shopper said that she does not have any children or grandchildren, but has always purchased dolls for other children in her family.

"I used to buy my sisters' children black Shirley Temple dolls years ago and they looked as pretty as the white ones," she said. "If I had children, I would have bought them black dolls because I wouldn't want them to grow up thinking white was the way to look."

William Sheppard, who has a four-year-old son, said he buys both black and white male dolls for his son and would do the same for his daughters if he had them.

"If I had a daughter, I would buy her both black and white dolls," Sheppard said. "My sisters had both."

As for the children's views, it simply depends on the child.

Said 11-year-old Sylvia Bonaparte: "Sometimes I like black dolls, but I like the white ones the most because they look better

than the black ones."

Sylvia said that white dolls usually have longer and easier-to-style hair than the black dolls. "If they made them look better, I would play with them," she said.

But sisters Shana and Nikki Harding disagree. Both said that they will be getting dolls from Santa Claus this year and that they want them to be black.

Said Shana: "I want a black Pink and Pretty Barbie."

Said Nikki: "I like black dolls because they are pretty."

Local Muslims From Page A1

In his support of Jackson, Farrakhan, a graduate of Winston-Salem State University, urged all members of the Nation of Islam to register and vote, a practice that was against the teachings of Muhammad.

"We as blacks," says Griggs, "have gone through a period where a lot of us felt that the electoral process was the salvation for our people. That has not been the case."

Nelson Malloy, an outspoken member of the Institute, agrees with Griggs.

"There may be good points about the electoral process on the local level, such as the election of our black aldermen," says Malloy. "But black people have been running for office since Reconstruction and it didn't bring about any significant changes for

us then. Farrakhan may just see this as a springboard to put his organization in the limelight by jumping on Jesse Jackson's bandwagon."

Griggs says that even though his organization supports Jackson in all of his efforts as a presidential hopeful, he believes Jackson's wishes to eliminate unemployment

and other socioeconomic problems of black Americans are virtually impossible.

"We (Institute of Islamic Involvement) would hate to see black people fooled by the same electoral process they were fooled by before," says Griggs. "This system is beyond individual personalities bringing about significant economic changes for black people."

Sheppard Elected Chairman From Page A1

helm as chairman, Sheppard made three promises to the board. "I promise to be fair, open and I will try to come to every meeting," he said.

Sheppard's victory pleases a number of black leaders. "I told you he was the man I thought should get it all along," said Walter Marshall, vice president of the NAACP.

The total board also saw Monday night, for the first time, a draft of its new policy on affirmative action for minority and women's business enterprises.

After a brief look at the policy, the board voted to send it back to the policy committee for changes and clarifications.

Marshall thanked the board for finally initiating an affirmative action policy, but expressed some discontent that the policy included women.

"I have some question about classifying a white female as a minority," Marshall said. "White women are in a majority in this country, but in this policy they are considered a minority. I don't think you can put them (white women) on the same basis with a black minority."

In other business, the board voted to allow ninth-grade students to attend seven of the eight newly-organized four-year high schools.

It also approved four architectural firms to handle con-

struction at Ashley, Carver, Cook, East Forsyth, Glenn and West Forsyth schools. Hines-Northrup-Ersoy will handle the construction at Ashley and Carver; Hammill-Walter Associates the construction at Cook and East; Newman, Calloway, Johnson, Winfree the construction at Glenn, and Fred W. Butner Jr. Associates the construction at West.

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Once again the Chronicle solicits your aid in selecting our Man and Woman of the Year. The nominees should be local residents who have made significant contributions to progress in the black community in the past calendar year.

Though we realize the holidays are a busy time of the year, we think you'll agree that the five or 10 minutes it takes to fill out this form is well worth the recognition your nominees deserve for their efforts.

The winners will be announced and profiled in our January 26 "Year In Review" special edition. Nominations may be returned by mail to P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102 or in person at the Chronicle offices at 516 N. Trade Street.

Please print legibly and be as specific as possible in describing your nominees' accomplishments.

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