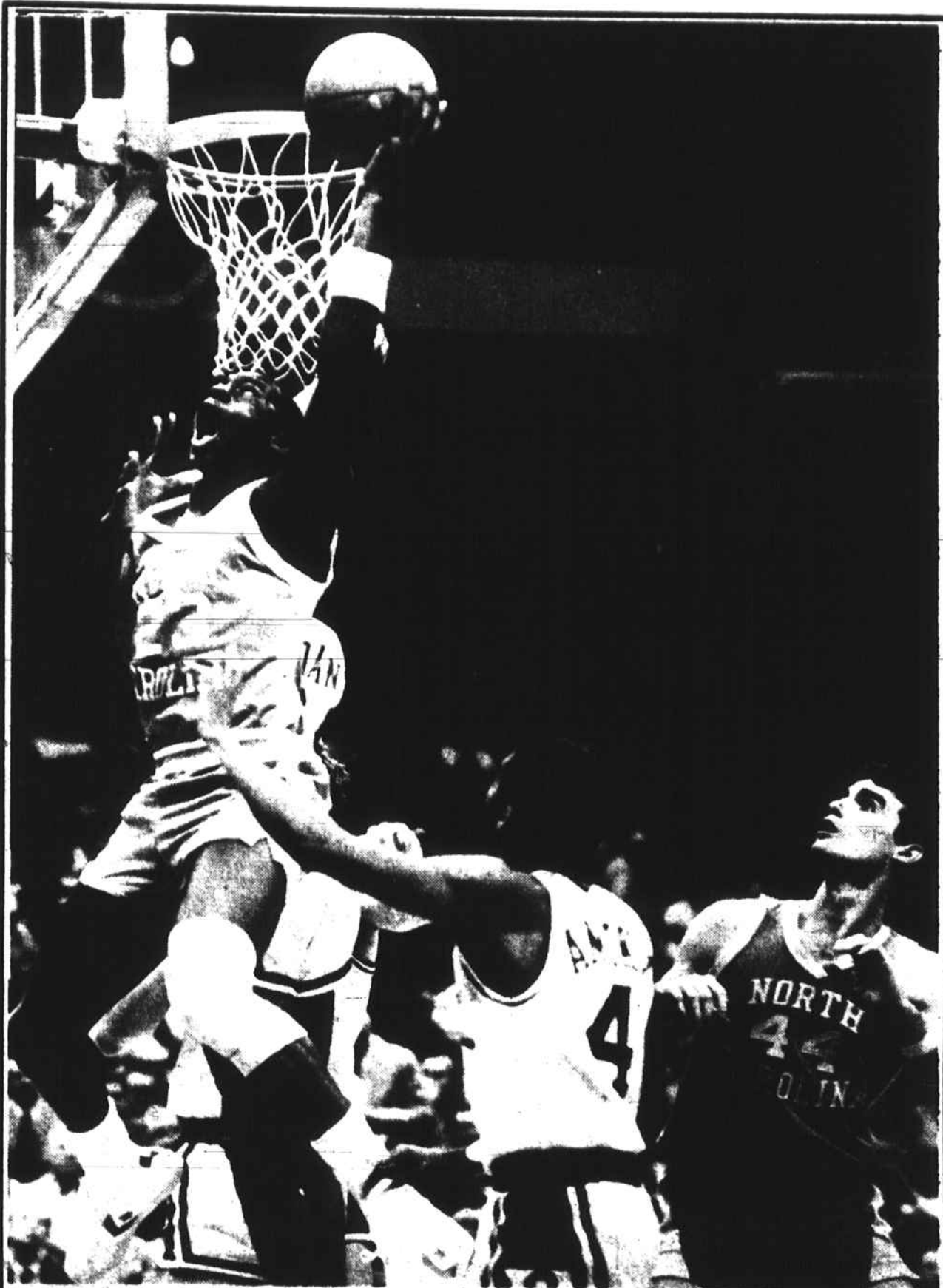


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Tournament Fever

It's tournament time in basketball circles, with a number of area teams, including North Carolina and Michael Jordan, joining the quest for a national title. One local favorite has already fallen, however, with disheartening losses in Norfolk. Story on Page B2 (photo by Joe Daniels).

Campaign Notes

A Super Tuesday get-together

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Political tidbits we've gathered while following the campaign trail:

Although no primaries or caucuses were held in North Carolina on Super Tuesday, Republican **Vernon Robinson** scheduled a party at the Hyatt to watch the results from the nine other states come in.

Said Robinson, who may be the most active black Republican in Forsyth County: "This is for fun and games and we are going to just enjoy watching the results come in. Right now, this is the news. Reagan is not doing much. He's boring; this is exciting."

Robinson said the party started out as a personal get-together for himself and a

couple of friends. But, before he knew it, television stations, newspapers and politicians were asking to come.

But Robinson is not spending all of his time hosting parties for Democrats; he's keeping some of his time free for the Republicans. The race between Gov. James B. Hunt and Sen. Jesse Helms, Robinson said, will depend on who can get his people to the polls. "The undecided vote won't work to either person's advantage this time," he said.

For several months, the *Chronicle* has tried to get an interview with Sen. Helms, but to no avail. According to Robinson, it may take several more months before Helms will have time to talk to the *Chronicle*.

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Little's plan approved by legislature

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The new single-member district plan for electing state legislators in Forsyth County is essentially the format Alderman Larry Little developed.

After last-minute lobbying, Little's plan, which includes two predominantly black single-member districts in Forsyth County, was approved by both the state House and the Senate last week during a special session.

It was not, however, the plan the Forsyth County House delegation had originally chosen to support. The plan that the county's five representatives favored was designed by the legislative drafting service and featured one predominantly black single-member district, one district that was a little more than 50 percent black and one three-member district for the rest of the county.

The major difference in that plan and Little's plan basically is which precincts are placed where and the fact that Little's plan contains a larger percentage of blacks in one district.

Included in the new plan's first single-member district, known as District 66 -- where black incumbent Annie Brown Kennedy lives -- are the following precincts: Hill High School, 66 percent black; Easton Intermediate School, 53 percent black; Tally's Crossing Fire Station

(Kernersville No. 3), 12.4 percent black; East Forsyth Senior High School, 23.3 percent black; Prince Ibrahim Intermediate School, 14.8 percent black; Fairview Intermediate School, 97.1 percent black; Petree Intermediate School, 83.7 percent black; 14th Street Recreation Center, 98.5 percent black; Kennedy High School, 99.3 percent black; Sykland Intermediate School, 99.3 percent black; Winston-Salem State University, 84.2 percent black; Happy Hill Recreation Center, 93 percent black; Grace United Methodist Church, 44.6 percent black; Forest Park Elementary School, 60.5 percent black, and Trinity Moravian Church, 25.6 percent black. District 66 has a 56.1 percent black population.

District 67, where the other black incumbent, Dr. C.B. Hauser, lives, contains the following precincts: Piney Grove Recreation Center, 32.4 percent black; Kimberly Terrace Housing, 96 percent black; Martin Luther King Recreation Center, 99.1 percent black; Memorial Coliseum, 94.7 percent black; Paisley High School, 94.3 percent black; Forest Hill Fire Station, 64.3 percent black; Lowrance Intermediate School, 89.8 percent black; St. Stephen Baptist Church, 97.1 percent black; Carver High School, 95.3 percent black; Mineral Springs Fire Station, 44.2 percent black; Brunson Elementary School, 18.4

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According to transcripts

Klan-Nazi jury pool professed little knowledge of either group

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The ideal juror in most criminal cases appears to be an individual who doesn't watch the TV news, reads the newspapers occasionally -- mostly for the sports or "Dear Abby" -- and is not very opinionated.

Judging from the transcripts of responses from the pool of potential jurors for the Klan-Nazi trial -- some of whom were chosen for duty in the controversial trial, others of whom were politely excused -- those criteria have been satisfied once again.

According to the partial transcript of the closed jury selection, many of the 250 people questioned to serve on the jury that will decide the fate of nine Klansmen and Nazis charged

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-- James D. Oman

with violating the civil rights of the five Communist Workers' Party members killed in Greensboro in 1979, know little about the Klan, less about the CWP and even less about the Nazis.

But lots of them do appear to be patriotic. Said potential juror James D. Oman: "I believe in Mom, apple pie, Chevrolet and America."

Oman was excused from the jury. Like Oman, many others believe that the Klan, the CWP and the Nazis were all equally

responsible for the Nov. 3 bloodbath. Potential juror George W. Mecimore Jr., of Winston-Salem, said he has come into contact with the CWP while at his job but "some of the things that they believe in I certainly couldn't." Mecimore couldn't be specific as to what things he agrees with and which others he doesn't.

Mecimore on the Klan: "I just don't believe in any organization that takes the law in their own hands, you know."

And on the Nazis: "I don't really, you know, can't really remember that much about them."

Many other jurors didn't find fault with all three groups but had strong opinions about one or two of them.

Said potential juror Alma H. Draughn: Please see page A12

Booker: YMCA situation not that bad

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The project has been delayed and some frills have been eliminated, but the Winston Lake YMCA facility will be top-notch, said C.P. Booker, a member of the Patterson Avenue board of management and Patterson's representative to the Metropolitan board, which governs all YMCA and YWCA facilities in Forsyth County.

"We don't have as many problems as those individuals say we have," Booker said, referring to Dr. Harvey Allen and Marie Roseboro, who told the *Chronicle* last week that the Metropolitan Y is shortchanging the facility.

"The picture of what is going on has been somewhat distorted."

Allen and Roseboro, both members of the Patterson board, complained that the Winston Lake Y would not be what was promised to the public when the YMCA held its fund-raising drive last year.

Missing from the new building that will replace the aging Patterson Avenue Y and primarily serve the black community will be a raised indoor track, an observation deck for the handball court, a pool-cleaning system, bleachers, kitchen equipment, the amount of activity space initially prescribed and a payment-and-performance bond that would

make the contractor or architect liable for whatever may go wrong with the building rather than the YMCA. The amount of basement space has also been reduced and the type of air conditioning unit has been changed.

But a Metropolitan board official says no final decisions have been made concerning the Winston Lake facility. "I don't think there will be any major cuts at all," said William Clingman, president of the board, earlier this week. "There are specific things that need to be worked out, but I hope they will be resolved."

Added Booker: "(Harvey) Gantt (of Gantt/Huberman Associates: Architects) and Please see page A3

School board chairman dies

By ROBIN ADAMS
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One of Forsyth County's most candid Board of Education members, Dr. William Sheppard, died late Monday night at Forsyth Memorial Hospital.

The 54-year-old Sheppard, who also served as director of government-sponsored programs at Winston-Salem State University, died of a heart attack Monday at 11:50 p.m., said hospital officials.

He had served on the school board for seven years and was elected board chairman in a controversial vote in January.

To most people, Sheppard was a friend, said Beaufort Bailey, the only black member of the school board and a close friend of Sheppard's.

"We are gonna miss him and the black community will miss a good friend," Bailey said. "He was like a brother to me."

I have a lot of good things to say about him. I have had some bad times, but Bill stuck by me. He served as my campaign manager and he served as my friend."

Sheppard was hospitalized in January for the observation of blood clots in his neck. Several weeks ago, Bailey said, Sheppard was hospitalized again for additional tests and possible surgery. Sheppard, who checked into the hospital a third time last weekend, had a history of heart problems and had previously had heart surgery.

Still, Bailey said, Sheppard refused to let on that he was sick.

"Bill was like that," Bailey said. "As good of friends as we were, he was a private man, even with me."

Another school board member, John Holleman Jr., said he had lunch with Sheppard several weeks ago and will Please see page A3



Dr. William Sheppard: Colleagues say his candor and wit will be missed (photo by James Parker).

Open Line

Newell: She merely wants to help

Q: Alderman Virginia Newell has been in the news a lot lately. What are her political origins and how does she assess her influence as a black and female elected official?

L.S.

A: "I guess I've been political all of my life," says Newell, who is in her second term as East Ward alderman.

Born and reared in Davie County, Newell says her interests in politics were sparked by her father, who was an "unofficial black leader" and who taught her that racism and segregation must be conquered. "I always wanted to be in a position where I could change policy as it relates to individuals," she says.

Her first run for a public office was in 1963 when she became the first black woman to campaign for the Board of Education in Raleigh. She topped all the candidates in the primary, but says she became a target in the general election and lost.

Reflecting on her years as an alderman, Newell

says: "If I've been successful at all, it is because of my commitment and concern for people. I take my position very seriously and I don't enter into anything unless I've done my homework."

"I feel that I'm representing everybody, especially every black and every woman," she says. "I can't perceive myself as a political powerhouse -- that's too pompous. I'm just doing what I'm supposed to do."

Bad Odor

Q: I live in the Easton neighborhood and when I come in at night, I sometimes smell a foul, acidic odor in the air. I think it's coming from one of the nearby factories, but I'm not sure. How can I find out what the odor is and where it's coming from?

P.J.F.

A: You need to call the Forsyth County Environment. Please see page A12