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If you're not a registered voter, you will be -- if you run into Grace Knox.  
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**Though, by and large, they remain committed to the Republican Party and its ideals, several black GOP members haven't let that stop them from supporting the Jesse Jackson campaign.**

## Blacks in GOP: Some like Jesse

By JOHN SLADE  
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Not only has Jesse Jackson's candidacy rallied blacks to register to vote, but he has also gotten a few Republicans -- at least a few black ones in the Triad -- to forego party politics to support him.

"I think Jesse Jackson is a very viable presidential candidate," says Stewart Davis, producer of "Just Friends" and "MEAC Review," two local TV programs. Not only does Davis wear a Jackson campaign button, but he said he planned to change his party affiliation to vote in the May 8 Democratic primary.

"I've changed over to support Jesse Jackson," he says. "This won't come around for another four years."

Dr. George Newell, a retired math professor, agrees with Davis. And though he says he won't actively campaign for Jackson, he's sitting in Jackson's corner. "I think it's (Jackson's campaign) is a good effort," he says. "I'm going to vote for him myself."

"I'm for him as a Republican," says Newell. "This is one case where I will have to split my ticket."

Though Newell says he is a basic believer in Republican ideas, he also says he prefers to look at individuals when it comes to voting. "I'm a black person," he says, "and Jackson gives a good image for the black boy and girl to aspire to."

"I'm not one of those individuals who sold out," he says. "One reason I changed from a Democrat to a Republican is because I don't believe blacks ought to be coerced like cattle to

vote for one person."

Lafayette Jones, another black Republican, shares Newell's sentiments.

"I don't ask anybody to be a Republican as I am," says Jones, a Forsyth County resident who is himself a candidate for the state Senate. "As far as I'm concerned, blacks should be a part of every group -- including the Ku Klux Klan, if we could get in -- so we'll know what's going on."

Newell says he's sure the Republican Party will enjoy one of its best years ever in 1984 because of division among the Democrats, but that doesn't stop him from supporting Jackson. "I'm all for Jesse Jackson," he says.

Like Newell and Davis, Jones says Jackson's campaign is well worth the effort.

"It's a situation in which blacks will get out

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## 'It looked like a testing site for A-bombs'

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As he called on stores March 28, Atlanta salesman James McDougald noticed the "bad-looking clouds" that gathered and moved swiftly overhead. But he didn't give them a second thought.

Hours later at home, McDougald received a call from an aunt in Maxton, N.C. As she tried to describe the destruction of his childhood home by a series of tornadoes, his thoughts turned to his grandmother and eight relatives living in the home.

"All sorts of bad thoughts went through my

mind," recalled McDougald, an area sales representative with R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. "I remember bad thunderstorms there when I was growing up, but it always seemed that

*"I'll never forget it as long as I live. I'm 77 years old and I'll never forget it. It looked like fire in the sky. I hope I never see another one as long as I live."*

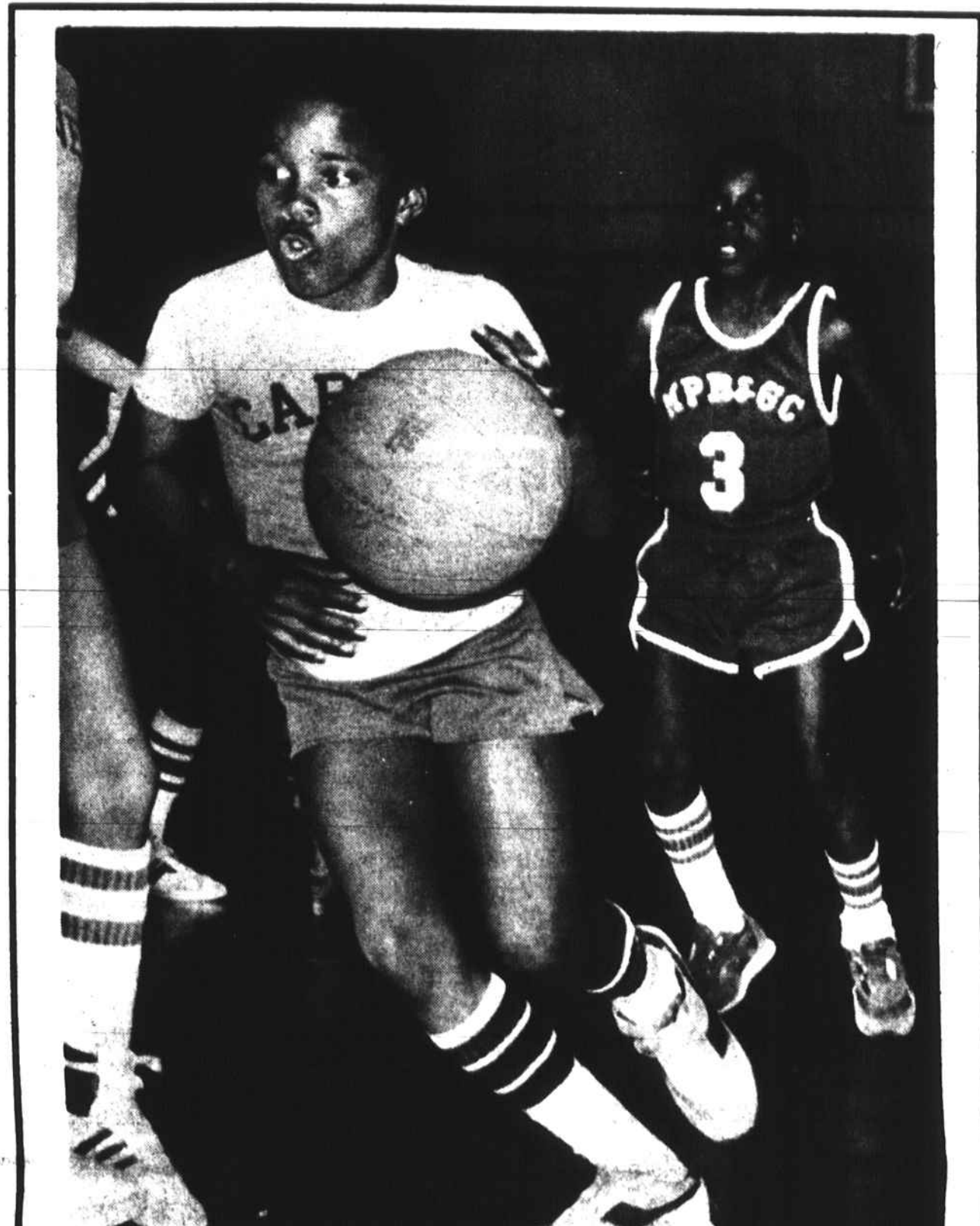
South Carolina got it worse than we did." But this time, Maxton and nearby Red Springs weren't spared the death and destruction

from the tornadoes that struck along a 260-mile strip through North and South Carolina.

Images of destruction and the faces of his loved ones flashed repeatedly through his head as McDougald drove for what seemed like an eternity between Atlanta and Maxton.

"I began to see traces of the devastation as I neared Laurinburg and all the way to Maxton," said McDougald. "When I saw Maxton, it looked like a testing site for A-bombs. Everything was leveled; things -- washing machines, water heaters, refrigerators, cars -- were strewn all over the place."

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### Young Prospect

David or Darren Hart (they're twins) drives for the basket for a Recreation Department all-star team Saturday in a game against a squad from Washington, D.C. Despite the play of both Hart brothers, Winston-Salem lost, 43-22 (photo by James Parker).



Three-year-old Teresa Baker, a dayschooler in Winston-Salem State University's Early Childhood Center, takes advantage of the March winds last month and enjoys a successful afternoon of kite flying. The center's 5-year-old class proclaimed March 23 National Kite Day, which all of the classes observed before the day was over (photo by James Parker).

## Woodruff: There's a whole lot more to commissioners than many may realize

By JOHN SLADE  
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When County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff speaks, perhaps Forsyth County residents should listen.

After all, she says, it is the Board of County Commissioners that allots funds for health programs, the schools and the Department of Social Services. "And when you talk about health, education and welfare -- what else is there?" asks the 61-year-old mother of seven and grandmother of 15.

Woodruff points out that the body she was elected to on two different occasions -- first in 1976 and again in 1982 -- is the local arm of the state government and therefore has a significant amount of power.

"Look at the county commissioners and education," she says during an interview in her home on Bacon Street.

"We don't tell people how to run the schools, but we do allot the funds."

Education is just one of "quite a few things" that fall under the wings of the county commissioners, she says, which is why the voters ought to be more concerned with what the commissioners are doing, and not just the particular township they happen to live in.

"We (commissioners) run countywide and are elected countywide," says Woodruff. "When you talk about the county, that includes Winston-Salem (and other townships, such as Clemmons and Rural Hall, throughout the county)."

One such issue that should have been of concern to all county residents, especially blacks, says Woodruff, is the board's decision to deed Forsyth Memorial Hospital to a holding company, which allows the hospital to generate

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## Jackson to visit Winston April 18

By ALLEN H. JOHNSON  
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Notes we've gathered while following the campaign trail:

The Rev. Jesse Jackson will bring his presidential campaign to Winston-Salem on Wednesday, April 18, for a 7:30 p.m. rally at the Benton Convention Center.

"This is going to be the biggest political rally in the history of Winston-Salem," said Alderman Larry Little, coordinator of the Jackson forces in Forsyth County. "If you want a seat, come early."

Little said Monday night that the event is expected to draw such a large crowd that he has looked into the possibility of setting up remote TV monitors for those who may not be able to squeeze in and see Jackson firsthand.

No admission will be charged for the rally, said Little, although contributions for the campaign will be solicited.

Little said the Jackson entourage will require 45 rooms when it comes to town, including accommodations for the media, campaign aides and Secret Service agents.

Little also said that Jackson will "put a lot of emphasis on North Carolina, particularly the 2nd District," where Kenneth Spaulding hopes to become the state's first black congressman since Reconstruction.

After this week, Little said, Jackson will have campaign offices in Durham, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Asheville and Pembroke...

The Carolina Peacemaker, Greensboro's black weekly newspaper, has endorsed Jackson for the presidency and Democrat Tom Gilmore in the North Carolina governor's race.

The endorsements are the first the paper has made for

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primaries in its 17-year history, said Publisher and Editor John Marshall Kilimanjaro.

The endorsements were announced at an April 5 press conference at Gilmore's Greensboro campaign headquarters.

They also appeared in a front-page editorial in the Peacemaker's April 7 edition.

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### Open Line

## Shedding some light on Ansonia Street

**Q:** I live in East Winston on Ansonia Street, and I would like to know why the street lights on Ansonia are so few in number and the ones there are so dim. This concerns me and my neighbors because we have jobs and other activities which occur in the late evening, and we need adequate lighting as well as other neighborhoods and the downtown area. Has the city of Winston-Salem forgotten the taxpayers in East Winston, or do they care?

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**A:** The way to find out is to request streetlights for your neighborhood, which you apparently haven't done.

According to Dwight Harris, an engineering technician with the city, all you need to do is ask the

city to put a light in. "We put in streetlights when a request is made," said Harris. "We don't put them haphazardly because some people may want them and others may not."

If a streetlight bothers someone who doesn't want it, Duke Power, the company that puts in the lights for the city, provides blackout patches so that the light will shine only on the street. It usually takes the power company from 30 to 60 days to put in a streetlight, said Harris.

"We'll be glad to help anybody we can with streetlights," he said.

For more information, call the Streetlighting Division of the city's Public Works Department at 727-2418.

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