

Martin

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liberals as the most conservative congressman and fellow conservatives share that view.

He also is a fiscal conservative and shares Helms' anti-social program philosophy.

But those issues may not stop Martin from getting support from the approximately 5,000 black registered Republicans in the state or the undetermined number of black and white Democrats who supported Eddie Knox, Lauch Faircloth and Jimmy Green for the Democratic nomination but who are not willing to support nominee Rufus Edmisten.

Vernon Robinson, a local Republican, said Martin will be able to attract a certain number of people who will look at Martin for who he is and divorce him from his characterization by some as a Jesse Helms clone.

"The senator (Helms) is fairly vocal and folk tend to associate the Republican Party with the senator," Robinson said. "But ... Sen. Helms is not running for governor (and) Congressman Martin is, and he is the better candidate for governor."

In an effort to attract disenchanted Democrats, Martin has already formed a Democrats for Martin committee that includes the three campaign coordinators for Knox, Faircloth and Green.

Locally, no such group exists, but Victor Johnson, a local Knox coordinator, said a number of Knox followers have in-

dicated to him that they plan to support Martin.

"A lot of people I have talked with say they will not go with Edmisten and that's a chance that the Republicans could pick up some strength," Johnson said. "But, my being loyal to the Democratic Party, I am strongly encouraging them to stay with the party."

Though Johnson said he is aware that some Knox supporters will go with Martin, he does not know if there will be a mass exodus.

Alderman Virginia Newell, who also was a Knox supporter and is a loyal Democrat, said she, too, is unsure if there will be a substantial number of black Democrats who will vote Republican for Martin -- but it could happen.

"I think some people may go fishing," Newell said. "We had the race between (Republican) Jim Holshouser and (Democrat Hargrove) 'Skipper' Bowles (the governor's race in 1972 which Holshouser won) and I don't know if we will repeat that or not. It depends on whether the (Democratic) party is able to come together by November."

Because registered Democrats outnumber Republicans three to one in North Carolina, any Republican candidate has to have substantial Democratic support to win. How much Democratic support Martin gets, and how much of it will be black, remains a variable.

But a variable, said Martin, that, with the right amount of hard work, can become a constant.

Open Line

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A: The entrances to water and gas valves have been raised about one inch above pavement because to the highway will be resurfaced in a few days, according to Phil Berrier, resident engineer for the state. Resurfacing of Peters Creek Parkway was scheduled to have begun yesterday, and Silas Creek and Corporation Freeway will be resurfaced beginning Monday, if all goes as planned.

Berrier says there is some danger to the raised manhole covers, but no great problem has resulted. The biggest safety hazard comes from the barricades that surround the covers while the cement around them is drying once they're raised, he says. Hitting the barricades can cause damage to the body of a vehicle, and, when one is knocked over and a vehicle rolls over it, corners and sharp edges have been known to puncture gasoline tanks.

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Hill

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...tive action as well as assisting in the development and implementation of Mecklenburg County's classification and pay system.

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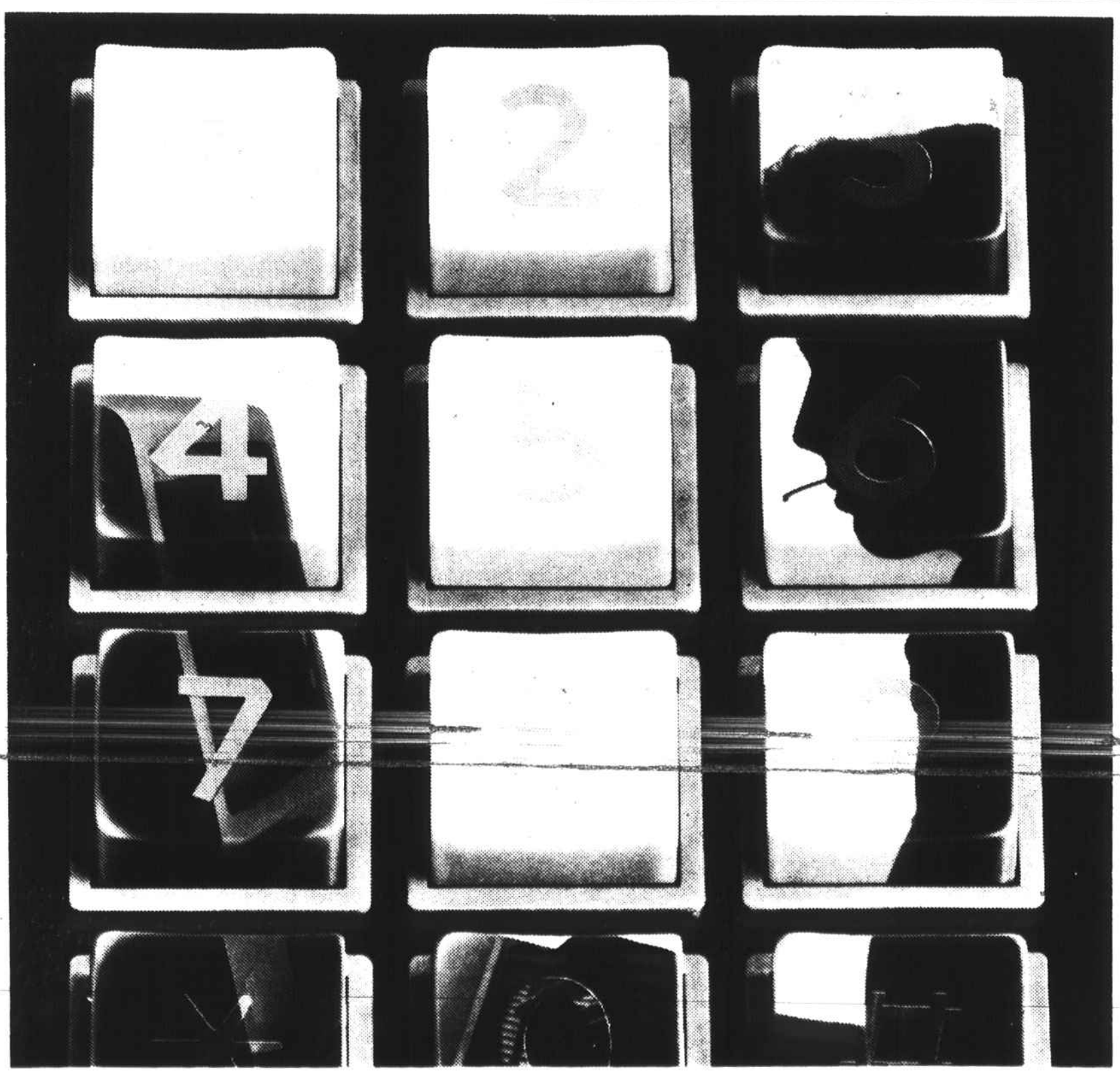
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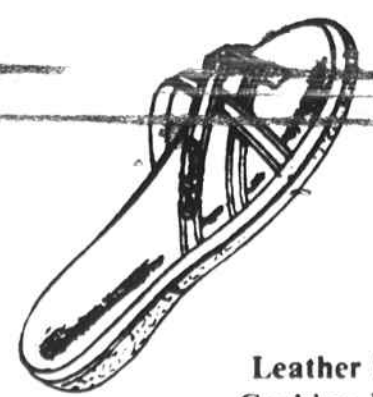
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