



Someone You Should Meet ...

Name: Richard E. Johnson
Job Title: Frontline supervisor
Hometown: Statesville
Describe Yourself in one word: "Ambitious"
Hobbies: Playing softball and basketball and watching football
Favorite Book: "The Greatest" by Muhammed Ali
Favorite Movie: "A Soldier's Story"
Person admires most: My mother, Beulah Mae Brown
Career Goal: "To be the best that I can in the field that I'm in."

(If you are single, at least 18 years old, doing something positive in the community, employed and interested in appearing in this column, or if you know someone who meets these criteria, please send your name and daytime telephone number to: Someone You Should Meet, Winston-Salem Chronicle, P.O. Box 2151, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102.)

(photo by James Parker)

NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by Greg Brown

Housing Secretary Pierce may leave post

DETROIT, Mich. -- The nation's highest ranking black federal appointee says he may leave the Reagan administration after the election for personal reasons.

Samuel R. Pierce, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the only black cabinet member, told the Associated Press last week that he may leave the post even if President Reagan offers him the job during a second term.

Pierce emphasized that he was not being pressured to leave the government, but said he had had disputes with David A. Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The housing secretary said Stockman had wanted to "knock out" various housing and urban programs, including the Urban Development Action

grant, which provides matching federal funds for investment in low-income neighborhoods.

"If you're in business and it's a big business or in government and it's big government, then you have fights, you have struggles and you have

differences," Pierce said. "That's part of the action."

It's going to happen no matter where I go, whether in business, legal or government world, when you want to be at the top. That's how you make progress."

Pierce gave no more details about his possible departure from government. "I've given four years," he said. "It's a matter of your life; what you want to do, your own future."

"I'm sure I could stay, but there's no sense in speculating. I'll cross that bridge when I get to it."

Critic says Americans can stop apartheid

WASHINGTON -- The American public can stop the racist system of apartheid in South Africa "if they care sufficiently," exiled anti-apartheid activist Dennis Brutus said here recently in urging support for Congressional Black Caucus legislation banning new investment in the white minority-controlled country.

Brutus, whom the South Africans classify as "colored" or of mixed parentage, said "no more money, no more technology, no more funding" would help South African blacks struggling for freedom. Another step would be to eliminate "band-aid solutions like the Sullivan Act," a set of

Africa to advance the status of black, native South guidelines to encourage U.S. firms based in South Africans, Brutus said.

Brutus, a Northwestern University professor, was granted political asylum in the U.S. last year, when the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service lost an attempt to have him deported after he failed to renew a temporary visa.

He said he supported legislation, proposed by Rep. William H. Gray (D-Pa.), calling for immediate action to ban South African investments and hurt the country economically.

Drug scandal rocks Bahamian government

NASSAU, the Bahamas -- Prime Minister Lynden O. Pindling is under increasing pressure to resign following the resignation of three members of his cabinet in connection with a drug scandal.

A royal commission of inquiry was appointed in November to investigate "the illegal use of the Bahamas for the transshipment of dangerous drugs destined for the United States," but the commission's report is not expected until the end of the year.

Opposition party leaders in the Parliament say evidence of financial corruption, presented to the

commission in public hearings, is so serious that Pindling has "lost the moral authority to govern" and should resign or call for an early election. Elections would not have to be held until 1987.

Pindling, the country's Prime Minister for 17 years, says he has no intention to step down. Among other charges, Pindling is accused of accepting a \$100,000 payment from Robert L. Vesco, a fugitive American financier, on behalf of a drug smuggler who wanted to avoid extradition to the U.S. The prime minister has denied the charge.

Open Line

How do we adopt a black baby?

Open Line is a weekly feature to answer consumer questions and help citizens cut through government red tape. If you have questions about local government or the black community, write to Open Line at P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101 or call 723-8428.

Q: We understand there is a need for black families to adopt black children. Where can we get more information about adoptions

A.T.

A: Sue Thomas, supervisor of the Adoption Unit in the county Social Services Department, said her agency is accepting applications for adoption of black children of all ages.

She said the department can schedule an interview with clients immediately. Generally, the interviews and paperwork take two months, but it could

be longer before the child is placed in the home. For more information, call her at 727-2023. There is no charge.

Other agencies you can contact are Family Services Inc. at 722-8173 or the Children's Home

A: It was named the George Moses Horton Library, after a slave poet born around 1797 in Northhampton County, N.C. Horton published his first poems in 1829, and according to historians, he worked in Chapel Hill. Horton earned money by selling his poetry to area residents, especially young men who were trying to impress their sweethearts. The title of his first volume of poetry was the *The Hope Of Liberty*.

Q: Before it was the East Winston Library, what was the branch called

H.P.

Voters uninformed

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represents District 66. The rest of the presently all-Democratic Forsyth delegation represents three-member District 39.

Unlike Kennedy, however, Hauser, whose district is 55 percent black and 45 percent white, faces opposition.

When Hauser and the four other members of the delegation filed for re-election, five Republicans in turn filed to run for the House. When the 39th district was divided into three separate districts, three of the Republicans stayed in the 39th district, while the other two lived in the 67th District, the one Hauser represents.

"The way I understand it, one decided to be the other person's campaign manager," said Hauser.

Hauser is running against Briggs D. Miles, a white Republican. Miles, 57, an independent insurance agent who ran for Forsyth County sheriff in 1974, said he's running to win and is not a protest candidate.

"We need a two-party system in Raleigh," said Miles. "This way you get what the people want and not what the legislature wants. They just all go along with each other."

"I'm not a protest candidate. I really want to do something for the citizens and especially the state."

When asked to state his plat-

form, Miles simply said he is for "less government." "People are not having enough say-so in what's going on," he said. "We Please see page A14

Goode

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Young. Three out of the four largest cities have elected black mayors and two of them have majority-white populations. I don't see that. There is really viable progress (for blacks in the Democratic Party)."

Goode, a native of North Carolina's Northampton County, told the convention's delegates he was glad he had this opportunity to return home. And he compared, during his half-hour speech, the progress being made in Philadelphia under his administration to progress that can be made in North Carolina.

"Philadelphia is a city that is, indeed, on the move," Goode said. "I am convinced that North Carolina is also on the move. Although our states and cities differ in size, and in geographical diversity, we share many common concerns and common problems. In my view, we can also

share our common experiences in economic development."

Goode then shared with North Carolina officials strategies he has used in Philadelphia to increase economic development, including retaining businesses, rebuilding his city's downtown, completing a new downtown convention center, developing its tourism industry, and attracting foreign investments.

Despite the upcoming presidential election and the attention given it, Goode said, the future of the nation rests with local governments.

"I don't believe our government can survive unless we have a strong local government," Goode said. "The future of this nation rests with how well local mayors govern our local governments. Without these local governments, ... this nation cannot reach its fullness -- reach its promise."

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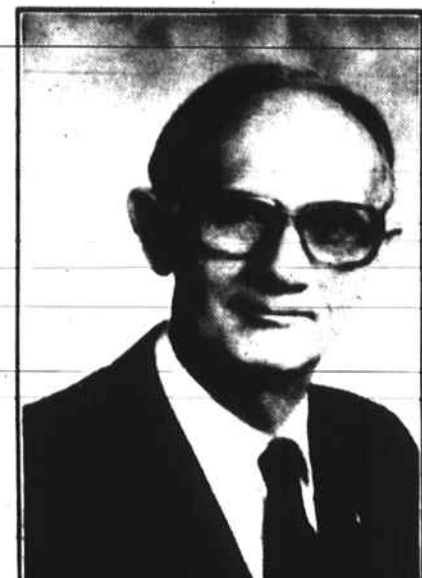
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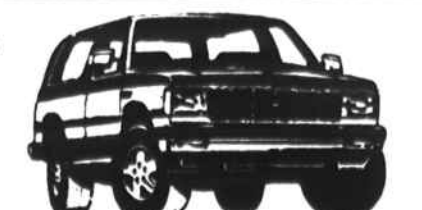
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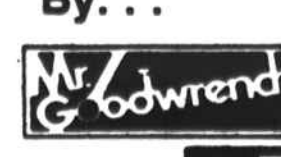


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