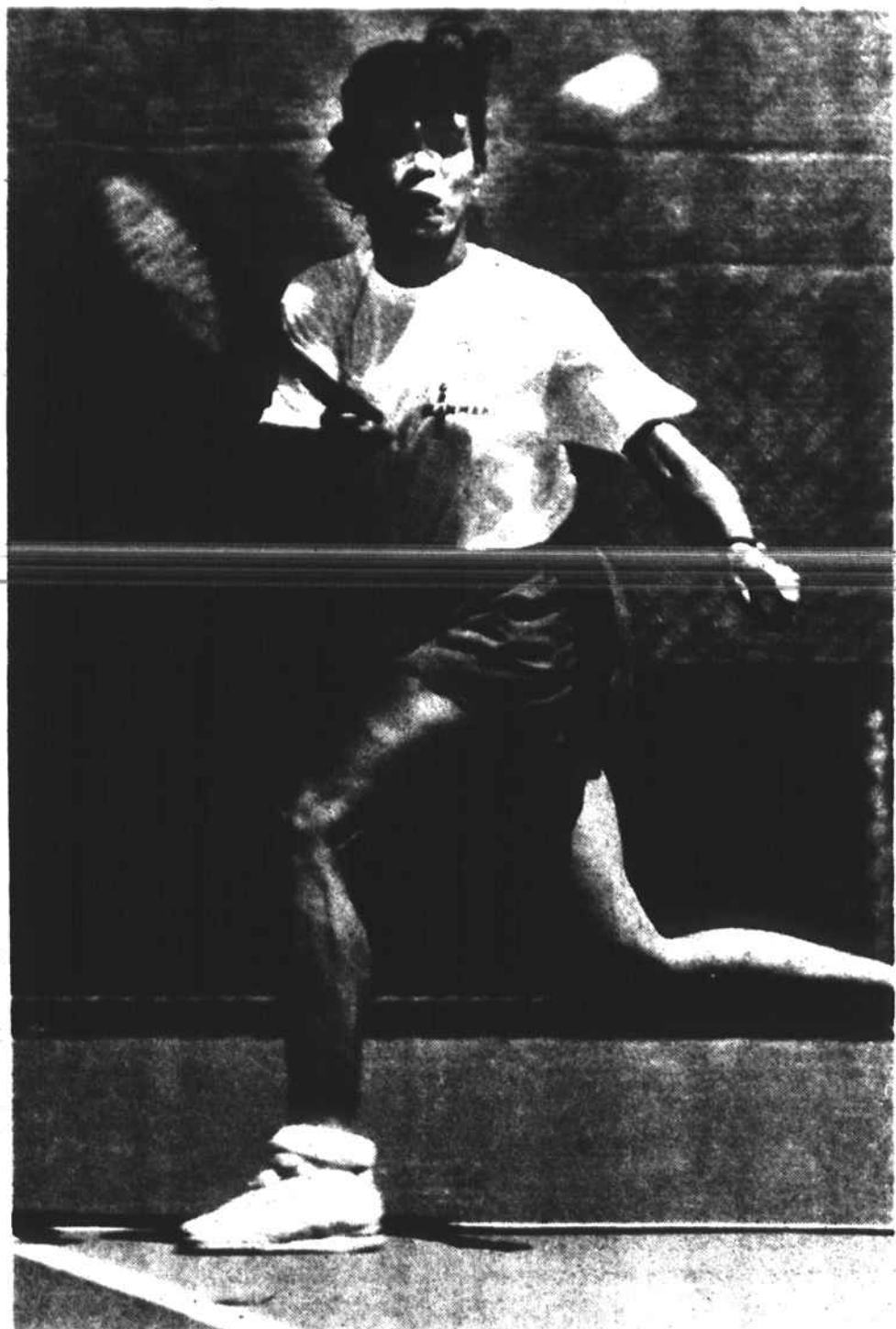


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TENNIS, ANYONE?



Laverne Livingstone and her Grandslammer teammates swung into action this month in the city's Volvo Tennis League. Story on B3 (photo by James Parker).

Candidates for sheriff all seeking first election

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS
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The sheriff's race in Forsyth County comes down to three Democrats, all of whom have extensive experience in the department but none of whom has been elected to office previously. Since no Republican has filed for the office, the winner of the May 6 primary will be only the county's third elected sheriff in the past 50 years.

Ernie Shore held the position for 36 years before Manly Lancaster took over for 14 years.

Lancaster stepped down in December 1984, in the middle of his fourth four-year term. He then handed the reins, by appointment, to current Sheriff Preston Oldham, who assumed the position amid charges that Lancaster groomed him as a successor.

Oldham's chief of detectives, Ron N. Barker, a 16-year veteran of the department, and Harry L. Joyner, a former captain in the Patrol Division who was fired by Lancaster in 1982 for supporting Lancaster's opponent, are challenging Oldham.

Oldham said Monday he knew nothing about Lancaster setting him up for the job. He said Lancaster left for medical reasons.

Lancaster, contacted at his home in Rural Hall, said doctors discovered in October of 1984 that he had cancer and advised

him to retire. He said the county commissioners chose Oldham. Oldham was one of several officers he recommended, Lancaster said.

Oldham, 42, said his major thrust has been to reorganize attitudes and thinking.

"In my two years, we've been able to increase the rapport between the department and all citizens," he said. "We've worked to serve all people."

Oldham said he is most proud of his internal reorganization of the department and the relationship the department has established with citizens.

Blacks have had opportunities to be detectives, he said, but have declined, or have been detectives and moved on to other jobs.

"I think we have done a good job, but we will keep addressing the issue," Oldham said.

Barker, 53, has taken a leave of absence to run. He feels he has a lot to offer.

"We need a much greater emphasis on crime prevention," Barker said. He served as the department's crime prevention specialist for eight years.

"We have to develop more friendship and compatibility between citizens and officers," he

said in the sheriff's office.

"I would actively recruit officers and would base my promotions on ability," Barker said. "I would also make sure that transfers are done fairly."

Barker said he would also increase county patrols, and add to the number of narcotics and juvenile officers.

Joyner, 52, said the keys to the race are experience, dedication and money.

"I have the experience and dedication," Joyner said. "He's (Oldham) got the money."

Joyner served in the department for 20 years, the last eight as a captain in the Patrol Division. He now works as a security guard for Allied Security Co.

Joyner supported Lancaster's opponent, Robert Woods, in 1982, because he said he knew Lancaster was trying to set Oldham up for the job.

Lancaster fired him in July 1982.

Lancaster said Monday that Joyner was fired because his stance created dissension in the department.

Joyner filed suit against Lancaster soon after his firing saying that Lancaster violated his First Amendment rights. A jury favored Joyner on several points, but federal District Judge Hiram Ward ruled in Lancaster's favor. The case was heard in November. Please see page A14

"Right now there is too much power in one man's hand. There's too much politics in the sheriff's office."

-- Ron N. Barker

He said he has made the department more accountable and more responsive to all people in the county.

Oldham has taken some heat because of the lack of blacks in his department. There are, for instance, no blacks among the 24 detectives. He said the charge is unfounded.

There are 31 blacks in the department out of 172, Oldham said. Of the 17 promotions he has given, five have involved blacks. Of 12 new positions, six have been filled by blacks, he said.

said. "Law enforcement cannot do the job alone. We must have the help and support of the citizens."

Barker said he organized 500 Community Watch citizens groups and initiated several programs in the schools and among the elderly to teach crime prevention. He also said he can bring a more even-handed approach to the management of the department.

"Right now there is too much power in one man's hand," he said. "There's too much politics

Some area newspapers will make their endorsements in the days to come

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One of the few surprises left before the May 6 primary is who will endorse whom in area newspapers -- votes of confidence that may affect the outcomes of several races.

The *Clemmons Courier* is published every Thursday. Although his paper has covered local races, Editor/Publisher Dwight Sparks said he is not sure whether it will endorse candidates.

"In some of the races, it's difficult to make a selection," Sparks said Friday. "We'll decide sometime during the week whether we will make some or not. We've not done much endorsing in the past."

Sparks said the race between Republicans Stu Epperson and Lyons Gray for the 5th District U.S. House seat has received the most attention in the *Clemmons area*, along with the Democratic race for district attorney between incumbent Donald K. Tisdale and challenger W. Warren Sparrow. He said the sheriff's race between Preston Oldham, Ron Barker and Harry Joyner also has generated considerable interest.

"Traditionally, we have not

endorsed candidates because we are a small community newspaper," *Kernersville News* Editor John E. Staples said Friday. "We have a political writer that has been following the races. We may have a column, or we may editorialize and choose some candidates."

Staples said the sheriff's race involving *Kernersville* names Ron Barker and Harry Joyner has generated the most interest and attention. "There's not much has been heard regarding the candidacy of former Mayor Roger Swisher, who is running for county commissioner. Swisher lost the mayoral race in November, after serving 21 years as Kernersville's mayor."

The Gray-Epperson and Tisdale-Sparrow races are "as talked about as any," Staples said. The *News* is published on Thursdays.

The *Winston-Salem Journal*, the city's daily paper, will issue endorsements Sunday and Monday, Editorial Page Editor John Gates said Friday.

"What surprises me is how little interest any of the races have generated," Gates said. "I thought the 5th District race or the 67th District race would be more interesting. All indications

seem to indicate a low turnout."

Gates said a number of candidates have been interviewed by the *Journal*, and that both Democrats and Republicans will be endorsed in the primaries.

Chronicle Executive Editor Allen H. Johnson said his paper endorses candidates in every election, but that this year's are especially important.

"We feel that the en-

Duke University president, said recently in Greensboro that he has an excellent civil rights record.

"I am a person with a record of being fair throughout the integration history of North Carolina," he said.

He said he opposes South Africa's practice of apartheid, but he also opposes a bloody war to overthrow it. Sanford said he

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endorsements have taken on added significance in this election because the Black Leadership Roundtable and Baptist Ministers' Conference will not be endorsing," Johnson said. "Someone needs to take the lead in these matters, and not only provoke the community to think, but also make sure that the candidates are accountable."

The *Chronicle's* endorsements appear on Page A4 ...

Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Terry Sanford, a former North Carolina governor and

supports diplomatic solutions to the problem.

Sanford criticized the recent report of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission that called for the suspension of federal set-aside programs for minority businesses.

"The present Civil Rights Commission has been guilty of outrageous behavior," Sanford said.

He said he favors the 40-percent threshold for second primaries endorsed by the state Democratic Party, which would

allow candidates receiving 40 percent of the vote in the first primary to be declared winners. Black candidate Ted Kinney of Fayetteville opposes the 40-percent threshold.

Sanford said the federal budget should not be balanced on the backs of the poor. He supports the concept and timetable of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings balanced-budget law, he added, but opposes intended cuts in programs to the poor ...

Another U.S. Senate hopeful, Bill Belk, in a recent *Chronicle* interview, said he represents a new breed of Democrat.

"The same crowd has been in the party and been electing people for too long," Belk said. "It's the Bert Bennett machinery. They elected (Terry) Sanford, they elected (former Gov. Jim) Hunt. They went the first step. It's time to go to the next step."

"We need a shared responsibility between blacks, whites, males and females."

Belk, who is the immediate past president of the Young Democrats of America, said he identifies with Jesse Jackson, Gary Hart and other young people who are not part of the party's power structure.

"I represent a chance to open up the state for all people," Belk said.

Belk said he favors giving assistance to black South Africans to build schools and upgrade their communities.

"I hate to see us linked to the white government," he said. "That is a major error. We need to send aid to the people who will someday rule that country."

Belk, who identifies himself as a member of the moderate to conservative wing of the party, said he supports the principles of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget law.

"We need to cut social programs and defense" he said. "We need to spell out the fraud in military spending."

He said Terry Sanford is tied to the past.

"We need to go to the next step," Belk said. "We need to open the doors of lasting opportunity for everyone. I'm a supporter of (New Jersey Sen.) Bill Bradley and (former Virginia Gov.) Chuck Robb. I represent the new breed of Democrat that is electable."

Commissioner hopefuls include some familiar faces

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS
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If nothing else, the primary race for two seats on the five-member Forsyth County Board of Commissioners has drawn some familiar names.

On the Democratic side, Mazie S. Woodruff, the first black person and only the second woman to win a seat on the board, is seeking election to her third term.

Republican David L. Drummond is the other incumbent. Drummond won a special election in 1984 to fill out the term of the late Fred Hauser.

But the race has also attracted Democrat Wayne G. Willard, former news director for WSJS/WTQR radio. Willard worked in local radio and TV for 29 years.

Republican Roger Swisher, who served 21 years as mayor of Kernersville before his defeat in November, and current school board member John S. Holleman Jr., a Democrat, will also be seeking their party's approval in Tuesday's primary.

Republican Willie Ed Smith --

no stranger to political circles, since he has staged unsuccessful bids for mayor and alderman -- is the other black candidate in the primary.

Harris G. Crowell and B.W. Atkinson Jr. are also vying for the Democratic nomination.

Betty L. Crouse, W.R. "Bill" Dawe and James E. Warren are seeking the Republican nod.

Mrs. Woodruff said that the key to winning this year is the same as in her two successful bids in 1976 and 1982: "Hard work. You must get out and work. Mazie Woodruff is a people person. I will always listen to people and work for them."

Education is one of the main planks on her platform. She wants to decrease the numerical size of classrooms in the county's schools and get more parents involved in education.

The former 26-year sales representative for Holladay Surgical Supplies said she also wants to hold the county's tax rate at its present level and increase the tax base by attracting new industry.

She would also like to see more county residents trained in trades. Too much emphasis, she said, is put on the academically oriented student and not enough on those who are skilled with their hands.

Mrs. Woodruff also wants to see Forsyth Technical College spend more time retraining laid-off workers.

"We have to get them ready for other jobs," she said. "There are a lot of openings right now."

Affirmative action in county government is another area which she said needs attention. "There are some departments with no black employees," she said.

Mrs. Woodruff, who has received endorsements from the Central Labor Union and the Forsyth Classroom Teachers Association, said she is gearing up for a larger turnout than expected.

"I hope people will get out and vote," she said. "When we vote, we elect people that we can address. When we don't vote, we elect people who don't care."

Smith said that he faces a

tough battle trying to beat Drummond and Swisher in the Republican primary.

"There are not many black Republicans," he said. "I'm gambling that Republicans want a black to replace Mazie Woodruff."

Smith, 65, is a former co-owner and teacher at Russell's Business College.

"The commissioners are the purseholders," he said. "We need people on the board who will adequately distribute the funds to health, education and welfare. We don't need government subsidizing permanent welfare. We must use our own ingenuity."

Smith said that this is his last stand in politics.

"I'm worried about drugs and the lack of responsibility in our youth," he said. "I can bring a knowledge of government and a different kind of leadership to the county."

Throughout the campaign, Holleman has said that one of his main reasons for running was to unseat David Drummond. If he



John Holleman



Mazie Woodruff

can win a seat, Holleman said, he will be the first person to have served on both the school board and the Board of County Commissioners since Hauser.

"I want to go head to head with Drummond," Holleman said Friday. "I want to see David Drummond retired."

Holleman has served one term on the school board and feels that education is the No. 1 priority for the county. He, like Mrs. Woodruff, has received endorsements from FACT and the

Central Labor Union.

Before facing Drummond or any other Republican, Holleman must win one of the two slots on the Democratic ticket -- a difficult job in itself, given the popularity of Willard, he said.

"I'm campaigning hard," Holleman said. "The board needs to rid itself of David Drummond. My people will be working to elect John Holleman and Mazie Woodruff on May 6."

Willard, who retired in November, will also be running. Please see page A14