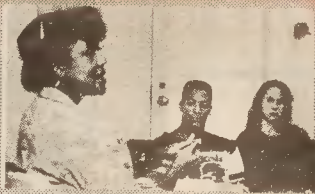


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Primary's aftermath: Did coalition hurt?

JOHN HINTON
Chronicle Staff Writer

THE LOSERS

INCUMBENT Mazie S. Woodruff, the lone black county commissioner, did not expect to be analyzing a primary loss this

Woodruff, whom some predicted to be the front-runner, failed to win one of the Democratic nominations in the commissioners' race last

Woodruff, the second man and only black to serve as county commissioner, finished with 10,968 votes, behind S. Holleman Jr., who led the ticket with 12,397 votes, and G. Willard, who totaled 11,000 votes.

Woodruff said she is not bitter at anyone,"

Mrs. Woodruff said in an interview Monday. "If we had a better turnout, I think I could have done better."

Mrs. Woodruff, who is a retired medical-supply salesman, had said last Tuesday night that the low voter turnout, especially in predominantly black precincts, hurt her campaign. "If people don't vote, they have no reason to gripe," she said.

'Playing Both Ends'

Mrs. Woodruff said Holleman received 2,000 black votes from the East Winston precincts, but that she didn't get similar results in the predominantly white county precincts.



Deposed incumbent Mazie Woodruff: By politically embracing Sheriff Preston Oldham and fellow commissioner candidate John Holleman, did she hurt her chances? (photo by James Parker)

"He was playing both ends," Mrs. Woodruff said of Holleman. "He was campaigning in the black community and the white community."

Mrs. Woodruff denied reports that she and white candidates

Holleman and E. Preston Oldham campaigned together.

Oldham, an incumbent, won the Forsyth County sheriff's race against two Democratic opponents. He polled 3,588 votes in black precincts.

'A Sacrificial Lamb'

"I was never a teammate of John Holleman. That would have been stupid of me to team up with my opponent," Mrs. Woodruff said. "Oldham was Please see page A2

Bailey: His key is broad support

JOHN HINTON
Chronicle Staff Writer

THE WINNERS

Robert O. Bailey topped the ticket again in the Democratic primary for school board.

Bailey, the only black candidate ever to be elected to the board, led a crowded field of 14 candidates Tuesday's primary, receiving support from both black and white voters.

Bailey routed his opposition, beating his challenger, fellow incumbent Nancy L. Wooten, by nearly 10,000 votes. "I have tried to run my campaign with an open mind," said Bailey, who totaled 11,320 votes to Wooten's 10,352. "People know I have worked hard to be effective with all my decisions as a school board member."

Bailey, 52, led the ticket in the primary. He ran strong in

several county precincts and throughout Winston-Salem.

"He (Bailey) is a very credible public official," said R. Michael Wells, chairman of the Forsyth County Democratic Party. "He is recognized as a capable and good person."

The five Democratic school board candidates should work as a team to defeat the five Republicans in November, Bailey said.

"Politics is a funny game," said Bailey, the director of the media center at Winston-Salem State University. "Things can change dramatically between now and November."

The proposed redrawing of school attendance lines and the racial imbalance at some schools

will be campaign issues, Bailey said. "I don't want them to become racial issues," he said. "Race should not figure into the picture."

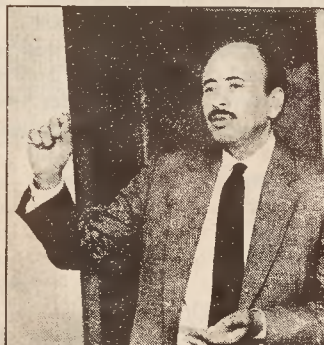
Bailey said he favors a review of school attendance lines throughout the system.

The other black Board of Education candidate to survive the primary, Evelyn A. Terry, placed fifth in the Democratic primary with 7,194 votes. "I am pleased with the vote of confidence that I received," she said.

Mrs. Terry said she received support from black and white voters. "My support was broad-based," she said. "Many people know I am a qualified and viable candidate."

Mrs. Terry, director of institutional research at WSSU, said she is going to "work like crazy to insure victory in November."

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Above, front-runners Bailey and Burke; below, Tatum, left, and campaign chairman Earline Parmon, far right, lament his loss (photos by James Parker).

Focus on illiteracy

Session to address national problem

ROBIN BARKSDALE
Chronicle Staff Writer

Every day, thousands of North Carolina adults rely on their inability to read to cross the street,

have guys walking around in three-piece suits and can't read. People can't read road signs, and can't shop for their groceries."

Dr. Velma Jackson

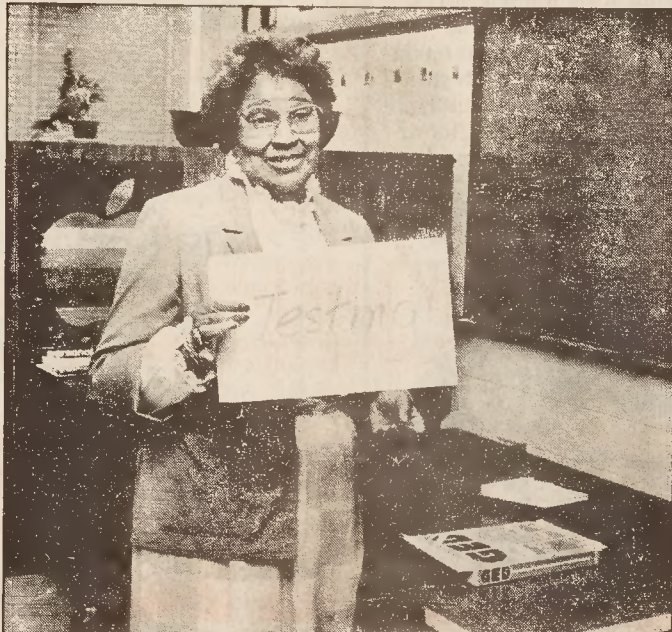
groceries for their families, themselves to and from and perform other everyday

for nearly 40,000 Forsyth

County residents, simple tasks become major challenges because they can't read.

The problem of adult illiteracy has escalated both nationwide and in the state. The 1980 Census Bureau report shows that more than 1.5 million adults in North Carolina never completed high school and that 835,620 of those residents lack basic reading and writing skills.

Dr. Velma Jackson, a counselor at Forsyth Technical College and an active member of the campaign against adult illiteracy, teaches reading classes for adults who want to learn to read. Illiteracy, she says, cuts across social, economic and Please see page A3



Dr. Velma Jackson on illiteracy: It knows no class or racial distinctions (photo by James Parker).

'She was the League'

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
Chronicle Staff Writer

When Hazel E. Brown came to the Winston-Salem Urban League in 1961, she was fresh out of business school and ready to work. Twenty-five years later, with two more degrees under her belt, she's still eager and working at the Urban League.

On May 1 Ms. Brown marked her 25th year with the local Urban League. She boasts the most seniority of any employee there.

"She was the Urban League when I came to town," Urban League President Thomas J. Elijah Jr. said. "She really is an institution."

During those 25 years, Ms. Brown, an Eden native, has worn many hats.

Her positions have ranged

from secretary-bookkeeper to administrative assistant to personnel assistant to intake assessment specialist to her present post as Older Worker Program coordinator.

She said that she even assumed the responsibilities of the executive director during the interim in the '70s when the league was searching for former Director Sam Harvey's replacement. "I've had a little bit of experience doing just about everything," she said.

The years have brought numerous changes for both the Urban League and Ms. Brown.

When Ms. Brown started at the league, it consisted of only two offices and was located in the Hanes Community Center. She Please see page A3

Black farmer: A legacy ends

By JOHN D. HOFHEIMER
Pine Bluff Commercial

HOOVER, Ark. (AP) -- Leonard Nelson, a 64-year-old black farmer from Hooker, leaned forward in his bentwood rocker and confided that he had tried to get his youngest son to "study agriculture."

"But you just said you didn't want your son to go into farming," said a confused visitor.

"I wanted him to go into agriculture, not into farming," Nelson said, explaining that his son could have gotten a job with the cooperative extension service or some similar governmental outfit.

'No Future In It'

In a note of finality and with massive forearms crossed over his barrel chest, Nelson said of farming, "It's no future in it."

It's a moot point anyway, since Eric DeWayne Nelson, 20, the last of Nelson's four sons, is studying computer science at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Nelson and Andrew Walker Sr., a 78-year-old black farmer from Gethsemane, think they may make their last full crop this year.

Large farm surpluses, shrinking foreign markets, low prices and supports, falling land values and declining credit opportunities have left many American farmers in a jam.

During some recent years, black farmers were four times as likely as white farmers to leave the land. Many black farmers have small, marginal operations and are thus, some say, in a group hardest hit by hard economic times.

Moving On

Nelson and Walker have stayed on to work the land as nearly all their many brothers, sisters, sons and daughters have left the farm. "Most young people in the last 20 years went to college and moved on to better jobs," Nelson said.

Why does he farm? "I like to turn the soil and see crops grow," he said.

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