

# The winners

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She agreed with Bailey that school attendance lines will be an issue in the fall. "Everybody gripes about busing children several miles to school each day," she said. "It is an issue that needs to be looked at."

Bailey's re-election prospects are excellent for the Nov. 4 general election, said the Rev. Jerry Drayton, chairman of the Political Action Committee of the Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates.

"Bailey has name recognition and a broad base of support," Drayton said.

Mrs. Terry also will be a strong candidate in the fall, Wells said. "She is known by many people to be active in Democratic politics."

Both candidates will need to mobilize more black voters and receive a substantial number of white votes to win in November, Drayton said. "We have black

candidates nominated in the primaries, only to be defeated in the general elections," he said.

In another contest, Logan Burke said that he won the Democratic nomination for the 67th District state House seat because he ran "a clean, aggressive campaign."

Burke, who is black, received 2,763 votes; while John D. Clark, who is white, received 1,871. Given the fact that the 67th District is predominantly black, race may have figured in the contest, Burke added.

"It probably had something to do with it, but I don't think it was the real issue," Burke said. "I spoke to the issues."

Clark has said he will support Burke and the other Democratic candidates in November.

Burke said that support will help. "Mr. Clark ran a clean campaign, and so did I," he said.

"There are no hard feelings between us."

Burke will face black Republican Diana Williams-Henry in November.

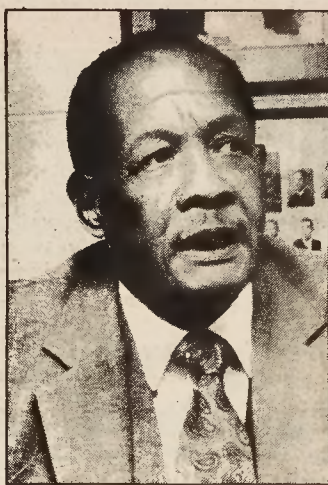
"We will continue to do the things that helped us win the primary," Burke said. "In politics, you never take anything for granted."

Burke said he considers himself the front-runner in his race with Ms. Williams-Henry, who faced no Republican opposition in the primary.

"I plan to run an issue-oriented campaign," said Ms. Williams-Henry, who was an unsuccessful Republican candidate in the North Ward's aldermanic race last fall.

Her Republican candidacy "will give people in the 67th District a choice," Ms. Williams-Henry said.

Burke should win easily over



The Rev. Jerry Drayton



Diana Williams-Henry



Evelyn Terry

Ms. Williams-Henry, Drayton said. "There is no way he can lose," he said. "She doesn't have a chance. (Her campaign) is an exercise in futility."

White Republicans tend not to vote for black Republicans, Drayton said. "There are not that many black Republicans in

that district," he said.

Ms. Williams-Henry would not respond to Drayton's comment.

But Burt Breathette, Ms. Williams-Henry's campaign manager, discounted Drayton's statements. "She (Ms. Williams-Henry) is a caring and qualified candidate whose concern goes far

beyond party or racial bias," he said.

Walter Marshall, president of the local chapter of the NAACP, said Burke will probably win in November. "Logan's victory was expected in the primary, and a good bet to win in November," Marshall said.

# The losers

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not even in the commissioners' race. If I was going to be used as a sacrificial lamb, why didn't anyone tell me?"

But both Holleman and Oldham said that the three did meet and agree before the election to sponsor vans in the black community to carry voters to the polls and to distribute their literature in the vans.

The three agreed to "quietly work behind the scenes together," Holleman said.

## No Formal Coalition

"I was willing to help in any way possible," Oldham said Wednesday morning. "I did everything in my power to help Mrs. Woodruff."

However, Oldham said no formal coalition existed between the three candidates. "No such agreement ever existed for us to campaign together," he said. "It was not a hard-core coalition."

Some observers contend that, whatever its form, the coalition benefited Holleman and Oldham much more than it did Mrs. Woodruff.

Holleman said he wondered how running the vans only in the black community would help Mrs. Woodruff and asked her about it before the election.

He said she replied, "Preston's a good man, and I want to do whatever I can to help him."

Holleman also said that he offered to have poll workers hand out Mrs. Woodruff's campaign literature but that she declined, saying she didn't believe in poll workers.

Holleman, who campaigned in the black community, acknowledged that he received substantial black support, but said that Mrs. Woodruff received between 2,000 to 3,000 votes in the county.

Mrs. Woodruff won 2,504 votes in the county, Holleman 4,083 and Willard 4,894.

## Sample Ballots Blamed

Both Mrs. Woodruff and Holleman were endorsed by the *Chronicle* and the *Winston-Salem Journal*. Mrs. Woodruff and Holleman also were endorsed by Southeast Ward Alderman Larry W. Womble in a radio ad.

Mrs. Woodruff blamed her loss partly on the Black Leadership Roundtable Coalition's decision to distribute 10,000 sample ballots listing the *Chronicle's* endorsements.

Holleman's and her name should not have appeared together on the ballots, Mrs. Woodruff said.

William H. Tatum, a member of the Roundtable, which was formed in 1982 but has been largely inactive in recent elections, said his group's ballots did not affect Mrs. Woodruff's campaign. Her loss came in the county, he said.

"I am a member of the Round-

table, and I didn't win, either," said Tatum, who finished seventh last Tuesday in the Democratic primary for school board.

## Sticking Around

Mrs. Woodruff, who won bids for the Board of Commissioners in 1976 and 1982, said it is difficult for any black candidate to receive support in the county in at-large elections.

Mrs. Woodruff, who will remain a commissioner until December, said she will attend county commissioner meetings when her term is over. "I am not going to get angry and go home," she said.

When asked if she would run again in 1988, Mrs. Woodruff said, "That seat belongs to the people. If they want me, I will run. If they don't want me, they can choose someone else. The black community needs representation on that board."

R. Michael Wells, chairman of the Forsyth County Democratic Party, said the outcome surprised him, too. "She didn't do as well as most people expected her to do," he said.

Wells said he thought Mrs. Woodruff would lead the ticket. "She has done a good job as a county commissioner, and she is well-respected," he said. "I am not aware of anyone working against her."

## It Turned On Turnout

Some black leaders said Mrs. Woodruff lost because of low turnout at the predominantly black precincts in East Winston. Others said she failed to mobilize black voters to support only her in the county commissioners' race.

Still others criticized her alleged alliance with Oldham and Holleman.

"People in the black community supported her, but she didn't get them to the polls," said Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian H. Burke. "The election turnout could have been better."

## 'No Excuse'

The Rev. Jerry Drayton, chairman of the Political Action Committee of the Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates, said he was surprised by the low turnout, especially at the Winston-Salem State University precinct.

"There were 1,548 registered voters (in that precinct), and Mazie only received 111 votes," Drayton said. "I would have expected a larger turnout at that precinct, especially after Jesse Jackson came there a week earlier and gave such a rousing speech. There is no excuse for her defeat."

## Riding The Coattails

Walter Marshall, president of the city's NAACP, said Mrs. Woodruff's association with Oldham and Holleman did not

work for her.

"Sheriff Oldham and Holleman benefited from her coattails in the city, but she did not get their votes in the county," Marshall said.

Marshall said Mrs. Woodruff should have used a "single-shot" strategy to alert the black community to vote for only her in the commissioners' race.

Tatum agreed that Mrs. Woodruff's showing did not benefit from her "alliance" with Oldham and Holleman. "She didn't capitalize on any of his (Oldham's) votes in the county," he said.

## Encouraging Finish

Naomi W. Jones, a retired schoolteacher, said she was encouraged by her sixth-place finish in the Democratic school board race. Five nominations were available.

"I thought I did very well," said Mrs. Jones, who received 6,231 votes. "I was pleased with the votes that I got."

The two black Democratic nominees are Beaufort O. Bailey, who came in first with 11,320 votes, and Evelyn A. Terry, who finished fifth with 7,194 votes.

Mrs. Jones, who made her first attempt at political office, said she should have campaigned more in the county as well as the western and southern parts of the city.

The low voter turnout, especially in many black precincts, may have hurt her campaign, Mrs. Jones said. "Voter turnout is always low in off-year elections," she said.

Mrs. Jones said she is considering running for a school board seat again. "I haven't fully made up my mind," she said, "but there is a great possibility I will run again."

## Disappointing Showing

Tatum, who was seventh in a field of 14 Democratic candidates, said he was disappointed with his showing. "I am not satisfied at all by losing this election," said Tatum, who was visibly disappointed as the results were tallied on Election Night.

Tatum said his 17-day stay in April at Ft. Benning, Ga., for Army Reserve summer camp hurt his campaign. "I didn't do enough to get the vote out," he said.

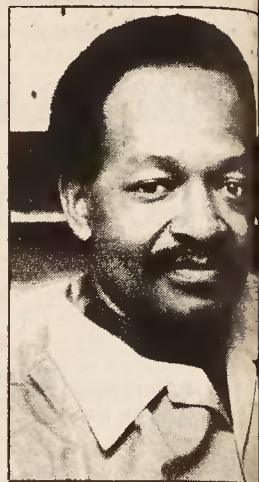
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John Holleman



Naomi Jones



Walter Marshall

Many black voters didn't know who the black candidates were in the school board race, Tatum said. "I did get some white votes, but I didn't get enough black votes," he said.

Tatum said he probably will not seek public office again.

## New Methods Needed

He also said that the method of electing school board members

needs to change.

"I don't think we will get full representation on that board (under the present set-up)," Tatum said. "We will have to work hard to get Bailey and Mrs. Terry elected in November."

Tatum suggests a ward voting system for school board elections. "We have to draw the line somewhere," he said. "We have to get away from that quota system."

Bailey is the only black ever to

have been elected to the county school board.

## Shouldering The Blame

Tatum also criticized all black candidates for not working together.

"Everyone was out there fighting for himself," he said.

"We are the ones to blame for our election," Tatum said. "We can't blame those white folks for our election."

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