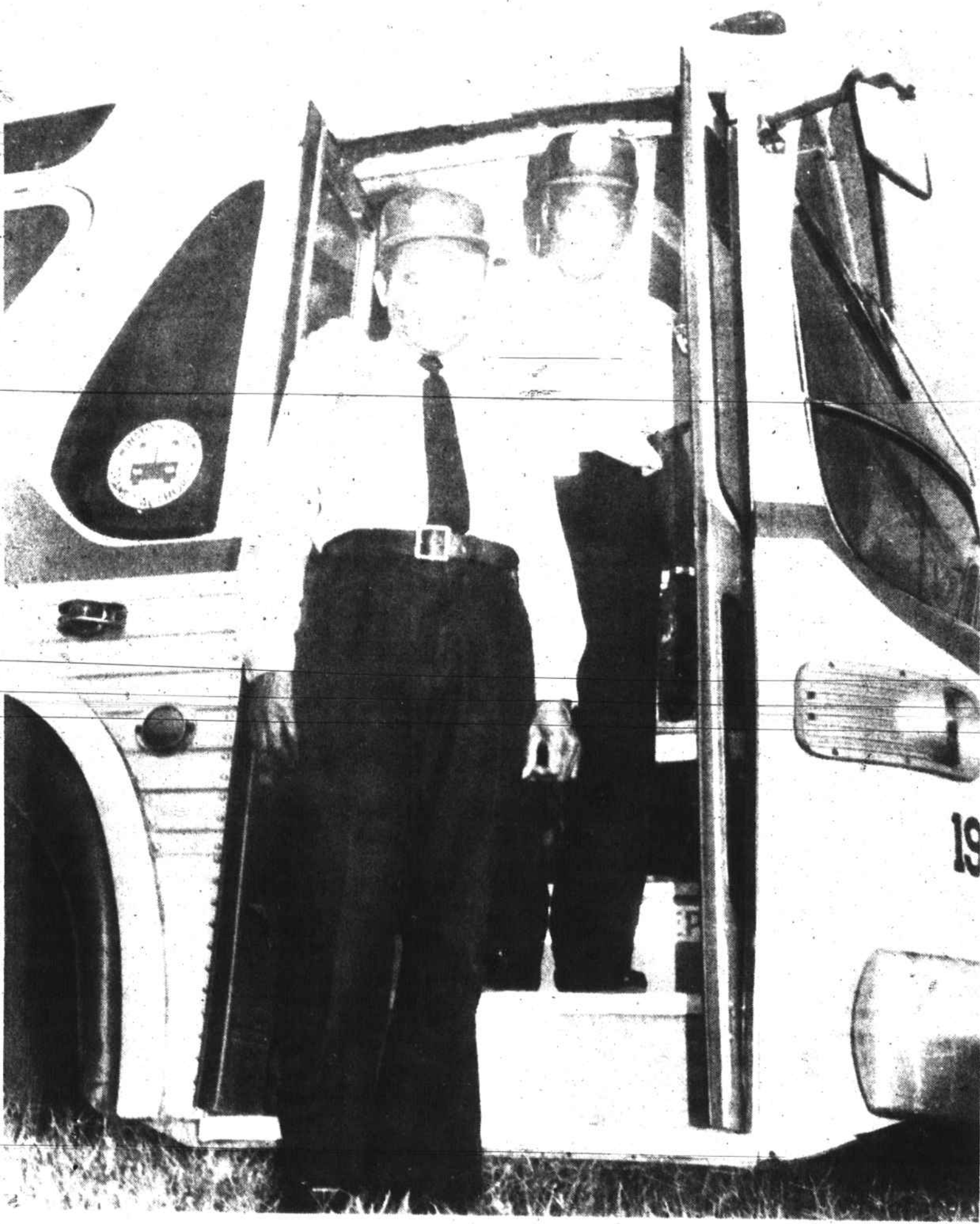


# People



The brothers Campbell, Theodore and Clark, have been a part of the city's transit system since the time they started their careers with the city's African-American owned Safe Bus Company. Today, the brothers both drive routes for the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (photos by James Parker).

## CLOSE-UP

### The Campbell brothers: Leave the drivin' to them

By ESTHER WOODS  
Chronicle Intern

When Theodore Campbell got out of the U.S. Army in 1946, he had his mind set straight on Chicago. But before going to Chicago, he promised his brother that he would stop in Winston-Salem and spend a week with him.

That week never ended. Theodore joined his brother Clark Campbell at the Winston-Salem Transit Authority in 1946 and they have been providing service ever since.

"I came to Winston on my way to Chicago in 1946 and I'm still here," Theodore says.

At 22 years old Theodore started working with his brother at the Safe Bus Inc., which was the only private African-American transit system incorporated in the United States.

Clark, the oldest, and 24 at the time, started out first with the company in 1944. He started out in the maintenance department as a grease man and a mechanic's helper but was transferred to a bus driver two years later.

"I didn't want to be a bus driver at all because I had seen the problems bus drivers had but when I started going broke, I kept the job," he says.

Before he got out of service, Theodore was offered a job with the bus company during a visit home but had not planned to take the offer.

"I wasn't thinking about the job when I was in service but when I got out I was washing buses," he says.

Two years later he too became a bus driver. Although they are employed with the Winston-Salem Transit Authority now, the brothers say their most pleasant moments were with Safe Bus Inc.

The initial stages of Safe Bus Inc. began with buses being operated solely by individual African-Americans.

"Safe was an individual thing at first like I own a bus and you own a bus thing," Clark says.

But on May 26, 1926, a charter was granted to the organization to operate buses as a corporation known as Safe Bus under the laws of North Carolina.

The entirely African-American company was established upon the principle of service above

profits.

The bus service operated over 13 percent of the city including East Winston, Union Station and Happy Hills Gardens. It had six routes including Boston Union Station, Cleveland Avenue, Eighth and Garden streets, 11th and Trade streets.

"Safe was forced out of business because of the mass transit system. The government was paying 80 percent for equipment and during 1972 they passed the mass transit law, Clark says.

"Private companies just wasn't able to survive at this time," he said.

"The company wasn't able to purchase equipment because of the progress in the bus system."

At that time, Safe had 45 passenger buses that cost \$27,500. The value of the fish-shaped, square, buses today is \$168,000.

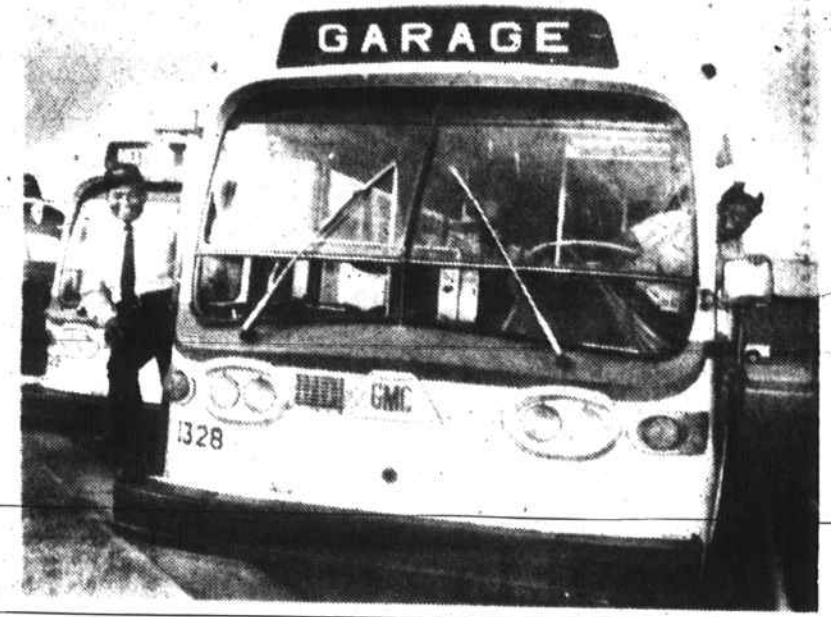
As a result of the mass transit system which took effect in 1972, Safe Bus Inc. became the Winston-Salem Transit Authority.

"They just changed everything," Theodore says.

After serving the African-American community for almost 50 years, the African-American bus drivers consolidated with the city and began routing to white districts in the city.

"It seemed to me that they seemed to do away

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUG. 20

Evenings in the Neighborhood will present the A.B. Band with Top 40s music at Winston-Salem State University at 7 p.m. The performance is free to the public.

The Community Artists Series will be held at Rupert Bell Recreation Center Thursday, Happy Hill Recreation Center Tuesday, Aug. 25, and at Piedmont Circle Recreation Center Thursday, Aug. 27.

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

•Bob Ouradnik will speak at the Center for Life Enrichment, 1509 S. Hawthorne Road, on the Egyptian phenomenon "Understanding the Mystery of the Great Pyramids" at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

Super Saturday for Kids will present Beth Dryra at 10 a.m. with puppets and ventriloquist materials. There will also be face painting and balloon animals.

SUNDAY, AUG. 23

•The Fulp family reunion will be held at the East Walnut Community Park at 2 p.m. In the event of rain, the reunion will be held at Red Rock Lodge, Pine Hill Road. A motorcycle will meet at the Lodge at 1:30 p.m. and direct those who do not know the directions to the park at 1:45 p.m. All persons are asked to bring food baskets.

•A workshop on healing and techniques for overcoming chronic pain and tension, with Susan Baggett, will be held from 2-6 p.m. at the Center for Life Enrichment, 1509 S. Hawthorne Road. Pre-registration required, fee charged. For more information call 768-0558.

•A workshop on scientific techniques for learning to relax will be held at the Center for Life Enrichment, 1509 S. Hawthorne Road from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Pre-registration required, fee charged. Call 768-0558 for more information.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

•A three person exhibit at Artworks Gallery will be held from 7-9 p.m. through October 10 at Artworks Gallery, Inc., 217 W. Sixth St. Vincent Rabil will show large-scale figurative paintings dealing with movement and respective imagery. Jean Parish will show "garden fantasy" paintings and sculpture. E.O. Hill will show graphite and turpentine wash drawings of figures and landscapes. For more information call 723-5890.

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## SOCIAL NOTES

### Thompson announces WSSU promotions, appointments

Chancellor Cleon F. Thompson Jr. has announced the appointment of 20 new and returning faculty and the promotion of two administrators at Winston-Salem State University. The announcement came during the opening session for the 1987-88 academic year.

The 15 new faculty members are:

#### Department of Business and Economics

Dr. Henri Bailey III, associate professor specializing in management science; Dr. William F. Kauder Jr., associate professor of accounting; Alfred McDonald, assistant professor of accounting; Dr. Daniel Radell, associate professor specializing in system science.

#### Department of Education and Physical Education

Logan Burke, resource consultant, Teacher Education Student Service Center; Dr. Velma



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Jackson, resource consultant, Curriculum Materials Center; Cynthia Stanley, lecturer in therapeutic recreation; Dr. Claudia Warren, associate professor of early childhood education; Dr. Marie Williamson, director, Kenan Program; Dr. Lu D. Wims, associate professor and area

coordinator for physical education; Kevin Wilson, adjunct instructor of sports administration.

#### Department of Mathematics/Computer Science

Dr. Shin-Shan Jou, associate professor of mathematics and computer science and Francis N. Oseji, instructor of computer science.

#### Department of Social Sciences

Dr. Lorenzo Battle III, associate professor of history/interim chairperson, and Dr. Ike Okonta, assistant professor of philosophy.

Faculty members returning from study on personal leave are Delayne Shah, instructor of special education; Lenora Richardson, assistant professor of nursing; Ilene H. Sears, assistant professor of music; Dr. Ann Weigle, associate professor of biology; and Dr. Samiha Youseff, professor of education.

Also, Dr. Melvin Gadson was promoted to associate dean from chairperson of the Department of Education and Physical Education, and Irvin Hodge was named associate vice chancellor for physical plant. He was formerly the director of physical plant.

In another administrative appointment, Cheryl Harrison was named director of alumni affairs/annual giving.

Thompson said he looks forward to a very progressive academic year.

"We have a new degree program in sports management, new faculty members who bring additional expertise to our instructional program, a core of returning faculty and staff who are distinguished professionals in a class of freshmen and new students that exhibits great potential," said Thompson. "We have every reason to be optimistic about this year."

## ABOUT TOWN

### Free Salem College course to explore unity of all women

By ROBIN BARKSDALE  
Chronicle Staff Writer

What could the poet Emily Dickinson, an unemployed woman in Winston-Salem, the author Alice Walker and a career woman and mother in the Twin City all possibly have in common?

Lots. And their commonalities will be explored in a special course being offered at Salem College.

The class, Women's Experience, will focus on a discussion of problems, issues, concerns and high points of

women's lives. But this won't be your run-of-the-mill chalkboard and note-taking class. This one promises to be different.

For one thing it is absolutely FREE. There is no charge whatsoever to enroll in the class. And, transportation will be provided at no charge to those who do not have transportation to Salem College. Babysitting service will also be provided at no charge for those who have children and are not able to obtain a babysitter while they are attending the sessions.

In terms of content, the

sessions will, hopefully, bring together the high school dropout and the holder of a Ph.D. to discuss their common feelings of loneliness and to share their means of coping with the challenges and pleasures of being a woman in the 1980s.

Additionally, the sessions will place these women's means of coping into historical perspective, comparing the struggles and problems of Emily Dickinson's day as documented in her works with those faced by all shapes, colors and economic levels of women today.

"The whole idea is for women to gain a greater self-understanding," says Marian Ackerman, executive director of the Council on the Status of Women, which is co-sponsoring the sessions with Salem College's Continuing Education program. "These sessions are open to all women from all backgrounds and economic levels. We want them to look at themselves and the linkage between family and the work world. We'll look at

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