

Family harassed

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"...but we didn't," said Mrs. Campbell. "I don't even have a gun in my house. We don't have any kind of weapon in our home. He's destroying our property and that's just right."

She said that on occasion she has noticed McHone hurling stones and sticks at his own home.

The December incidents, the Campbells said, are the latest in a series of similar situations McHone has instigated.

"He's always yelling racial stuff at us," Campbell said. "When he first really started he would come out in his yard and yell at us and niggers had stolen all the jobs and houses. He would wake us up at night cursing and talking loud."

Campbell said that the problem reached a peak on Christmas night, when he claims he was again harassed by McHone.

"I heard loud talking outside. I went outside to see what was happening," said Campbell. "The man next door, Charles McHone, said, 'I see you over there nigger. I'm going to kill all you jiggers when the sun comes up.' I took out a warrant that same morning."

Two days later, Campbell said, she saw McHone knock the window out of his truck, but was unable to stop him before the damage was done. The Campbells said that other than the racial slurs, McHone has given them no reason for his actions. Mrs. Campbell said also that they are baffled as to why the sheriff's department has not taken action against McHone.

But, Alston said that there is little the department can do unless the Campbells can substantiate their charges against McHone.

"The source of relief for them (the Campbells) would be to substantiate the facts and take out a warrant," Alston said. "During the course of the investigation we may be able to come up with a witness

to the incident. The relief should be in court. They should have the facts to substantiate their allegations."

Alston said that each incident is judged on its own circumstances and that previously unsubstantiated actions do not affect future instances.

"I'm in sympathy with them, but you can't assume that because he's been doing it for two years that he's the one that did it this time. You have to have the facts or it won't hold up in court."

The Campbells claim that on one occasion, McHone hid in the bushes in their yard at night and jumped out at their son as he came home. Alston said that an individual must be warned not to come onto property and if that individual persists, he may then be charged with trespassing. But incidents such as that, the Campbells said, have made them uneasy to come out of their own home. The couple have two children living at home, but Mrs. Campbell said she doesn't allow her four-year-old son to go outside in the yard very often because "you just don't know when he'll (McHone) kick off."

But despite the late-night shouts, the objects thrown into their home and the general harassment, which the Campbells feel certain McHone has caused, there may not be enough evidence to declare him a menace to the community.

Alston said that there must be a representation of unusual conduct and that the matter would ultimately have to be referred to an attorney and the courts for a determination. In most instances, he said, if a person has made specific threats, then a warrant may be taken out by the offended party. Alston said an individual may be considered dangerous to the community if he repeatedly threatens someone, discharges a gun or

threatens to do bodily harm. He is considered harmful to himself if he attempts suicide or threatens suicide, Alston said. The final responsibility for making a determination of whether a person is hazardous to himself or his community, he said, rests with the clerk of the court.

Walter Marshall, president of the local branch of the NAACP, said that he is not surprised that the alleged incidents have occurred nor, he said, is he surprised that no real action has been taken against McHone.

"The real problem is that it is just racism," Marshall said. "You've got a person next door to a black and he feels he has some right to harass them. It's one of those things where you see racism on the increase. The real issue is the role the sheriff's department has played in not punishing him."

Marshall said this particular incident is one of several complaints he has received about racial unrest in integrated neighborhoods and in the city, in general. In some cases, he said, he has been contacted by concerned white residents who fear the outbreak of racial incidents in their neighborhoods.

"There is one case where an old white guy sits out on his porch with a shotgun and shouts obscenities at black people," Marshall said. "The black people are afraid to call and say anything because they don't know what he might do to them. Their white neighbors have called me to see if there's anything I can do before something happens."

Marshall said also that he has received calls about similar situations in Kernersville and that he received a call about an elderly Afro-American man on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive who was verbally abused by a group of white teen-agers passing by in an automobile.

Growing racial tension across

Simmons seeks office

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Monday. Simmons has been employed by Wachovia Bank for 20 years and has served on the "Shaping Our Future" bond referendum committee. She has served as special voter registrar, a member of the N. C. State Democratic Executive Committee, a member of the Winston-Salem Human Relations Committee, a member of the Citizens for a New Coliseum Committee and the Coliseum Fact-Finding Committee.

Her civic affiliations include NAACP, the National Council of Negro Women, the United Way, the North Carolina Black Repertory Theatre Guild and the Boy Scouts of America Old Hickory Council Troop # 868.

Simmons graduated from R. J. Reynolds High School, attended Forsyth Technical Institute and is a member of St. Stephen's Baptist Church. She is active in the Parent, Teacher, Student Association and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

She said her supporters include: Earlene Parman, former chairman of Forsyth County Democratic Party and head of LIFT, who will serve as campaign manager; Waddell "Gene" Williams, Jr.; Reynard McMillan, Alderman Larry Womble, Patrick Hairston and Larry Little.

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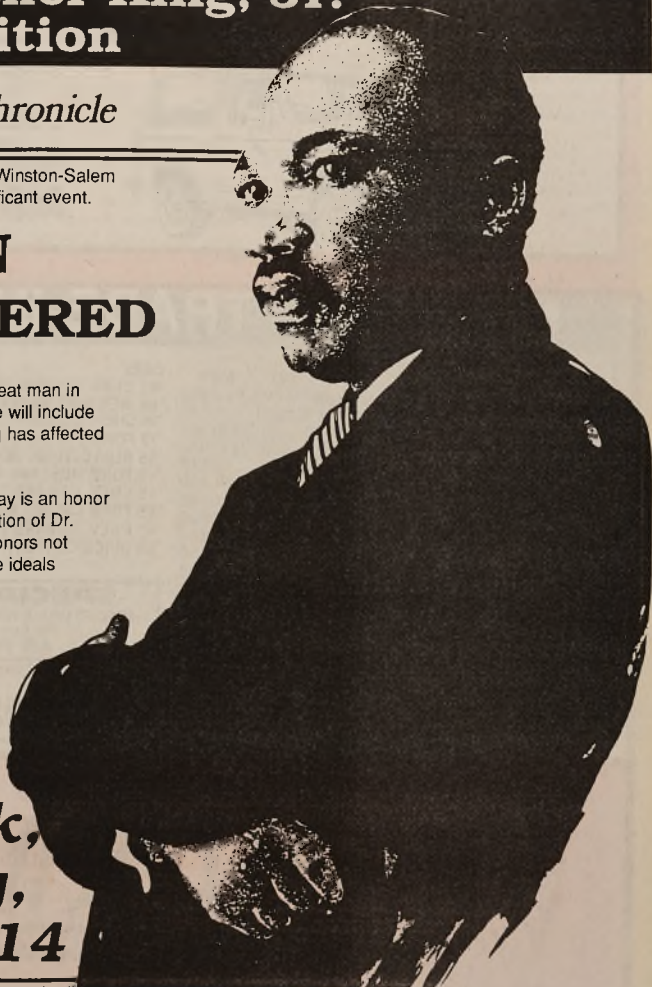
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