

Forum

Readers write supporting Mazie

To The Editor:
It has been my good pleasure as a lifelong resident of this community to observe individuals who have and are making a serious impact on this general area. One such person who has made and is making this community a better place to live is Mrs. Mazie Woodruff.

Her unflinching concern for this county and all of its residents is history. She has, and is, working full time to insure that the best possible medical services, educational opportunities, public safety, and the general well-being of all citizens are met. The worthwhile causes that she has championed are legendary. As an advocate for the people, she is not equaled.

During the long period of her public service, she has remained available to the people. There are no problems too large and nothing insignificant to Mrs. Woodruff. No person is unimportant and no person is so important as to change her, and her dedication to mankind.

It has been my good pleasure to have known her for many years, and I have found her a gem of a person.

Thank you for allowing me to express my support for this fine public servant.

Peyton T. Hairston
Winston-Salem

Defending Mazie

To The Editor:

It is sad to see how a person who has been the backbone of her community can be hanged in effigy because of the negative perceptions of a few who choose to destroy her credibility.

A great woman when she was alive once told me that the quickest way to destroy good leadership in the black community was through the print media. Such was the case in last week's Chronicle editorial about Mazie Woodruff.

Yes, Mrs. Wilson, you would be very disappointed, because you and Mazie worked hard to negotiate and provide for better jobs for our people, better opportunities for all people, especially blacks and women; you dared to challenge a system of unequal public education; you struggled for better health care for those who have no means; yes, you walked the streets of Winston-Salem when it was not popular -- even when it was downright dangerous -- to give a mes-

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sage of hope to people whose dreams were turning to despair.

The list could go on *ad infinitum*, but that's not necessary. Everyone who is aware knows the truth. There needs to be no long exhortation about what you've done. The results are right in the building where this newspaper's business exists and all over this city and county, where people are realizing the good life because of the blood, sweat and tears of women like Mazie S. Woodruff.

Evelyn A. Terry
Winston-Salem

In support of Mazie

To The Editor:

What is Mazie Woodruff about? Mazie has answered this question in her performance as a two-term County Commissioner because Mazie is a black mother of seven children and 15 grandchildren, a single parent for 26 years, the head of the household who worked to take care of her family. Not only did Mazie take care of her household, but she helped solve the many problems facing people of her visibility. She has firsthand experience and information on the effects of a lifetime of segregation and discrimination that blacks have had to endure since 1619.

Mazie Woodruff has for years before her tenure on the County Commissioners articulated the fact that blacks needed better health care and facilities. Mazie has been outspoken on non-employment and under-employment of minority and poor citizens. She has been responsible for assisting in the hiring of minorities and women in areas where this was unheard of.

Mazie Woodruff has been the most outspoken citizen and commissioner on better pay for teachers and quality education for all. Mazie is positive in her approach and not reactionary. Mazie Woodruff believes in the worth and dignity of every individual and fights for it.

Mazie Woodruff can, more than most people I know, talk about the problems of being a female head of a household; being a single parent; being the sole breadwinner; parenting alone; walking the streets where the action is; being there to help where it

matters. Mazie Woodruff believes in attending those who are sick in our society. Those that are well need no physician.

Mazie represents the mother, paraphrasing, whom Langston Hughes talks about because "Life for Mazie ain't been no crystal star." She also represents the women Maya Angelou spoke of in "And Still I Rise."

Thank you, Mazie. You have earned my vote and support, and I hope others feel that same way.

Virginia K. Newell
Alderman,
East Ward

Supporting Ann Simmons

To The Editor:

Good news. As citizens of Forsyth County, we are pleased to support Ann Simmons, Forsyth County Commissioner candidate, in the May 3 Democratic Party primary. Ms. Simmons is deeply concerned about the problems we have here in our county. She is also committed to help solve these problems. She believes that together, this county can achieve the common goals of economic growth and improvement of the human condition.

Her platform includes strong advocacy for fair and decent housing, jobs, education, health care, police, sheriff and fire protection. Moreover, she strives to advance the economic growth of our community without sacrificing human and natural resources.

Employed by First Wachovia Corp., Ms. Simmons has 10 years experience with the bank. In addition, she has an outstanding record of community service which includes much involvement in political, educational, civic and church-related activities. A few of her outstanding achievements are as follows: Member of Citizens for a New Coliseum Committee, Outstanding Servant to the City of Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission (1984-1986), Winston-Salem NAACP Outstanding Servant as Youth Adviser (1984) and recipient of the Up and Coming Distinguished Citizens Award in 1985.

Again, we are proud to support such a worthy candidate.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynard McMillan
Winston-Salem

We thank all the stars who helped us raise over \$10,000,000.00 in pledges and gifts for the United Negro College Fund and its 42 member colleges. And a special thanks to all the behind-the-scenes volunteers and donors who contributed so much to making the telethon an enormous success.

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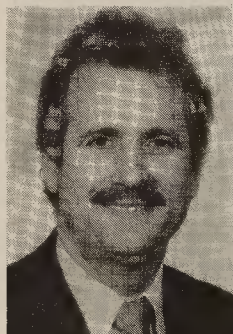
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Democrat
State Superintendent
"THE EDUCATOR"

QUALIFICATIONS

- Doctorate in Education -- University of Tennessee and University of Oregon
- MA Education -- University of Kentucky
- Currently Professor of Education, Appalachian State University (11 years)
- Author, Experience Based Education Sourcebook



Henry McCarthy

- Former public school administrator
- Former public school teacher, coach
- Member Boone Town Council
- ASU faculty representative to IDEA Institute (national training seminars for superintendents and principals)

COMMENTS

"Chris Scott, the president of the labor group (A.F.L. - C.I.O.) said, 'The debate had to do with questions of substance and electability. I think there was no question that McCarthy was the professional educator and understood the issues.'"

-- Raleigh News and Observer

- Former Director, Division of Justice and Crime Prevention, award-winning program
- College Student Body President
- Graduate, James A. Gray High, Winston-Salem

"Anyone who knows me views me as a doer or activist, and I assure you that my tenure as your next superintendent will be just that."

-- Watauga Democrat

ISSUES

- The State Superintendent should be a professional educator and not just a politician.
- The dropout rate among students is too high. More parent involvement and early identification of potential dropouts should be encouraged.
- A core curriculum should be followed by all students. Today we track students into programs for those who "think" and those who "work," when life for everyone is a blend of both.
- The working conditions of teachers must be improved. Salaries should be increased. The contrast between teachers and other professionals is depressing.
- The State Department of Education is in need of reorganization. I propose a freeze on hiring and a task force to help determine the department's future direction.
- Our schools must have a clear vision of what they are trying to accomplish.

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