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-- Lee Faye Mack

Community upset over NAACP plan

By ANGELA WRIGHT
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Local NAACP President Walter Marshall was on the defensive Tuesday as he faced a barrage of questions about the new election plan from Afro-American community leaders and concerned citizens.

Marshall had organized an open meeting so that concerned persons in the community could voice their reservations about the plan and get answers to any questions they might have.

The meeting was tense, and often hostile, as community leaders challenged the plan itself. Some criticized Marshall for bringing the plan back to the community before agreeing to it.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Forsyth County agreed to an out-of-court settlement June 6 in a lawsuit the NAACP filed in 1986 regarding the method of election for the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners.

The lawsuit had sought a district system of election, and an end to the at-large, staggered terms currently in place. But the agreement reached between the NAACP and the county calls for a combination district-at-large system of election.

Under the new plan, there will be five districts -- one 92 percent Afro-American. Candidates for the County Commission will be nominated by district during the primary election, and will run in an at-large general election.

The majority of those attending Tuesday's open meeting voiced strong opposition to the at-large general election portion of the plan and harshly criticized the plan as an inadequate means for assuring Afro-American representation on the Board of Commissioners.

"Since in the general election everyone has the right to vote for everyone else," said Attorney Harold L. Kennedy Jr., "theoretically we could have a situation where these people would run a Republican, black or white, in our district and wipe out our Democrat vote in the general election."

Marshall responded that such a scenario was not likely, but that to ensure against it, the community "would have to control our Republicans as well as our Democrats."



Marshall Defends Plan

NAACP President, Walter Marshall, defended the county's election plan during open community meeting.

Several prominent members of the community were present including: Aldermen Vivian Burke, Patrick Hairston and Larry Womble; community activists Lee Faye Mack and Velma Hopkins; county commission candidate Mazie Woodruff; educator Annette Beatty; and NAACP vice president Rodney Sumler. They all expressed either grave reservations or outright disapproval of the plan.

"I have a problem with a plan that white folks bring and put in black folks hands," said Mack. She told Marshall that he

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Local historian dies quietly

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The Winston-Salem community suffered the loss of one of its most ardent and devoted curators of local Afro-American history with the death of Joseph L. Bradshaw.

Bradshaw died Tuesday following a long bout with cancer.

Long recognized as the leading authority on the history of Winston-Salem's Afro-American community, the 73-year-old Bradshaw had compiled a historical collection of the city that included the founding and history of the Safe Way Co., a pictorial history of the Afro-American flight to the city

Noon vigil commemorates 1976 Soweto massacre

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG
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A group of Winston-Salem residents met in front of the Federal Building at high noon Thursday to remember the June 16, 1976 massacre of more than 700 school-age protesters, some as young as 12 years old, in Soweto, South Africa.

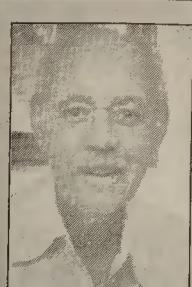
Those demonstrating 12 years ago in South Africa were struck down for raising their voices. The Rev. John Mendez and Carlton G. Eversley carried the weapons of passive resistance in response, using posters, placards, leaflets

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and documents from the old Slater Normal School. He pursued little known facts about the Afro-American community with a passion that frequently led him to the attics of local residents.

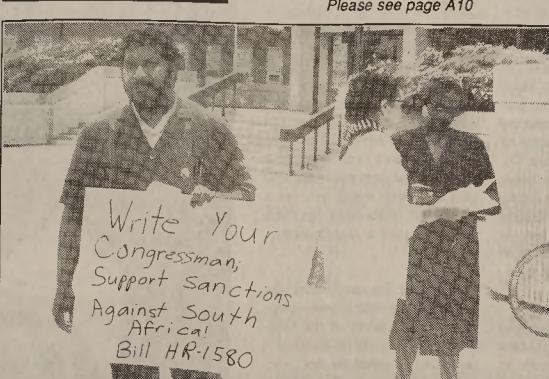
A graduate of Pennsylvania's Lincoln University, Bradshaw was a retired history teacher who taught in the Surry County School System. As a history teacher, he said he was disturbed by the omission of Afro-Americans from history books and began his quest to combat the oversights by collecting as much information as possible.

And Bradshaw was more than willing to share his slices of histo-



"I just want to share this history with everyone."

— Joseph Bradshaw



The Rev. John Mendez was one of the leaders of a demonstration supporting a sanctions bill now making its way through Congress.

photo by Harden Richards

Eargle resigns post, Phillips overlooked

School Board selects unqualified fill-in

By ANGELA WRIGHT
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The superintendent of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system, Zane Eargle, has resigned effective July 31. On August 1 he will take the helm at Pfeiffer College, a Methodist institution located in Misenheimer.

Eargle notified the local board of education of his intentions early last week. The board met in an emergency session Friday to accept Eargle's resignation and voted to name N. Nelson Jessup acting superintendent.

Some local school officials have expressed their concern over the naming of Jessup as acting superintendent, and questioned the school board's intentions as they relate to Dr. Barbara K. Phillips, assistant to the superintendent.

Jessup is assistant superintendent for auxiliary services. He started with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system in 1960 as a math teacher at Hanes High School.

Jessup lacks the certification by the state board of education to be a superintendent. Although the local board had initially named him interim superintendent, it was necessary for them to change the title to acting superintendent because of his lack of certification.

An interim superintendent must be certified and draws the usual superintendent's salary; an acting superintendent need not be certified and draws less than the usual

salary.

Sue Carson, the city-county school/community relations liaison, said the board of education wanted a temporary replacement who would not be a candidate for the permanent position. She said that Jessup had publicly stated that he would not apply for the permanent position.

Jessup says he is one course away from certification and that although he "never really thought about applying for a superintendent's position," he planned to complete the course necessary for certification as soon as possible.

"I think I'm going to get that course because I think it's important for the superintendent to have that certification," he said. "If I can take the course pretty quickly, I will."

Jessup said, however, that he viewed his acting position as a "learning experience" and that he had no desire to be superintendent of schools. Jessup said his responsibilities as assistant superintendent for auxiliary services involved construction, maintenance, transportation and food service.

When asked why Jessup was chosen over several other persons who have superintendent certifications, Garlene G. Grogan, chairman of the board of education said, "We did not feel like that was that important. Mr. Jessup has been in the system for a long number of years."

Grogan said she could not divulge any of the school board's discussions about the interim replacement because the decision

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Police seeking black applicants

Recruitment program underway

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The Winston-Salem Police Department will actively recruit minority applicants for 20 new positions to be filled next year in order to bring the percentage of Afro-American police officers more in line with the city's population, Police Recruiting Sergeant A.D. Vance said Monday.

City Police Chief George L. Sweat recently asked the City Board of Aldermen to fund the addition of 20 officers to the police department for next year, hopefully to begin work by March 1989. With 31 vacancies already existing on the

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NEWS DIGEST

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Sharpton accused of bugging

NEW YORK -- Brawley advisers C. Vernon Mason and Alton Maddox stood by the Rev. Al Sharpton today, saying the man who claims he was hired by Sharpton to bug their conversations was hired by the government.

On the tapes, Sharpton and lawyers Mason and Alton Maddox were heard discussing "the four days of the alleged kidnapping, not to be a kidnapping, but actually a four-day party."

Cancer linked to poverty

WILMINGTON, Del. -- The higher poverty rate among black Americans is a factor in the higher cancer death rate among blacks, said the new leader of the American Cancer Society.

When middle-class blacks are compared to middle-class whites or poor blacks to poor whites, "the differences in cancer survival between blacks and whites nearly disappear," said Dr. Harold P. Freeman.

Fade cream ad angers blacks

PHILADELPHIA -- A new advertising campaign for Porcelana Fade Cream that invites young black women to become "faded beauties" by bleaching their skin is creating an uproar in Philadelphia.

The billboards feature a close-up photograph of two light-skinned black women and the words, "Faded Beauties of Philadelphia," along with the product