

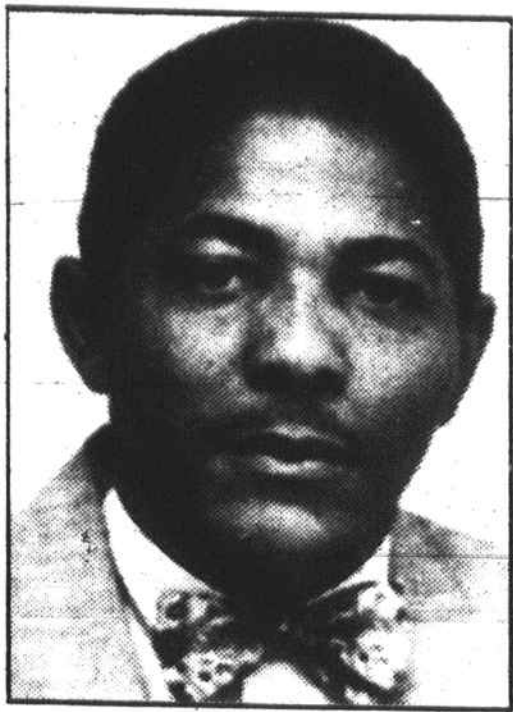
Political newcomers announce candidacies

The field of candidates for city positions is increasing as Afro-Americans toss their names into the hat for seats on the Board of Aldermen and for the position of mayor.

Incumbent Mayor Wayne Corpening announced Monday that he will not seek reelection, leaving Afro-American Charles S. Smith and Alderman

Martha S. Wood of the Northwest Ward in contention for the seat.

Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian H. Burke filed for a fourth term, while new challengers filed as candidates for the North and Northeast wards. The most recent candidates are listed here.



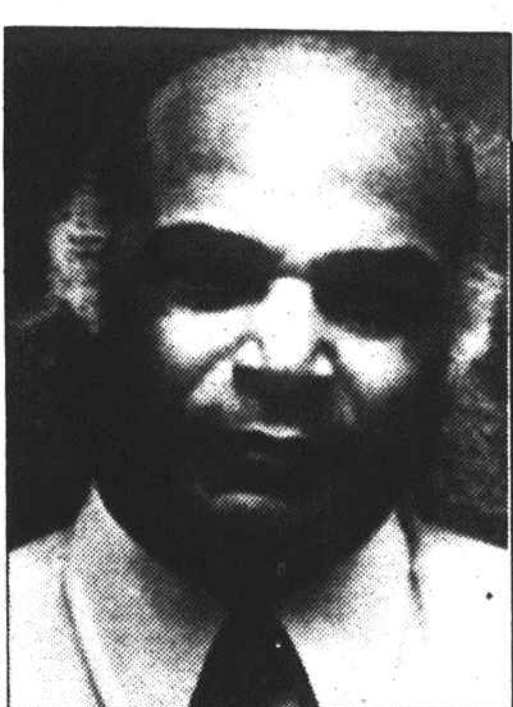
Jimmie Lee Bonham, Democrat
Candidate for: Alderman, Northeast Ward (position currently held by Vivian H. Burke who has filed for reelection)

Personal — Address: 1617 E. 14th St.
Date & place of birth: Jan. 7, 1955, Winston-Salem
Profession: Hair stylist, owner, Hair By Jimi salon
Spouse: The former Carmen Russell
Children: Russell, 6, and Chelsea, 2

Claim to fame — Hair styling
Community involvement — NAACP; deacon, trustee & treasurer, Shiloh Baptist Church; board of directors, Shiloh/St. Peters-Day-Care Center; Human Resources Committee, Forsyth Tech
Political experience — None
Political philosophy — "If not now, when? If not here, where? If not me, who?"
Why are you running? — "Because I am uncomfortable with the way East Winston is at present. I am not running for myself, but to help stimulate others to become active in the community and to help improve the quality of life for those individuals in our community."
Platform — Economic development, housing, new jobs, new businesses owned by blacks and women

What are Winston-Salem's two most serious problems and what are your proposed solutions? — "My response is specifically about East Winston."
1. Lagging economic development
2. Housing (and high crime rate)

"My proposed solutions are my platform. The population of East Winston is decreasing. I plan to push for economic development measures to stop that. With new businesses come new jobs. I plan to work to help make East Winston desirable again so that people will want to work and play here. When that happens people will want to rebuild and we will see a general redevelopment of East Winston as well as a decrease in the crime rate."



Carl W. Matthews, Democrat
Candidate for: Alderman, Northeast Ward (position currently held by Vivian H. Burke who has filed for reelection)

Personal — Address: 3415 Cumberland Road
Date & place of birth: May 6, 1931, Winston-Salem
Occupation: general employment
Spouse: divorced
Children: Three adult daughters (two nurses, one flight attendant)
Claim to fame — Led the sit-down at the lunch counter at S. H. Kress & Co., in Winston-Salem 1960. Was later arrested with 21 Wake Forest students, but by then local civil rights movement was beyond point of no return.
Community involvement — Two years ago worked with Salvation Army in feeding people on the street.
Political experience — Has not held public office but was a political activist during desegregation efforts
Political philosophy — "All cit-

izens should have equal access to the ears and services of their elected officials."

Why are you running? — "The same type of attitude that existed in the '60s exists today: bias, prejudice and discrimination against blacks."

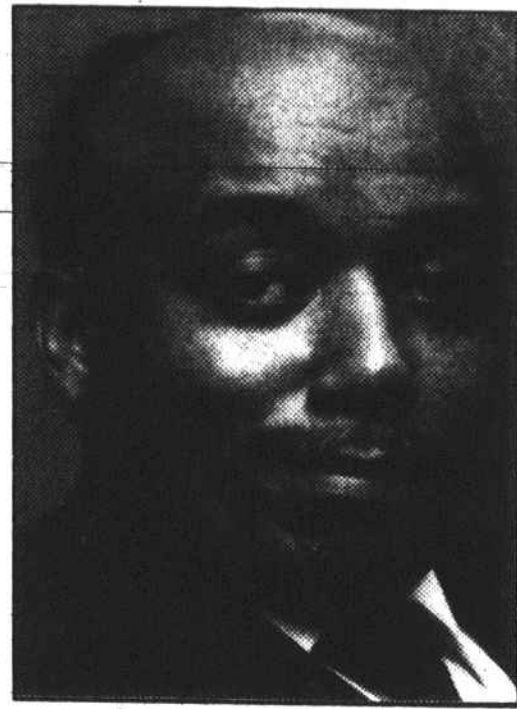
Platform — "I will fight for fairness, justice and respect for everybody. All Americans should have a piece of the American pie and the American dream."

What are Winston-Salem's two most serious problems and what are your proposed solutions?

1. Drug and alcohol abuse
"After the law enforcement officials have done their job of apprehending offenders, I don't feel that slick lawyers and lenient judges should get them off lightly. As alderman I would speak out against it and use my street experiences to tell the story. I would try to reeducate the public. (I lived in the streets for a while because after my civil rights activities no one would hire me and I lost every job I got.)"

2. Education
"In this city and state I do not see how a student can finish from Winston-Salem State or Wake Forest and not know some history about this city, about the role this city played in the civil rights struggle. I would reach back and try to educate our youth wherever we can reach them."

"I've heard that the board is belligerent and frequently bickers. I'm not a bickerer but I'm also a protector of what needs to be protected. I could possibly add some stability to the board."



Frank King Thomas Jr., Democrat

Candidate for: North Ward Alderman (position currently held by Patrick Hairston who has not formally announced his intentions)

Personal - Address: 423 West 25th Street
Date & Place of Birth: January 2, 1944, Winston-Salem
Occupation: local businessman, owns Thomas Enterprises, a discount uniform store and a catering and bartending service
Spouse: separated
Children: a ten-year-old daughter

Claim to fame - "Fairness and understanding."

Community involvement - Chair of his neighborhood watch committee, North precinct treasurer

Political experience - none

Political philosophy - "The people who put me in office, I'm their instrument and I will try to be the best caretaker of the city and the area to which I am given charge and be the best politician and human being I can be."

Why are you running - "I'm a concerned citizen. I grew up in this town. I've seen this town go through all types of changes and I think I can offer some leadership to this town."

Platform - "I feel there needs to be more done on the drug and alcohol problem especially concerning our children. No black owns anything major in this city like (One) Triad Park. The city gives millions to put up these monstrosities. Let a black, let the rest of the community get involved in sharing the wealth."

What are Winston-Salem's two most serious problems and what are your proposed solutions?

1. Drugs
"There needs to be a bigger breakdown on the landlord situation. Landlords need to share in the responsibility when drug dealers are living in and selling drugs on their property. I, as a parent, feel that all parents should be held responsible for providing safe environments for their children. If parents can't keep their children away from drugs and alcohol and if they won't try, I think the child should be taken out of the home and sent maybe to some type of camp where they can be helped."
2. A bickering city Board of

Aldermen.

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Charles S. Smith, Republican
Candidate for: Mayor

Personal - Address: 5135 Amber Crest Drive
Date & Place of birth: October 19, 1928, Davie County
Occupation: "I'd rather not answer that right now."
Spouse: divorced
Children: 7

Claim to fame - "I'm best known for my civil rights work and for being one of the authors of the 1968 Fair Housing Act."

Community involvement - "I'm president of the Greenway Neighborhood Association; former president of the Tenants Council; I had one of the first clean-up campaigns ever in the city of Winston-Salem; I was on the NAACP executive committee and I was on the ESR (Experiment in Self Reliance) Executive Committee."

Political experience - "The only thing I have was being the executive director of Clemmons Affairs. I defended trying to get the community to incorporate. The community was 98 percent white and they chose me as their leader in 1981."

Political philosophy - "That all mankind must believe now that we are all brothers."

Why are you running? - "The reason I'm running for mayor of Winston-Salem is I believe I have a better program. I believe I can help more people than the present administration."

Platform - "Economic development, education and attracting big industry and jobs for our folks."

What are Winston-Salem's two most serious problems and what are your proposed solutions?

"The blighted areas in East Winston are targets I will be dealing with. People in improper facilities. We've had more crime in those areas and people have not been treated fairly."

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