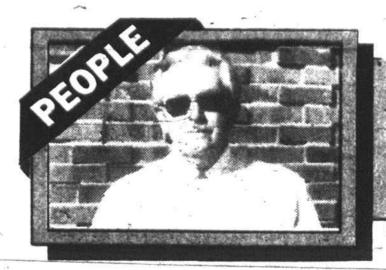


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Oliver: Process is slow but recall drive moving ahead

By ROBIN BARKSDALE Chronicle Staff Writer

The head of a citizens' committee asking for the recall of Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian Burke said Tuesday that efforts to get 624 signatures on a recall petition are "moving along."

Dr. J. Raymond Oliver, chair of the Concerned Citizens of the Northeast Ward, said that the group has undertaken door-to-door methods of securing the necessary number of names on a recall petition.

"We're still gathering signatures. We've found that the process is slow," Dr. Oliver said. "We're learning that a number of people don't understand the issues involved, so it's taking us more time."

Dr. Oliver said that there are about 20 people working with the

committee but that, in many cases, committee members are having to explain what the issues surrounding the recall are. The committee has said that it is initiating recall action against Mrs. Burke because of her decision at the Dec. 4 board meeting which dealt Afro-American aldermen out of key committee appointments.

Dr. Oliver said that the group is not discouraged by the length of time that it has taken to secure the names on petitions. He said also that, regardless of how much time it takes to explain the issues, the committee feels that it is crucial that Northeast Ward residents understand the significance of Mrs. Burke's actions.

"The removal of Wirginia Newell as chair of the finance committee was a political power move designed to gain control of the purse strings of city government," he said. "Placing (West Ward Alderman) Robert

Northington, a Republican, in that position gave Northington the power to exercise considerable influence as to how money will be spent and for what purpose...We do not know just yet how much East Winston will lose. Some persons in politics and economic development predict that the losses will be in the millions of dollars. How much money is designated for development in East Winston will depend on how Robert Northington thinks and votes and how the alderman from the Northeast Ward votes since together they certainly will represent the balance of power."

Dr. Oliver said that his committee has not set a timetable or deadline for collecting the signatures necessary to continue recall proceedings against Mrs. Burke.

Mrs, Burke was not available at press time Wednesday.

K.R. Williams dies City bids farewell to a pioneer

individual who was sincere

and whose interest in the wel-

-- Dr. Kenneth R. Williams

fare of people was sincere."

By ROBIN BARKSDALE Chronicle Staff Writer

The city of Winston-Salem lost one of its leading citizens just before the dawn of the new decade when Dr. Kenneth R. Williams died last Sunday at his home.

A native of Virginia, Dr. Williams

Afro-American alderman when he was elected to the board in 1947. He held his seat from 1947 to 1951. A modest, soft-spoken man, Dr. Williams described his history-

making accomplishment as "a real privilege."

"Here we were paying taxes and having no jobs except menial ones and no representation whatsoever. I tried to understand what could be the difference between colonists being taxed without representation. I decided that there was no difference," Dr. Williams said during a Chronicle interview shortly after being selected for the Sara Lee/Charles McLean Award.

a. Dr. Williams The Rev. K.O.P. Goodwin, a long-time friend and colleague of Dr. Williams, remem-

Dr. Williams, remembers him simply as a man with principles.

"I knew him as a very straight forward gentleman. That's how I knew him," said Rev. Goodwin. "I consider

his friendship to have been top-notch."

The 1,800-seat auditorium on the cam-

pus of Winston-Salem State University
bears Dr. Williams' name, a testament to his

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Dr. Kenneth R. Williams

Candidates gear up for 1990 campaigns

By TONYA V. SMITH Chronicle Staff Writer

Before city residents, and the media, get a chance to catch their breaths from the whirlwind activity of the 1989 primaries and general elections, a new slew of candidates have begun vying for voters' attention.

Filing for the Nov. 6, 1990, election officially opened Tuesday for state and local candidates. Seats are available on the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, the State House and Senate and in the Sheriff's office.

Sheriff E. Preston Oldham announced Dec. 28 that he will seek re-election. Robert F. Joyce announced Tuesday that he will be challenging the incumbent in the May 8 Democratic Primary.

Mr. Joyce, who made his

announcement on his 43rd birthday, said he has no law enforcement experience, but said "the county's best sheriff" - Ernie Shore - was a baseball player and that he had no expertise in the field.

"It does not take law enforcement experience to be a good sheriff," Mr. Joyce said in front of an audience of more than 25 family members and well-wishers. I think a sheriff can get a lot more done with managerial and administrative experience."

Mr. Joyce's father, Ben P. Joyce, was a Highway Patrolman and eventually retired from the registration division of the Department of Motor Vehicles. He followed in his father's footsteps, beginning his career as a hearing

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Director of Best Choice Center resigns, interim replacement named

By TONYA V. SMITH Chronicle Staff Writer

After only eight months on the job, the pioneer director of the Best Choice Center has been snatched up by the state Department of Human Resources, and Monday she became North Carolina's new assistant chief of adolescent services in the Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse.

As assistant chief, Anita Jones Dunston will be

responsible for Gov. Jim Martin's drug and substance abuse council, his Challenge program, training schools, detention facilities and state hospitals that house adolescents who are substance abusers.

The Best Choice Center (BCC), located at 1521, 14th St., was established Nov. 20, 1988, to foster a drug-free community through intervention, prevention and education. The center was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Poor and Needy Trust Fund so that it could hire a full-time director. Mrs. Dunston

was hired in April. The Washington, N.C., native was the Outreach Services Director at Step One Inc., a drug abuse treatment facility, before she joined the BCC.

The Best Choice Center (BCC), located at 1521 ston's assistant at Step One and at the BCC, has been named interim director.

As a grant writer for the federal government, Mrs. Dunston had always rubbed shoulders with the higher-ups and had even been offered a job in the District of Columbia. She declined the offer, despite the fact that

she would have been compensated for the astronomical cost of living difference.

Later, a friend – who was leaving a state level job – said she had recommended Mrs. Dunston as her replacement.

"But I didn't really take her seriously," Mrs. Dunston said. "But then I got a call from Raleigh in October and they said, 'We want a look at you.' I said you've

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Phillips selected European delegate, tapped for award by NAFEO

From Chronicle Staff Reports

Assistant superintendent Barbara K. Phillips has been selected as one of 40 national delegates to participate in a study tour of Europe, scheduled for Oct. 31-Nov. 13, 1990.

"Symposium on the New Europe - East and West: Implications for American Education" will allow educators from the United States the opportunity to study education in the Soviet Union, to discuss educational policies and practices and interact with Soviet Educations and practices and practic

cators.

Dr. Phillips was invited to join the tour by Erling W. Clausen, president of the American Association of School Administrators. The tour will include stops in Moscow, Suzdal, Vladimir, Leningrad and Brussels.

"Our dialogue with the educational leaders of the Soviet Union,
as well as school visits will give
each of us an opportunity to observe
on a first-hand basis what is happening to education behind the Iron
Curtain," Mr. Clausen said. "The
study tour will provide insights into

Brown Kennedy and Alderman Larry W. Womble.

The Harvey Gantt for U.S. Senate Exploratory com-

mittee is co-chaired by former state Sen. Melvin Watt,

North Carolina National Bank board chair Hugh McColl

and Sarah Jordan, a leading advocate of women and chil-

the significance of the opening of the Iron Curtain, an act that will indeed impact the quality of life in America in the years ahead."

Mr. Clausen also outlined the objectives of the study mission, to provide American educational leaders with insights into the historic changes happening in the Soviet Union, its satellites and in the new European Economic Community; the historical, ideological and cultural contexts, and the issues that these changes raise for American schools in relation to cultural literacy, educational exchanges and the

competency and competitiveness of the American work force in what will be a new and different global community.

Before her trip to the Soviet Union, Dr. Phillips will take part in an Educator Orientation Visit and workshop to the Naval Training Center in Orlando, Fla. Eighty-five high school and community college educators were invited to attend the workshop.

The assistant superintendent is also involved in what is considered the largest organization committed to improving education for Afro-

Americans – Quality Education for Minorities (QEM) network. Its purpose is to improve the quality and variety of educational opportunities available to minority students so that they are better prepared to achieve academic excellence in school and to advance in the work force. QEM Network succeeded QEM Project, which is preparing a report "Education That Works: National Goals for the Education of Minorities and How to Achieve Them." That action plan is sched-

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Dr. Barbara Phillips

Harvey Gantt

Gantt's exploratory committee includes four local residents

From Chronicle Staff Reports

dren's issues and the wife of former Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan. last month, only 33 percent of voters said they we

"For the last two months, I've been carrying on a con-On Dec. 30 former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt versation with the people of North Carolina," Mr. Gantt announced the formation of an exploratory committee to told supporters last week. "I've been talking with people study the feasibility of him challenging U.S. Sen. Jesse all around this state. In conversations with well known Helms for his seat in the 1990 elections. leaders and average citizens, black citizens and white citizens, males and females, employers and employees. I've Four of the 121 people Mr. Gantt chose to be on his been listening to North Carolinians describe their hopes committee are Winston-Salem residents. They are Clares and fears. From individual and small group discussions and Brown of Clark S. Brown & Son's Funeral Home, Clarence from a statewide survey, I've heard our citizens voice their "Big House" Gaines, athletic director and head basketball concerns about education and jobs, crime and drugs, toxic coach at Winston-Salem State University, Rep. Annie

waste and the environment.

"I've discovered that most North Carolinians agree with me that Mr. Helms isn't doing a good job of representing the concerns of the people of North Carolina in Washington. In the statewide survey of voters we commissioned

last month, only 33 percent of voters said they would vote to re-elect Mr. Helms. The people of North Carolina believe that we can be a bewer state. My conversations with North Carolinians indicate the people of this state are ready for a change."

Mr. Brown said he was unable to attend the Dec. 30 meeting and that he won't be attending one scheduled for Saturday in Charlotte. However, he said Mr. Gantt has a good chance of beating Sen. Helms.

"I think it's possible for him to win," Mr. Brown said.
"He has a difficult task at hand, but I've always said the sky is the limit. He's been working on this, from my understanding, for some time. He's been all over the state and talked to many people who have given him an assurance that they would be with him if he decides to run."

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