

**"Water, Water, Everywhere ..."**

City worker Jerry Rucker creates a low-rise waterfall as he releases a fire hydrant to unstop a sewer on Seventh Street recently.

Photo by Mike Cunningham

**Liberty Tire & Auto Service**

**For Automotive Services:**  
 Tune-ups Brakes Mufflers Radiator  
 Oil Change Air Conditioner Shocks Alignments  
**And for Tires - We have all major brands:**  
 Goodyear, Goodrich, Michelin, Remington, Nitto and Riken.  
**New • Recaps • Used • FREE ROTATION**

**Liberty Tire & Auto Service • 744-0001**  
 3305 N. Liberty St. (near Smith Reynolds Airport)  
 "When you trade tires before seeing us we both lose money"



**Free Storm Door**  
 With Purchase of a Full Siding or Trim Job

We Refuse to be Undersold!  
**Free Estimates**

**Bennett's Home Exteriors**  
 Mary Bennett, Owner

Call Us Today **761-1013**  
 201 North Broad St. Suite 202-A  
 Liberty Building

The Winston-Salem Chronicle is published every Thursday by the Winston-Salem Chronicle Publishing Co. Inc., 617 N. Liberty St. Mailing address: Post Office Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102.

Phone: 722-8624. FAX: (919) 723-9173. Second-class postage paid at Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102.

The Winston-Salem Chronicle is a charter member of the Newfinder service of the Associated Press and a member of the Audit Bureau of Circulations, the National Newspaper Publishers Association, the North Carolina Press Association and the North Carolina Black Publishers Association.

Subscription: \$18.52 per year, payable in advance (North Carolina sales tax included). Please add \$5.00 for out-of-town delivery. PUBLICATION USPS NO. 067910.

**Ministers denounce commissioners' actions**

From Chronicle Staff Reports

It's a waste of time to attempt to change the racist mind sets of those on the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners who obviously don't care about Afro-Americans, said the Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley in his evaluation of the votes of Forrest E. Conrad and Richard V. Linville who opted last month not to make Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a county holiday.

Instead, Rev. Eversley said, he and members of the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity look forward with joy to the day when Afro-Americans will take their rightful places on the Board of Commissioners.

During their Jan. 8 meeting, a week before Dr. King's birthday, Commissioners Conrad, Linville and Wayne G. Willard voted against giving county employees the day off in the slain leader's honor. Chair of the board, John S. Holleman Jr. and vice chair Gerald H. Long supported making Dr. King's birthday a county holiday.

On Jan. 22, representatives from the Minister's Conference read a letter

to the commissioners, denouncing their decision.

"While the rest of the world and the rest of the nation choose to honor the memory of a man whose legacy of peace with justice and love enabled this nation to inch closer to the democracy it proclaims, Forsyth County, N.C., chose rather to emulate Forsyth County, Ga., in its ignorant blindness to truth and righteousness," reads the letter signed by H.L. Moore, president of the Minister's Conference; Reuben Gilliam, secretary, the Rev. Serenus T. Church Sr., chair of the conference's M. L. King Jr. committee; and Rev. Eversley, member of the group's public affairs committee.

"Your lack of appreciation for the civic and cultural progress which King's movement has brought to this county sends a pernicious and negative message to prospective corporate and business interests seeking new locations of residence. Such businesses want environments of stability and harmony not reactionary, antagonisms and deep social and racial divisions that your vote exemplifies and calls for."

Unfortunately, there's not much

Afro-Americans can do about the commissioners' decision, Rev. Eversley said. The new county commissioner election plan even hinders blacks from making sure the three commissioners who voted against the holiday aren't re-elected, he said.

"To some degree we're hamstringing on that because of the district system. But rather than focus on the negative, we should focus on the fact that now we're going to have strong black commissioners joining the board," Rev. Eversley said referring to those Afro-Americans who have filed for office. "Obviously, Linville and Conrad have no history of concern for black people. We'd be wasting a lot of energy focusing on them. We went to the board last week just to express outrage."

The ministers were particularly critical of Mr. Willard who they said has made himself known as a "friend to blacks."

"We are developing longer and longer memories. Particularly opportunistic in this regard is Mr. Willard, whose 50 white phone calls obliterate whatever integrity and principle he

had with 70,000 Forsyth County citizens."

The ministers' also referred to a statement Commissioner Conrad made in the Greensboro News and Record.

"Mr. Conrad, your quotes in the Greensboro Daily Newspaper that 'people' are upset over things being named after 'minorities' (Lawrence Joel, Carl H. Russell, etc.) confirms a long held belief that you do not see 'minorities' as 'people.' From you we expect myopic neanderthal racial insensitivity at best and we are rarely disappointed that you will be at your best at all times.

"Gentlemen, (and we use the term loosely), we realize it is difficult for you to empathize or identify with the needs, aspirations, goals and objectives of other human beings with different complexions and primary sex organs than your own. We thank God almighty that come election day 1990, the complexion and configuration of your board will change."

Annette Beatty, C.P. Booker, Earline Parmon and Mazie Woodruff are the Afro-Americans who have filed to run for county commissioner.

**Booker will seek election to retain his seat**

From Chronicle Staff Reports

Superior Court Judge James J. Booker announced this week that he will seek election to retain the seat to which he was appointed by Gov. James G. Martin last May.

Judge Booker, a Cumberland County native, practiced law for 32 years prior to taking the bench. He is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis and received his law degree from Duke University.

A World War II veteran, Judge Booker served in the U.S.

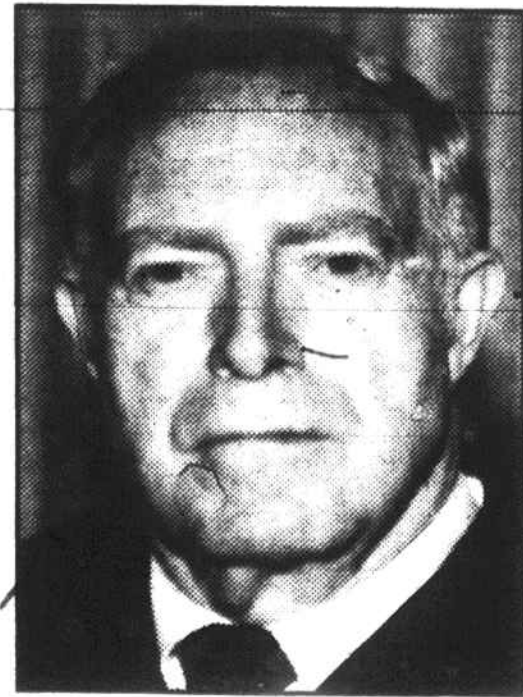
Navy and saw combat in the Pacific Campaign. He was a FBI special agent for three years before beginning his law practice. An Eagle Scout, Booker has been very active in legal, community and civic affairs serving in various bar association capacities, the Forsyth Hospital Authority, president of the Sertoma Club and is a 32-D degree mason.

Mr. Booker was elected to the city Board of Aldermen in 1971 and was the Republican candidate for mayor of Winston-Salem in 1963. He has been an active

Republican since 1956 and has served as chair of the Forsyth County Republican Party.

"This is truly an historic day because I am the first Republican incumbent Superior Court judge to file for election from Forsyth County in this century," Judge Booker said.

"I have a strong background in the military, in the FBI and in the practice of law. With my experience on the bench, I am confident that I can continue to serve the ends of justice throughout our state."



Judge James J. Booker

**Book helps youngsters learn about slavery time**

From Chronicle Staff Reports

Learning about life in Africa and slavery will be a little easier for kids thanks to an enterprising young mother from Memphis, Tenn.

Daisy Jefferson decided to write "Tears for Ashan" after finding herself at a loss for answers to her children's questions about slavery. The questions arose one

evening, three years ago, while she and her two children, James, then 3, and April, 5, were watching a TV show about slavery in East Africa.

Frustrated at not being able to find adequate information in the library, Mrs. Jefferson, wife of a pediatrician, decided to research and write a book that would teach her kids about slavery.

"Tears for Ashan" is designed

to give 4- to 8-years-olds information on what life in Africa was like before the slave trade. The book tells the story of a young African boy abducted by slave traders.

Mrs. Jefferson wanted to maintain complete control over the creativity of her book, so she also decided to publish it herself and has started her own publishing company, Creative Press

Works. The illustrations for "Tears for Ashan" were drawn by Norman Childers, also of Memphis. Ms. Jefferson said she had some reservations about using Mr. Childers as an illustrator because he was not Afro-American. Mr. Childers, who died before the book was finished, used sample lines from the book to do his illustrations.

Please see page A8

**IT'S TAX TIME!!!**  
**Professional Administrative Services**

- Computerized Accounting
- Payroll
- Computerized Check Writing
- Income Taxes
- Corporate Taxes

**785-1311**  
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**CALL SANDRA GRAY**

**Modern Chevrolet • GEO**  
**Salutes Willie Guess**

**Salesman of the year for 1989**

Willie invites all of his customers and friends to stop by Modern Chevrolet GEO today for the best deal on a new or used car or truck.

**MODERN**  
 CHEVROLET • GEO  
 800 WEST FOURTH 722-4191

Appalachian State University  
 John A. Walker College of Business

**EVENING MBA PROGRAM**  
 in Winston-Salem

A program designed for persons working full time who wish to pursue graduate education in business administration.

- Courses are taught by Graduate Faculty from the Walker College of Business at Appalachian State University in Boone.
- Classes are held on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.
- Three-year program begins Fall 1990.
- Tuition is affordable.
- Application deadline for the Fall 1990 class is **May 31**.
- GMAT test scores are required. Application deadline for the March 17 test is **February 14**.

FOR INFORMATION: Call (Boone) 704/262-2057 or (Winston-Salem) 919/750-2637

Dr. Robert L. Cherry, Jr.  
 Director of Graduate Studies  
 Walker College of Business  
 Appalachian State University  
 Boone, NC 28608

Appalachian STATE UNIVERSITY