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Run-off likely in District 67

Woodruff, Parmon elected

By TONYA V. SMITH Chronicle Staff Writer

The hoped for history-making voter turnout among Afro-Americans in Tuesday's primary elections did not become a reality. But a political newcomer and a veteran tallied major victories and will make history in November when two black women take their respective seats on the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners.

According to unofficial returns from the Forsyth County Board of Elections, Mazie S. Woodruff, with nearly 5,000 votes, and Earline W. Parmon, 2,765 votes, were the top vote getters in the District A county commissioners' race, beating a field of four others which included former Alderman Patrick T, Hairston and C.P. Booker.

Mrs. Woodruff and Ms. Parmon are the first commis-

sioners elected by the newly implemented plan that expands the county board from five to seven members and divides the county into two districts in an effort to increase Afro-American representation on the all-white, all-male board.

"I expected to win," said Mrs. Woodruff when asked if she expected to win by such a large margin. "It was all due to hard work and the blessings of God. I only asked him for victory and a clear day and I got both. Voter turnout was very low and I'm sorry that in this day we would have such low turnout. I believe everybody who is able should go to vote. We shouldn't have rules and laws to govern us without us taking part and having a say-so in what they'll be. That's why I vote and I've been this way

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Displaying thumbs up and number one signs, from left, Annette Wilson and incumbent Beaufort Bailey, school board eandidates; Mazie Woodruff and Earline Parmon, the newest additions to the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners; Warren Oldham and Denise Adams, who will most likely face each other in the run-off for the 67th District, bask in their respective victories in Tuesday's primaries.

Community leaders reach consensus

Econ summit forges unity

Chronicle Managing Editor

More than 80 of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County's government, business, and community leaders have agreed that a unified economic development plan is crucial to the area's growth and vitality.

That agreement is an outgrowth of the first countywide economic summit ever held. It was held in Blowing Rock May 3-5, and was organized by John S. Holleman, county commission chair, and vice chair Gerald H. Long.

The group tackled a number of perplexing social and economic issues during their three day stay in a mountain resort before reaching consensus that the city and the county must revamp its economic development strategy and retool its slumping image.

One of the key impressions that most Afro-American's attending the summit left with was the feeling that an honest effort had been made to include every segment of the community.

Ernie Pitt, publisher of the Winston-Salem Chroni-

cle, said the summit was long overdue. "This kind of dialogue is what we needed to have if we ever hope to change conditions in our community. We reached consensus even though we did not all agree," he said. Mr. Pitt said everyone seemed to have only one objective and that was to get the city and county back on track from an economic standpoint.

"There were differences on how it should be done, but for the first time we all agreed that it should be done," he said. "It was clear to me that there was a sensitivity to the concerns that everyone had."

- Gail Anderson, executive vice president of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, echoed those sentiments. "We accomplished a lot more than I anticipated we would before I went to the summit," she said. "I was really impressed with the committment of the people who were there. We all really worked hard." Ms. Anderson said she had been to meetings before where much was discussed but little action resulted. But she said she does not believe that will be the case

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Carter defaults on Skyland school property

By TONYA V. SMITH Chronicle Staff Writer

The Afro-American entrepreneur who fought long and hard for Sky land School and planned to renovate the building has defaulted on his contract with the city-county school system and his \$2,500 deposit is subject to forfeiture.

William R. Carter Jr. had 60 days from March 2 to make good on the \$50,000 bid he made during an auction for Skyland. On May 4 his time ran out and the property reverted back to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, said attorney Douglas S. Punger.

Mr. Carter was arrested March 16 after he was deemed a fugitive from justice because he failed to appear to answer theft charges. He was taken to Dekalb County (Ga.) Jail and held without bond.

Superintendent Larry D. Coble

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"We Made It!"

Photo by L.B. Speas Jr.

Two of the 278 WSSU graduates at the school's 98th commencement give each other a celebratory hug following the ceremony. Edward Perkins was the keynote speaker for the commencement, held at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum May 5. See stories page A3.

Student seeks settlement against Wake Forest Univ.

By TONYA V. SMITH Chronicle Staff Writer

The attorney for an Afro-American law student who was allegedly manhandled, wrongfully accused, and arrested by Wake Forest University security officers and city police, is seeking compensatory damages and asking that the college revamp its policies and practices which led to what he said was discriminatory treatment of his client.

On behalf of John F. McLemore, a third-year law student at WFU, Attorney Robert M. Elliot - cooperating attorney of the North Carolina Civil Liberties Union - asked for an audience with President Thomas K. Hearn or the university's representatives to discuss terms of an agreement to compensate Mr. McLemore.

That meeting took place at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Leon H. Corbett Jr., vice president for WFU's Legal Affairs; Sandra Combs Connor, vice president for Public Affairs and other members of Mr. Corbett's staff sat in on the meeting with Mr. Elliot and his client.

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Annie Brown Kennedy

By JOCELYN DANIELS Chronicle Legislative Correspondent

Money issue in legislative session

RALEIGH -- When the N.C. General Assembly reconvenes here in two weeks, the budget, funding for education, prisons and a number of human services issues will ride high on the legislative agenda. Legislators will also argue whether North Carolina should have a state lottery.

"My major concern is funding of education, health and the prison system," said Sen. Ted Kaplan, D-Forsyth. "These things are critical, especially in light of the fact that the state is \$250 million short of revenues that were forecast."

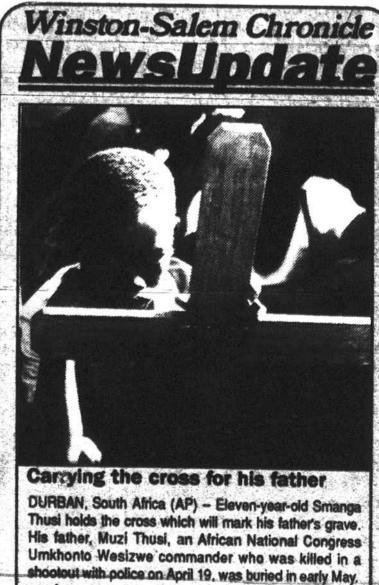
Sen. Kaplan represents Forsyth's 20th Senatorial District.

During this so-called short session, the General Assembly could consider as many as 250 eligible bills. Most of those bills, proposals and study commissions are being carried over from the 1989 session.

Only bills directly affecting the state budget for the fiscal year 1990-91 are going to be submitted from both houses, and then only when the bill is filed within a week after the General Assembly recon-

Additionally, legislators can act on any bill that has passed at least

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Legislative priorities unclear for Black Caucus members

RALEIGH -- The 1990 so-called short session of bly begins passing out money for higher education that the N.C. General Assembly could be remembered as a "hold-the-line" session for the Black Legislative Caucus.

During this session legislators will try to adjust the 1990-91 budget, to increase funding for education and expand prison space. Other issues that many legislators expect to surface include several environmental concerns and a number of human affairs issues.

The "short session" reconvenes on Monday, May 21. Despite the almost wholly general nature of the critical issues slated to confront legislators when they return here, a number of Afro-American lawmakers say they can't relax their vigil.

"We must make sure that when the General Assem-

the historically black colleges and universities aren't slighted," said Sen. Ralph Hunt, D-Durham. "It's incum-

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bent upon us to ensure that these schools be treated equi-

Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy, D-Forsyth, believes that Afro-American legislators must closely examine the prison expansion issue, especially in light of the high number of Afro-American males who are sentenced to

"We must look very closely at the funding levels for alternatives to incarceration," said Rep. Kennedy, "and make sure that we aren't simply creating more space for minorities, especially black males."

Neither of these concerns, nor the attitude of constant vigilance are new for the members of the Legislative Black Caucus. As this group of lawmakers returns here in two weeks, they will celebrate the 21st anniversary that Afro-Americans have helped make North Carolina's laws.

For those two decades, Afro-Americans legislators

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