



Sheriff Ron Barker (third from left) is pictured with officers recently promoted. From left Sgt. Greg Williams, Sgt. Matthew Williams, Cpl. Bobby Wooten, Cpl. Diane Jones and Cpl. Robert Settles.

Sheriff Barker Promotes Four African-Americans in Dept.

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African-American officers lead the way in recent merit promotions in the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department.

Last week, Sheriff Ron Barker announced five promotions in the department and four of those were black.

"These officers have been determined as good leaders and they are qualified for supervisory positions," Barker said.

"They interact well with the public and other officers and I think that's important."

Barker said the new corpo-

ral and sergeants will be among the leadership when they move into the new jail near the summer of 1995.

Although Barker received overwhelming voter support

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from the black community in the November election — and lately a backlash from some African-African deputies — he said the

promotions were not political.

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Some people just stand out over others."

Promoted were: Greg Williams and Matthew Williams (to sergeant from corporal); Bobby Wooten and Diane Jones (to corporal from deputy sheriff); and Robert Set-

ties (to corporal from detention officer).

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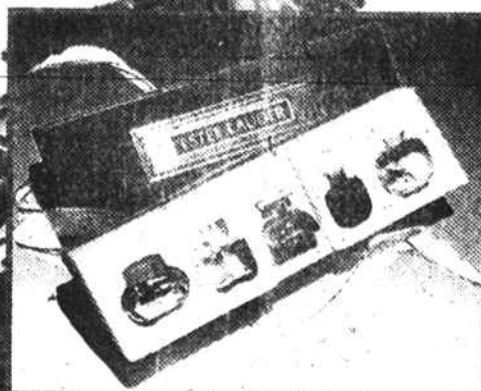
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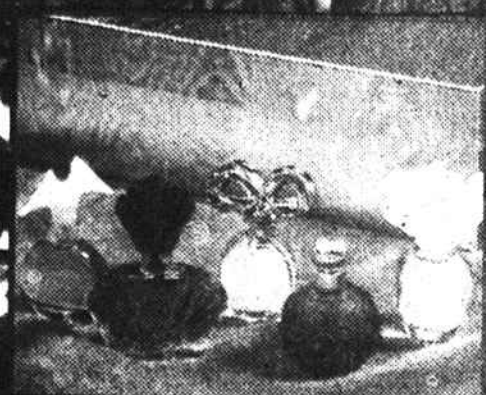
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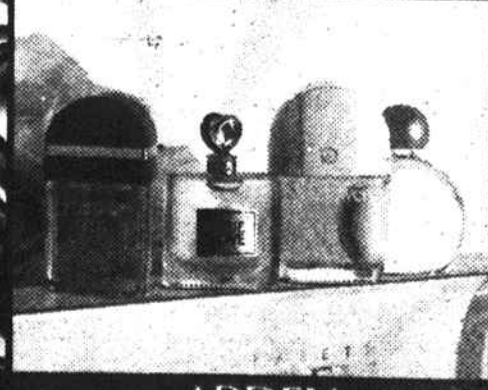
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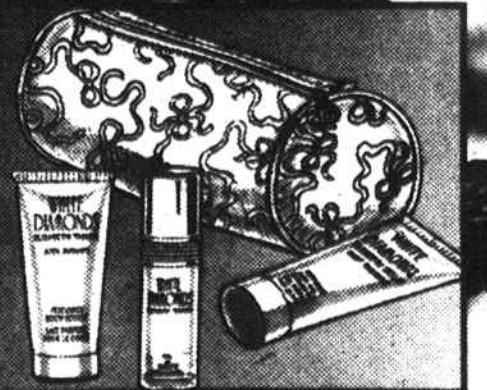
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