



Mazie Woodruff

Community will miss Mazie

▲ Leader, Fighter, Advocate

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Earlier this week, the city of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County suffered a tremendous loss in the untimely death of County Commissioner Mazie S. Woodruff.

Woodruff, 74, died Tuesday morning at Forsyth Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

A community leader and political advo-

cate, Woodruff was known for her many achievements in the political realm.

Woodruff was the first African-American elected to the Board of Commissioners. Her election to a four-year term came in 1976.

Once her term was complete, Woodruff took a two-year absence from the board, but

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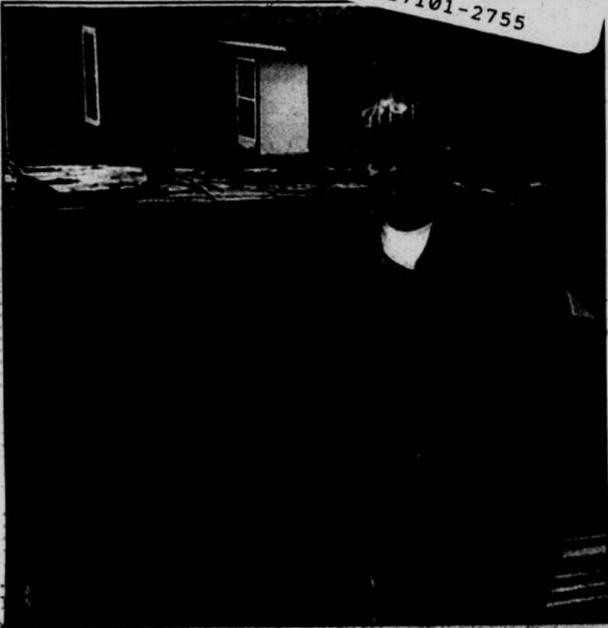
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Jonne and Rosa Hayes pose beside their new mini-van, which they purchased with the help of various donations.

Community aids family's recovery

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It's been said that God may not come when you want him, but he is always right on time. For one Winston-Salem family, this spiritual cliché has a special meaning, and has proven to be true.

Just 22 days after Jonne and Rosa Hayes' dream home was destroyed by fire, the couple, with their three children, moved into a new home on Thrumond Street.

"We are very happy and blessed to be in our new home," Hayes said. "It feels great."

According to Hayes, the new home is much larger than the home that was destroyed.

The new home is composed of four bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, and a basement, Hayes said.

"We knew that God had a hand in the entire situation, so we knew he would make it right," he said.

The tragic event occurred Dec. 4, when the couple's 7-year-old daughter, Shenta-Jonne, was trying to find her Christmas gifts.

The young girl used a cigarette lighter as a light source while looking in a closet. According to reports, the lighter began burning some of the clothes and quickly spread through the room.

Within minutes, the fire spread throughout the house, allowing Rosa just enough time to get the children out.

According to Hayes, his daughter, who felt guilty after the fire, is adjusting very well, and knows that fire is nothing to play with.

"A lot of people don't realize how hard we had worked for that home," Hayes said. "It seemed as if we were just starting to get on our feet," Jonne said.

After 13 months, Hayes and his wife, who both work as nursing assistants, saved

enough money to move from Happy Hill Gardens into their four-bedroom home.

"I didn't mind living in Happy Hill, but I wanted something more for my family," Hayes said. "It was a nice big house, with a front- and backyard for the children to play in."

The Hayeses had lived in their home since June of last year.

"To sit there and watch everything you have worked hard for go up in smoke ... I worked hard for what we had," he said.

According to Hayes, some days he would work 15 and 16 hours, just so his family could have the best.

Aside from the new home, the family also received a new automobile.

Several days after the fire, the Hayes' were involved in a traffic accident in which

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▲ Bachelor-Benedict honors Davis, Trollinger

By FELICIA P. MCMILLAN
Special to the Chronicle

For 67 years the Bachelor-Benedict Club Inc. has been providing a social outlet for black professional men in Winston-Salem. President William Andrews said the purpose of this group was to offer men of like accomplishments an opportunity to have a social exchange, since segregation did not allow them to go to hotels and country clubs in the 1920's.

The club held its 67th Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 28, at Bermuda Run Country Club. Richard N. Davis, owner of Davis Management Accounting Firm, and Thomas P. Trollinger of Contract Office Furnishings received service awards.

The chairman of the Awards Committee read a Distinguished Service Award citation for each of the hon-

orees. It is the policy of the club to appropriately recognize and award its members for outstanding achievement, according to the constitution. "Such achievement must be a matter of public knowledge and of the magnitude that will significantly benefit the community, the state or the nation," states one of the constitution's amendments.

Chairman Bass recalled that Davis grew up in Winston-Salem. The person who had the most influence on his early childhood was his grandmother, who taught him to give back more than he received out of life. He said the words have always been a guiding force in his life.

He completed his education at Florida State and then distinguished himself as a member of the U.S. Air Force. After serving his country, he was later employed by the Internal Revenue

Service, which helped him determine that his life's work would be in the field of accounting. His first job was with Wachovia Bank and Trust Company. There he decided to be an entrepreneur. He founded Davis Management Services, a premier accounting firm in Winston-Salem. He currently serves as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Davis is a member of several local, state and national accounting organizations, including the National Society of Public Accountants, the North Carolina Society of Accountants, and the National Association of Tax Consultants. His firm holds accreditation in the Council of Accountancy and Taxa-

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Left to right, Honoree Thomas P. Trollinger of Contract Office Furnishings; president of Bachelor-Benedict Club, Bill Andrews; and honoree Richard N. Davis of Davis Management Services celebrated a unanimous vote for the two service award winners.

A Gathering of Good Men

▲ Mo' Luke: A Man Dedicated to Directing Youth

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Moses Lucas became a Boy Scout leader at the age of 14 at Mount Zion Baptist Church. Under the direction of Edward Reid, Lucas organized and implemented programs for Troop No. 69. He was in charge of the Outdoor Adventure Program. He graduated from Atkins High School in 1944 and started working at the YMCA in 1954. He has been in the business of directing youth for more than 50 years.

"I wouldn't take anything for my service," he said. "Working with youth is the treasure of my life." He never really retired. He still works part-time for the Winston Lake Family YMCA. He has been an employee of the YMCA for 43 years.

Many of the students he worked with often come

by to thank him for being a part of their lives. He currently directs a step team of 20 young men and a majorette group of 125 young women.

Alfred Adams, a worker at Winston Lake YMCA, remembers being a part of the YMCA Day Camp and the after-school tutorial program Lucas was associated with at the Patterson Avenue YMCA.

They worked on homework assignments and were able to swim, play quiet games and participate in other activities after completing school work. Adams said, "He is a genuine person. Any child can appreciate someone who is real."

As youth director, Lucas also sponsored the Hi-Y school club, which linked the high schools with the YMCA, as well as the Gra-Y which linked the grade

schools as well. They had cultural activities, such as ballet, crafts and other events. Many paid staff and volunteers assisted.

Ben Piggott, director of the William C. Sims Recreation Center, said, "Mr. Lucas has made many men in this city. I am very grateful to him for the part he played in my development. He is a strong, creative leader." Lucas said he always tried to instill in the students his Three Laws of Survival:

- 1) Be honest and tell the truth.
- 2) Follow instructions.
- 3) Be obedient.

He said he considers these to be the keys to long life. He also said he encourages children to be true to themselves.



Moses "Mo" Lucas currently works at the Winston-Lake YMCA. He "never really retired," he said.