

## Residents Seek Details On Proposed NorthPark Park

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Last week the County Commission and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission held a public hearing concerning the proposed business park at I-77 and Sunset Road. It will probably be several weeks, at least, before the Planning Commission makes its recommendation on the rezoning request to the Board of County Commissioners.

According to Fred W. Klein, Charlotte partner of the Dallas-based Trammell Crow Company, the real estate development company that wants to build the park on the north side of town, "probably as many as 100 businesses would occupy" the site, and "probably 2-3,000

jobs" would be created. The construction work would take place over a five- to ten-year period, meaning employment for those in the building trades.

Is the proposed NorthPark business and industrial park a good idea for Charlotte? What impact would it have on surrounding neighborhoods? And would it create the kind of employment opportunities that would benefit local residents?

The consensus seems to be that it's still too early to know. According to Dr. Wesley Clement, Charlotte Business League president, the League has not taken any official position on the proposal as yet. Franklin McCain, issues committee chairman for the League, explains

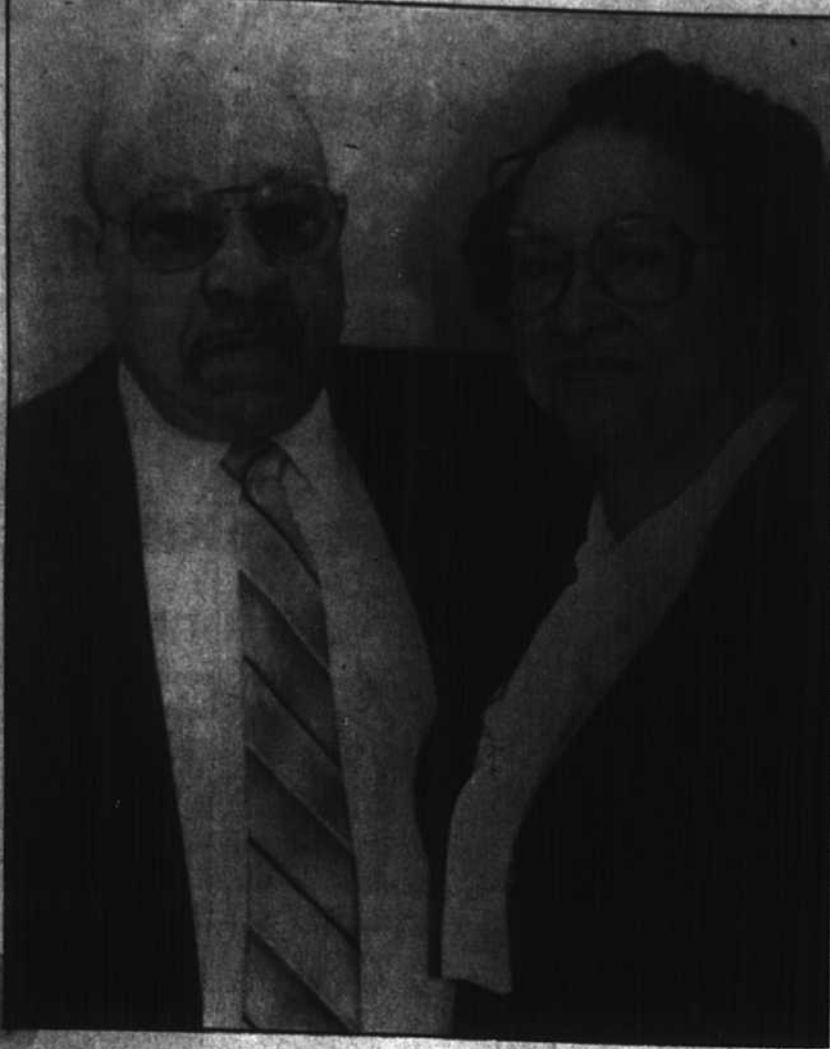
that NorthPark would be "built purely on speculation. We don't know what kinds of jobs there would be or how many." The requested zoning (from multi-family to industrial), according to McCain, would allow a variety of business activities to go on at the site.

McCain notes that the Charlotte Business League is not opposed to the development of the park. Rather, like neighboring residents, of which McCain is one, the League is asking, "Give us more details. Tell us what your objectives are. Tell us what the park will look like."

While Klein has told The Post that there will probably be jobs created on all levels of employment, Cham-

ber of Commerce researcher, Tony Crumbley, comments that there is no guarantee. As he puts it, "It's an unknown animal until the tenants are announced." He points out that, "Traditionally, Charlotte is pretty much a wholesale distribution center," and that type of operation is what is found at typical business parks in the area. The kind of businesses that NorthPark might attract would determine, not only the type of jobs there would be and what skill levels, but how many new openings would be created.

If the park is approved, Klein notes that the general contractor who usually builds for Trammell Crow employs a number of mi- See NORTH PARK On Page 10A



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## Oliphants Celebrate

### 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Alvin Oliphant's 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated by not only family and close friends, but was also recognized with a special service at Friendship Baptist Church.

Long-time members of Friendship Baptist, the Oliphants were married March 10, 1935 by Rev. John Lewis Powell, former pastor of the church. The recent church celebration of their anniversary was presided over by present pastor, Rev. Clifford A. Jones.

The service was arranged by Mrs. Claree Oliphant Garrett, sister of Mr. Oliphant. It featured inspirational song, prayer, a recitation of the Oliphant family's history and time for the family to worship together.

Mrs. Johnnie Mae Oliphant was but nine years old when she met Mr. Oliphant, as he was delivering groceries to a residence where she worked. They married when Mrs. Oliphant was 15. Today, the Oliphants say the longevity and happiness of their union is owed to their mutual agreement of working together. "We solved our own problems," informs Mrs. Oliphant. She maintains that this is the best advice she can offer to all married couples.

Mr. Oliphant is a retired employee of Southern Railroad an-

and Mrs. Oliphant was once a nurse's aide for several private physicians. They are the parents of two children, Willie E. Oliphant and Florence Oliphant Taylor. Their grandchildren are Gerri Nicole and Natalie Ginell, the daughters of Florence and Augustus Taylor; and Mark Elliott, Kevin Earl and Nicole Evette, the children of Willie and Constance Colston Oliphant.

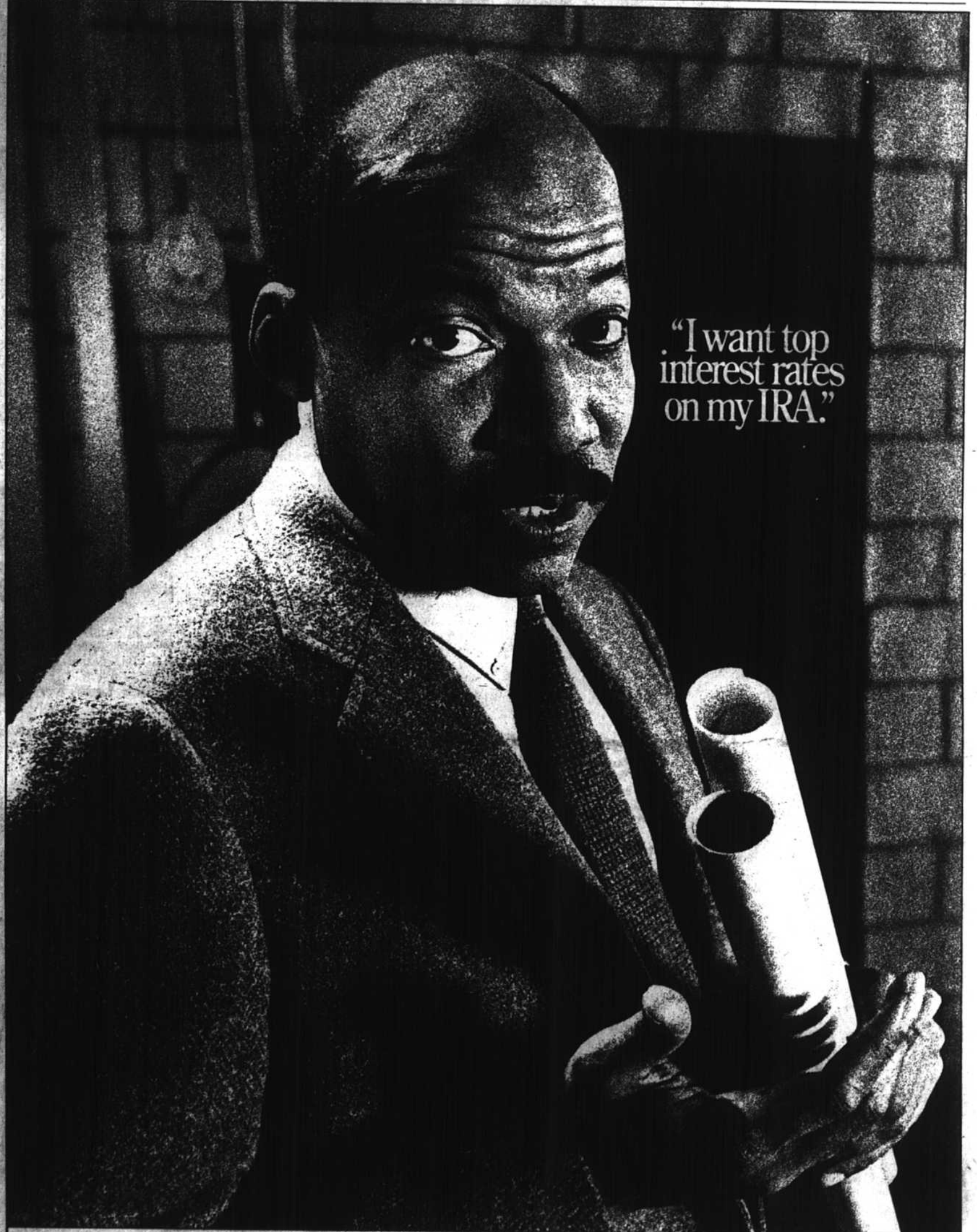
The Oliphants expressed that the church's observance of their anniversary meant very much to them. Their plans for the future are "for more happiness."

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