

Opinions On The Street

How Will Westside Residents Vote November 5?

With all the billboards, newspaper ads, and radio and TV commercials advising voters to vote for such-and-such a candidate or issue, it's pretty hard to avoid realizing there's an election coming up soon.

On November 5, next Tuesday, Charlotte-Mecklenburg voters will have the opportunity to decide who their next mayor will be, who will be on City Council, who will fill the vacant seat on the School Board, how long the County Commissioners should hold their seats, and whether bonds should be sold to fund a variety of projects.

The Post recently went to the west side to ask residents if they're planning to vote and if their minds are made up on candidates and issues. Here are their responses.



Marie Hamilton
....."Can't say"



Robin Howard
....."Mind made up"



Rodney Hopper
.....Knows Gantt

SYLVIA PRATT of Woodruff Place is employed as counter help at Bojangles. Pratt is registered to vote, but whether or not she goes to the polls "depends if I have time," she says. She hasn't yet made up her mind on the candidates and confesses she doesn't know much about the bond issues—"just a little—I listen to the news and go to sleep."

MARIE HAMILTON, a Beatles Ford Road housewife, plans to vote. "I haven't made up my mind, except for Gantt," she states. "I can't say now about the bonds. They say they're going to do this and that."

JAMES SIMMONS of E. 17th Street works for Carostate Ice on W. Trade Street. Simmons is not registered to vote, but says, "If I was voting, I'd vote for Harvey Gantt. I don't know the other one at all. I don't know about the bond issues."

MICHAEL CALDWELL of Walnut Street is not registered either. He says, "Harvey seems like a nice fellow." Caldwell doesn't know much about the bond issues.

RODNEY HOPPER of Merriman Street is a local high school student. An 18 year old, Hopper is registered and plans to vote for



Michael Caldwell
....."Unsure about bonds"
Gantt because he knows him. "He's the person for the job," he states.



James Simmons
....."For Gantt"
Hopper is unsure about the bond issues.

ROBIN HOWARD, a nurse who lives on Hughes Drive, is a registered voter and plans to cast her ballot on Tuesday. Her mind is made up on the mayoral race. "I'm going to vote for Harvey Gantt. He has a proven track record. With Berryhill, it's a toss-up. We really don't know him. Politicians always make a lot of promises. Gantt's record gives us the opportunity to see what type of issues he's for and against." About the bond issues, she says, "I'm going to vote yes for the school bonds. The others, we're still debating in my household."

Public Library To Place Variety Of Books On Sale

A wide variety of books and documents, to entice the collector and intrigue browsers, will be on sale at the Public Library's annual Antiquarian Book Fair on Saturday, November 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the auditorium of the Main Library, 310 N. Tryon St.

Of 15 exhibitors, six from the Charlotte area and nine from such locations as Knoxville and Kingsport, Tn.; Lexington, Ky.; Watkinsville, Ga.; and Morganton, Troy, Raleigh, and Chapel Hill, N.C., some will specialize in modern first editions, others in Southern States Americana and the Civil War. There will be children's books, illustrated books, maps, prints and many general editions of particular value.

A wide selection of books and documents will be available in a price range suitable for gifts and

fairgoers may bring their own book treasures for oral appraisal.

Gordon Briscoe Jr. of the Carolina Bookshop in Charlotte will be available from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. for appraisals at the cost of \$1 per book or set. He has agreed to waive the fee if he judges the book to be without value.

At last year's fair, John Glover of Glover's Books in Lexington, Ky., counted among his sales eight N.C. maps printed between 1850 and 1900, priced at \$12.50 to \$35.

The Antiquarian Book Fair will be hosted by the Friends of the Public Library and the organization's president, Eleanor Morris reports. "If last year's experience means anything, this year's fair should be a big success," Elaborating on last year's sale, she adds, "We attracted book lovers all through the day and our

dealers expressed eagerness for us to make the event annual."

The Friends of the Public Library, with some 1,400 members, operates as an auxiliary to the regular Library system. Each year the Friends also host the annual

Used Book Sale at the library, which draws eager crowds, and they give monetary support for smaller projects beyond the resources of the regular Library budget. Patrons may join Friends of the Library at any branch library.

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- In this regard, my emphasis will be upon efforts by city government to:
- stimulate more balanced economic growth, particularly in the North and West quadrants of Charlotte-Mecklenburg;
 - develop a more adequate road system throughout the city and county;
 - encourage more private participation in construction of public facilities (such as proposals to expand the Convention Center and build a new baseball park and performing arts center);
 - establish a better process for long-range planning by our City Council.
- I request that you support me in this effort. Thanks for your consideration.

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City Council / At Large

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