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General Baptist State Convention Elects Humphrey

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Campaigning under the theme: "A New Day of Unity, Strength, and Progress," Dr. J.B. Humphrey, pastor of First Baptist Church-West, was recently elected president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina by an overwhelming margin.

This campaign was Dr. Humphrey's second bid for the position of president, having made an unsuccessful attempt in 1982. But this year was different. This year as the word of Dr. Humphrey's campaign spread across the 119th annual session convention delegation, there was talk of "giving a new leadership a chance" and Dr. Humphrey spoke of this being a time for a change and a "new captain and a new crew."



Dr. J. B. Humphrey

Throughout the state attended the session with 1,465 official voting delegates. They listened as Dr. Humphrey promised "bold leadership" with "a kind spirit" that is desperately needed in a time of many problems. Promising a new spirit of support and cooperation on the behalf of pastors and churches in North Carolina, Dr. Humphrey also spoke of a balanced budget, maintaining sufficient funds to meet convention needs and a voice and place for everyone. Offering himself for the total cause of the convention, Dr. Humphrey's campaign was fair and just.

Dr. Humphrey is no stranger to the convention. He has attended the state convention since his junior high school days and it is reported that he has missed only one session

Public Concerns Conference

To Be Conducted

The Charlotte Equal Rights Congress, Citizens Against Legal Abuses and People United For Justice will sponsor a conference on public concerns Saturday, November 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Belmont Regional Center, 700 Parkwood Ave.

After a get acquainted session, the morning forum will include a discussion on "Crisis in the Legal System." The Citizens Against Legal Abuses will conduct a forum that will deal with an overview of the legal system, problems with the legal system and a discussion on reforming the legal system.

The afternoon's session forum, "Crisis in Human Rights," will treat topics such as extremist groups and their impact, reasons for concern and impact of racism on all races. This forum will be conducted by the Charlotte Equal Rights Congress.

Conducting the forum on "Racism in the Justice System" will be the People United For Justice.

in over 50 years. During this time he has served as first, second, third, and fourth vice presidents.

Election day proved to be the longest in the history of the convention that was held in Asheville, NC. Procedures carried the election long into a night of mass confusion and frustration. Registration extended well past the noon deadline and voting finally got under way that evening. The end results were tallied and reported around 3:30 a.m. with a run-off result occurring about a half-hour later.

Others elected during the convention were Dr. W. B. Lewis of Raleigh-vice president-at-large; Dr. H. L. Mitchell of Gatesville-first vice president; Dr. Charles Mendez of Winston-Salem, NC-second vice president; Dr. J.Z. Windley of Wilmington, NC-third vice president; Dr. C. R. Turner of Apex, NC-fourth vice president; and Dr. G.A. Jones of Raleigh, NC-recording secretary; Dr. Jimmie Gilchrist of Wilmington, NC-historian; Rev. Arlee Griffin of Greenville, NC-parliamentarian; and Dr. E.B. Daniels of Winston-Salem, NC-statistician.

After the election, Dr. Humphrey stated, "I will make a 15 day study of all of the programs of the convention to see how they may be improved. I will call certain meetings and make the needed appointments of committees. I look forward to working with all of the pastors and churches throughout the state. The support of all is necessary in order to achieve the goals of our convention."

Dr. Humphrey's campaign was led by Dr. William Lee Jr., pastor of Silver Mount Baptist Church who was more than pleased with the results. He served as local and statewide campaign manager. Dr. Lee commented that every person endorsed by Humphrey was elected to office. "Dr. Humphrey is delighted to have a new crew on staff with whom he feels he can work in peace and with much success," responded Dr. Lee.

Also working on the committee to elect Dr. Humphrey were: Dr. L.D. Parker, Dr. A.G. Coley, Dr. James Palmer, Dr. David Cook Jr., Dr. Preston Pendergrass, and Rev. R.H. Leak.

Dr. Humphrey, a native of Lumberton, NC, is a graduate of Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School. He has further studied at Princeton and Union Seminaries. A former school teacher, Dr. Humphrey holds memberships in the Charlotte Community Health Association, the Rehabilitation Center, the YWCA, the NAACP, and OIC. He is married to the former Mary Elizabeth Pridgeon. They are the parents of two children.



Taryn Haley
...Pursues career in Charlotte

Taryn Haley Tries Her Luck In Charlotte

By Russell Clark
Post Staff Writer
Last year, the Houston Rockets gave basketball fans a shot in the arm by upsetting the defending world champion Los Angeles Lakers.

This year, the Rockets have already whipped the Lakers, again in Houston, but without the presence of one of their loyal fans.

Taryn G. Haley is a 27-year-old computer operator who moved to the Queen City recently from the hustle and bustle city of Houston. "I attended the Rockets' home games on a regular basis," responded Haley currently pursuing a career with the Cablevision Company in Charlotte.

"Houston is a huge city with many things to do and places to go, but the economy there is declining because of the oil crisis," mentioned Haley, a former employee for Harte & Hanks Cable Company which folded.

"The last two cable companies that I was employed by went out of business, so I decided to try my luck in Charlotte."

Since coming to Charlotte in September, Taryn has been on the move. "I've seen Ashford & Simpson, Cameo and Pat Metheny in concert, and also visited Heritage USA sight-seeing and shopping."

Although the conscientious beauty recently moved from Texas, she has roots in North Carolina. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John

Veteran's Day Recognized With Parade, Program

The Annual Veterans Day parade and program to honor all veterans of all wars, will be held on Tuesday, November 11. This event is sponsored by the Mecklenburg County Veterans Council, an umbrella organization composed of representatives from all veterans groups in Mecklenburg County. The parade will start promptly at 10 a.m. from the County Service Center (the old Sears building) at 700 N. Tryon St. The parade will travel down Tryon St. to the Square, turn left on Trade St. and go past the reviewing stand set up in front of City Hall. by the Doughboy monument. The Grand

H. Haley III of Whiteville. Her sister, Kaye Jefferson, moved to Charlotte last year with her daughter, Tyvette.

"Since moving to Charlotte in September, I've found it to be a nice place. I have family here and I'm meeting nice people. Charlotte seems to be a clean city and I'm adjusting well," she pointed out.

A 1982 graduate of Pembroke State University, Haley began working for the Department of Social Services in Whiteville following graduation. "I enjoy meeting people because I can usually relate to people of all races.

"My father retired from the Army and we've lived in many places including Okinawa, California, Virginia, and Fayetteville. This experience taught me how to deal with people," she explained.

When not busy, she enjoys biking, horseback riding, swimming, motorcycling and sports.

Many people have not lived in a city with a professional sports team, but Haley feels it's just what Charlotte needs to attract more businesses. "In Houston, the people supported sports faithfully," she enlightened. "The big games brought in tourists from all over and it added a lot of excitement to the city."

Taryn is single, but she does plan to have a family of her own. "I just haven't found the right man to share my life with," concluded Haley with a sparkling smile.

Blacks Help Elect Sanford, Boost Martin's Total

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer
"I really appreciate the response of the black voters. They went out in large numbers. I would like for them to stay interested and continue to vote the interest of their communities," stated Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt on Election Night, November 4.

But like many black voters, Mayor Gantt expressed some disappointments in the election results. D.G. Martin's second loss to Alex McMillan for 9th district Congress was a particularly hard blow to the black community. Concurred Gantt, "I'm obviously disappointed. I wanted D.G. to win. He was a good candidate and he stood on the same type of issues I've supported. He's a good Democrat.

"But it looks like North Carolina will not go against tradition," assessed the Mayor. "For the last 34 years we've been sending Republicans to Congress. This year we were looking for someone who will make some changes, but there will not be any."

On Election Night, before the votes from Charlotte's predominantly black precincts were in, D.G. Martin was trailing McMillan by a significant number. Subsequently, black votes did boost Martin's total but not enough to overcome McMillan's substantial lead.

Even so, when McMillan felt assured of his eminent victory he claimed interest in the black community saying, "I've always been open to the black community. I have a lot of black supporters and have served on several committees with special black interests.

"Blacks are as important a part of the community as anyone," related McMillan. "And I will be open to issues as they see them." McMillan further stated that his background in business and his place in the community will help him effectively deal with such issues as jobs and unemployment.

After conceding to McMillan, Martin commented, "I congratulate McMillan. This was a hard fought race and one I'm proud of, particularly for all the tremendous volunteers." Saying that he will not run the Congressional race again, D.G. said he will spend time with his family and church and resume his practice at his law firm.

In other areas of the election, indications showed that the black community was heartened by Democrat C.W. Kidd's narrow win for Sheriff over Republican Marshall Moore.

Furthermore, as far as most of the black community was concerned, a real victory was had with the election of Terry Sanford (D) over Jim Broyhill (R) for U.S. Senator. For many black voters Sanford's good record on Civil Rights vs. Broyhill's poor record was the deciding factor.

This Senate race was a closely watched race across the nation in that it helped break the Republicans' six-year old on the Senate.

But, it appears that Republicans are maintaining a stronghold on many local elected positions. On the County Commission, Republicans grabbed all six slots that were up, leaving unopposed Robert Walton as the only Democrat on the new seven-member board.

Significant Republican wins were also made in the State Senate District race and the State House Districts.

These facts led W. Pete Cunningham, unopposed candidate for State House (District 59), to comment, "North Carolina is sup-



Terry Sanford

posedly a Democratic state. But they are not true Democrats. Blacks have tried to be loyal to this party and now we find we're being deserted. We need to take a good, hard look at the Democratic Party. If we're going to be 100 percent supportive we must ask all Democrats to do so also. If that had been the case, we would not have the results we have tonight."

This year's elections were not the most exciting for Charlotte's black community since of the six black candidates on the ballot, four ran unopposed. Judge Terry Sherrill, the only black Mecklenburg District Court judge ran in a three-way race for two Mecklenburg Superior Court judgeships. But all the votes for this statewide race were not in as of Wednesday afternoon. Sherrill appeared to be holding his own on Election Night however. He appeared at the Convention Center with his wife Gloria. At that time he could only say, "We all seem to be running pretty close. I feel good about that, but we'll have to wait a little longer."

Mildred Baxter Davis, the black candidate for Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, was also in a three-way race. Results of this election were also not available as of Wednesday afternoon.

Notwithstanding, as Mayor Gantt pointed out, that black voters did make a good showing at the polls this year, discontent over politics seems to be brewing in Charlotte's black community. Blacks appear to be getting disgruntled over the shenanigans of registered Democrats voting Republican and also the low number of blacks running for public office. One black voter may be speaking for many when he related on Election Night, "I'm tired of voting for white candidates. We need our own."

Apparently blacks are going to have to "stir it up" in the political arena, to keep interest high in the black communities.

For now, some consolation may be found in the fact that Mayor Gantt, with one year left in office, revealed he believes he'll run again in '87.

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