



Bill Hare, U.S. Senate candidate, campaigns in the Pit April 11. A minister, Hare claims he walked from High Point to Raleigh to pay his filing fee. (Staff photo by Bill Wrenn)

8 courts' seats contested

Largely because of the mandatory retirement age of 70 for judges, eight seats on the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals are open for election without incumbents this year. In five of these races, voters will make choices in the May 7 primary.

Democrats have two primaries for Supreme Court and two for the Court of Appeals. Republicans have a primary for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

In the first Democratic contest for Supreme Court, two judges and an attorney square off. James Exum, a Superior Court justice for Greensboro, Fred Hedrick, a Court of Appeals judge, and Rex Frazier, an attorney from New Bern who was the first black candidate for lieutenant governor in the state's history seek an eight-year term. The contest may go to a runoff primary.

In the second Democratic seat, James Copeland, a Special (appointed) Superior Court judge, faces Attorney Eugene Hafer and Wake Forest law professor James Webster.

In the GOP spot for Chief Justice, Elreta Alexander, the first black woman to be elected a judge in the United States (she serves on District Court in Greensboro), faces James Newcombe, a fire extinguisher manufacturer who is the only non-lawyer running for any statewide judicial office this year.

In the first Court of Appeals race, Robert Martin, a special Superior Court judge, faces Tom Matthews, a District Court judge from

Rocky Mount, in the Democratic primary.

In the other Appeals post, state Rep. Gerald Arnold of Lillington faces S. Pretlow Winborne, a Wake County District Court judge.

By far the biggest controversy in any of the judicial races this year has come in the Exum-Hedrick-Frazier tilt. Hedrick has run a huge number of billboards across the state, simply showing himself and his seeing eye-dog Candy. Many of the state's major newspapers have criticized this as an attempt for sympathy vote and an avoidance of any of the issues.

Exum has been the biggest issuer of press releases in the campaign. Appointed to the Superior Court at the age of 32 in 1967, Exum has brought up the only judicial issue of the race, proposing an "arraignment court" for non-jury matters, which he says will save \$1,000,000 in fees for idle jurors and save them time.

Frazier, the third candidate, says he has been unpopular with the state's legal community because of his race, and because he has been a civil rights and judicial activist. Frazier says he rejects racial campaigns, but says his "arrogant and distinguished air doesn't sit well with whites."

In 1967, Frazier was suspended as an attorney for twelve months by the State Supreme Court after he was accused of mishandling the trust funds of an elderly black client.

In the Second Seat, an experienced judge

is challenged by a young activist lawyer and a law professor.

James Copeland, the judge, has served as a Superior Court judge for over 13 years, first being appointed by Gov. Terry Sanford. He has tried cases in 84 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Copeland has also served as a mayor and state legislator.

Eugene Hafer at 40 is one of the youngest candidates in the race. From 1970 to 1973, he headed the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office, a division which Senate candidate Robert Morgan proudly displays around the state. Hafer was a car salesman before entering law school and later served as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Bobbitt.

Webster, 47, has been active in politics only once before, as Forsyth County campaign manager for I. Beverly Lake's gubernatorial campaign in 1964. Webster has written two books on real estate law and has been a private consultant to several government agencies. He sees his lack of judicial experience as a non-issue, stating his career as a law professor more than makes up for it. He has said publicly that the Supreme Court judgeship is in reality a teaching position.

In the only Republican contest, James Newcombe, a 65-year-old fire extinguisher manufacturer, is running as a "Christian Family Man". He is a high school graduate, points to the fact that the constitution does not require a judge to be a lawyer and says the founding fathers left this out deliberately to allow laymen to serve in the judicial system.

His opponent, Guilford County District Judge Elreta Alexander, has issued a leaflet filled with all the firsts she has had. A

graduate of Columbia University Law School, Alexander was the first black woman admitted to the North Carolina bar. In 1968, she became the first black woman judge, and in 1972 was easily re-elected to a second term.

The winner of the race will face Susie Sharp, the Democratic nominee, in the general election. Many state observers believe Sharp has the edge, because of her long service on the Supreme Court, but if the Republicans nominate a black woman, this may upset some of North Carolina's voting patterns.

In one of the primaries, experience has become an issue. Gerald Arnold, a state representative from Lillington, is challenging Wake County District Judge S. Pretlow Winborne. Winborne, a District Court judge since 1959, has consistently finished ahead of the ticket in Wake County. He received his law degree from UNC in 1950. Arnold is not a judge, but points out he has handled many cases before the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court since 1967. Arnold received his degree from UNC Law School in 1966.

In the other Appeals battle, two judges face off against each other. Robert Martin, a 61 year old Special Superior Court Judge from High Point faces Tom Matthews, 46, a District Court Judge from Rocky Mount. Matthews has come out in support of appointing local court administrators to help improve efficiency at the trial court level. He has served as a judge for 12 years.

Martin is a Wake Forest Law grad, and was appointed to the bench in 1967. He cites the many state bar and judicial committees he has served on, including the pattern jury instruction committee.

Forgotten campaign in 17th district race

The race for state representative from the 17th House district, which includes Orange and Chatham counties, has generated little publicity and no excitement.

Three candidates, including two incumbents are contesting the two open seats.

The two incumbents, Trish Stanford Hunt and Edward Holmes, both elected to the House for the first time in 1972, are running against Douglas Holmes, who does not have experience in an elected office.

Hunt, a guidance counselor at Chapel Hill High School, has worked hard in the House for the Equal Rights Amendment and for statewide kindergartens, while opposing the death penalty and the food tax.

Her first husband, Donald Stanford, served two terms as a state representative from 1966 to 1970 before he died in the fall of 1970.

Ed Holmes, also trying for his second term, is an attorney from Pittsboro. Ed Holmes also was in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment, and opposed the death penalty and the food tax. In general, their voting records have been very similar.

Doug Holmes, a resident of Chapel Hill, is a graduate student in the school of business administration. Doug Holmes ran for mayor of Chapel Hill twice, in 1971 and in 1973, losing decisively both times.

Doug Holmes has come out in favor of the legalization of marijuana. He is opposed to liquor-by-the-drink.

Hunt and Ed Holmes have an advantage in that, being incumbents, they are well known outside of Chapel Hill, while Doug Holmes is not. All three have done little campaigning, and there are no issues to speak of.

No primaries in some races

A number of offices have no primaries because only one candidate filed. Orange County Clerk of Superior Court Frank Frederick has no opposition, Democratic or Republican, for his third term, and Register of Deeds Betty June Hays has no opposition from either party for her fifth four-year term.

Superior Court Judge J. Marsch McClellan, appointed in 1973, also has no opposition in either party in his bid for a four-year term.

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