

THINK ON THESE THINGS

An Analysis

by

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North Tulsa is at the Crossroads of making a decision on Tuesday, September 16 which will affect this Community for at least the next two years:

June 6 of this year when Bernard McIntyre resigned as Senator for Senate District 11, the Black Community was left in a worse shape than it was before Curtis Lawson was elected as the first black to serve from Tulsa in the House of Representatives, District 73. Before that time there were community persons whom community residents respected for their political knowledge and the political candidates had to communicate with them as to what they felt was best for our community. There was respect as well as consideration for votes cast at the polls in those days.

Today, since we have an elected official, we are without bargaining power which affects this community. Yes, we have an elected Representative in House District 73 whom we are returning unopposed. Have we heard from him since the Legislature adjourned? Has any mention of the Community Crisis been dealt with through community network by Rep Ross? To my knowledge, the answer is "No!" Because Senate District 11 is now governed by circumstances caused by the resignation of McIntyre, by an interim Senator (Roger Randle) until January 1987. Reason: Senator Randle represents Precinct 30 which is also in House District 73. Senator Randle is also president pro tem of the Senate. Rep. Don Ross answers to Senator Randle. This leaves us without a direct voice.

The plans for this community are being made now for 1987. Whoever is elected next Tuesday will have no input as to the directions for the Legislative session 1987. The November 4 general election will say who will serve for the next two years.

It is our considered opinion that there is only one choice next Tuesday for the community to maintain its political clout and that is HOMER JOHNSON. He has no outside sources governing him, no white press support, no union money for expensive campaigning to make him more accountable to union pressure -- PAC's pressure and controlled by the Senate leader, rather than by the community people who would elect him.

We need a Senator who can voice the concerns of this District. Certainly Johnson would have to abide by the rules of the Senate of which Senator Randle is President Pro Tem but he would have a free hand for bargaining with other Legislators.

It is our thinking that Mrs. Horner would not have such freedom to speak but would rather have a much controlled voice in decision making because first, she is obligated to Senator Randle; second she is obligated to the labor unions and PAC's; third, she is obligated to Rep. Ross who is supporting her. Last of all, she would be committed to the community which would have elected her. This is bad for the community - - should Mrs. Horner win that would put this community in a confused state for the November 4 general election because James R. Jones who is running for U. S. Senate will be greatly threatened.

There will be two other choices on the ballot for District 11 Republican Carlos Chappelle and Independent Curtis Mullins. So far these have shown no outside forces. This indicates if either is elected the community would have control. The Democrat candidates who have lost and most of their workers have endorsed and joined with Homer Johnson: Wilbert Collins, Ms. Troupe, Gillum, Scott and Kirkpatrick. Mullins has no organized work force. Chappelle is an outstanding young attorney in the community and a member of one of the leading families of this community. This can cause a real problem to Jim Jones because of the split of the votes between Democrats and Republicans. It can cause problems in the races for Governor, Atty. General, State Treasurer, Corporation Commission, as well as Senate District 11.

But there is a bright side, too: Atty Chappelle is well qualified to serve in the structure of any of the mentioned races as a staff person. There is no loss for Atty Chappelle if he so desires, whether the winners in November be Democrats or Republicans. This community has not been blessed with this kind of opportunity before. With Johnson and Chappelle in the system, the community would be assured of a voice. The community must elect a person committed to working in the very best interest of the community and one who is not in any way committed to outside pressure interests. We must have bargaining power when the 1987 session convenes in January

I would like to refer to the OKLAHOMA EAGLE dated August 21. -- The article : "Bernard McIntyre Speaks out".

"This election may prove to be the most important political choice North Tulsa will make during this decade. The individual who wins this race may represent this community for many years to come, so the dedication and commitment of this person is of monumental concern to all of us. . . . I know most of the candidates and all of the so-called front runners. . . . Observing how they have responded to community crisis in the past is a good indication of they will respond in the future. This election is too important to risk. . . . I am endorsing Homer Johnson because I know he will be there when the community needs him. "

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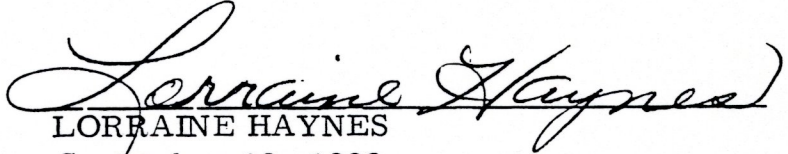
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Reverend Clergymen -- Gentlemen , I beg of you as leaders in this community - - please do not make your decision on personality. popularity or expensive campaign exposure: the reality of future survival for this community is at stake.

Can this community afford to loose all of its decision making impact to the white power structure?

Rev. Ben Hill left us as a community able to make our own decisions by and through our own standards of leadership. We, the citizens of North Tulsa must maintain our integrity

These political views are not in the behalf of any mentioned candidate but are given in the best interst of the community to the best of my knowledge and belief.


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