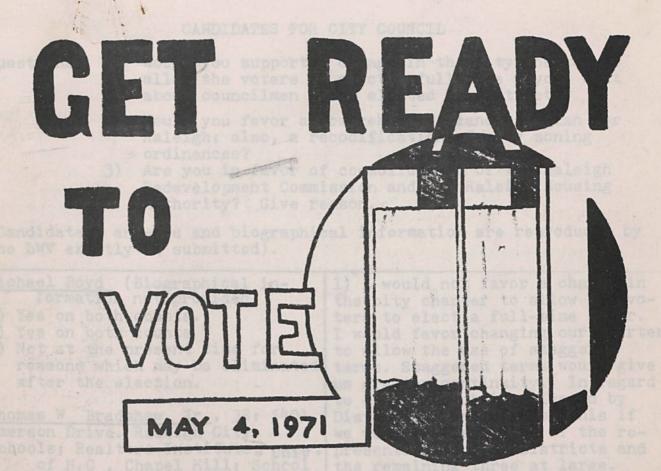
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CANDIDATES MEETING

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CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL

- Questions: 1) Would you support a change in the City Charter to allow the voters to elect a full-time mayor; what about councilmen being elected by districts?
 - 2) Would you favor a comprehensive land-use plan for Raleigh; also, a recodification of city zoning ordinances?
 - 3) Are you in favor of consolidation of the Raleigh Redevelopment Commission and the Raleigh Housing Authority? Give reason.

(Candidates' answers and biographical information are reproduced by the LWV exactly as submitted).

Michael Boyd (Biographical information not provided)

- 1) Yes on both counts.
- 2) Yes on both counts
- 3) Not at the present time for reasons which may be eliminated after the election.

Thomas W. Bradshaw, Jr., 32; 5401 Emerson Drive. Raleigh City

Schools; Realtors Institute; Univ of N.C , Chapel Hill; School of Mortgage Banking, Northwestern Univ.; Vice-Pres. of North Hills, Inc .-- Real Estate and Devel; Member Raleigh City Council; Law and Finance Committee; Mayor's Advis. Committee -- sub-comm. long range planning; Neuse Dam Project; Southside Urban Renewal--Chairman for Implementation of Program; Chamber of Commerce--Former memb. Bd. of Directors. Present member of Prospect Committee; Bd. of Directors--Family Service-Travelers Aid: Bd. of Directors--United Fund -- Advisory Budget Comm. Pres. of Capital Area Development Assoc. 7 County area; Bd. of Directors --Wake County Boy's Club; Member and Past Pres. Raleigh Jaycees. Former Vice-Pres. of N.C. Jaycees and Nat'l. Director of N.C. Jaycees, also served on Bd. of Dir. of U.S. Jaycees in 1969-70; Board of Directors -- Wake Opportunities --Chairman of Finance and Planning Committees; Board of Directors --Grow, Inc.

- 1) I would not favor a change in the city charter to allow the voters to elect a full-time Mayor. I would favor changing our charter to allow the use of staggered terms. Staggered terms would give us greater continuity. In regard to councilmen being elected by Districts I would favor this if we were to elect four of the representatives from Districts and the remaining three at large. This would enable us to get representation from all areas, but would not restrict any area of the city from having two capable representatives. All candidates should be elected at large. This would make the councilman aware of his responsibilities to the entire city as well as his respective district.
- 2) Yes, I believe we should make every effort to develop a more comprehensive land use plan. A plan showing where the major residential areas will be as well as those areas recommended for high density and office and institutional use could be shown. Yes, I am very much in favor of redefining all of our zoning classifications in order that we help the citizens understand exactly what will take place in the various zoning districts. It is my feeling that these classifications are too broad and as a result, cause considerable misunderstanding.

3) Yes, it would give us more capability in handling both operations efficiently, effectively and more economically. nation is needed to assure that safe and sanitary housing will be available to those citizens being displaced. The work of the two agencies could be greatly improved if consolidated both in satisfying the need to continually redevelop the sections of Raleigh that need assistance and also coordinate the necessiry housing that should be made available for all citizens being affected. A stronger Housing Authority would be more responsive in meeting the needs for public housing in the Raleich area. *************

Edward Lee Cannon -Born July 13, 1905; 814 Cowper Drive; Elem. Public and Private Schools in Va., N.C., Tennessee, Texas - A.B. Duke University; LLB. George Washington University, also Wake Forest Law School; Attorney for 40 years. Retired Sec.N.C. State Bar, N.C. Bar Assoc., Board of Law Examiners - 29 years, 11 years, 29 years, respectively. Attorney and Administrative experience.

(No answers to questions were submitted)

Edward Carson 33; 2005 Milburnie and bring about a better underRoad; Attended Crosby-Carfield standing with youth problems that face the city. Also having been face the city. Also having been in a service company for the past three years, I have had a chance three years, I have had a chance to be associated with customers of RCA.

- 1) I am committed to representative government. The rights of the people are protected by the ballot, only when the ballot reflects their views and interests. I am in favor of district or ward representations. The people should elect their mayor, not the councilmen.
- 2) Such a plan would be most favorable from the people's view. It would be a step toward minimizing zoning hostility among the people; and it would provide a greater opportunity for the people to have a voice in the future development of our city. For meaningful and effective zoning ordinances, recodification is a must.
- 3) A comprehensive plan for shelter needs of low-income families is a must for a meaningful and effective program that would include both people in and out of public housing. Such a plan would also eliminate the duplication of expertness in iobs and federal relationship for the city. I am in favor,

*********** George W. Cherry, 28; 17 S. Blood worth St. - High School graduate -Owner of Capital City Gutter Service Co. - Having had extensive training in dramatic arts and working with young people in this field, I feel I would be able to work with and bring about a better under= standing with youth problems that face the city. Also having been three years, I have had a chance from every section of Raleigh, and feel this has given me a better overall view of problems facing the entire city.

Cherry (cont.)

1) A. Yes - B. By districts, I feel that Raleigh would be more

equally represented.

2) On the Land-Use plan, I would have to give it more study, but I would favor that which would be best for Raleigh and its people. I would be against any zoning that would favor any developer or industries in any residential area in the city, where the residents of that area disapproved.

Wm. G. Enloe, 68; 1102 Cowper Dr. High School - District Manager and Associate N.C. Theatres, Inc. 10 years as Councilman - 6 years as Mayor.

1) Feel very strongly that any major change in City Charter or Franchises granted by a vote of the people should be changed only by a vote of the people. My record has long been established to this degree.

2) It would depend on whose plan. Perhaps a recodification of all City Ordinances, including Zoning, is in order. This was done when I was on Council but I understood it was to be a continuing plan.

3) Have not seen a copy of the Committee report.

Alfred A. Friedrich, 29; 1109

Kimberley Dr. - Bach. of Electrical Engineering, New York Univ.

1961 - Master of Science (Engineering Admin.), Syracuse Univ.,

1964; Grad. of IBM Systems Research Inst., 1970 - Electrical

Engineer, IBM Corp., Raleigh.

1) We now have a full time city manager. I question whether a full time mayor would be an improvement or whether it would lead to duplication and conflict. While my mind remains open on this question, the need for a change would have to be demonstrated before I concurred.

The council should be made up, at least in part, of councilmen elected on a district basis. The geographic sections of Raleigh reflect the various social and economic interests of the city. These interests would receive better representation by district councilmen.

Clarence E. Lightner, 49; 717 Delany Dr. - Raleigh City Schools;
Graduate of N.C. Central Univ, Durham, N.C. 1942; Graduate Eckols
College of Mortuary Science, Philadelphia, Pa., 1946 - Owever and
general mgr. Lightner Funeral Home.
Councilman - 2 terms - Chr. Law
& Finance Comm. - Born & reared in
Raleigh - Engaged in Business 24
years - in Raleigh - Thorough
knowledge of all facetsof Raleigh's
population, problems and possibilities.

Lightner (cont.)

- 1) Raleigh is rapidly approaching the population level to demand the the services of a full time mayor. At this time I feel I could surport an effort to affect a change in the charter to allow this action. Districts or wards would afford more contact between the councilmen andtheir constituents. I believe this would bring about improved government in our city.
- 2) Yes. Both of these items needs upgrading.
- 3) Yes. I recently made a motion to take the action mentioned above. My motion was surported by all of the council members. The mayor appointed a committee to make a feasibility study. At the April 19th Council meeting this committee reported favorably on such action. I am hoping this action will receive council approval in the near future.

Jesse O. Sanderson, 70; 511
Transylvania Ave. - Duke Univ. AB
Columbia Univ. Graduate study; N
C. State Univ. Graduate study;
George Washington Univ., 1 year
Law School - Retired Superintendent Raleigh Public Schools - As
superintendent of Raleigh Public
Schools for 25 years, I had the
responsibility of working with
almost all city departments.

- 1) I do not think a full-time mayor is needed at this time. do not favor councilmen being elected by districts.
- 2) Yes, I favor a comprehensive land-use plan for Raleigh. The zoning ordinances are presently being studied by the City Council.
- 3) The merging of the Raleigh Housing Authority and the Redevelopment Commission is currently

being consideredby the City Council. Expression of opinion about merger at this time would be premature.

Mrs. G. M. (Evelyn) Scruggs, 43; 5108 Newcastle Rd. - Greensboro College; Woman's College; Duke University - Piano teacher - Kindergarten teacher - Past president Morehead City Woman's Club-Past president "Sea & Sand Garden Club" - Vice president of "Woodland Garden Club" - Heart Award & Red Cross award, etc.

- 1) I would support this if the people want this.
- 2) Yes, I would be in favor of a comprehensive plan. I would have to become familiar with all of the city ordinances before I could make a decision on recodification.
- 3) Yes, Because I feel that having one authority we could have better land utilization. One of my concern is the preservation of the historical parts of Raleigh.

Robert W. Shoffner, 68; 3639 Glenwood Ave. - B.S. in Agriculture, N.C. State College 1929 - Some study on M.S. in Agr. Economics at N.C. State College and University of Wisconsin 1948. - City Councilman. Retired Director, Foundations and Development, N.C. State Univ. President, Capital Towers, Inc. - Board of Directors Raleigh Chamber of Commerce (Past); Member, Salvation Army Advisory Board; Member, Governor's Advisory Council on Occupational Health (Past); Served on Board of Directors, Red Cross; City Planning Commission; Agricultural Committee: Chamber of Commerce; Budget Committee, United Fund Campaign: National League of Cities; Urban

Shoffner (cont)
Picsbyter an Urban Council; U.S.
Technical Assistance, N.C. Extension Serv.

- 1) The present City Government has worked very well for Raleigh where the mayor is elected by the Council. However, if an elected one would be for the betterment of the City of Raleigh, I would have no objection. There would, in my opinion, have to be some changes made in the type of government the city would have. Probably the size of Raleigh is approaching the time when this should be considered. As to the Councilmen being elected by districts, I am in favor of the best qualiified people being elected to the Council regardless of the district they might come from. I have not heard any discussion on the subject and of course would listen to any constructive suggestions.
- 2) The Public Works Committee has recommended to the Council and the Council has approved the idea of the Planning Commission along with the Administration reworking and drafting an up-to-date Zoning Ordinance for the Council's consideration. Yes, I definitely think it should be modernized to fit the present day needs.
- 3) The Raleigh City Council on April 19 had presented to it a recommendation by a special committee a study in which the committee recommended the consolidation of these two commissions. We are now studying this. I trust that we will come up with a fovorable solution to theses two boards working together.

Alton L. Strickland, 44; 3108 Hillmer Drive - Co-Owner of Raleigh Paint and Wallpaper Company - 25 years business experience and dealing with the Strickland (cont)
public at large not only through
business but civic and church
activities. Added to this is my
experience on the city council
since October 1968.

- 1) If there is enough interest, I would vote to let the people decide whether they want the charter changed so that the mayor could be elected by the people at large. This would really be a change in our present form of government. Is ee no need to change it. The mayor can be just as responsive to the people in the present system. I think that I represent all the people of Raleigh, not just one small group. I would hope that the people would feel free to call or write to me no matter where they live. In my opinion we should not have districts.
- 2) Raleigh does have such a plan now. Time and things change over the years and this is why land is brought before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council for review. We are in the process of a complete study of our zoning ordinances now and of course I favor it.
- Jones to study the possibility of a merger of the two groups has just made their findings and recommendations to the city council. I served on this committee. There was a unanimous decision of the committeeto recommend merger. Briefly, the advantages as I see them are; merger provides for one staff with which the city council will have to coordinate planning, budgeting, utilities, policies etc.

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George B. Wynne - Graduated Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill-B.S. in Givil Engineering 1924 -Member of Tau Beta Pi (the honory engineering fraternity) -Have been made a "FELLOW" in the American Society of Civil Engineers - Practice of engineering until 1967 and since that time a teach of engineering subjects in a two year college- W. W. Holding Technical Institute. Writing of texbooks in engineering field. - An expert in neuclear radiation field and in the design of structures to withstand the blast effects of newclear explosions. Advance studies current engineering problems.

- 1) The city charter is a fundamental document and not to be changed lightly. Only after lengthy consideration and debate would I make a judgment on this question.
- 2) This ideaappeals to me but would need more study and research time before I would give my support to any land use plan. Our city zoning ordinances do need carefully considered and brought up to date and in full agreement with the state laws applicable.
- 3) The answer is yes -- they go hand in hand like the horse and carriage.

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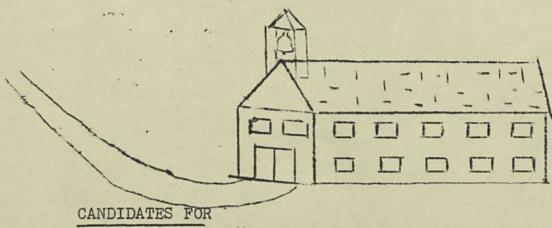
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RALEIGH SCHOOL BOARD

- Questions: 1) Are you in favor of merging the Raleigh and Wake County School Systems? If so, how should merger be accomplished?
 - 2) What solutions would you recommend for alleviating the schools' over-crowded conditions?

JAMES C. BROOKS, 46, 4405 Yadkin Drive; Bachelor, Electrical Engineering, N.C. State Univ; Special Representative in Executive Dept. of Southern Bell Telephone Co.

Member of Early Childhood Education Advisory Council of N.C.
Dept. of Public Instruction;
Committee on Administration for the the Raleigh City-Wake County
School Merger Study; Past President of Wiley PTA; Chairman,
\$29,000,000 Wake County School
Bond Referendum; Chairman of Education Committee for the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce

1) Yes. The Raleigh and Wake County School Boards should be able to agree on a merger plan. This plan should be submitted to the Wake County Commissioners for their approval. After appropriate approval by the Department of Education for the State of North Carolina, the plan should be placed into effect and then every PTA. Civic Business and Professional organization should be encouraged

to work hard in order to help the plan operate effectively.

2) An immediate solution would be to receive funds through appropriate financing to provide new facilities and to improve old facilities. Monies could be raised through appropriate sales tax increases, bond referendums or a combination of both.

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W. Casper Holroyd, Jr.

Graduate-Duke University-A.B. Degree in Economics-1948, Chartered Life Underwriter (C.L.U.) 1966
Salesman-17 years Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, Life Member Million Dollar Roundtable, Named "Man of Year" 1970 of the Raleigh Association of Life Underwriters, Experience and knowledge gained while serving on the Raleigh Board of Education (6 years since being elected 1965) Since November 1969 have served as Chairman of the Raleigh Board of Education.

1) -I strongly favor a merger of the Raleigh and Wake County School Systems, and I would like to see the two School Boards present a plan of merger to the County Commissioners and have these three elected bodies merge the two school systems.

I base my recommendation on the fact that all twelve elected school board members (7 from the city and 5 from the county), the Peabody Study (a report to the County Commissioners), and all 200 Wake County citizens who served on the 15 special committees (who were appointed by the school boards to set up the steps for implementing the Peabody report) have all clearly and publicly recommended a merger of the two school systems.

No one who has studie all of the facts has stated that he is against merger of the two school systems.

2) A bond issue of sufficient size to construct new school facilities is the best method to alleviate both the overcrowded situation that we have in our schools and to provide the funds necessary to renovate those schools that are in desperate need of repair. A 1% county-wide sales tax would then probably bring in enough addition-

al funds to permit the County Commissioners to put the school systems on a "pay as you go" plan in their school construction programs.

Conrad H. Miller

4406 Driftwood Drive, 44, B.S. (Agricultural Education) - Virginia Tech., M.S. (Horticulture) - Virginia Tech., Ph.D. (Horticulture) -Michigan State University, Professor of Horticulture, North Carolina State University. Volunteer work with the Wake County Community Council and the Muscular Dystrophy Association have taken me to areas of the city that I might not have gone otherwise. Of course, just being a parent of school age children brings one into contact with the school system and some of its associated problems.

- 1) I favor merger. It will require money, probably from a bond issue. At this point in time, it would appear that the Wake County Commissioners hold the key and they must be sold on the idea.
- 2) We shall probably have to build additional classrooms in areas of overcrowding. Mobile classrooms will be in the picture, although they leave much to be desired. Some limited busing may be necessary in the interim. I do not, however, favor busing for the sake of racial issues. I'd hope we can solve those problems through housing patterns. I would, of course, obey laws on these and other issues as they are elaborated and interpreted.

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H. Gilliam Nicholson

2107 Fairview Rd., 52, A.B. in Journalism, Univ. of N. C., various courses in Engineering, U.S. Navy, Chartered Life Underwriter, District Manager, Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Co. President, Myrtle Underwood PTA, 1963, Mayor, Town of Tarboro, 1953-1957

- 1) Yes, Differences between Raleigh and Wake Boards must be reconciled even if Raleigh must sacrifice financially to limited extent. Merger should follow the plan adopted by both Boards on April 3, 1970 which resulted from Peabody Report and work of follow-up committees. The plan and attendant bond issue, which specifies where and when money is to be spent, should be thoroughly explained in series of public hearings and by news media; and a referendum held.
- 2) Obvious answer is to provide more classroom space by additions and new buildings. With one-cent sales tax a probability, the chances of a successful bond election improves. Confidence of most citizens of entire county would be enhanced if Raleigh initiates a program of integration fairer to our black citizens and people of East and West Raleigh. People must be given specifics of how money will be spent and what the priorities are to be.

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Betsy G. Runkle

344 Buncombe St., 37, B.S. in Elementary Education, M.A. in Early Childhood Ed. from George Peabody College for Teachers, Graduate studies at American University, presently a homemaker, Taught in public school for 4 years, Member of PTA and other professional organizations, Member of The League of Women Voters, Mother of two school age children.

- 1) A plan must be developed to achieve the best education for all the children in Raleigh, Wake County through merger. The School Boards must take the initiative and perform the long range planning necessary for implementation of a merger plan that will equalize educational opportunities for all the students. In order to maximize local parent participation in the operation of the school system, a method of districts or zones within the merged school system should be developed. This zone system would facilitate "citizen participation" at the local level.
- 2) There are several possibilities for alleviating any school which is overcrowded. Some of these possibilities are; utilizing the schools phycilities on a year round basis, by reducing attendance boundaries of the crowded school and by financing new school contruction or additions as needed. Through increased communications between the administration, School board and the various community agencies, perhaps, some of the construction needs and over crowding could be solved before a crisis arises.

