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Goldie Johnson, energetic police department gadfly.

Policing the Police

Goldie Johnson Fights for Their Rights While Keeping an Eye on Them

By Paul W. Valentine
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"The police talk to citizens like they're animals." "They treat men so bad that they strip them of their manhood."

"The police don't do anything about narcotics because it only affects black people, and they want to keep black people zombies on the street."

The statements are vintage Goldie Johnson. Expert fashioner of the all-encompassing declarative sentence, she has been leading a strident and at times lonely campaign for the last six years against what she sees as systematic abuse, brutality and maladministration by the metropolitan police department.

Her vehicle is the Metropolitan Police Wives Association, an all-black conclave of which she is president and whose membership she broadly estimates at "100 to 200" with a vague gesture of the hand.

"Don't confuse me with

the white suburban wives," she snaps in reference to the D.C. Police Wives Association, a 125-member predominantly white organization whose leaders are as anxious as Mrs. Johnson to avoid confusion about the two groups.

"I don't worry about pay bills in Congress and things like that," says Goldie Johnson. "The white wives fight for the pay bills and I fight for the individual."

While race and blackness are words constantly on her tongue, Mrs. Johnson says her organization helps white officers as readily as black and that white policemen are coming to her in increasing numbers these days with complaints of unfair administrative treatment by the department.

Her conversations with newsmen consist of clattering nonstop recitations of second-hand accounts of police beatings of citizens and a vast assortment of bureaucratic abuses heaped on officers by the police hierarchy

-ranging from unfair fines, demotions and transfers to reprimands, racial slurs and unpunished sex scandals among favored officers.

The wife of Sgt. William E. Johnson of the fifth police district, she founded her police wives association in 1967 and has been its president and prime mover ever since.

When she is not embroiled with the police in meetings, pickets or demonstrations, she operates a beauty parlor, Goldie's Salon de Fashion & Beauty, at 906 11th St. NW, and maintains a home in the comfortable North Portal Estates area off upper 16th Street NW. She has a daughter, Yvette, 6, and a son Samuel, 26, who now lives in Los Angeles.

Energetic and with an unrelenting gift of gab, Mrs. Johnson has been variously described by her detractors as a saint, ego tripper, crusader, gadfly and creature of the news media.

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In one of her many campaigns, Mrs. Johnson gets signature on petition.

Some Plan Gasoline Price Rise

Some area service station dealers raised gasoline prices yesterday while others waited to consult accountants to find out what they could or could not do under the Cost of Living Council's new regulations issued late Friday.

The Cost of Living Council is allowing the dealers to raise the cost per gallon of gasoline to the May 15 level and to pass on to the consumers whatever increase in price the major oil companies have made. This means the cost of gasoline can go up from 1 cent to 2½ cents per gallon, depending on the station. The council did not lift all controls, which is what the dealers wanted.

Dean Keay, owner of the Merrifield Exxon, said he raised the price "first thing this morning," when he opened. His customers, he said, may be complaining about it but not to him.

"I haven't heard anything. I guess everybody's resigned to paying more for everything. If they're objecting they're doing it to themselves, which I'm sure they are."

Henry Drury, manager of V. Houghby's Exxon station at 4214 Wisconsin Ave. NW, said he will "probably" raise his prices but is waiting to talk to his accountant to find out what he can raise it to.

"I thought it wasn't supposed to go into effect until Monday morning," said W. R. Stephens, owner of the Fairfax American station at 10367 Main St., Fairfax. "I don't understand how much it's supposed to go up. I'll contact my bookkeeper to see how much I can go up legally. I don't want to get fined. I've been going this long, I can wait a little longer."

Walter Abney, owner of Abney's at 4251 Minnesota Ave. NE, wanted the Cost of Living Council to lift all controls off the price of gasoline and expressed considerable annoyance about the council's refusal to do so.

"It's not fair. We're not the ones that cause the economy to rise. We're just the small business. I've talked with a few other dealers. We're in favor this time of really having a shutdown rather than having them tell us what to do. Right now I'm not going to raise my prices," he said, although he added that he was "considering it."



SHERMAN W. PRATT



HENRY O. LAMPE JR.



ELLEN BOZMAN

Independent Political Movement Gears Up for Battle in Arlington

By Jay Mathews
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After escaping a court decision that threatened to destroy it, Arlington County's independent political movement is gearing up for an election that may give it complete control of the county's governing body.

It has been years since any group held a 5-0 majority on the Arlington County Board, but the well-organized, well-financed independent coalition of Democrats and the nonpartisan Arlingtonians for a Better County already holds four seats on the Board, and is given a good chance of capturing the fifth on Nov. 6.

To opponents of the coalition candidate, Ellen Bozman, that prospect of county board domination is the single most important issue in the campaign. Sherman W. Pratt, another independent running without the coalition's endorsement, and Henry O. Lampe Jr., a Republican, say they cannot match the coalition's money and manpower, but they seem confident that Arlington voters will reject Mrs. Bozman in order to avoid the 5-0 majority.

Last spring, some Republicans hoped for a Supreme Court decision that would knock down the Hatch Act and destroy the independents' solid base of federal employees. Scores of federal employees work for the nonpartisan ABC because the act bars them from partisan campaigning.

But the high court upheld the act by a vote of 6-3 and left the independents to begin another hectic summer and fall of fund-raising dinners and art fairs, intense door-to-door canvassing and neighborhood-oriented direct mailings.

Lampe, now considered Mrs. Bozman's principal opposition, said he hopes Republicans will show more

enthusiasm for this campaign than the previous three occasions when their candidates were swamped by the independents.

"We need a bipartisan approach on the Board, to keep a watchful eye on the power boys of Arlington," said the 46-year-old former Republican state delegate. The words are similar to the antiestablishment slogans of Virginia's independent Lt. Gov. Henry Howell, who is running for governor as an independent, but Lampe apparently thinks a Republican in his situation can use them to good effect.

Pratt, a South Arlington

resident who admits he starts in a distant third place, lumps Lampe and Mrs. Bozman together with the other North Arlington residents he says already dominate the county government. Lampe, Mrs. Bozman and all current members of the Board live "in affluent neighborhoods in the shadow of the Washington Country Club" far from the highway projects and mushrooming high-rise districts that threaten residents of the rest of the county, Pratt charges.

Mrs. Bozman, a planning commission member who

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Howell Carries Campaign To Virginia's 'Byrd-Land'

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BERRYVILLE, Va., Sept. 29—As the "Howell Cannonball" barreled down the Harry Flood Byrd Highway, a voice belted out of the big camper, "Now tell 'Mr. Speaker' that Henry Howell's campaigning for governor here today... to remove the tax on food."

"Mr. Speaker" is E. Blackburn Moore, the old friend, Berryville neighbor, political ally and mountain-climbing companion of the late Harry Byrd Sr., longtime boss of Virginia's old Democratic organization.

The voice was that of Lt. Gov. Henry E. Howell, an urban-style populist, who was once known to campaign on the slogan, "Keep Virginia out of the Byrd Cage."

Like Byrd's son, U.S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. (Ind.-Va.), "Blackie" Moore is supporting Howell's rival for the governorship, conservative Democrat-turned-Republican Mills E. Godwin.

But Howell was campaigning today through Byrd-land—from Winchester through the country stores of rural Loudoun County before attending two evening receptions hosted by more liberal friends in Fairfax County—as though he had a chance to make major inroads among Byrd supporters,



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Virginia Lt. Gov. Henry Howell aboard campaign bus.

which local Howell supporters say he does.

Among those who turned out to shake his hand and maybe take a campaign button or bumper sticker were not only Byrd supporters but followers of Alabama Gov. George Wallace, many of them one and the same.

"He stands for the pocket-book issues, the things that

George Wallace stood for," said Wallace supporter Al Riley of Sterling Park, who was visiting friends in Purcellville. As for the school busing issue, which Godwin has attempted to raise against Howell, "I think it's overblown, myself... it doesn't affect me at all."

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2 Papers, 10 Unions Still Talk

By William A. Eisen
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Negotiations between Washington's two daily newspapers and 10 unions whose contracts expire at midnight tonight may produce tentative agreements with six unions before midnight, according to sources close to the talks.

Looming over those talks, however, is the fact that the largest union, the Columbia Typographical Union No. 101, is not close to a settlement after eight negotiating sessions and will not meet with publishers again until next Tuesday. It represents more than 1,000 printers at both The Washington Post and The Washington Star-News.

Tentative agreements with the three smallest unions involved in negotiations have been reached, sources said, and today's third consecutive day of talks with three of the five major unions may produce similar agreements.

The smallest unions are the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 26, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Lodge 67 and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 99.

Those represent fewer than 10 employees apiece at the Star-News, according to Harold J. Boyd, the newspaper's director of industrial relations. They represent a total of about 55 Post employees, said Larry Wallace, The Post's labor relations director.

The other three unions that may reach agreements today are the Newspaper Web Pressmen's Union No. 6, Stereotypers Union No. 19 and Mailers Union No. 29.

Representatives of management and those unions have been meeting with federal mediator Gilbert S. McCutcheon since Friday at the Sheraton Motor Inn in New Carrollton.

But the major problem faced in any of the negotiations is the printers' concern about three management proposals:

- The introduction of technological production changes that, management concedes, will eliminate jobs.

- The elimination of "reproduce," the union practice of reproducing typographical material submitted in finished form by advertisers. The "reproduce" type is not used for publication. Part-timers are often assigned to the "reproduce."

- A guarantee of lifetime jobs for 540 printers at The Post and "approximately" 325 at The Star-News, with no replacements being hired as printers at the papers retire, resign or die.

Asked what he thought of the three proposals, a printers' union source paused a few moments, then said, "Nothing, absolutely nothing."

The proposed technological changes include introduction of an optical scanning system that allows reporters to type stories directly into a computer.

The computer maintains the stories, displays them for editors on a picture tube like that of a television set and activates a typesetting process. All this eliminates the print-

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By Douglas Chevalier—The Washington Post
TOWPATH STROLL—A couple strolls along the towpath of the C&O Canal near Seneca during an afternoon of the waxing days of autumn.

Winners in Lottery

Here is a list of the Maryland lottery numbers drawn to date:

May 24, 769915; May 31, 223747; June 7, 090534; June 14, 176691; June 21, 041601; June 28, 425911; July 6, 873345; July 12, 627151; July 19, 535917; July 26, 728476; Aug. 2, 059273; Aug. 9, 982014; Aug. 16, 370949; Aug. 23, 500480; Aug. 30, 079933; Sept. 6, 876133; Sept. 13, 949399; Sept. 20, 904957; Sept. 27, 025779.

Lottery tickets may be redeemed for one year from the week they were purchased. The payoff schedule is:

Anyone holding a ticket with a complete six digit number in order, \$50,000; the same last five digits, \$1,000; the same last four digits, \$100; the same last three digits, \$25.

A ticket with the same digits as the winning number, but in a different order, in either lottery number or serial number, wins \$35. Tickets with the same last two digits as the winning number are eligible for a \$1 million drawing held about every six weeks.