

Petition drive planned for 2 Negro candidates

Petitions will be placed in circulation by the end of the week for two candidates who will run for the Newark City Council in November as nominees of the United Brothers of Newark.

The candidates are Theodore Pinckney, director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps in-school program, and Donald Tucker, an organizer for the United Community Corporation, Newark's anti-poverty agency.

Pinckney will seek election as councilman-at-large and Tucker will run for councilman in the East Ward.

They won endorsement at the closing session of a weekend convention of the United Brothers of Newark, a political organization dedicated to win black control of the city government in the 1970 municipal election.

Both candidates said they are in full accord with a platform adopted by convention delegates that calls for broad changes in education, welfare, housing and local courts, black control of the Model Cities program and a black labor committee to resolve employment grievances.

Pinckney said a drive to collect signatures on nominating petitions would continue through the month of July and that August would be devoted to an intensive voter registration campaign.

He said a central campaign steering committee will be created for the election, and that it would be responsible for overall details and day-to-day strategy.

Both Pinckney and Tucker

placed great emphasis on the narcotics problem, Tucker noting that the East Ward has the second highest rate of drug addiction in the city.

The 34-year-old Pinckney was born in Newark, attended Monmouth Street School, graduated from South Side High in 1952, earned a bachelor of science degree in

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Theodore Pinckney
Youth director



Donald Tucker
UCC organizer

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mathematics at Howard University and a masters degree in secondary education at Seton Hall University.

He taught mathematics at Central High and Essex College of Business and became director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps in-school program in 1966. More than 500 students were enrolled in the program during 1967 school year and 1,000 enrollees participated in last summer's program. It provides part-time employment, on-the-job training and work experience for students from low-income families who are in need of earnings to permit them to continue in school.

Pinckney is married to the former Joan Alnutt and lives at 138⁷ Hansbury Avenue. He has never run for public office.

A DROPOUT

Tucker was born in the East Ward 30 years ago and attended South Street and Oliver Street schools.

"I was a dropout from East Side High in 1955," he said. While serving with

the U.S. Air Force he took the General Education Development Test and took courses at Riverside City College in California.

After receiving an honorable discharge, he said, he returned to Newark and found that officials here did not recognize the GED tests, so he enrolled at Central Evening High School, earned his diploma in 1962.

RUTGERS SCHOOLING

Tucker said he took courses at Rutgers University, enrolled in the intern training program there and was elected class president in 1966.

As a UCC organizer, he directs a multi-purpose center in the East Ward, establishing programs to meet the specific needs of the people.

He said he is concerned about programs to convince youngsters of the need for a college education, and he wrote a "high school equivalency" program to help Newarkers continue with their education. He said the first program, recently completed, attracted 25 residents.

CORE OFFICIAL

Tucker is a member of the Essex County Council on Drug Addiction and was one of the organizers of a Cub Pack, Boy Scout troop and Explorer Scout Post at Pennington Court and is active as scoutmaster. He was a vice president of the Newark-Essex Chapter of CORE.

He was active politically with George Richardson's United Freedom Ticket, he said, and was a volunteer worker for Louis Turco in Turco's unsuccessful bid for the City Council in the 1966 East Ward race.

Tucker said he was selected as a candidate "on the basis of my commitment to solve community problems."

He is married to the former Marguerite Brown. The couple has a five-year-old daughter, Donna Maria. The Tuckers live at 177 Pennington Street.

Shore man held in fatal beating

Leonard Newsome Jr., 21, of 617 Monmouth Ave., Lakewood, was held yesterday without bail for a hearing July 15 by Elizabeth Municipal Judge John T. Soja on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Ernest Walker, 47, of 120 Fulton St., Elizabeth.

Newsome is accused of the fatal beating of Walker, who was found unconscious in front of 229 Third St., Elizabeth, about 11:04 a.m. Saturday, police said. Walker died at 8:45 p.m. Sunday in Alexian Brothers Hospital, Detective Albert Krug reported.