



## *Active In Projects, Decision-Making*

# Women Take Vital Part In Model Cities Process

You may not call it the result of Female Liberation, but women have made their mark on Model Cities.

It's not a telltale dishwater stain or a lipstick smudge, but the mark of a job well done.

In few organizations are women so well represented, and have so unique an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution as in Model Cities.

from all sectors of community life is essential for Model Cities to be a success.

As for the women, they make up at least half of all active members on Model Cities task forces. Ten of the 40 Model City Commissioners are women. Of the 35 on the combined staffs of the City Demonstration Agency, Information and Evaluation Department and Citizen Participation

The much-publicized women's movement — brought even more into focus recently with the national political conventions — has been booed and praised. Some think that aggressiveness in a woman is unfeminine, that her place is in the home.

Others, however, feel that women must seek out her own place — do "her own thing," be it on the job, on the platform or on the ballot.

It might be said that Model Cities and these new and experienced female leaders have become partners, and the results have been beautiful.

In Model Cities, participation is not limited to a few of one race, age or sex. In fact, the involvement of those



YVONNE McCALL

### UNIQUE SKILLS

All bring a unique set of qualifications and skills to their job, and have made what is generally agreed is an outstanding effect on the work of Model Cities.

Ms. Jones, who was a double biology and chemistry major at A&T State University, has been with her operating agency, Guilford County Economic Opportunity Council, for 4½ years. She began as a counselor of the County-wide Neighborhood Youth Corps (NYC) and has since moved up to the director's position of the program.

Nellie Jones feels strongly about women's roles. "A woman should have the opportunity to pursue a career, of course," she says. "Women have an important contribution to make. Just because a woman is married, and has



NELLIE JONES