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FTC Orders Firm To Pay Refunds

Break-ins Keep City Police Busy

Although this is the season to be merry, it is also the season to be robbed. Winston-Salem is experiencing a continuous increase in robberies and break-ins. "Robbery of convenience type stores, mini-markets, street muggings and house break-ins have been of great concern to the police department and citizens in the North and Northeast section of the city," said T.A. Surratt, chief of police here.

"There has been a tremendous loss to citizens in reference to stereos, T.V.'s, clothing, coin collections, and tape decks in this section of town", he said in a recent interview.

People are stealing anything that is not nailed down.

Much of it, chief Surratt said, is impulsive. "But some of it is planned and schemed out." The chief said there is a market place for these easy-selling goods. Stolen goods such as T.V.s and Stereos are easy to "fence", and often robbers will steal to fill orders.

"A lot of it is taking place within the neighborhoods," he said. Some of the stolen goods never get out of the neighborhood."

Local Girl Is Raped

A nine-year-old girl was reportedly raped Sunday, according to police reports. The report stated that the parents of the child told officers that the girl had gotten up Sunday morning, but went back to bed shortly thereafter.

The report said that the mother noticed the girl was walking oddly and took the child to Baptist Hospital. The child was found to have a case of gonorrhea but other tests were to be conducted, the report said.

The report said that the parents told officers a man living at the residence had been giving the girl food and money. The man was taken



Winston-Salem Police Chief, T.A. Surratt, spots high crime neighborhood on pin board at Police Headquarters.

Many people leave home for a short while and return home to a near empty house...victims of a break-in. "A man was on his front porch sleeping on a glider one day," the chief said in disgust. "While he was asleep, someone stole his wallet and \$108. The wallet was returned the next day empty."

The increased number of crimes is aided by the assessibility or opportunity to commit crimes. "It's easier now," the chief said.

into custody and the investigation is continuing.

'Dear Liz' To Answer Questions

You have heard of Ann Landers and Abbey Van Buren of the "Dear Abbey" and "Dear Ann" fame. Well, we have our very own advice expert in the form of "Dear Liz." Liz, along with her panel of experts will respond to your letters about your problems.

Watch for the "Dear Liz" column in the next issue of the Winston-Salem Chronicle.

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"People don't take the necessary precautions and some areas are conducive to committing crimes." For instance, the openness of the territory around used car lots, dimly lighted streets, isolation of small convenience-type stores and carelessness of some Christmas shoppers.

This might explain Winston-Salem's 14 to 15 per cent increase in crimes in 1974. Although that figure is below

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Co-Op Club Host Annual Dinner

The Bowen Park Cooperative Community Club held its annual Christmas dinner

Saturday Dec. 6 on the campus of Winston-Salem State University in the faculty

dining hall.

Mrs. Aretha Broadway served as mistress of ceremonies. Scripture and prayers was by Mrs. Ann Lester. The Welcome address was given by Mrs. Annie Mormon and Mrs. Alice Reynolds gave the club's history.

Approximately 15 years ago, a group of ladies from the Bowen Park community met to organize a flower club. The group met regularly at the home of Mrs. Annie Mumford. The membership grew. It reached not only the Bowen Park community, but others as well. It was then that the group which had been originally organized to send flowers to the sick and

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Mrs. Lura Suber, president of the Bowen Park cooperative Community Club, passes out gifts to members of the organization.

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