

# WINSTON-SALEM CHRONICLE

## Proposals Seek Sweeping Reform

### Hard Times Increase Tension In Blacks

Black males in the United States are prone to hypertension (high blood pressure) more than any other group, according to a black doctor here. The state of the economy today will tend to increase the number of black people in general and black males in particular who will be affected

by the condition, he said.

It is generally felt by many black doctors that the black male is under constant stress and strain. "Hypertension can be precipitated by loss of jobs, financial trouble, harassment by loan sharks, finance companies and domestic problems. All of which can be found in many black families today.

Blacks are notorious for eating a lot of salt and other food stuffs that tend to increase blood pressure. Blacks have the highest percentage of hypertension than any other group in the U.S., one doctor said recently. All black doctors have to treat hypertension despite the type of practice he is engaged in. It is a common problem, the doctor said, and can not be overlooked.

Doctors urge people to watch salt intake and decrease the amount of cholesterol taken into the body. But perhaps more importantly, seek medical help early.

Should the sales tax on food be abolished? Should North Carolina's minimum wage law be \$2.00 instead of \$1.80? Is the Food Stamp program taking too big a chunk from the family's pay check?

These are but a few of the questions that have been answered in the positive by the North Carolina State AFL-CIO and the Winston-Salem Chapter of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute.

The Institute, according to Avery Flynt who is president of the chapter, along with the AFL-CIO has prepared a list of legislative proposals to be submitted to the Forsyth County Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly before the body convenes this month. "We cannot over-emphasize the importance of these proposals," Flynt said in a recent interview. "We trust that this delegation will consider them and help enact legislation that

will see to the needs of the people of North Carolina."

In a release from the state office of the AFL-CIO, the organization termed the



Avery Flynt

state's food tax as "one of the most regressive methods of taxation." The organization feels that poor people are hurt twice as much because of high food prices in addition to the food tax.

Flynt said the Institute is attempting to join forces with other groups to point up the

need "for being actively involved in the political process." The Institute is focusing primarily in the black community, but is also working with other groups such as labor unions, churches, and civic groups.

Flynt called for the delegation to see that the Food Stamp program is kept at its present level or lowered. "Increasing the amount to one-third," the proposal states, "will only cause further hardships on people already receiving food stamps and those becoming unemployed."

The list of proposals include channeling of funds into Forsyth County to assist in the operation of the Family Health Care Center; enactment of a strong and uniform housing code along with the Landlord-Tenant Act; creation of public service jobs; and legislation to improve present prison conditions.

## Hines Wins Qualifying Bout - Now On U.S. Boxing Team



Irvin Hines throws a few devastating punches in preparation for U.S.-USSR matches in Las Vegas.

Irvin Hines of the Gladiators Boxing Club recently defeated Cliff Wells of Cincinnati, Ohio in a three-round qualifying bout and won a berth on the U.S. boxing team.

The Team will face the USSR in a series of matches starting January 18 in Los Vegas.

Hines, a 165 pound middleweight, is rated number one amateur middleweight in the country by the U.S. Amateur Boxers and Coaches Association.

"The Russian Team is supposed to be the toughest bunch of boxers the U.S. has competed against," Hines

said recently in an interview. That does not scare Hines however. "It means I'll just have to train harder", he vowed. "I'll be ready for them."

Hines will be competing in local tournaments throughout the state after the U.S.-USSR match. He will be getting ready for national tournaments such as the National Golden Gloves and National AAU.

### Family Gives Thanks

The family of Mrs. Zoe Parks Barbee, of Greensboro, North Carolina, and East Orange, New Jersey, wishes to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to the multitude of friends, business and professional associates for their many expressions of sympathy and concern.

### Traffic Accidents Increase

Traffic accidents generally increased in the city in 1974 over that of 1973. One reason given by some is that the city's streets in some areas are not clearly marked.

One such area is the intersection of 12th and Liberty Streets. As of January 7 there was no traffic sign at that corner. This area of Liberty Street is considered by the Traffic Department as a major road.

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### Black Publishers Form Association

Publishers of North Carolina's Eight black weekly newspapers met recently to form the North Carolina Black Publishers Association (NCBPA).

More than 25 people, including Editors and key personnel of those black newspapers, came together in an historical meeting that called for the mutual improvement of the newspapers. Both in content and amount of advertising.

Black weekly newspapers in the state represent a combined circulation of more than

60,000. This is the first such organization in the state and publishers indicated at the meeting, that the member newspapers will act as a body in many instances.

Members of the association are: The Tribunal Aid of High Point; The Carolina Peacemaker of Greensboro; The Charlotte Post; The Carolinian of Raleigh; The Carolina Times of Durham; The Wilmington Journal; and The Winston-Salem Chronicle.

The Association will, as one member said, continue to be a viable voice in the black community.

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