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*Vow To Fight For Reform*



Mazie Woodruff

## Women Rap Prisons

by Gwen Dixon  
Staff Reporter

A group called concerned Women for Justice met recently with legislators to discuss the prison system, death penalty and actions of the General Assembly.

Chairwoman Velma Hopkins criticized the prison system and said prisons were

a place of concentration and that inmates could not be rehabilitated by reading books and playing cards. "The time for marching is over we have got to get our committees together and let people know about the prison system," Hopkins told a group of more than 50 persons.

She charged that the

Forsyth Hospital laundry is being done by prisoners which she feels is unfair. She further added that blacks are the first to be picked up and the last ones to get out of jail.

Members from 20 counties involved in the group came to the meeting that was held in the cafeteria of the Reynolds Memorial Hospital. Many of the senior citizens came also for the luncheon and meeting.

Resolutions on the support of Joann Little, and landlord tenants act were passed. Mrs. Eaton from Raleigh read off the minutes from the last meeting.



Velma Hopkins

The Rev. Leon White, director of the N.C. and Virginia Commission for Racial Justice from Durham, said the prison system needs to be revamped from the bottom up. "It is the lower

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## Mayor Urges Decent Housing For Citizens

City government and housing officials were warned recently that they must take on more responsibility for providing decent housing for local citizens.

The warning came from Chapel Hill's mayor, Howard N. Lee. Lee was here last week to participate in a Housing Management Program seminar sponsored by Winston-Salem State University (WSSU).

Dr. Randal M. Rogers, Director of the program, said the program represents a joint effort between the Business and Social Science Departments at WSSU. "Its purpose is to train and educate housing practitioners and undergraduate students in the field of Housing Management."

Lee, who is actively seeking the job of Lieutenant Governor, said local government can no longer look to the federal government for hand-outs. "I left the mayor's conference saddened and frustrated because the federal government has no more hand-outs."

The third-term mayor called for churches, banks, loan institutions, and local governments to use available resources for creating ways to better service the people.

He encouraged officials to use whatever natural resources and funds to meet those needs. He also urged that more social programs be developed and that politicians let the public know just where they stand.



Mayor Howard W. Lee of Chapel Hill speaks to group at WSSU Business Management Seminar. Sitting right of mayor is Dr. Randal M. Rogers, Director of the Housing Management Program.

## School Budgets Show Blacks Shortchanged

By Robert Eller  
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Last of a three-part series

In our final interview with Representative Erwin he discussed the Equal Rights Amendment, the North Carolina State Budget, and hinted that he might run for re-election.

The Forsyth County attorney said that precious time was wasted in debate over the proposed Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). He said, "I voted for the ERA but I think precious time was wasted in dealing

with it.

"It should have been voted on February 19th but a vote was not taken until April 15th and 16th." Erwin said this time could have been used for study and debate in other areas. "I feel the vote would have been the same if we had voted on it in February," he said.

The black democrat talked at length about the North Carolina state budget. He pointed out that the budget was considered a great deal more this year because of the state money

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## Man Loses Everything

## Fire Destroys Home

by Robert Eller  
Staff Reporter

Fire raged through a building on the 1400 block of Trade Street last week gutting one apartment and severely damaging two others.

According to Woodrow Frazier, one of the tenants in the more than 50 year-old

building, he was playing cards in Bloom Park when told his residence was on fire. Frazier said he thought it was a joke and continued playing. After the game he said he started walking home and was told when he reached Cherry Street that his home was on fire. He rushed to Trade Street to find his apartment

demolished.

The 26 year-old Gravely Tractor Company employee said he was first told the fire was started by his downstairs neighbor, 52 year-old Authur Goodman, who was smoking. Later, he was told the fire was caused by faulty wiring in the building.

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Apartment on Trade Street recently destroyed by fire.

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