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Mother of 8 Faces Eviction



Ms. Dorothy Johnson and her children wait nervously for word about recent eviction notice.

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A 30 year-old mother of eight faces eviction from her apartment after being convicted of possession of marijuana earlier this month. Ms. Dorothy Johnson of 1944 Trade Street was given a 15-day eviction notice after pleading guilty to the misdemeanor on August 6. About seven grams of marijuana was found in Ms. Johnson home by narcotics officers.

Ms. Johnson said that when she was in court a member of

the Housing Authority was present. The day after her trial she says she received a notice asking her to come to the office of the Kimberly Park Housing Project where she resides.

She went to the office and was told to come back the next day. When she returned the following day she met with two Housing Authority representatives.

Ms. Johnson says she was told she had violated her lease and that she must move within 15 days. She later met with David Tompkins, another Housing Authority official, and asked that she be allowed to stay in the apartment until September 1st when she receives her monthly check. She says Tompkins did not give her an answer.

Ms. Johnson receives \$275 per month from the Welfare Department to support her eight children ages, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 and her 7 week-old granddaughter.

She says that if she is forced to move from her four bedroom apartment she will have no where to go. Housing Authority officials would make no comment about Ms. Johnson's situation. David Tompkins said, "this is not a matter for the newspapers and I'll have no statement until after it's gone to the court."

Mrs. Ferguson said, "I have no comment, we're working with Mrs. Johnson to help her find suitable housing elsewhere." Mrs. Ferguson said there would be no court action if Ms. Johnson moves.

Shot Between the Eyes, Lady Still Calls Police

A former Winston-Salem State Student was seriously injured Tuesday morning (August 26th) when she was shot four times as she was closing a cafe. Pearlene Clemons, 20, of 1210 E. 30th Street was shot

between the eyes, in the right side, in the right elbow and the left knee, according to police reports. She was placed in the intensive care unit at Baptist Hospital after surgery. Police found Miss Clemons lying on the floor of Tricky

Ricky's Steak and Take at 921 N. Patterson Avenue at about 3:20 a.m. August 26.

The owner of the cafe stated he was shocked and dumbfounded. "I can't believe it happened, if she hadn't been a strong person she would be dead," he stated. He said that after Miss Clemons was shot she apparently drug herself from a point on one side of the counter to the other side where the phone was located and called police. He stated that there was a trail of thick blood from the place where the young woman fell to the phone which was covered with blood.

According to reports, Miss Clemons told police she had closed the cafe at 3 a.m. but before she left a man came to the door and asked for a pack of cigarettes. When she gave him the cigarettes, she said, he tried to force his way inside, pulled a pistol and shot her in the face.

Miss Clemons said the man entered the cafe after she fell and shot her three more times. No money was taken even

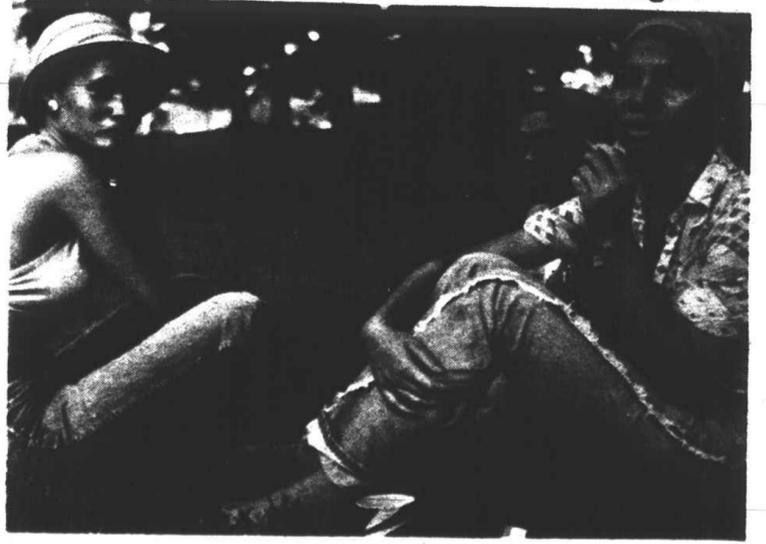
Armed Bandits Get Cash

Two armed bandits held up a service station in the city August 18 and made off with a substantial sum of money after injuring a man during the robbery.

Philip R. Mitchell Jr. 28, of 405 E. 30th Street stated that

he was working at Shaw's Gulf service station at 1522 N. Liberty Street when two men wearing ski masks ran into the store and yelled, "hold up!" According to reports the robbers pushed Mitchell and

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...Campus Cuties

Students at W-S State returned to school last week but still found time to relax and check things out.

Family Descendants Hold First Reunion

During revival week of the Piney Grove United Methodist Church at Advance, the descendants of the Crews, Foster, and Nichols families of Davie County got together at the church fellowship hall for a reunion.

On Tuesday, August 19, from 4-7 p.m., about 125 family members and friends from New York, Michigan, Virginia, and N.C. played games, feasted on catered boxed dinners, soft drinks, and assorted desserts made by some of the lady family members (many of the Crews descendants are well-known

for their culinary expertise.

Preceding the dinner, a short program was given in the church with the Rev. T.E. Crews of Roanoke, Va., presiding. Rev. M.S. Laughlin, church pastor, offered a prayer for all sick members of the family who were unable to attend this first family reunion. The Rev. W.P. Cole of High Point, gave remarks; also Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Laughlin. Several family members from out-of-state introduced themselves and their families.

Brief family histories were

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