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Housing Projects Face 5% Rent Hike



Photo by Connie Larkin
Kids at Nature Science Park learn the old way of making butter with a miniature model of a butter churn. Clockwise from bottom left: Shirley Blair, Cissy Umberger, Brenda Hunter, Doug Moody, Mary Kuhn, Andrea Mittemeier, Bryan Muskgrave

New Proposal Would Require All Persons in Projects to Pay Rent

by James Smith
Staff Writer

If approved by HUD, persons living in local housing projects may face as much as a five per cent rent increase by October 1.

David L. Thompkins, deputy director of housing for the Redevelopment Commission of Winston-Salem stated in a telephone interview that if the new proposal is approved, the new increase would be based on what the person's annual salary was.

"Presently, the local housing authority is operating under three rent schedules," he said.

"There is a 20 per cent rent schedule with people who

have up to two children; a 16 2/3 per cent schedule for those with three or more children and a 25 per cent schedule based on what is called the "Brooke Amendment."

Members of the local housing authority and managers from all six public housing projects met Tuesday with residents to explain the new proposal.

The six housing projects involved are Sunrise Towers, Crystal Towers, Kimberly Park, Happy Hill Gardens, Piedmont Park and Cleveland Avenue Projects.

Although the crowds at most of the projects were small, Thompkins said they tried to tell the residents that due to inflation and the upkeep of the apartments, something has got to be done.

"I think many of the

residents understood that due to rising costs we would eventually have to do something," he stated.

Thompkins stated that under the present rent schedule, there were families who were living in public housing and were paying no rent.

"For instance, if there were eight persons in a family and their annual income was \$2400, they would receive a deduction of \$300 per child. Therefore, their net income would be zero. And, under the old policy, their rent would be zero," Thompkins said.

"But with the new proposal, everyone would have to pay at least five per cent of their annual income," he said.

According to the August 1974 Housing Law which was

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Committee Says

Black Landowners Down 52%

by James Smith
Staff Writer

From statistics submitted to the Student Committee on Land Loss of Blacks (SCOLLOB), it is now estimated that from 1910 to 1969, the total number of blacks who owned farm land has dropped substantially and that between 1964 and 1969, there was a sharp decrease by 52 per cent of black ownership of farm land.

The committee feels that the basic problem lies in property that is being mortgaged as a result of persons borrowing money from someone and giving them legal title to their land to hold as security until the person has been repaid.

Johnny Wilson, chairman of the SCOLLOB said there were several "schemes" which end up with so many blacks losing their lands. "Most persons are caught up in the process of

"This is the right of the lender upon non-payment by the borrower or some other breach such as an acceleration

clause, to have the mortgaged property sold to repay the amounts owed. There are two types of foreclosure:

A. Foreclosure by power of sale--the trustee may sell the

land without court action, if a power of sale clause is in the mortgage.

B. Foreclosure by action--this action must be brought in

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Board Has No Answer To Downtown Problem

by James Smith
Staff Writer

Although there was no definite solution as to what would be done about the "drunks and winos" in the downtown area, John P. Bond, III, assistant city manager said that many of the places who sell beer and wine should have their licenses revoked.

That comment and others were made during the regular meeting of the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen Tuesday

Bond made that comment during a report he made which stated that the city is trying to cut down the number of beer

and wine outlets in the downtown area.

The study was asked for after the city had heard complaints from many of the merchants in the city -- particularly those in the Trade Street Areas.

At a previous meeting, Joe Choplin, owner of Joe's Fine Foods on Sixth and Trade Streets told the board of alderman that the winos and bums were heavily penetrating the area where his store is located.

"The city has neglected the area," he said. "The city is slowly letting it become a ghost town," Choplin said.

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Dr. Wall Honored For Outstanding Achievement

Dr. Wall Honored

by Azzie Wagner
Staff Writer

Members of Beta Lambda Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. assembled last Saturday evening at Holiday Inn North to honor Dr. Golden B. Wall for outstanding achievement in the field of education and community service.

Dr. Wall, who recently received her doctoral degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, received many laudable tributes from the Rev. Cedric Rodney, Dr. Kenneth R. Williams, (chancellor of WSSU), Mrs. Glennie Hall, Basileus of

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