

IN OUR SCHOOLS

VIP Recognition

Thursday, Dec. 16 The North Forsyth faculty and staff will receive VIP treatment at the school's basketball games in recognition of the great job they do. Contact William Butler at 767-6610.

Orchestra Concert

Hill Middle School's Orchestra will perform at Hanes Mall on Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. For more information contact Jean Mock at 788-7422.

Museum Visit

Fourth graders at Lewisville will visit the Museum of Anthropology to study early native Americans who lived in North Carolina on Dec. 16 at 10:15 a.m. For more information/contact Ruby Scott at 945-2366.

Sing-A-Long

Students at South Fork Elementary School will have their third annual holiday sing-a-long on Dec. 16 at 1:30 p.m. The music teacher, Alfonso Williamson will lead the students. For more information contact Pam Peic at 765-2366.

Chorus Sings

Fourth and fifth grade chorus students at Hall-Woodward Elementary School will perform a "Holiday Sing-a-long" in the gym Dec. 16 at 1:45 p.m. For more information contact Jane Pfefferkorn at 727-2629.

Play Presented

Second grade students from Moore Alternative School will present "A Prehistoric Christmas" at Highland Presbyterian Church Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. For more information contact Jane Pfefferkorn at 727-2629.

Board Meeting

Board of Education will be meeting at the Administrative Center Auditorium, 1605 Miller Street on Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.

Christmas Concert

Reynolds High School Band and Orchestra will present their Christmas Concert in the auditorium on Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Parents, friends and the community are invited. For more information contact Kay Windsor at 727-2069.

Last Day of School

Friday, Dec. 17 will be the last day of school for students and teachers. Classes resume Monday, Jan. 3.

Snuggle Up Held

On Friday, Dec. 17 Kindergarten classes at Brunson Elementary School will dress in pajamas and bring stuffed animals to "snuggle up" with while they watch the movie "The Polar Express." All the students have read the story and as a special treat for the holidays are seeing the movie in the school library. For more information contact Carol Weaver at 727-2856.

Singing Held

All students at Speas Elementary School will have a Christmas sing-a-long in the gym, Friday, Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. For more information contact Jane Pfefferkorn at 727-2629.

Singing at Businesses

South Fork Elementary School's fourth and fifth grade will sing "Songbirds" for their business partner Southern National Bank on Stratford Road, and then travel to Hanes Mall to entertain holiday shoppers on Friday, Dec. 17 at 10:30 p.m. For more information contact Pam Peic at 765-2366.

"In Our Schools" is a weekly calendar of events that chronicles going-on in our local schools. If you would like your event or information included, send them to: "In Our Schools," The Chronicle, P.O. Box 1636. You may also fax it to 723-9173.

Neighborhood Leaders Leave Program Ready for Action

By MARK R. MOSS
Chronicle Staff Writer

A program to help community leaders be better community leaders ended yesterday with a graduation ceremony and the hope that the participants will take what they've learned back into their neighborhoods.

The Neighborhood Leaders School, sponsored by Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods, closed out its first session with the participants summarizing what they had learned at the five previous sessions. They then received certificates honoring their participation in the program.

The program's goal, said Betty-Gray Davis of the Winston-Salem Foundation, is "to help develop neighborhood leaders so that they can go back to their neighborhoods and do whatever it is they need to do" to get their organizations moving.

The Winston-Salem Foundation and the East Winston Community Development Corp. sponsor Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods.

"Neighborhood associations try to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods," Davis said.

Davis said that 22 people participated in the program and they repre-

sented such communities as Skyline Village Apartments, Fairchild Apartments, Southgate Apartments and the Boston-Thurmond area. Representatives from the public-housing communities were invited to participate, but for various reasons were unable to attend, Davis said.

The two-hour, once-a-week sessions started on Oct. 27 and included such topics as "Being a Leader in My Neighborhood," "Organizing My Neighborhood for Action" and "Neighborhood Networking."

Among the session presenters were Yvonne Booker, Pat Minter and Ben Piggott.

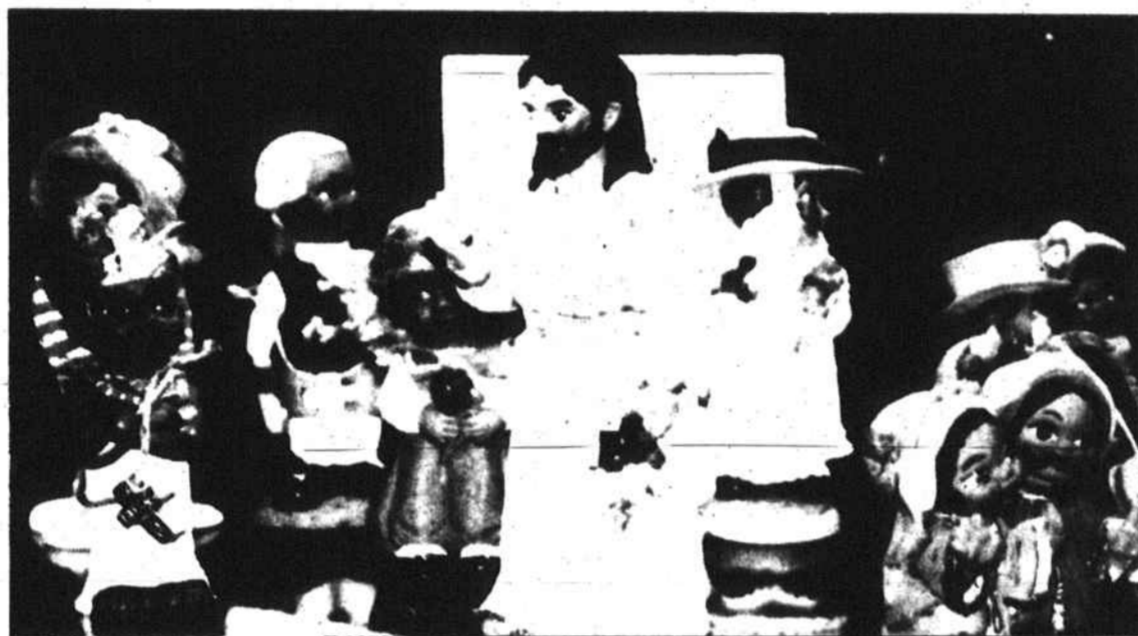
During the final session, the participants — there were about a dozen present — divided into groups, each of which were assigned to discuss a previous session. They discussed what they had learned in that particular session and how they planned on using that information, then presented their summaries to the entire group.

Some of the ideas that were broached concerned starting community newspapers, reviving community-watch programs, creating a benevolence committee, starting a welcome wagon and staying in touch with other neighborhood associations.



Some of the community leaders who participate in the Neighborhood Leaders School show off the certificates they received yesterday for completing the program.

Yvonne Booker, an East Winston CDC employee and the leader of Wednesday's session, pointed out that it was important to network with other neighborhood associations because one may have more expertise in fighting crime, for example, than another. "Everybody wants safe neighborhoods," she said.



Figurines from the Blackberry Bonnett Collection by black designer Debbie Bell Jarratt line the shelves of Special Occassions on Martin Luther King Drive.

Dept. Stores

"We carry mostly apparel and cosmetics, but the black Santas have sold very well," McClustey said. "The selection (of African-American items) is bigger this year and hopefully we will have sold out by Christmas."

Annie R. Hairston, owner of Pan African Imagery of 1001 S. Marshall St., said major department stores have not hurt her business because she sells authentic African art imported from Tanzania and jewelry from Kenya.

"We sell authentic African art and jewelry, not African American," she said. "Our products are shipped from the motherland and affordable."

Tom Jarratt, co-owner of Jarratt Studios, a black manufacturer of African-American collectibles and gifts near Durham, supplies 135 retail stores nationwide with Blackberry Bonnett figurines.

"Our collectibles are African-American figures produced by African Americans," Jarratt said. "A lot of stores sell black figurines made by white companies."

Jarratt said his wife, Debbie, who designs the figurines, previously developed greeting cards at Hallmark and designed collectibles for the Franklin Mint in Philadelphia before starting their own business. Jarratt said before they started making figurines, many of the African-American figures have been derogatory and sold "under the guise of memorabilia."

Jarratt said that he ships merchandise mostly to African-American businesses, but that he is seeking to supply some major stores who are aggressively seeking the African-American consumer.

"We get good support from our own community — not as great as it should be, but it's getting there," Jarratt said. "As far as going after the major department stores, a lot of the black dealers are not strong enough to buy in volumes. (Black businesses) are our primary customers and we support black businesses because it economically empowers our community."

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department. When the community feels comfortable about police conduct, you have less reaction."

Bill Tatum, president of the local NAACP, said the group still believes the police should stop using pepper spray until its effects are known.

"We're not against them using it, but they need to consider more studies on it," Tatum said. "The NAACP believes that they should cease and desist use of the spray until further study of the effects is conducted."

Sweat said pepper spray is only used when someone shows resistive or threatening behavior and the responsibility lies with the way people conduct themselves.

"If you don't engage in dangerous, violent behavior, the chance of being sprayed with pepper mace is virtually none," he said.

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