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Mrs. Thomas A. Key, widow of Dr. Thomas A. Key, former surgeon for forty years in the state of Tennessee, returned to High Point last week to attend the forty ninth anniversary of the Blue Ribbon Society at Calvary Baptist Church. The program was dedicated in the honor of Mrs. Key, a former educator and registered nurse.

In her present home city of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Mrs. Key is a member of the First Baptist Church, and is active in many christian, educational and governmental affairs. She is a past president of her church Sunday School for 18 years.

She is president of the City Missionary Union with five circles. She is president and treasurer of the State Federation and has been for sixteen years.

She is now employed by the Scenic Cities of Chattanooga Beautiful Commission. That commission is a city - county



governmental agency which studies, investigates developments, and carries out plans for improving the health, sanitation and cleanliness of the city and county by beautifying the streets, alleys, lots, yards, and

other similar places. She has been employed by the city for the past ten years and works in all city and county schools.

Mrs. Key has served as a member of the S.C.B.C. board since its inception in April 1963.

NOTICE

ALL WINSTON-SALEM NEWS, PICTURES, ARTICLES, etc., SHOULD BE TURNED IN TO MRS. VELMA HOPKINS, AT 1228 HIGHLAND AVE. NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY NOON

State Employees Handicapped

RALEIGH — Secretary of Human Resources David T. Flaherty today announced that a recent survey of all 17 state government departments revealed that 938 handicapped persons are currently working in state government. The survey was conducted by the Governor's Council on Employment of the Handicapped, a component of the Department of Human Resources.

This figure represents approximately two percent of the total 46,943 employees covered by the State Personnel Act.

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ANNOUNCING John Witherspoon

For those of you who don't already know, there happens to be an industrious young man operating a commercial photographic studio down town on South Main Street. No stroke of luck or accident put him there. It is the results of a concentrated effort and much hard work. His business existence is a living example of what can be done — Black or white — when one is determined to reach a designed goal.

Mr. John Witherspoon is the new owner and operator of Carolina Studio. Located at 120 1/2 South Main Street, Mr. Witherspoon has now served notice on the citizens of High Point that he intends to serve all people of this community. He stated that his work is inferior to no one and he plans not to be excluded and treated as such. Continuing on Mr. Witherspoon said, "The quality of my work compels me to invite any one in to make a comparison."

Mr. Witherspoon's arrival at his present location came about with a series of actions. First of all he began his profession by attending New York Institute of Photography. There he completed the course with commendable diligence and proficiency while winning a certificate of graduation. Afterwards he returned to High Point. He first located his new business at 728 East



Washington Drive which was known as Frank's Studio. After a successful stay there, his big opportunity came when he was given the offer to buy his present business which was already a household name in High Point. John's consideration

needed only a short deliberation. He quickly became the proud owner of Carolina Studio.

After moving into larger quarters, John broadened and expanded his services to include, Wedding Portraits, Copywork, Portraits, Restoration, and

also Commercial Work. Employed to help run the office, is Mrs. Linda Clark.

Mr. Witherspoon stated that his desire is to serve the public well, and be a credit to his people.

He and his family reside at 1308 Cedrow Avenue.

Model City Funds Available

Representative Richardson Preyer announced today that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has granted \$580,000 for the High Point Model City Commission Fourth Year program. This grant will allow for the operation of some eighteen projects contained within the approved Fourth Action Year Plan. These projects are designed to deal with some of the various problems and needs of the Model Neighborhood area as well as of the city of High Point at large.

When this grant is combined with funds that have been saved through Third Action Year cut-backs in Model City staff, administrative expenses, and projects, the total amount of money available for the Fourth Year is \$902,709. On or about July 1st, the Model City Commission will contract with eighteen projects for the use of this

money. In this final year of operation the Model City Commission will work at evaluating the entire Model City process and its effect upon the city. This evaluation will be made with a view to integrating into the city-wide Community Development program which is scheduled to start on July 1st, 1974, those parts of the Model City process which have proven beneficial.

Most of the projects which will be operating on Model City funds, will be receiving grants from other funding sources as well. In a number of projects the Model City grant means that additional funds can be attracted from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, the state Vocational Rehabilitation agency, the Small Business Administration, the Business Development Corporation of North Carolina, United

It is expected that when the Model City program ends in July, 1974, all of these projects will be able to continue their vital work with other funds.

Community Services, and local contributions. The total amount of non-Model City funds attracted by these projects will be \$1,869,071. When this figure is added to the Model City share, there will be a total of \$2,771,780 spent through the Model City projects.

Evelyn R. Moraes Rehabilitation Counselor

The main purpose of Vocational Rehabilitation is to provide assistance for the handicapped, so that they may become more self sufficient in life. In our definition of handicapped, we include those who are emotionally ill, mentally limited, or physically limited. Most people do not think of themselves as handicapped. Yet, if someone hasn't been able to hold a job because of his nerves, or high blood pressure, diabetes, allergies, etc.,

then we say that he has a disability, and we try to find a work setting for him that is within his range of abilities. Many poor people, black people and Model Neighborhood Residents have had inadequate medical care in High Point due to the shortage of doctors here. Since their medical problems have not been thoroughly diagnosed or treated, they remain more disabled than the general population. It is our special interest to provide

thorough diagnostic work-ups to people who apply for our assistance so that we can help them get at the root of their problems and do something about them. After we have their problems diagnosed, we help them make plans for job training, job placement, etc. Many families have had their income level raised as a result of proper medical treatment and job placement. We also work in conjunction with other agencies such as Department of Social

Vocational Rehabilitation Services Provided

Services, Mental Health, High Point Sheltered Workshop and Employment Security Commission when we render services to individuals. We are able to provide many free services to people who are not on welfare but are under financial strain. Any one who feels that he might be eligible for our services should contact our agency for information. Our phone number is, (885-6811) and our address is:

Rehabilitation Model City/Rehabilitation Unit
302 North Hamilton Street
High Point, N.C. 27260

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High Point Model City Commission Notes

It is constantly stated that there are a select few who make decisions for many and set the direction for their lives.

The Model City process, since its inception, has afforded residents and citizens the opportunity of putting into practice the democratic philosophy upon which our government was founded. Considering that each citizen or resident is not a politician or politically inclined, we do

recognize as vital to our system the need for each individual to be aware of decisions that are being made, and the processes by which governmental decisions are made. This is necessary on the local, state, and national level.

Citizen involvement or citizen participation as it is generally referred to, is of utmost importance in the High Point Community overall and not limited to the Model Neighborhood. Although, there are many

who consider the citizen structure ineffectual and inefficient in its working, the majority who have been involved and have put forth maximum effort, can readily admit that their knowledge has been greatly enhanced in recognizing the inequities which exist in our community. It is the duty of citizens to take an active role in the decision-making process which will affect their lives. The apathetic ap-

proach cannot be allowed to take hold in the many neighborhoods and stagnate any progress which has been commenced.

The legislation which has been promulgated by the Congress through Model Cities specifically sets forth the opportunity for the involvement of citizens and residents in a meaningful way in the governmental process. With the termination of the Model City program in a year, new programs will

be introduced to replace governmental efforts for community improvement. Community Development legislation is currently being considered.

Looking toward the future of Community Development and its implications under the Better Communities Act, there are basically no guidelines for citizen involvement and input in the planning and decision-making of expenditures under the new Block

Grant system. It is therefore incumbent upon local governing bodies and officials to initiate some meaningful structure for citizen input while working together towards common goals and the growth of the community.

In the High Point community, the citizen participation structure is unique, in that only cities with a Model City agency have formed an organization where residents are

involved at beginning levels of making decisions. Other cities and towns across the state have not had the experience upon which to capitalize and unless we solidify that system now in operation, citizen participation will fall by the wayside.

Citizens are usually motivated to speak out for better living conditions for themselves and their fellow citizen when they see demonstrated human

needs being unmet. Thus, with sensitive citizens being in a decisive position for introducing a humane element into the governmental processes, we can move toward the goal of bridging the gaps which exist in people's living conditions, as well as assuring that people exercise fully their duty to become totally involved — both politically and socially — in the decision-making structure that will determine their future life.

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