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Only 14 M.D.'s - All Over 40

## City Lacks Young Black Doctors



Thomas H. Hooper

Group To Buy Station

### WAAA Radio Under Black Management

For the first time in 25-years, radio station WAAA will have black management as of June 1. The Win Broadcasting Company, Inc., have begun a contractual arrangement to buy the radio station. In a telephone interview Thomas H. Hooper of Hooper's Funeral Home said the Win Broadcasting Company, Inc., is composed of community people who have signed an option to buy the station. He said the station costs a lot but would not disclose the exact amount.

"Radio is a new ballgame for me," the funeral home director said. "It is the beginning of a comfortable enterprise. We will employ blacks and it is also a means of expressing ourselves," he said.

Thomas H. Hooper, Jr. will be the President; Thomas H. Hooper III, to be the Vice President; and Curtis Todd is to be the Secretary.

WAAA is in its 25th year of operation and Hooper says

this is the first time it will seek to hear and project the interests of the black community. "The community will have an interest and it will give the community pride," Hooper said.

## Bailey Street Folks Ready To Move

by Gwen Dixon  
Staff Reporter

More than 90 families and individuals will be relocated from run-down neighborhoods with dilapidated housing and gutterless and curbsless streets this summer when the Redevelopment Program gets underway.

Relocation Director Bill Andrews said families in the Bailey street area will begin moving after hearing procedures and citizen participation meetings are completed. Some residents of the area, however are ready to move right now.

by Robert Eller  
Staff Reporter

There are only 14 black practicing physicians in the city of Winston-Salem and the youngest is over 40, according to Dr. O.G. Hairston, one of the 14. This, according to the city's black M.D.'s is a very serious problem.

The black doctors feel that the closing of Reynolds Hospital is the main reason for this.

Dr. Hairston, Dr. Thomas L. Clarke, and Dr. James M. Jones all agree that young black doctors do not come to Winston-Salem because they have no where to train.

Dr. Hairston says, "most doctors go where there are training facilities."

Dr. Clarke points out that, "they (black doctors) were coming as long as there was hospital training. Primarily, Reynolds' closing has caused them to stay away."

Dr. Jones added that, "the closing of Reynolds could have a detrimental effect on young black physicians coming here."

Dr. Hairston noted that

when Reynolds was in operation there were more than 35 black physicians in the city. According to Hairston there has been a decline of more than 60% in the cities black M.D. population over the last few years.

Black physicians feel this

situation is a serious one. "Of the 14 non-hospital based black doctors two are sick and 70 or over, five are specialists, two others do a great deal of specialty work, and that leaves five to do the majority of general practicing," Hairston

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### Store Heist Nets \$10,000 In Jewels

An employee of Brendle's Catalog Showroom on 2250 Peters Creek Parkway notified police June 2 of a jewelry robbery amounting to \$10,000 dollars. An alarm went off at the store at 9:55 p.m. At that time police checked on the building and found everything to be secure.

However, Wayne Pardue, store manager, came to the store at 11:15 p.m. as a result of a call concerning the alarm and he found the garage door in the rear of the building open.

According to reports, Pardue checked his jewelry case

and found \$10,000 in jewelry stolen.

Officers suspect that someone hid in the store at closing time and ransacked the jewelry cases. A white pillowcase was found near one of the cases.

Bob Sechrest, assistant manager, stated that when he locked the front door there was a black male in his early 20's, about 160 lbs., thin built and med. complexion using the pay phone booth located just inside the front door. He stated also that a dark colored (possibly red) late model Grand Prix was in the parking lot occupied by a black male.

"I'm tired of this hole"

"I'm tired of this hole," Jessie Booe said recently of his living conditions. He has lived at 1256 Bailey Street for more than 10 years. "I want to get out of here," he said.

Raymond Littlejohn of 1303 Bailey Street has been living "on the hill" since 1942. "I guess I'll be glad since they are going to tear down the shacks," he said with mixed emotions. Littlejohn lives in a little shack but seems somewhat reluctant about moving.

"I want a better place to live," he said, "it's just that my vision is bad and everybody around here knows



Raymond Littlejohn

me. I can come and go as I please and feel safe about it." Andrews said the move from Bailey street will begin shortly after July. Prior to the See RESIDENTS Page 2

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