

City Claims Vacancies To Be Filled With Blacks

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jobs where the number of blacks are low.

The reason for the 19.1 per cent figure is that a research statistic report revealed that the total labor force among blacks in Forsyth County is 19.1 per cent.

"The total labor force means anyone 16 years or older who is either employed or those persons seeking employment," he said.

"The one thing people must remember is that there is not much turnover in city government. Also, as long as there is a hiring freeze, there is not much that can be done.

"However, as the jobs are made available, the city government is trying to fill the vacancies with blacks and women," he stated.

Bond said he felt that blacks had been disenfranchised and

in most instances had not been given sufficient training for certain types of jobs.

The employment situation in Winston-Salem reached a new peak last week when a newspaper article quoted an official in the Justice Department as saying that Winston-Salem had one of the worst records in the nation in its hiring of blacks.

However, Bond does not

agree.

"I realize we are behind--but everybody is," he said.

Bond also pointed out that segregation was a way of life in everything until the Civil Rights Act of 1968. "I think our city started a very low base and has done a tremendous amount of progress in its hiring of blacks for certain positions," he said.

However, he does agree

that a lot of progress is yet to be made.

In a breakdown as subscribed by the Federal Government, the following is a job description in each of the seven categories.

--Administrators and officials--occupations which a person is able to set broad policies. Such persons may be department heads, division chiefs, directors, deputy directors, superintendents and police and fire chiefs.

--Professions--includes personnel, employment counselors, lawyers, systems analysts, accountants, engineers and police and fire captains and lieutenants.

--Technicians--include computer programmers and operating programmers, draftsmen, surveyors, communication operators, technical illustrators, inspectors and police and fire sergeants.

--Protective Service--police patrol officers, detectives and fire fighters.

--Office and clerical help--includes bookkeepers, messengers, clerk-typists, stenographers and payroll clerks.

--Skilled craftsmen--mechanics and repairmen, electricians, heavy equipment operators and carpenters.

--Service and maintenance men--truck drivers, garage laborers, custodial personnel, gardeners, ground keepers, refuse collectors and construction laborers.

Of the total 1,687 city filled positions at the end of 1975, 552 of those were filled by blacks. That figure is about 32.7 per cent of the black population in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

GARDEN CLUB

Along the Garden Path Club held a Dinner meeting with Mrs. Annie McClennon 621 Cameron Ave.

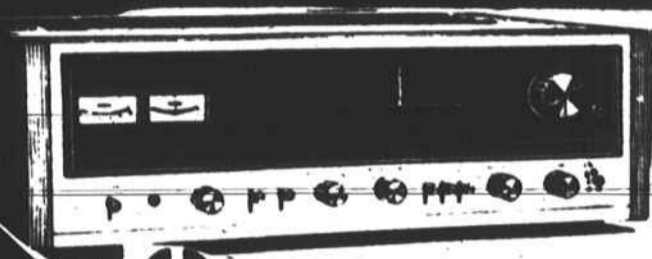
Following dinner Samuel Tréten from Agricultural Extension Service discussed Pesticides and Poisonous Plants. Pamphlets were distributed in connection with his talk.

Miss Romelia Mason reported on the outline plans for convention of State Federation of Garden Clubs to be held this year in Winston-Salem Hyatt House August 1-3.

Each member received program book for 1976-1977.

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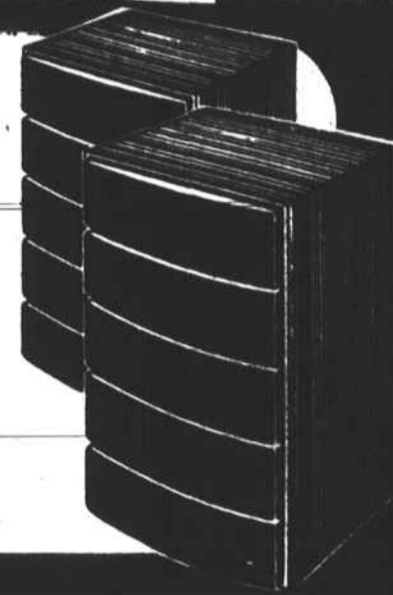
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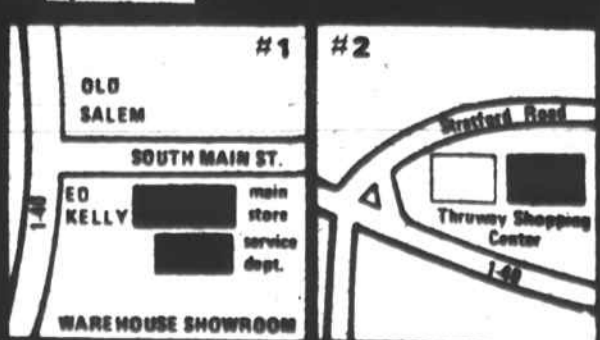
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