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Candice C. Michaux

## WSSU Campus Queen To Be In Festival

Candice C. Michaux, the reigning Miss Winston-Salem State University, will be a member of the Queen's Court at the Twenty-Ninth Annual Azalea Festival to be held in Wilmington, N.C., April 8-10.

The Queen's Court is comprised of ten campus representatives from across the state. Members of the Court are the guest of the festival while in Wilmington

and each will be given an evening gown which is worn at the pageant and in the parade. Ms. Michaux's travel expenses will be paid by the WSSU Alumni Association.

This is the first year that WSSU has been invited to send a representative to the festival. The Wilmington Chapter of the WSSU Alumni Association initiated the invitation.

### Charged With Moral Turpitude

## Minister Vows to Keep Church

by James Smith  
Staff Writer

A Winston-Salem minister who has been charged with moral turpitude and derelict of duties by some of his congregation in Lexington, has also charged that the entire city is being racist in that charge.

Dr. Rayford J. Thompson, founder and pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church in Lexington has fought a battle for nearly three and a half years in an effort "not to be put out of my church."

In a recent interview, Dr. Thompson stated that his court battle started early in 1973 when a former member

of the trustee board, Fred Holt, issued a warrant for his arrest on the ground of trespassing.

The warrant for his arrest was issued on May 29, 1973, but was dismissed in court on June 26, 1973.

"If the law could dismiss the charge then and now now, then they (the law) is being racist about the whole situation now," charged Dr. Thompson.

Of the 125 members of the church, Dr. Thompson estimates that only about 25 persons are against him.

According to Thompson, the whole case allegedly stems from a meeting at which time the members were suppose to

## CETA Jobs May End If Money Not Funded

by James Smith  
Staff Writer

Three funding sources of the Concentrated Employment Training Act (CETA) will be non-existent by the end of December, 1976, if the Federal Government doesn't appropriate any money soon.

Under the Title I program, funds for those positions are expected to continue through September 30, 1976.

However, Dillon Robertson, a training officer for Forsyth County said that the county has obligated itself to find unsubsidized jobs for 50 per cent of the participants in the program.

At present, the county has about 17 persons in the program, he said. But, there are others employed under the Title I program.

"If the county does find jobs for those people, it doesn't necessarily have to be county jobs," Dillon stated.

Under the Title VI program, if the U.S. Congress and the President do not act on getting additional funds, that program will terminate by June 30, 1976.

President Ford recently vetoed a bill which Congress

was trying to get a two-year extension on that program. At the time it was vetoed, Ford called the bill, "fiscally irresponsible."

If that program is terminated, about 90 county employees will be out of work. Also, there are about 30 agencies which employ persons under that program.

Agencies such as the Arts Council, Experiment in Self-Reliance, Winston-Salem State University, the Nature Science Center, Wake Forest University, Forsyth Technical Institute and the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School system all have persons

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## Rapes Down In City; Most Are Young Girls

by James Smith  
Staff Writer

Although there are fewer rapes this year than last, several local authorities have become alarmed that so many of the victims have been very young girls who have been out very late at night.

Sgt. G.T. Dalton of the Juvenile Division said in a recent interview that it was becoming more disturbing that so many young girls are allowed out all "sorts of hours."

However, not all rapes are reported to the authorities, Dalton said.

Statistically speaking, Dalton said there were a total of 16 reported rapes for 1974; nine for 1975 and so far this year, there has been only one.

"But, the thing involved is the time element. Most of the incidents happen in the wee hours of the morning, usually after midnight," he said.

A spokesman for the Protection Service Unit of the Department of Social Services, said that last year they received about 10 cases of rape victims.

The spokesman estimated that the girls ranged in age from about 10 to 15 years old.

"The Juvenile authorities usually calls for our office when they think neglect is a contributing factor in the rape. Or, they call in the case of incest.

After that, a social worker is called in to determine whether the girl has either been

neglected or abused and in such cases, the social worker would place the girl in

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## Consumer Bills Signed

WASHINGTON -- President Ford has signed into law two consumer bills which were cosponsored by Fifth District Rep. Steve Neal, who witnessed the signing at the White House.

One bill amended the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to prohibit any lender from discriminating against a borrower because of age, race, color, religion or national origin. The act previously prohibited discrimination based on sex or marital status.

The second bill amended the Truth in Lending Act to protect customers against inadequate and misleading leasing information. It assures meaningful disclosure of lease terms and limits liability in connecting with leasing certain personal property.

Neal, who Consumer Affairs subcommittee developed both bills, said the leading amendments will "give the customer a means of comparing lease advertisements against each other and against outright purchase of the item. It also protects against large end-of-lease balloon payments."



Rev. Rayford Thompson

take a vote asking that Thompson give up his duties as pastor.

However, Thompson con-  
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