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Blacks Are No-Show at Hearing

by Rudy Anderson
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Few blacks showed up for the budget hearing held Tuesday night in the City Hall Council Chambers. According to a source who did attend the meeting, the general crowd was smaller than had been expected.

Recommendations that

were submitted to the board for consideration as one woman put it, "were all people oriented." The same attitude was reflected in the televised program "Focus" where the people in the city were given the opportunity to call members of the city Board of Aldermen to give them recommendations on how the money of the upcoming

budget should be spent. There were contradictions.

"It seems odd" said one man, "that one of the major items to come up was the renovation of the Coliseum, especially after the bond referendum was voted down."

He was referring to the bond referendum that would have provided money for the renovation had it been

approved by the voters a few months ago.

Some of the recommendations heard were a bus service for the handicapped as well as better recreational facilities, some type of incentive program to help some Ardmore area residents to own their homes rather than rent them, low income housing for the handicapped.

The question of an emergency medical care facility in the East Winston area was raised as well as the possibility of day care facilities for unwed mothers.

Cecil Butler, an interested party observing, was a bit pessimistic. He said the low attendance of the meeting indicated to him that

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City Man Charged With Shooting Wife

by Rudy Anderson
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Roland Artis Neal, 20, of 805 Moravia St., was charged with the shooting of his 19-year-old wife Gwendolyn Delores Neal last Sunday, seriously injuring her.

After being shot in the chest, Mrs. Neal was taken to Baptist Hospital where she reportedly told police that she had been at her mother's house at 2001 E. 24th St., when her husband came and shot through the front storm door.

The bullet was said to have passed through the door and struck Mrs. Neal in the chest just above her heart. Details of what happened have not been fully determined but a police investigation is continuing.

The police feel however that the shooting, as they have been able to determine so far, was the result of a domestic squabble.

A spokesman at Baptist said that Mrs. Neal was now in satisfactory condition and had been moved from intensive care to a regular nursing unit.

Neal was charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. He was jailed under a \$10,000 bond. At his preliminary hearing, Neal was appointed a lawyer and a second hearing set for Nov. 30th.



Miss Mt. Olive Crowned

Miss Mt. Olive Mrs. Josie McCray congratulated by Pastor C.E. Greene (left) and program organizer Miss Dorothy Fair (right) at a recent pageant. See story on page 24

James Baldwin ...

'I May Sound A Little Different'

by Azzie Wagner
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Having mellowed and even softened a bit from previous years, James Baldwin -- novelist, essayist and playwright visited Wake Forest and Winston-Salem State Universities last evening to the delight of many.

The internationally known writer of many fiery and even controversial works of literature admitted at once to an audience at Wait Chapel on the campus of WFU that, "I may sound a little different now than I did in the past ... but that's because I'm older."

However, Baldwin was not so different that at many times during his speech, one could forget that he was the author of such novels as *Another*



James Baldwin

Country and The Fire Next Time.

According to Baldwin, the trouble with this country from his point of view is that it's never told the truth to itself. "However," quotes the author, "things are showing promises of getting better, but there is still a lot to be angry

Knollwood Nursing Home Reorganizes

by Rudy Anderson
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The Board of Directors at the Knollwood Nursing Home facility have established four committees to "keep abreast of the problems facing the home," said Mrs. Betty Pikula, Chairman of the Board.

Mrs. Pikula said that these committees had been a long time in coming. "I had been thinking of this type of thing

for quite a while. We can no longer continue to let a bad situation, get worse," she said.

The committees will be dealing with areas of Audit Finance, Personnel, and Patient Grievances. Mrs. Pikula said she feels that this way the board will have some knowledge of problem areas in advance.

In addition to establishing these committees, the board also decided to meet once a month rather than quarterly as had been its practice. "That decision," said Mrs. Pikula, "was made because there was just too much paperwork and too many ideas and recommendations for one meeting of the board every four months."

Asked whether the reorganization was the result of the controversial dismissal of Mrs. Roberta Groves, as Housekeeping Supervisor, she said, "Well, this probably speeded things up a bit. But there have been other problems, this incident may have just served to bring things to a head."

She said she, as well as other board members would not comment further on the allegations brought against Frank Armstrong, director of the home, and also a board member charged by Mrs. Groves until the matter has been settled.

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