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Rent Goes From \$32 to \$103

20-Year Resident Refuses To Sign Lease

by Rudy Anderson Staff Reporter

Ruby Rawls, 50, has lived at 16 Derry Street for the last years. Many of those years we been hard for her, trying raise three children without usband. In all that time she wer balked about her cumstances, but simply lied with the punches. wever, a recent series of all brought her passive tude to a boiling ferver.

dents living in low income sing and in the last four oths her rent has jumped a \$32 a month to \$103 a ath. She says the increase kill a 20-year-old dream to a home.

he had been on welfare for the a while and a disability on with high blood sure. It took two years of work to stabilize herself thabilitation clinic before could get a job.

fore she got the job her had been only \$32 a th. In October, people in income housing developts must report their me to the Housing

ttly before making ehr Ruby had gotten a job odwill, bring home Maweek. Ruby said that she reported her ags she was told that on her reported income ould have to pay \$77 a started in November. February to Novemhe Housing Authority en sending letters and ginformation in project informing residents cw rents would possibly beginning January 1, Most of the rents did se and was based not on income but also ing to the number of ms an apartment had. by the price of a two living space was hat was the straw that be camel's back. When time to sign a new the refused.

Director of Housing, and what was happening not only to Ruby but to almost everyone living in low income housing, except those living on fixed incomes.

He explained that Congress passed a bill called the

said, "What the act did was unify housing authority procedures for computing rent."

Thompkins said he was surprised it took this long to get the Department of

"They are pushing the life out of us with this rent."

Housing Act back in 1974. The bill required housing authorities nationwide to raise rent rates from 18% to 25% of a tenant's adjusted income. He

Housing and Urban Development (HUD(to implement the plan. He said the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners approved it in August

last year. HUD gave its approval for implementation in November.
"What they are trying to do

"What they are trying to do with public housing is make it more independent, a self-sustaining operation," said Thompkins. "It was costing the government much too much, to continue its past

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Ruby Rawls

\$1.5 Million In Aid Sought By School System

by Rudy Anderson Staff Reporter

The City-County School Board Superintendant, Dr. James A. Adams, presented a proposal Tuesday night to the school board seeking \$1.35 million in federal money from the Emergency School Aid Act (ESAA), an aid program under the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW), that subsidizes school systems in the process of integration.

In 1974, the school board withdrew from the program and thumbed about \$360,000 rather than make adjustments to comply with civil rights regulations. According to Adams' proposal, the school board may have to change

some assignments in the school system, particularly at the secondary level, in order to be considered for the funds.

When the board pulled out of the program, it had been sighted by the Office of Civil Rights and HEW officials for certain questionable assignment practices. Among the charges then was that school systems ability - grouping practice at the elementary and junior high levels created racially identifiable classes.

These same officials were also concerned with the system's special education classes where almost two-thirds of these classes were black, while the classes for academically talented stu-

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Dilliard Elected To Serve As Potentate

David Dillard

by Azzie Wagner Social Editor

In its formal monthly meeting recently held, Sethos Temple No. 170 of Winston-Salem elected as its Illustrious Potentate Mr. David Dillard.

Having been affiliated with the Masonic order since 1959, Dillard has held many positions prior to this honor bestowed on him by the nobles of Sethos. He has served in the capacity as past Master of Olympic Lodge No. 795, Recorder of Joint Trustee Board, a member of King Solomon's Consistory No. 64 (Prince Hall affiliated), Assistant Rabban and Chief Rabban.

Dillard attended Atkins High School and is presently employed by RJR Industries, Archer division.

An avid church worker, he

attends New Bethel Church where he has been the President of the Layman's League for the past 12 years.

Other officers elected included William Peterson -Chief Rabban; Alvin Jackson -

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Adams Reaffirms Position

Corporal Punishment Upheld

by Rudy Anderson Staff Reporter

In a recent memo to all staff members of the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School system, school board Superintendant Dr. James A. Adams, restated his position on the administering of corporal punishment with special comments of his own

surrounding the Kurtz case, its reprevisions and the media's treatment of it, among other things. Here is what he said.

"Much thought and consideration has been given to the complex process of teacher-student interaction that leads to "good" discipline. First, "good" discipline is brought

about by good instruction. Second, it is brought about by home-school cooperation, and third, by clearly defined Policies and procedures that are consistent throughout the

school system. This should not imply that a continuing review of our policies and procedures should be omitted. I initiated

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