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Urban League Director Named

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Muslims Start Self-help Program

by Rudy Anderson
Staff Reporter

The local World Community of Islam in the West headquartered at Muhammad's Mosque No. 56 on 1500 English St. has announced its plan to implement a program this week geared toward answering the immediate needs of families and individuals in times of stress.

The program is to be coordinated through the efforts of two groups within the mosque along with the city social services department and the Winston-Salem Chronicle.

Sister Adrienne Zai'mah, chairman of the organization's Public Information Committee, said the main objective of the program would be to "assist needy families or individuals in the bilalian

(black) community."

She also said that while the thrust of the program would be toward the black community, whites would not be rejected if they should seek their assistance. "It is my committee's responsibility to bring the needs of these people to the attention of the public," she said.

Sister Adene Majeed, chairman of the Accidents and Mishaps Committee, said that it would be the function of her committee to actually get, if possible, and store for future use, the materials that will be needed.

"We will work in conjunction with the Social Services department, actually providing service," she said. She said details of money allocations was still in the

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Thomas J. Elijah

by Rudy Anderson
Staff Reporter

A new director for the Winston-Salem Urban League was named recently, ending a seven month search for the post left vacant in September by the resignation of former director Samuel Harvey, a 25-year veteran.

The new director will be Mr. Thomas J. Elijah, Jr., of Laurelton, N.Y. For the last nine years, Elijah had been Borough Director of the New York Urban League's Queens Branch, serving a community of about 1.9 million.

Elijah said his main thrust would be in "stressing companies in the area to comply with achieving equal opportunity goals." "We have got to get our qualified people at least in the door," he said.

Elijah said jobs, that is, "being able to find and maintain work" for the people wanting work was one of the biggest problems this country faces. Elijah said the goal of the program is to increase equal job opportunity and vocational training for minorities so that they might prepare for, get, and hold a good job for adequate pay.

Another area Elijah plans to focus his efforts on will be that of the housing situation here but I'm sure it could be bettered," he said.

Elijah believes that his office could be very instrumental in helping the government reach people they have set up job programs for, and would be a valuable

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Two Men Killed- 1 Shot, 1 Stabbed

Two people were killed in separate incidents last Friday night in East Winston and their assailants caught and charged with murder. One victim was reportedly stabbed through the heart and the other shot in the head. Both incidents were reported to Team II police within eight minutes of each other.

The first incident was reported at 7 p.m. Police responded to a cutting call at 1307 Locust Ave.

When they arrived, they

found Theodore Roosevelt Barber, 45, of 1305 Locust Ave., in slumped position on the edge of couch supported partially by a small table, and bleeding.

He was pronounced dead on arrival at Forsyth Hospital.

Witnesses at the scene told police that a man known as "Little Joe" had stabbed Barber during an argument. The suspect was later identified as Joseph Lee

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WSSU Program Helps Build Reading Skills

by Denise Carter
Staff Reporter

Reading is an essential tool in today's world, particularly for children striving to correct reading deficiencies. A relatively new program called Reading Diagnosis, developed by Dr. Lelia Vickers, a reading teacher at Winston-Salem State University is helping these children with that problem.

The expense-free program supervised by Dr. Vickers, who is assisted by 15 perspective teachers, began February 8, 1977, and will continue each Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. in Coltrane Hall at Winston-Salem State University.

Dr. Vickers commenting on the purpose of the program said: "At WSSU, we're a teacher-training institution. Perspective teachers need to experience working with educational reading materials and with children. I developed Reading Diagnosis," she said, "to provide that practice."

A native of Ridgeville, Alabama, she began her college education at Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee,



Dr. Lelia Vickers

Ala. Staying there only a year she later transferred to Miles College in Birmingham, Ala., where she received a BA degree in English.

While attending Miles, she visited slum areas recruiting students for corrective reading courses, which is where her reading diagnosis program had its origin.

She later attended Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia where she received a Masters in Education with emphasis on reading. During her stay there she taught reading each semester as a graduate assistant at Moorehouse College, Atlanta University and Spelman.

In January 1968, she arrived
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Fire ripped through this small shopping center on Old Greensboro Road. The complex is owned by Jerry Jones.

Police To Probe Quick-Go Blast

An explosion and fire early Tuesday morning completely destroyed a small community convenience store complex at 2930 Old Greensboro Rd.,

shooting broken glass across the street through the air and shaking sleeping residents from their beds.

The complex housed three
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