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Dr. Vickers Heads Reading Program

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in Winston-Salem with no plans to stay permanently and worked a year and a half as a reading teacher at the Advancement School. She was later recruited for the same position at WSSU. She has been in that position for the last seven years.

Dr. Vickers, a Certified Reading Specialist and School Psychologist with major emphasis in diagnosis and reading disabilities possesses nine additional graduate credits in reading and a Ph.D. in Education with emphasis in reading.

"Education is designed to improve the citizentry," she said recently. "All citizens need to know how to read in order to be a total part of their country."

Commenting on the course's enrollment she added, "In 1976 we had 50 students enrolled from the city, Kernersville and Surry"

County. "Enrollment is unlimited," she said, "we accept as many students as possible."

When registration ends, perspective teachers administer student testing for two weeks in cognative, motor sensory and affective learning. The evaluation testing reveals the student's area of reading deficiency, and determines the corrective method the teacher will administer.

Concerning the progress of the program Dr. Vickers said, "the program is a tremendous success. The teachers are getting the classroom experience needed and the students are receiving the special attention needed to correct their reading defect."

She said the community should become more aware of this reading service because children can benefit from the educational program.

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small businesses, Jerry's Quik-Go, a beauty salon and a laundromat. A spokesman for the fire department said the complex was a total loss.

The spokesman said their investigation was continuing to determine the cause. However firemen at the scene said it would take some time before they knew if the fire caused the explosion or if the explosion caused the fire. He said residents in the area had said they heard an explosion.

Mrs. Ethel Jessup, of 2931 Old Greensboro Rd., who lives across the street from the complex, said she was asleep when she heard a loud explosion around 2 a.m.

She said she went to her bedroom window and saw "the whole place in flames." "I was so excited that I gave my address when I called for help," she said. Sadly she said, "I'm gonna miss the

store. You really don't miss things until stuff like this happens."

A spokesman for Jerry E. Jones, owner of the complex, estimated the loss of the complex at around a quarter of a million dollars. "But that is a conservative estimate," he said.

The day before the explosion Jones had gone to the county tax collector to pay the tax on the property. The bill came to \$2,364.

The spokesman also indicated, that although Jones had insurance on the property, he did not have enough to cover the damage.

City fire investigators later determined that the explosion and subsequent fire was deliberately set off. What touched off the explosion has still not been determined.

Spokesman estimated worth of property to be at \$350,000.

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American black society in the south (with the extended family) she felt that most black Americans would not like Africa initially. "No matter what is said, blacks here are not Africans now. We are American and whatever that means that is what we are," she said.

One thing she said she found amusing was the fact that many rural black Africans were surprised that many American blacks were so light in skin color. "They thought that our immediate ancestors were white."

Ms. Humphrey has been back in this country a little less than two months. What are her plans? Entering the job market right now is not one of them. "I would like to develop my writing skills, as a freelancer, especially the story ideas I brought back from Africa," she said. She said she was also receiving some instruction in photography from Nottingham Studies. "That's another interest of mine," she explained. "I'm not really sure just-how long I'm going to be here," she answered when asked how long she planned to stay. "But I've been an international vagabond for the last four years, I need to rest a while."

Brenda, the daughter of Mr. Sylvester Humphrey and mother Catherine, maintains that she will not be bored while she is here saying, "I'm a mover, I'm always into things, that's just me."

We believe Brenda, we believe.

Rudy Anderson