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Fire Destroys Vine's Cleaners

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as investigators probed the wreckage keeping the embers from flaring

Liberty Street, was part of a building complex which also contained The Patterson Avenue Grocery, J.B. & Sons Billiards and the Ebony Fraternity Club, all of which suffered extensive damage.

The fire started about 10:30 Monday morning when owner John L. Vine was transferring gasoline from one container to another in the back of the cleaners. The pilot light of the hot water heater caused the

gasoline fumes to explode blasting Vine from the building with his clothing in flames. He was hospitalized with extensive second degree burns.

Some members of the black community com-

plained about the fire department's efforts to control the fire, saying that there weren't enough firefighters on the scene, and the firefighters had to ask for help from the crowd to

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The Aftermath: Firefighters patrol the smoldering remnants of Vine's Cleaners.



Two of the many winners: Mrs. Mildred Bachelor and Mrs. Katie Hatcher.

Garden Club Council Hosts Flower Show

The Fourth District Garden Club Council presented its 1977 Flower Show, Saturday June 25th in Bepton Convention Center.

The show, whose theme was "Summer Fantasy", offered an enchanting variety of floriculture and horticulture grown by members of the eight participating garden clubs.

"Today is all we have; let us make it the best," urged Fourth District Garden Council president Romelia G. Mason.

Mrs. Thelma Small, journalist of the Rake and Spade Garden Club, served as General Flower Show Chairwoman, assisted by Mrs. Ellsworth

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Vernon Jordan, caught here in a listening mood, was the keynote speaker at the Urban League's Equal Opportunity Banquet.

Jordan Addresses Equal Opportunity Banquet

by Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Reporter

Vernon Jordan, a nationally syndicated columnist and executive director of the National Urban League, delivered the keynote address at the Equal Opportunity Banquet given by the Winston-Salem chapter of the Urban League.

The banquet, which took place Thursday, June 23rd at Bepton Convention Center, featured League president George E. Hill as master of ceremonies, and was also the occasion of the League's awards presentations.

Gordon Hanes, Chairman of the Board of the Hanes Corporation received this year's Distinguished Service Award.

Outstanding Citizenship Awards went to Forsyth County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff, Velma Hopkins, food services director of the Reynolds Health Center,

and H.E. Staplefoote, the retired associate director of the YMCA.

C.W. Temples of Fairchild Industries, Inc. and R.L. Jones of IBM were cited for Special Services to the Urban League.

In his address, Mr. Jordan expressed hope that the Carter administration will fulfill its promises toward minorities, and praised the actions of Mr. Carter, which are so different, said Jordan, from the "Imperial President" of not long ago.

Still, Jordan expressed disappointment in "the Administration's Game Plan," saying that it offers too little, too late for the needs of black people and poor people.

Jordan suggested six programs which could benefit the country by directly attacking major national problems. He suggested: 1) Ending unemployment with a federal job-creation program; 2) An over-hauling

of the tax structure with a minimum income level for all families; 3) the revitalization of urban areas through a federal land bank and a federal housing trust fund; 4) a national health program; 5) a crime control program; and finally a national youth program to improve education and provide job skills and employment for young people.

Vernon Jordan, a native of Atlanta, is a graduate of DePauw University and the Howard University Law School. He has served on the National Advisory Commission on Selective Service, the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, the Presidential Clemency Board, and the Advisory Council on Social Security. Jordan is probably best known for his newspaper column "To Be Equal" which is nationally syndicated.

Miss Black N. C. Pageant Draws Near

July 8th is the deadline for applicants to the Miss Black North Carolina Pageant to be held in Winston-Salem in August. The pageant, sponsored by the Phi Omega Chapter of the AKA Sorority, will select the young lady who will represent the state at the Miss Black American Pageant in California to be televised later this year.

The competition is open to high school graduates between the ages of 18 and 25, who are single and without children. Entrants in the state pageant should have had previous experience in a local competition, such as Homecoming Queen, or college sweetheart.

An applicant may nominate herself or be sponsored by local businesses in her area. Application forms may be obtained by calling 919-723-0984.

The contestants will participate in a preliminary pageant the second week in July, and then in the state pageant in early fall.

The prizes for Miss Black North Carolina and her court will be scholarship money to further their education. Pageant spokesman Virginia Newell stated that the projected amount of the winning scholarship is \$1,000. The net proceeds of the state pageant go to the United Negro College Fund.

Citizens Can Combat Crime

How safe is Winston-Salem?

According to the figures compiled by the Planning and Research Unit of Winston-Salem's police department the crime rate is slightly lower this year than it was at the same time last year: 4,528 reported crimes for mid-year 1976 compared to

4,243 for 1977. Police Officer E. C. Pope stated that this is the second consecutive year that crime has decreased in Winston-Salem. "1974 was a bad year," says Pope, perhaps because of the recession which led to an increase in theft. Larceny accounts for

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Pouncy Cops "Officer Award"

Officer Roscoe O. Pouncy of the Winston-Salem Police Department received the "Officer of the Year" award at the 25th annual convention of the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association, held in Raleigh June 20-23.

Forsyth County was well represented at the convention, with 5 of their number elected as officers in the organization for 1977-78.

Sgt. Oscar Vaughn, Jr. of the Forsyth County



Officer of the Year: Roscoe Pouncy.

sheriff's department was elected vice-president of the N.S.L.E.O.A. Harry James of Alcoholic Law

Enforcement will serve as state co-ordinator.

The Winston-Salem police department contributed three newly-elected officials: Johnnie Landon, chosen chairman of the state advisory committee; Cpl. George Redd, Sr. who will serve as assistant state treasurer, and Officer Pouncy, Sergeant-At-Arms.

Other Winston-Salem police delegates to the convention were: Charles

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Goler Eviction Fails-- Melinda Pace Wins Again

Melinda Pace, president of the Goler Tenants' Association, won her third round in court against the management of Goler Metropolitan Apts., who are trying to evict her.

The case was decided by Magistrate J.C. Lewter after hearing evidence presented Tuesday, June 22 in Magistrate's Court.

The first suit filed against Ms. Pace charged her with failure to comply with the rules of the apartment complex, and damage to property, was dismissed by Magistrate Harold Thomerson for lack of evidence.

The May 16th proceedings against Ms. Pace was decided in favor of the Goler management, and is now being appealed.

Herman Stephens, attorney for Melinda Pace,

stated that he expects the court's decision on the appeal sometime in July.

Meanwhile, Ms. Pace continued to reside in Goler Apts. She paid her rent for April and May to the clerk of Superior Court and received a stay of execution on the ejection proceedings.

David Wagner, the Goler attorney, moved to set aside the stay order, but Judge Tash denied is motion on the condition that Ms. Pace pay her rent for the month of June, which she did.

The third complaint in summary ejection proceedings against Ms. Pace was heard June 22nd, and charged her with damage to property and failure to timely pay rent.

Stephens objected to the charges of damage to



Melinda Pace

property, because of the principle of "res judicata," which means that these charges had already been dismissed by Thomerson for lack of evidence, so she could not be sued for the same violations again.

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Golden Frinks Speaks To N.C. Human Relations Council

(CNCS)

"I'll say good evening to all of you. I'm Golden Frinks, National Program Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and some call me an agitator. I'm very proud to be an agitator. But today I want to bring your attention to something that is troubling this state and troubling the Black community and the international community across the world. This is the Wilmington 10. The Wilmington 10 seem to have a special interest or was caused to have a special interest in this council, this Human Relations Council of the State of North Carolina, in that back in '71 they went into Wilmington on a request of the Human Relations Council or the Good Neighbor Council at that time. I was hoping that this council today could take this under advisement and please take some action, to recommend to the Governor that he pardon with innocence those people.

Now today, a hot summer has started. We started demonstrating today in Asheville, N.C., and we are going to continue until something is done.

We also went today very appropriately, and very formally, and presented to the Governor a petition of pardon. We hope that you could be very influential in having the Governor take a very critical and very wide view of that pardon petition and pardon those Wilmington

10. Another thing the Council could do in your upward climb here, is to bring about a total community, and I think the Wilmington 10 would bring about a beginning of this. If they are pardoned then the community, the state and the nation of course could look at North Carolina. You see when we are living in this state of North Carolina in two communities and the Wilmington 10 case is splitting us further asunder. And I think a telegram that I sent to this council's Chariman and a copy to the Director, that a resolution should have been mentioned here, and I do hope you will do this.

You see if we talk about racism we talk about human relations all in the same breath. I hear the happy talks for the communities that are doing great things but I have been in the struggle for 19 years. I find that what are thinking that we are making positive gains is losing. We are not really gaining we losing. Because 10 years ago we were farther up the road than we are now. We are going backwards. The state of North Carolina with your help as the Human Relations Commission could put on a new suit of understanding and doing away totally with the double community, a white community, a Black community, an Indian community and all of this. This is where I think that your efforts should be put.

You should put away

everything else and look at your prisons. That would be a beginning you see. We go around here and we got some pie on the table, we've some cake on the table, we've only got a crumb when it comes to the under privileged and the minorities. So if you will just stop for one time and start off again. And this is the beginning. You are anew. If you are anew with this, then you can see that the Wilmington 10 walk the streets just like you, because there is no need for our state to hide behind their responsibilities and let somebody suffer.

The State of North Carolina is responsible for that and I want you to bring that to their attention. Don't go around letting New York do it, Boston do it, Russia do it, the Communists do it, or what have you. You do it as North Carolina citizens.

We are going to walk down those roads from Wilmington starting the 29th of June until July 4th. This is only because North Carolina failed to understand that the Black community is disturbed about the Wilmington 10. I believe you are the voice.

I was at your first meeting when it was started under Governor Terry Sanford and they said then that they wanted us to put our grievances on some film. This is my plea to you today, to put human rights, human relations and justice up front for one time. And I think this concil can do it.