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## East Ward Plans Rehabilitation

**By Sharyn Bratcher**  
A group of citizens in Winston-Salem's East Ward are formulating a plan to save neighborhoods and create jobs in conjunction with the community development program.

The organization, which is still in the planning stage, proposes to save houses in redevelopment areas by buying the houses, renovating them, and selling them back to the owners or inhabitants through low-interest loans.

"I like the idea," says Virginia Newell, alderman of the East Ward. "I've talked to a lot of the people in those neighborhoods and they don't want to move. I'm very excited about the plan, and I hope that it can be made to work."

The program will also serve as a source of jobs for unemployed persons in the community, by using persons such as those in the CETA program, to do the actual construction

work. Besides providing employment, the program would also train workers in the construction trade, giving them a marketable skill.

Its initial target would be approximately 40 houses on Jackson and Hattie Streets, between Twelfth and Fourteenth Streets.

"The Redevelopment Commission would have to buy the houses anyway," explains Tracy Singletary, one of the originators of the program. "This project can save the government money as well as saving neighborhoods, because instead of having to buy the house, pay to have it torn down, and pay the occupants relocation money, they can buy the house and bring it up to acceptable standards, and then sell it back to the resident, so the government would get its money back, and the homeowner would get a better house."

If the occupant is rent-  
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## Boycott Proposed For Wilmington 10

Rev. Leon White, head of the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice in Virginia and North Carolina, announced that plans for a boycott of North Carolina were mapped out in a strategy session of church leaders in Houston, Texas.

The boycott of North Carolina products is a protest against the continued imprisonment of the Wilmington 10, and an attempt to bring the pressure of public opinion to bear on Governor James Hunt, who is presently reviewing the case, but has thus far refused to grant pardons or commute

the sentences of the Wilmington 10. Rev. White stated that a leadership conference will be held Tuesday to discuss avenues of freeing the Wilmington 10. Governor Hunt's reaction to the proposed boycott was that such a move would be "counterproductive" and would make the situation more difficult, a comment interpreted by some people as meaning that it would make him inclined not to free the Wilmington 10. However, Hunt's press secretary stated that Hunt had meant that a boycott

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## Economic Outlook

### Banker Predicts Good Year

**John G. Medlin, Jr., President**  
Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, N.A.  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

The economic expansion under way since the spring of 1975 appears to have sufficient momentum, strength and encouragement to carry it through 1978. This recovery has been characterized by unevenness from the start, and the variable quarterly growth pattern is likely to continue over the next year.

Fiscal policy will be a strongly stimulative force with the federal budget deficit estimated on the magnitude of \$58 billion, or 30 percent over the previous fiscal year. The generous increase in the money supply of the current year is expected to be followed by a monetary policy which is accommodative to continued moderate growth.

Because of slowly improving confidence levels, consumer and business spending in 1978 should be mildly positive economic influences. Housing will continue to be strong. The election year atmosphere may bring a toning down of the administration's reform and legislative proposals which contributed to the cautious mood in some sectors this year.

There were 8 million more people working in the U.S. during the fourth quarter of 1977 than at the recession trough in 1975, and employment should continue improving in 1978. However,



**HAPPY NEW YEAR--The New Year's Baby joins the CHRONICLE in wishing you a happy new year. Our "1978" is a young lady and her daddy [Michael Huggins] says it's the first and the last time she's posing topless for any publication.**

## No Conspiracy Says Jerry Jones

**By Sharyn Bratcher**  
Staff Writer

Although Jerry Jones has been bombarded with charges and allegations in recent months, he refuses to believe that he is the victim of an attempt to discredit him.

"I want to forget about all of that," says Winston Lake's golf pro. "I want to think about the future."

He is anxious to get on with his work at Winston Lake, he says, mentioning a senior citizens golf program and upcoming tournaments.

The district attorney's office recently dropped charges against Jones in connection with the February 15th burning of Jerry's Quik-Go, a convenience store complex owned by Jones.

Samuel Spease, Jr. who was sentenced to 30 years in prison after pleading guilty to the burning, had originally accused Jones

of offering him \$3500 to burn down the building, but he later refused to testify against Jones, and the case against Jones was dismissed.

"He was paid to say that," Jones stated. "And they offered him a plea bargain, but the state didn't keep its part of the deal, so he refused to testify."

Regarding the conspiracy charges, Jerry Jones commented: "I had never seen Spease before in my life. I'm still in debt for that shopping center. If I had been planning to burn



Jerry Jones

it down, I would certainly have seen that it had more insurance than it did."

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## Stewart Named Labor Director

**James E. Patching, Regional Administrator of the Employment Standards Administration of the**



James Stewart

U.S. Department of Labor, has announced that James C. Stewart has been appointed area director of the Greensboro Area Office.

Mr. Stewart, who makes his home in Winston-Salem, has been the acting area director since October 26, 1975. His position became permanent as of December 18. He began his career with the Department of Labor on December 4, 1966 as a Wage-Hour Compliance Officer.

Mr. Stewart explained that his department investigates possible violations of wage and hour laws, such as employees not  
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## BBAL Denied Funds

The finance committee of the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen denied a request from the Business Action League for a \$14,706.40 grant to keep in operation until additional funding is received.

City Manager Orville Powell suggested that the proposal be held in abeyance until the board had decided on its financial priorities, but they chose to uphold a motion of West Ward alderman Robert Northington, Jr. and deny the League's request, with the provision that they may apply again in the future, when they are ready to supply additional information requested by committee members.

The finance committee asked BBAL president Johnny X. [unclear] what the organization's back debts were, and what grants he expected to receive from other sources.

Powell informed the aldermen that no assistance had been provided by the city in the past, while Human Services director Nellie Jones stated that the league has received no CETA employees from the city.

In a letter addressed to the board of aldermen and signed by BBAL representative Melvin Dubose, a list of future plans contemplated by the organization included a food co-op, a clothing manufacturing facility, homes for the handicapped, high-

rise co-op apartments, and a Fashion Institute of Technology.

No well commented that the list was impressive-but she wanted to know what the league had actually accomplished in its two years of existence.

The \$14,706.40 requested by the League was budgeted: \$10,400 for salaries, \$480 each for electricity and telephone; \$1098.40 for "fringe benefits," \$1380 for rent; \$120 for water; \$540 for travel;

and \$208 for office supplies.

In denying the request, board members commented that they doubted whether that sum would help the BBAL do anything more than prolong a precarious existence, while accomplishing nothing.

Melvin Dubose indicated that the BBAL would reapply for funding at a later date, and meanwhile would compile the data requested by the aldermen.



**THE END OF AN ERA: The former headquarters of the Black Panther Party on Patterson Avenue now stands empty--awaiting new tenants.**

## W-S Black Panthers Endangered Species

**By Sharyn Bratcher**  
Staff Writer

One could argue over whether the ending came with a bang or a whimper, but the result is indisputable: the Winston-Salem Black Panther Party no longer exists.

The house on Patterson Avenue which has served as Panther Headquarters is now vacant, and its owner Mrs. Lee Faye Mack says that it is being renovated, and will be used as off-campus housing for students at Winston-Salem State University.

"There are no more Black Panthers in Winston-Salem to my knowledge," said Mrs. Mack.

She reclaimed the house when realtors notified her that several months payments were owed. Mrs. Mack paid the back payments, and now plans to use the house for WSSU students, since the Panther Party has seemingly disbanded.

The leaders associated with the Winston-Salem Black Panther Party are no longer there, so the members have "scattered to the winds," as one man who describes himself as a former member explained it.

Nelson Malloy, the most recent party leader, is now in Forsyth County Hospital, recovering from a gunshot wound which doctors say may leave him

## Witnesses Watch Woman Stabbed

**By Sharyn Bratcher**  
A two-year old girl was apparently one of the witnesses who saw her mother stabbed to death last Wednesday morning December 21st.

When police arrived at the scene around 10:30 a.m. they found the nude body of Debbie Jean Carpenter, 21, lying in the front yard of 1117 East 31st Street. She received emergency treatment from the rescue squad for knife wounds about the head and shoulders, but died en route to Baptist Hospital.

One of the witnesses

testified that she had come to the neighborhood to visit her sister, and was knocking on the door when she saw Debbie Jean Carpenter running across the yard, nude and bleeding, calling for help. The man who pursued her, later identified as Luico Carl Fleming, Jr., continued striking at her with a knife.

The investigating officers followed the bloody trail to 1106 E. 31st Street, where they found blood on the porch, and through a window could see signs of a struggle and bloodstains inside.

In the apartment they also found Tilley Carpenter, age 2, wearing a blood-stained coat, but unharmed.

Officer A.S. Gill describes the confrontation in her report. "I asked Tilley what she saw. She said: 'He had a knife,' and I asked, was he her daddy and she said: 'Yes.' She said they were throwing things and they ran out of the house. She said that the lady was her mother."

One bizarre facet of the case occurred later that  
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