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Black YWCA May Close

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Although none of the YWCA officials want to admit it or be quoted on the situation, the Patterson Avenue YWCA is being quietly phased out.

were housed at the Patterson 'Y' have all been moved to the Glade Street YWCA.

"Everyone is sitting

around waiting to see what's going to happen," the employee said. "Even staff members are given evasive answers to questions asked about the Patterson Y."

Presently the Patterson Avenue Y is unoccupied the majority of the time. One official said that the Y is in use 15 per cent of the time during the day. Most of the clubs and activities has been transferred to

the Glade Street Y.

The staff at the Y includes a day receptionist, a night receptionist, a maintenance man, and a woman who helps clean

The activities include a Yoga class, and classes for daycare children. The

other time it sits idle.

One board member when asked about the situation said that she had been concerned for some time

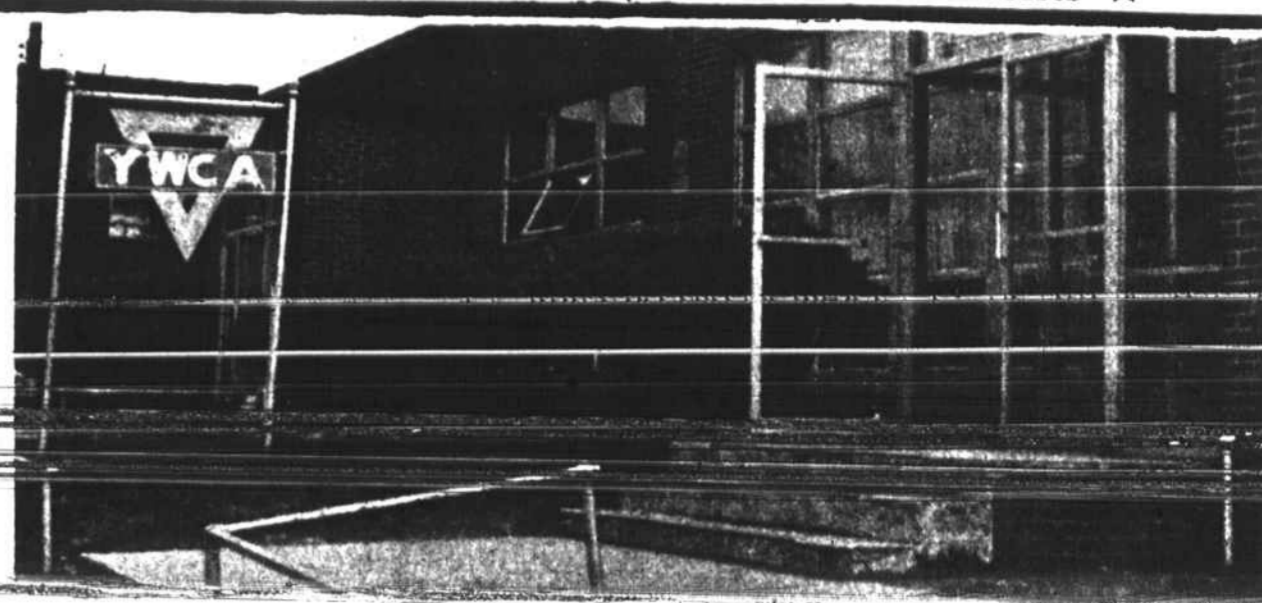
"We need full cooperation and community participation," board

member Manderline

Scales said. "We need to support our organizations and provide insight and our input in order to keep it open"

"It's just like our library, many of us have

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The doors at the Patterson YWCA may soon be closed.

Health Center Submits Budget

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A budget request of over \$3.9 million has been submitted to the Forsyth County Budget staff by the Reynolds Health Center. The request, which is an increase of \$3.1 million over last year's budget, was presented to the Reynolds Health Center Advisory Committee last Wednesday night.

Dennis Magovern, administrator of the Health Center said that one major reason for the budget increase requested, is to retain the 15 employees employed under the federally funded Comprehensive

Employment and Training Act (CETA) program. CETA is under a proposed two year limit which may result in job loss for numerous employees.

Magovern said that if the 15 employees cannot be retained under CETA that the Reynolds Health Center would like to continue to employ them if the money for that purpose is allotted.

The budget also includes provisions for establishing a voluntary Services coordinator, positions for additional physicians and nurses in assistance

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Plinton Addresses WSSU Conference

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"I'm going to go on an ego trip," James O. Plinton Jr. told the audience last Friday at the Career Awareness Conference which was held at Williams Auditorium on WSSU's campus.

"I'm not here to make a speech, I'm here to rap to you about your future."

Plinton, a Vice-President for Market Development at Eastern Airlines gave the keynote address at the conference sponsored jointly by the National Urban League and the WSSU Career Planning and Placement/Cooperative Education. The conference was held to promote career awareness and identify the opportunities available to students.

"There's two ways to get what you want," Plinton said to the audience of mostly high school students. "There's the right way which will take longer, and there is the wrong way which is the short cut."

"By going the wrong way, the only person you're fooling is yourself," Plinton continued.

Plinton joined Trans-World Airlines (TWA) in 1957 and later became the first black executive at a major airline.

"Everybody in this room has an ego," Plinton said. "Just don't let your ego take you down the wrong path."

He told the audience that until they can enjoy the fringe benefits of success that it may be expedient to let "the establishment call the sig-



James O. Plinton talks to Doris Jones, Director of the Placement/Cooperative Education, during the Career Awareness Program at WSSU.

nals.

He said that God has a purpose for everyone that is born and that it's up to that person to whether they contribute or don't contribute.

"Anyone in the world can be reached in 24 hours," Plinton said. "Your competition is in your back door."

He told the audience that a lot of people in the world take their education more seriously than the people this country does because education is much harder to come by, for them.

"When I was at school back at Lincoln University having a good time," Plinton said, "a student in East Africa was probably studying his work so one

Lee Addresses SEVCA

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The 70,001 (SEVCA) Program of the Experiment in Self-Reliance held

an Area Businessmen Luncheon last Friday, featuring as guest speaker Howard N. Lee, Secretary of North Carolina Natural Resources and Community Development.

SEVCA is a program designed to assist high school dropouts in getting their high school diplomas and to find them jobs while they are in the program.

Mr. Lee had encouraging words to say to the students in the program.

"My own life is a symbol of failure," he told them. Lee went on to relate how he had dropped out of high school twice before finally finishing, and "flunked out of college once."

He overcame these early disappointments and achieved success both academically and professionally.

"We did it because somebody cared enough to make a chance for us,"

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Black Aldermen Oppose CD Fund Distribution

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Despite mixed reactions from their predecessors and expressions of dismay from their colleagues, Winston-Salem's three black aldermen are firmly objecting to the distribution of \$3.65 million in community development funds.

Aldermen Vivian K. Burke and Larry D. Little voted "No Consideration" to a suggestion to hold the board's April 17th meeting at noon in order to allow time to meet the HUD deadline for the community development fund application.

"We're not trying to jeopardize the money," Alderman Burke explained. "Our people's needs have not been represented."

She explained that of the \$3.65 million allocated to Winston-Salem for 1978-79, her ward will receive only \$50,000.

Carl Russell, who preceded Mrs. Burke as Northeast Ward alderman, approves of the move.

"I think they acted within their own right," he said. "Sometimes we have to take a loss in order to focus our attention on the problems. We've been shortchanged for a

long time.

City officials, however, seem to think that Winston-Salem will get the grant anyway. If the motion to accept the grant application passes at the Monday night meeting, as it can without the three black votes, then the application can be delivered to HUD offices in Greensboro that same night.

"I don't think it's in jeopardy," said Virginia K. Newell, alderman of the East Ward.

She indicated, however, that she is not pleased with the allocation of funds, and she feels that the city employees did not do a good job of drawing up the plan.

"The planners do have a responsibility to bring these things to the board of aldermen," Mrs. Newell stated. "The census tracers know where the blighted areas are. They don't need anybody to tell them."

Another former alderman, who asked not to be identified, says that the present situation need not have happened. He chalks it up to inexperience on the part of the new board members, and an unwillingness on their part to compromise.

"Why wait til the last minute to object?" he

wondered. "They've had eight or ten meetings to amend the plan and to make their objections

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Vivian Burke



Virginia Newell



Carl Russell

Lending Practices Victimize the Poor

By Sharyn Bratcher
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She is an elderly woman, living on a small fixed income. In 1954 she borrowed \$300 from a local finance company, to be paid back in monthly installments. It is now 1978, and she is still paying on the loan. She has paid back the \$300 several times over, but she still owes them money.

This fact may be shocking to most people, but the attorneys at Legal Aid are used to it by now. Finance companies, they warn, can be very dangerous "allies" to poor people. They promise easy credit, low monthly payments, and friendly courteous service. But they also charge up to 36% interest, stretch out debts to infinity through refinancing, and beef up loans with "optional" insurance payments.

"People do not seem to realize that they cannot be put in jail for debts,"

signs attorney Paul Sinal. "They also don't know about the \$500 exemption."

He explained that people usually put up their furniture or household goods as security for a finance company loan. They are threatened with repossession if they get behind in their payments.

However, the furniture and personal possessions of most low-income persons is not worth very much. If it is worth less than \$500, then none of it

can be taken for debts, because everyone is allowed a \$500 personal exemption of property that he may keep no matter what.

Another thing few people realize is that no one can simply walk into your house and repossess something UNLESS YOU LET THEM. If you are many payments behind, if a truck rolls up into the yard to haul your possessions away, you do not have to let them in. You

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City Increases

Jobs For Blacks

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During the month of November 1977 through March of this year since Al Beaty took over as the City's Personnel Manager, 52 per cent of all

newly hired employees were black.

"We just hired good city employees who just happened to be black," Beaty said.

During this time period 24 per cent of the employees that were promoted were black and 34 per cent of the terminations were blacks. Terminations include persons who retired, resigned, died or who were fired.

The number of blacks employed in about all of the job categories has increased compared to June of 1977. At the highest level of employment; Administrative/Officials there are five blacks. They are Al Beaty, Jack Bond, Deputy City Manager, Nellie Jones, Director of Human Services, Walter Farabee, the Economic Development Coordinator and Lester Erwin Deputy Fire Chief. These blacks represent 13.1% of this category compared to 10% in June of 1977.

In the professional category blacks represent 17.8%, a drop of about 1.2% from 1977. Blacks make up 14.7% in the Technical category compared to 13% in 1977.

In the protective services category which includes firefighters, policemen and public safety officers, blacks represent 13.8% compared to 12% in 1977. In the Office/Clerical category blacks represent about 23% of the people employed, a decrease of about 1% from June of 1977.

Blacks make up 48.7% of the skilled craft cate-

gory compared to 47% for last year. In the service maintenance category blacks represent about 77% of the people employed in this category compared to 78% in June of 1977.

Jack Bond said that the city tries to identify the career paths of its employees to help their chances for upward mobility. They list the employees professional training and list the job the employee has now and then show him the options of employment open to him. They also offer formal counseling to employees to show them the training or education they need in order to grow with the city.

Dungeon May Lose ABC Permit Again

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The Dungeon Club at 1419 N. Liberty Street may be forced to close because of the numerous liquor law violations the club has received. The Dungeon along with numerous other clubs and their managers were charged with liquor law violations last weekend by the Alcohol Law Enforcement Agency.

Kenneth Hodges of the Fast Fair Market on Reynolds Road was charged with selling alcoholic beverages to a minor. Jerry Looper, owner of Jerry's lounge at Ogburn Avenue and Robert L. Smith manager of the American Legion post on Liberty Street, were charged with

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