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'I Called The Police From The Bus Station...'

Sixth-Grader Foils Burglar

By Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Writer

With crime among young people reaching epidemic proportions, it is refreshing to hear about Drake D. Groves, who is working on the side of the angels.

Drake, a 12-year old, recently stopped an attempted burglary at North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company by alerting the police of the break-in.

On Sunday afternoon, May 7th, Drake, his little brother Alex, and ten-year old niece Mia Michaux were walking home from the downtown library.

As they approached the North Carolina Mutual Insurance office at 509 East Third Street, the trio saw what Drake describes as "a man with funny-looking

clothes on."

"We picked up rocks," Drake recalls, "Because we thought he might be some kind of mean man. But he waved to us, so we said, 'Guess he's okay,' and we dropped the rocks."

The man was not "okay," they soon discovered.

He kept walking around the N.C. Mutual Building, looking it up and down. Then he went back to the entrance, glanced to see if he were being observed, and kicked a hole in the glass door.

"He covered the hole by standing in front of it when cars came by," said Drake, who saw it all.

At this point, Drake's actions began to differ from all those "good citizens"

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Drake D. Groves explains how he prevented a burglar from robbing the company's Third Street office.

County Slow In Hiring Blacks

by Yvette McCullough
Staff Reporter

Much has been said in recent weeks about Forsyth County's hiring practices, but the County's Affirmative Action statistics does show that minorities have made some progress within the last few years.

The number of minorities in the service maintenance departments has decreased and the number of minorities in management has increased during the last year.

According to the statistics as of June 1977 to the present, blacks accounted for 29 per cent of the

county's work force and women accounted for 58 per cent.

Sixty three per cent of the blacks employed by the county in 1977 were in the service and maintenance departments compared to 89 per cent in 1976. Ninety-seven per cent of the women were employed in clerical positions in 1977 compared to 98 per cent in 1976.

Nine per cent of the blacks were employed as managers and officials in 1977 compared to three per cent in 1976, while 15 per cent of the women were employed as managers and officials compared to 8 per cent in 1976.

The County uses labor force data as the basis for determining their goals, says Dillion Robertson, Director of Training for the county. If a department falls below the total labor force data an unsatisfactory rating will be given that department, and a goal to come up to the level of the labor market will be set.

'WSSU May Close'

Chambers Cites Racism In Education Programs

By Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Writer

In a speech given Sunday at Shiloh Baptist Church, Attorney Julius Chambers blasted North Carolina's educational system, warning blacks that they could lose Winston Salem State University just as they lost Atkins and Carver as senior high schools.



Julius Chambers

The HEW ruling, said Chambers, reminded him of the integration process that took place on the high school level, in which administrators talked of having to attract whites to black institutions, but ended up demoting the black schools to 9-10 schools, while leaving predominantly white schools as senior highs.

that while the HEW ruling protests duplication of programs among branches of the Greater University of North Carolina, it does not address the problem of duplication of programs at WSSU and Forsyth Technical Institute.

Chambers called the closing of WSSU "highly possible." He pointed out

"Why is there a liberal arts program at Forsyth

Tech?" Chambers demanded. "I thought that was the function of WSSU. And why is there a nursing program at Forsyth Tech?"

Such programs, he stated, draw white students away from WSSU, thus defeating the purpose of the HEW ruling.

Chambers was guest speaker at Shiloh Baptist Church Sunday in a special service recognizing the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Members of Alpha Phi Alpha and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority attended the worship service as a group. George Newell presided over the Alpha Phi Alpha portion of the program.

Julius Chambers, who fought the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System over desegrega-

tion, criticized the city's gifted programs, pointing out that until this year there were no black teachers in the program.

He also noted that very

few black students were placed in the gifted program.

"The administrators want us to think that all

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Judge Joseph A. Williams recommends studying to the audience at Saturday's Juvenile Justice program

Judge Tells Youths: Study 3 Hours Daily

Greensboro Judge Joseph A. Williams, guest speaker at Saturday's Juvenile Justice Program, asked his young audience how many made A's last semester, and how many made C's. Then he polled them about the number of hours they studied.

The hands that went up for "one hour or less" disturbed him. "How do you expect to make A's if you don't study more than that?" he demanded. Williams told the group that he would like to see them required to study three hours per day.

sists of 20 organizations and a number of citizen representatives dedicated to reducing delinquency, diverting juveniles from training schools, and findings ways to more effectively treat juvenile offenders. Some of the agencies in the Council are: Experiment in Self-Reliance; Legal Aid; Youth Energy Network; W-S Police Department; Big Brothers/Big Sisters; and the Council on Drug Abuse.

Judge Williams' speech was the finale of the Juvenile Justice Program held last Saturday at Winston-Salem State University. It followed a morning of individual discussion groups covering many aspects of juvenile crime, and other youth-related problems.

Young people aged 12 to 18 from several counties attended the program. When asked what impressed him the most during the workshops, one participant replied: "The fact that what you get to do in jail depends on how you act there. Like, if a member of your family dies, I thought they'd automatically let you go to the funeral. But you don't. It depends on your conduct record."

The Forsyth County Juvenile Justice Council con-

Urban League Stresses Youth Career Awareness

The Winston-Salem Urban League is presently operating a "Demonstration Project on Youth Career Development for School-to-Work Transition." Key objectives of this demonstration project is to explore the feasibility and assess the effectiveness of having a network of community-based organizations provide special career development assistance during the summer and school year to in-school youth, as a means of enhancing their success in the transition from school to work.

Executive Director of the Winston-Salem Urban League, stated that the Urban League is very fortunate to be one of the sites for this program. As one of the cities with a high unemployment rate for youth, we feel it will be a great service to help our youth.

Mr. Peyton Hairston, a former Assistant Principal of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System, is the director for the Youth Career Program.

There are 641 job titles in which to select careers and based on our know-

ledge, most students are not aware of these career opportunities.

The Urban League is working with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System and the local businesses to introduce these students to the world of work. Plans are in the making for many activities such as: tests, field trips, Career Day Fair, individual counseling, group sessions and numerous other services to aid in the career development for youth.

The Youth Career Development Office is located in the Pepper Building, Suite 406.

Aldermen Still Uncertain On Daycare and CD Funds

The Board of Aldermen granting community development (CD) funds to Northwest Child Development for day care trans-

portation and to discuss the distribution of \$880,000 for CD projects. No decisions were made on either project during the long, and at times, temper-flaring evening.

Northwest Child Development is asking for \$120,000 in CD funds, since their request for city funds was denied by the Aldermen's finance committee. In order to receive CD funds, Northwest would have to meet certain federal guidelines.

According to the federal guidelines a majority of the children who would be served by the day care center's transportation would have to live in CD target area and the center must meet the needs of those residents. The service provided, in this case transportation, would either be a new service or an increase in the level of service. Presently 16% of the children in the CD area would be served by the transportation.

Parents, employees of Northwest Child Development

CROWNS QUEEN - Mr. Thomas E. Kee [1], Director of University Relations, Shaw University, crowns Ms. Valerie Tekosky "Miss Black America-Shaw University." Ms. Tekosky was selected during the first annual Miss Black America Pageant held at Shaw Wednesday, May 2, 1978.



Library Forms Friends Group

by Yvette McCullough
Staff Reporter

The East Winston Library had life breathed back into it in the last few months, and plans to keep it from collapsing are in the works. At an organizational meeting last Wednesday at the East Winston Branch concerned citizens and staff got together to discuss ways of keeping the library from going into a relapse.

In recent months the library's circulation has increased and the use of the library has improved. So to insure this increased participation a meeting was held to discuss and

organize a Friends of the East Winston Library club, which would promote the activities at the library.

The library in cooperation with Forsyth Technical Institute will begin high school diploma equivalency classes which will last for about 11 weeks and will meet two hours a week. Participants will receive instruction in English and Math. The classes are part of an effort to raise the educational level of people in Winston-Salem. There is also the possibility of conducting a Learning Lab at

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Neal Opposes Postage Hike

The Postal Service's planned two-cent increase in first class postage has drawn sharp criticism from Rep. Steve Neal, D-N.C., who said he favors returning the service to "closer control" by Congress.

"It isn't that I'm against the Postal Service in a businesslike way, which is what the independent agency is supposed to do," Neal said. "Along the way, however, it also is supposed to improve efficiency -- including cost control -- to keep postage rates from becoming burdensome."

Postal rates are now recommended by a rate commission and approved by the Postal Service Board of Governors. The commission has recommended that the present 13-cent stamp be increased to 15 cents.

The present rate-making system has been in operation since 1971, when the Postal Service became an "independent" agency, comparatively free of congressional and executive department supervision. However, a bill now being considered in the House of Representatives would give Congress more control over rates and would make the postmaster general an appointee of the

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