

## County Overrules Catering Decision

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The Tanglewood Park Board will more than likely re-instate Thomas Jackson as the Park's caterer in compliance with a request by the Forsyth County commissioners. The commissioners reportedly want the park board to reconsider its decision to change the food ser-

vice. The park board voted last month to begin negotiations with Management Services Inc., a white South Carolina food service organization and to terminate the lease with Jackson who is black.

The commissioners sent their request in a letter addressed to Dr. Julian F. Keith, chairman of the

park board. The letter recommends that the park continue its present lease of next year.

The commissioners have the authority to amend any contract the board makes. Since the time of the Tanglewood Park Board decision Jackson has retained Melvin Watt as his lawyer, the local NAACP has asked the commissioners to reverse the park board's decision and there has also been a charge of racism since both Jackson and Ron Goodwin, owner and manager of La Terre XXI, also black was turned down.

Attorney David Wagner a black member of the Tanglewood board said that he is 99 per cent sure that the board will agree to the commissioners' recommendations and that

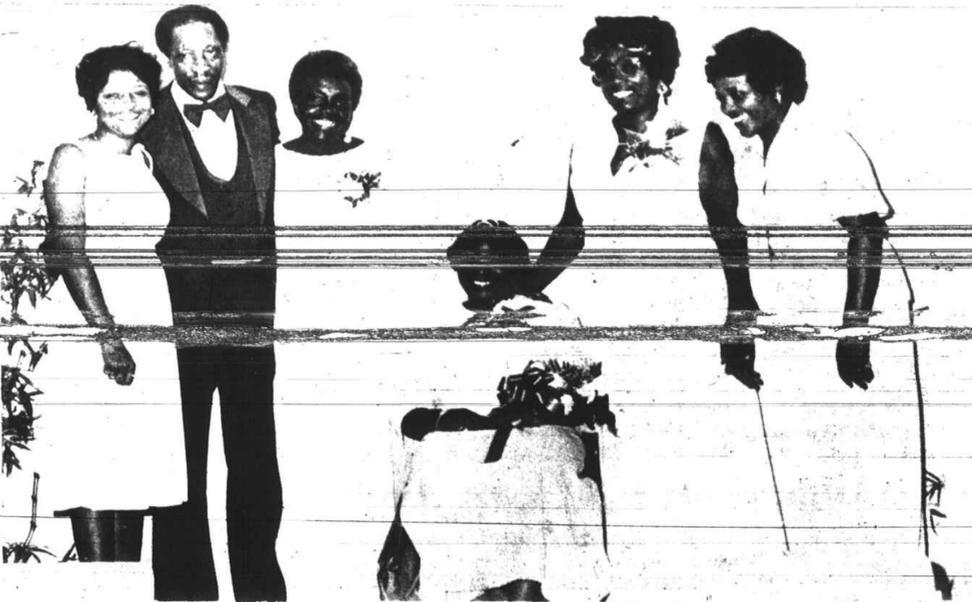
he agrees with the commissioners' decision.

"I think that it is fair to feel Jackson was wrongfully removed," Wagner said.

David Lash, a black member of the board had mixed reactions concerning the commissioner's decision.

"The board is supposed to run the park, even though we're under the jurisdiction of the County Commissioners," Lash said. "However it makes the board look like a clown if we say we recommend someone and the county commissioners reverse the decision.

"(W. Roger) Lemmons should run the park, if he's the director," Lash continued. "If they (county commissioners) don't think we can run it then let them do it."



The Winston-Salem Branch of the NAACP crowned its "Mother of the Year" last Friday night at Reynolds Health Center. Pictured (left to right) Donnie Young, Patrick Hairston NAACP Chairman, Ricky Wilson -- second place winner, the "Mother of the Year" Arlean Gill, Third place finisher Ida Pauling

## Gill Crowned NAACP 'Mother Of The Year'

Mrs. Arlean Gill was Reynolds Health Center crowned the NAACP's "Mother of the Year" last Friday night at the

Reynolds Health Center Cafeteria. Mrs. Ricky Wilson was second runner-up, Mrs. Ida Pauling fin-

ished third and Mrs. Marilyn Rhoades came in fourth. Mrs. Gill is a widow and mother of one daughter. She is a teacher at Reynolds Senior High School and a member of the First Baptist Church on Highland Avenue. She is a

member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, the National Council of Negro Women, the National Association of University Women, the North Carolina Association of Classroom Teachers, the National Business Association, the

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### Anti-King Conspiracy

## Reporter's Data Clears Wilkins

Roy Wilkins, retired executive director of the NAACP, has been cleared of the accusation that he worked with the late FBI director J. Edgar Hoover in an attempt to discredit the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The story, originally appearing in The Washington Post, noted that an FBI memo actually referred to Wilkins, who met with FBI Assistant Director Cartha DeLoach on November 27, 1964 -- and promised to "tell King that he can't win a battle with the FBI and that the best thing for him to do is to retire from public life."

In fact, however, according to George Lardner, Jr., the Washington Post reporter who wrote the

story, his "informed sources" specifically noted that Mr. Wilkins was not the "national Negro leader" J. Edgar Hoover and his assistant felt they could use to "remove King from the national picture." Further, said Lardner, the FBI description of an ambitious, "new and much younger" Black leader did fit the description of Roy Wilkins, who at the time (1964) was 63 years old.

Benjamin L. Hooks, former Federal Communications Commissioner and the man who succeeded Mr. Wilkins, said it was "unfair for anyone to have to defend their reputation against a ten-year-old statement drafted from

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Contestants for the "Miss Black America" of North Carolina arrives in Winston-Salem for a weekend of activities. The Pageant will be held here June 23-24.

## Beauties Arrive For Pageant Rehearsal

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Contestants for the Miss Black America of North Carolina Pageant arrived in Winston-Salem last Friday evening for a weekend of rehearsals, photo sessions and fun. The girls will be competing in the pageant here in Winston-Salem June 23-24 at the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium.

The Pageant is sponsored by the Phi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. There are 15 girls competing in the pageant from across North Carolina.

The girls got a chance last Friday and Saturday to meet each other and get acquainted at various outings they attended. The girls spent Friday evening at Tanglewood Park boating and horseback riding. They ate breakfast Saturday Morning at the La Terre XXI, shopped at the Hanes Mall and spent the evening rehearsing their talents.

The contestants for the pageant are: Gloria Blackwell, a contestant at large (CAL) of Charlotte; Barbara Simmons, "Miss Durham" of Durham; LaTeshia Pridgeon, "Miss Shaw University," of Ra-

leigh; Deborah Howard, CAL of Goldsboro; Jeanette Jones, CAL of Laurinburg; Anna Maria McKoy, "Miss Wilmington"

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## 'When God Send A Man, He Comin' Low...'

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He is an amiable old gentleman with a salt-and-pepper mane of hair and a kindly smile. People see him on a street corner in his straw hat, Bible tucked in his hand, shouting out the gospel, and maybe some of them think he's crazy. He's even been arrested for it.

But if you hear Johnnie Kirkland tell you about his life before salvation, and compare that to the man he is now, it is hard not to believe in miracles. Kirkland came to Winston-Salem from Lancaster, S.C. at the age of six. He got as far as the sixth grade, and then he quit school.

The years that followed are a haze of bootlegging, gambling, pimping, and

fighting.

"From 1937 until 1966 I was going in and out of prison so fast sometimes I'd get my same bed back," he recalls.

"I was in the penitentiary at 500 Springs Street in Richmond in '45. I was wearing chains and sleeping on chains... in solitary... no bathroom."

"You see, my wife -- my first wife, that was -- she had been messing up, so I told her I had to leave her, and I went off. Well, she asked me to come back. Said she wouldn't mess up no more, so I came on back. But I told her, if you mess up again, I'll kill you."

"She was okay for a while, but then she messed up again. And I took a razor and cut her head

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Apostle Kirkland



Mrs. Louise Wilson receives a community award

## Three Receive League Awards

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"Not only is Winston-Salem a good place to live."

our country is a good place to live," remarked keynote speaker Dr. Mahlon T. Puryear, Associate Deputy Director of the National Urban League at the Second annual Winston-Salem Urban League's Equal Opportunity Day banquet last Wednesday night.

At the banquet the league honored Mrs. Louise Wilson, the executive Director of the Experiment in Self Reliance for her outstanding contributions to the community. She was awarded a community service award plaque.

Also receiving awards were R.J. Reynolds and John Dawson. Colin Stokes Chairman of the Board of R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. accepted the award for the country. R.J. Reynolds was awarded for its contributions in promoting employment in the city.

Mrs. John Dawson accepted a posthumous award for special services, given in memory of her husband who was a member of the Urban League Board. Dawson also worked to draw up an

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## N. C. Black Press Holds Workshop

The North Carolina Black Publishers Association held an advertising sales workshop on Saturday, May 27th so that advertising representatives from North Carolina's black newspapers could exchange sales ideas and learn new techniques from resource persons.

The workshop, held in the Crosby Communications Building on the campus of A&T State University, featured four workshops dealing with different aspects of advertising sales.

Earl Gill, of Earl Gill's Publishing & Consulting Firm, Inc., addressed the group on "Advertising Sales Techniques," stressing creativity and innovation.

John Hankins, an account executive with Glace-Holden, Inc., discussed "Advertising Agencies and the Black Press."

"Special Editions and Special Promotions" was the subject of the workshop conducted by T.C. Jervay, editor and publisher of the *Wilmington Journal*.

The final workshop of the day was an idea-sharing session in which newspaper representatives exchanged ideas pertaining to marketing, advertising, and the general newspaper.

"The workshop was very successful," said Ernie Pitt, editor of the *Winston-Salem Chronicle* and one of the co-ordinators of the workshop. "The program is one of many planned by the North Carolina Black Press Association."

### Angel Dust Causes

### Unearthly Reaction

Angel Dust, supergrass, PeaCe Pill. Those words don't sound bad, but they mean "bad" when used by human beings. These are nice sounding names of a particular tranquilizer, but it also has names of Killer Weed, crystal cyclone, elephant grass, and hog. This tranquilizer is PCP or more specifically, phencyclidine.

In action by the N.C. Drug Commission May 25, PCP was placed in schedule two, which means that in North Carolina the illegal possession by anyone of more than one-half gram of PCP will face a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$10,000 for each offense upon conviction in the courts.

PCP was first developed in the late 1950's. Originally, PCP was used as an anesthetic agent in surgical procedures, and, although it was found to be generally effective, the drug often produced unpleasant side effects. Because of the bad side effects, in early 1967 it was removed from the market for human use.

However, it continued to be marketed as an animal anesthetic and tranquilizer, especially among larger animals such as elephants. Veterinarians can continue to ac-

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