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ABORTION: A Conflict of Rights

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First of a Series
She is a 17-year old teenager who finds out she's pregnant. She is in the top 10 per cent of her class, and she has been accepted at a major college. She decides to have an abortion.

"I have my whole life ahead of me," the teenager said. "Having a baby I don't want would be dooming me to 20 years of hard labor."

A young insurance salesman testifying before a legislative appropriations committee, talked at length about the moral issue of abortion. Then he ended his closing statement with the remark, "Besides, abortion is bad for business."

A local black minister preaches to blacks

about the dangers of abortion. "Abortion is not the black community's solution to the 'poor black problem', the minister

ties a woman was allowed to have abortions when two physicians agreed upon her need. In 1973 the Supreme Court, in a 7-2 decision

conception, abortions may be performed by a licensed physician in either freestanding clinics or outpatient facilities.

According to information by Planned Parenthood, it is estimated that there were 1,000,000 abortions before it was legal in the United States and just over 1,000,000 abortions in 1976.

The reasons to have abortions or not to have them are a very touchy issue as well as a personal issue. Many concerned citizens have organized groups and coalitions to fight for and against abortions.

The Roman Catholic Church is the strongest and most vocal religion against abortion. The church's doctrine is that "life begins at conception and that the

most important Christian teaching is, never kill."

Pope Paul IV has stated the position of the Roman Catholic Church as being that "all Roman Catholics who undergo or perform abortions face excommunication from the church."

Another strong anti-abortionist group is the Right to Life organization.

The North Carolina Right to Life States: "We hold to the concept that every human life, at the moment of conception is endowed with intrinsic value and with an innate right to its existence."

The group has been very active in North Carolina by using billboard proclaiming the Pro-Life message, by

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said. "Abortion is genocide, an attack against the black people disguised as a gift by our friends."

In the 19th century abortion was prohibited in North Carolina except to save the life of the mother. In the late sixties and early seven-

ruled that abortion in the first three months of pregnancy was between the woman and her physician.

To comply with the Supreme Court decision, the North Carolina Medical Care Commission said that during the first 10-12 weeks of

Citizens, Aldermen Clash Over Garbage Collection

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Tempers flared, personalities clashed and outspoken requests were heard at the Monday night saga of the Winston-Salem Board of Alderman meeting.

Citizens came out in vocal numbers to protest the new policy that ended door-to-door garbage collection at apartment complexes.

Residents of these dwellings spoke upon the possible discrimination of the elderly, the possible increase in rent and the lack of space for bulk containers at some apartments.

Juanita Golan of Lakeside Apartments told the Alderman that the residents at Lakeside would

be charged an additional \$2.25 to their present rent as a garbage fee.

T.A. Craig of Hanover Arms Apartments said that the character of the well kept and well maintained apartments would be destroyed if bulk containers are placed at his apartments.

"There are no place for them (bulk containers)," Craig said. "We live in a prestige area and we want to continue to keep it that way."

Troy Kennedy, a resident of College Village Apartments said that 75 percent of the residents at College Village are elderly people and that their are no space for dumpsters.

Alderman John Cavanagh said that the garbage situation is "worry-

ing the elder to death," Alderman Virginia Newell said that she didn't realize the magnitude of the consequences at the time she voted for the ordinance.

"I'm really disappointed and I'm unhappy because you are unhappy," Newell told the overflow audience. "I'm sorry that I did not listen, but I am sympathetic and willing to rethink what I have done."

The board voted unanimously to have the city staff work out a policy that would exempt apartments with a large population of elderly.

In another area of business the Alderman decided to meet July 26 to hear the affirmative action po-

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County Affirmative Action Found Lacking

Reynolds Nurses Denied Raises

By John W. Templeton
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What does it take for the nurses at the Reynolds Health Center to get a merit pay increase? That is the question that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners requested an answer to in its latest meeting.

Commissioner Mrs. Mazie Woodruff argued Monday night that the 16 nurses at the center have not received a merit increase in three years. At her request, commission chairman Fred D. Guser asked the county administration to investigate the matter.

"The 16 nurses at Reynolds Health Center have worked real well," said Mrs. Woodruff, a former chairman of the center advisory board. "It is simply the eyes of the supervisor that they don't deserve an increase."

Mrs. Woodruff's complaint came just after the county administration unveiled its affirmative action plan for the first six months of 1978. "I've looked at the equal employment opportunity report, which looks good on paper, but it isn't happening that way," said the commissioner in reference to the nurses.

C.P. Booker, current chairman of the health center's advisory board, told the Chronicle that the board had brought the lack of raises issue to Mrs. Woodruff's attention. He said attempts have been made to work the situation out with county manager, without success.

Booker said the administration still has not yet responded to the advisory board's recommendation that the Reynolds nurses be separated from the

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Group Meets With Sheriff

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A group of concerned black citizens met last week with Sheriff Manly Lancaster to express their dissatisfaction with the affirmative action policies in the sheriff's department.

County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff and NAACP president Patrick Hairston, two spokesmen for the group, expressed concern that the forthcoming promotions list would not contain any blacks. The sheriff's department presently has 22 blacks in a total of 145 officers.

"I can't say who's going to be promoted," Lancaster told the Chronicle. He stated that he was also unable to say whether any blacks would be promoted.

"They asked me to promote James Sims," Lancaster stated. "But I told

them that he has a lack of seniority. There are 26 officers with more seniority than he has."

He stated that some of those 26 are black, but declined to name them.

"I told the group that I had been fair," Lancaster said. He did not disclose a date for the announcement of the promotions.

Members of the group who conferred with the sheriff expressed dissatisfaction with his response:

"We're still working on it," was Mazie Woodruff's only comment.

Patrick Hairston noted that Lancaster is up for re-election in November (unopposed) and discussed the possibility of a write-in opponent.

"The man is a racist," another member of the group complained. "He didn't make any concessions to minorities."

Housing Crunch Tightens

By John W. Templeton
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Almost 18,000 low-income households in Forsyth County -- 60 per cent of the county's low-income families -- are in need of adequate, affordable housing, according to official study.

These families are being caught in a housing squeeze brought about by economic conditions and the after-effects of governmental and business decision.

"The toughest nut to crack is that they way the building costs are going

up, new construction is totally out of reach of the low and moderate-income household," said Bill McNeil, a housing planner with the city-county planning board and author of the "Comprehensive Housing Plan" recently presented to area governments.

Rents are also increasing in low-income housing, said Elliott Brown, Jr., an insurance man who is chairman of the housing committee of the local NAACP. "They're not taking any people in public housing and rent is getting very high," said

Brown. "The people I talk to are talking about rents of \$125 to \$150 and these aren't places with tennis courts and swimming pools."

"Some people can't hardly afford the housing that is below standard," said H.H. Disher, city housing inspection superintendent.

Disher said the factors bringing housing below standard are different from the conditions of twenty years ago. Back then, houses didn't have plumbing or electricity.

Now, he said, "The

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Doctors Attack Medicaid

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The Medicaid program came under attack in recent weeks by black physicians in the state, in terms such as 'racist' being used to describe the program.

The charges were levied at a press conference called by Sarah T. Morrow, secretary of Human Resources, concerning a settlement suit.

In November of last year a complaint was filed challenging the Medicaid program. Human Resources didn't admit that they were at fault but that

they were going to correct any wrongs.

Dr. Hubert A. Eaton, a Wilmington physician and a native of Winston-Salem, said in a telephone interview that the settlement was "a victory for all black doctors and dentists."

"Human Resources said that they will improve and humanize the Medicaid program," Eaton said. "They did not correct all the inadequacies but it is a step in the right direction."

Eaton said that he believes that Medicaid patients should receive the

same qualitative and quantitative care as those "patients with money or a checkbook in their pockets."

"The Fourteenth amendment protects black people but it doesn't protect poor people," Eaton continued. "The disadvantage and poor deserve as equal medical care as their affluent neighbor."

Charges of racism, Eaton said is hard to prove but that the Human Resources should examine profiles of black physicians with one or two white counterparts and

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The main cast of "The Wiz" Dorothy[Deborah Malone], Scarecrow[Garry Q. Lewis] the Tinman[Jai Oscar St. John] and the Lion[Bobby Hill]. See Page 11.

all for you

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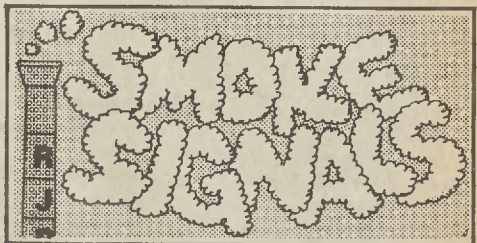
•Read the side of the Andrew Young controversy you haven't seen elsewhere. SEE EDITORIALS ON PAGE FOUR.

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My daughter Michelle is now eleven months old, and we have discovered that we are the parents that every other set of parents longs to have for friends. . . We are the parents of an average kid.

Are you tired of stories about the child prodigy who ate mashed potatoes while he still had on his hospital I.D. bracelet? Our kid only eats "people food" on state occasions -- about three bites.

Do you worry about your child's progress when you hear how the Smith's baby only used his walker for three hours, and walked perfectly ever since? You'd find us soothing to compare notes with. Michelle broke her walker in three hours, and she may be the only member of her graduating class to collect her diploma in her teeth, and crawl off the stage.

And the early talkers. Yes, we know all those parents, too. The ones whose babies talked in complete sentences at six months, and, for all I know, went straight from Mini-School to M.I.T. Michelle said "Da-da" at age four months, and has made no efforts to improve on it. We have finally resorted to reminding people that "Da-da" means "yes" in Russian, hinting that her French and Spanish are pretty good, too. (Nobody has fallen for that yet.)

We make the perfect foils for bragging mommies and daddies. It is so disappointing to announce your offspring's latest achievement only to learn that the child of the person you're talking to did it earlier, better, and faster. With us, our parent-friends know they are safe. We do not have a Bionic Baby. We have the Walter Mondale of babies. We'll never top your prodigy story.

Of course, her father has a tendency to brag about how pretty she is -- but he can be forgiven that -- all fathers say it.

Michelle's pediatrician assures us that she is an average baby, right on schedule in everything. It leaves us without an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records -- but it has endeared us to all the parents we know. Sharyn Bratcher