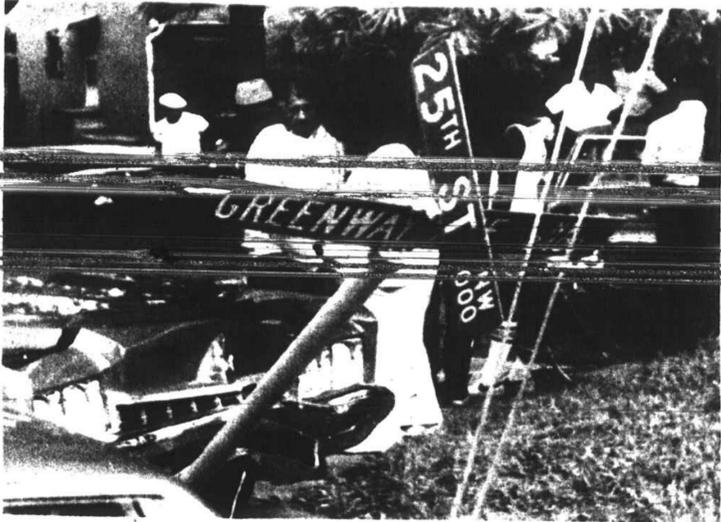


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Corner Collision

A rush hour wreck at 25th St. and Greenway Ave. left this 1971 Buick mashed against the street sign and the 1973 Chevy in the background with severe damage to its side.

## A \$231 Light Bill — \$189 Income

### High Electricity Costs Plague New Bethel Renters

By John W. Templeton  
Staff Writer

Tenants at the all-electric New Bethel Apartments off New Walkertown have been hit with electric bills which exceed their monthly rent. In one case, the bill exceeds the tenant's monthly income.

All but two residents of

one section of 760 Ferrell Court had their power turned off due to failure to pay the high bills on time last week, said Mrs. Doris Allen, president of the New Bethel Tenants Association.

The hardest hit resident was Mrs. Bessie Witherspoon, a disabled Supplemental Security Income re-

ipient who faced a bill of \$231 for two months. Her SSI check each month is \$189.

Despite attempts to get funds from various agencies for Mrs. Witherspoon, she was without power for more than a week as of Tuesday. Other tenants were able to pay their past due amounts.

During an interview, she noted that she had subsisted on sandwiches for several days, but she was reluctant to go to other tenant's homes. "The way these bills are, I don't need to make anybody else's home during the day," said Mrs. Witherspoon. "They're high enough as it is."

Ms. Velma Williams, a WSSU student who lives above Mrs. Witherspoon, said she had been faced with bills exceeding \$150 per month throughout the winter, despite not being home during the day. "From 10 in the morning

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## Banking Machines Located Far Away

By Yvette McCullough  
Staff Writer

"We want to be the best bank in your neighborhood" is a popular slogan of one of the state's large banks. However, one living in the vicinity of Atkins's High School, in the heart of the black community at 12th and Cameron, would have to go about two miles out of his neighborhood to get to the closest 24-hour banking machine.

Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, N.A., North Carolina National Bank and United Citizens Bank all have after hour banking machines in Winston-Salem. The machines are designed for deposit or cash withdrawal after normal business hours.

The Coliseum Branch offices of Wachovia and NCNB, which are 1.63 miles away, are the closest to the mythical heart of East Winston.

A spokesperson for Wachovia Bank said that the bank chooses the location of their Teller II machines based on the population and traffic pattern.

"We try to find a place where the machines will serve the largest amount of people," the Wachovia spokesperson said.

Wachovia Teller II's are presently located at Coliseum Drive, Hanes Mall (3.17), Corporation Parkway (2.12), Robinhood Road (3.17) and Stratford Road (2.02).

Georgia Smith, branch manager of the Wachovia Bank on Glenn and Patterson, said that she had not been approached by management about adding a Teller II to her branch.

"Management hasn't contacted us, but knowing we will be getting additional Teller II's, I will question management about putting a machine at this branch or near East Winston," Smith said.

If a Teller II was put at the Glenn/Patterson Branch it would be located 0.92 miles from the 12th and Cameron location.

"One thing I would like for Wachovia to do is to put a branch bank in the East Winston Community," Smith said.

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Photo by Beatty

### 'We Are Family'

Sister Sledge, a family singing group that has set the disco charts afire with the hit "We Are Family" belts out a song during their concert at the Winston-Salem Coliseum last weekend.

### Kenyan Visitor:

## We're Not Savages

By John W. Templeton  
Staff Writer

The biggest problem 18-year-old Nyambura Muhoro has had during her five week stay in the United States has been convincing people that she is not a savage who lives in a tree.

Muhoro, a representative of the Kenyan Girl Scouts visiting the U.S. as part of an international exchange program, good naturedly says of Americans she has encountered, "They don't know anything about Africa."

"They really believe Tarzan exists," said the petite traveler. "When I show them pictures of the Nairobi skyline, they're shocked."

"I pulled someone's leg and told them we lived in trees and they believed me," she said with a laugh. "I told them we had TV, but no electricity so we used vegetable oil. They were nodding their heads and saying 'Yea.'"

"Yesterday, I was asked 'Have you seen American beds?'" she said during a Tuesday visit to the Chronicle. "For a minute, I didn't know what she was asking. Those beds are used everywhere in the world."

With a touch of pride, she noted, "I haven't found much of a difference in the standard of living here as opposed to Kenya."

"The major difference is in the schools. It's much tougher in Kenya. Our high school is the equivalent of your college. I've already done pre-med in high school."

Muhoro, who graduated from high school before coming to the States March 30, will begin the five-year medical school program at the University of Nairobi in September.

"Somebody said to me, speak a little African," said Muhoro in her impeccable yet unsoftened diction. "I said there are thousands of African languages. In Kenya, the official language is English, our national language is Swahili and my native tongue is Kikuyu. Most of the kids there speak three languages."

The Kenyan scout attended one of dozens of high schools in Nairobi, most of which, she says, are equipped with swimming pools and tennis courts.

Like American teenagers, Muhoro and her Kenyan counterparts play games, or go to films, discos or parties for entertainment. The Girl Scouts in Kenya are mostly made up of teens, as opposed to a majority of pre-teens

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## Commission Backs Reynolds Park

By Yvette McCullough  
Staff Writer

"Reynolds Park Recreation Center is not up to par and the things they are asking for are definitely a necessity," said Emmanuel Johnson, chairman of the Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Commission.

"I think we should make every effort to get it up to par," Johnson told the members of the commission at its monthly meeting Tuesday. "I do not think what the Reynolds Park Advisory is asking for is unreasonable."

The commissioners met with members of the Reynolds Park Advisory Committee in order to discuss some of the complaints and requests made by the advisory committee. Members had gone to the

commission because they felt their requests were not being heard by the city's recreation director Nick Jamison, nor their Alderman Eugene Groce.

"I personally went to see what the conditions were at Reynolds Park to see the validity of the conditions which had been conveyed to me," Johnson said. "I talked to one group and they said one thing and I talked to another, they told me a different story so I wanted to see for the record myself."

Johnson said that he found that the complaints about children walking across the golf course and vandalism are partly justified.

"I did find children walking across the golf course and when I asked them why they told me because the pathway was muddy," Johnson said. "I don't blame

the young people for taking a better route."

Johnson said he found the pathway to be muddy like the children had said. He said he also found some vandalism of golf equipment and golf poles and flags.

"I don't know who's responsible, because I didn't see any of this done," Johnson said.

Other requests by the Advisory Council Johnson found justifiable were the extension of the fence around the golf course, security lighting, the expansion of the bridge over the waterway, and hot water for the showers.

The council also requested a softball field, three basketball courts, air conditioning, bike racks, shuffleboard, and boxing and Karate equipment.

Johnson also told the advisory council

that he had requested that nothing be done at the park until he had had time to investigate.

"I told Nick Jamison to put a hold on doing something at Reynolds Park until we could come back to the commission," Johnson said. "No one knew what the position was at Reynolds Park and we needed to wait and get something concrete."

Nick Jamison told the commission that he would act on some of the requests immediately. He said that pathway was presently under construction and that the fence had been contracted for and work should begin next week. He also said that a bikeraid would be placed at the center, along with shuffleboard equipment. A ping pong table will also be placed at the center.



### A Bubble Buster

Sherrick Adams, Mrs. Norveue Beatty and Ms. Cynthia

Perry review progress during the Phon-a-thon held on behalf of the United Negro College Fund. More than 30 volunteers, including this telephone solicitor raising her hand to report a total, took over the main lobby of the



Wachevia Building for three nights to raise funds for the scholarship fund. When it was all over, approximately \$11,000, 10 per cent over the goal of \$10,000 had been raised in the phon-a-thon.

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