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Neal Criticizes House Anti-Busing Proposal

By John W. Templeton
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Rep. Stephen Neal, D-N.C., has criticized the wording of a constitutional amendment against school busing for desegregation which the U. S. House of Representatives will begin consideration of on July 24.

However, the Fifth District represen-

tative said in a Chronicle interview he has not made up his mind how he will vote on the measure, the first such proposal to reach the floor of the House.

Neal termed the proposal by Rep. Ron Mottl, D-Ohio, "a very poorly worded amendment."

He said, "I don't think the people like busing, but I really am very hesitant

about amending the Constitution. I don't think that's the proper way to go about it."

House Joint Resolution 74, which proposes the anti-busing amendment, will come up for consideration because of an unusual discharge petition signed by a majority of House members. The

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Youth-Police Relations Tense

By Yvette McCullough
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Summer idleness has helped to create a tense situation between some youth in the Kimberly Park area and police stationed nearby, according to the city officials. However, the area police commander says the problems are diminishing.

Capt. W. M. Klinzing, District I commander told the Chronicle that the problem is caused by youth congregating on Glenn Ave-

nue near Trade Street.

"There are some people in the area that are capable of raising a crowd and this is what has caused a lot of problems."

"At one time the problem was so bad that a group took a prisoner away from some officers who were trying to make an arrest," Klinzing said. "We've had problems with youth shouting at policemen as they ride through the area and some who said they were going to kill an officer."

One resident told the Chronicle that the youth are a problem because the police were slow to respond to calls. Kinzing denied those accusations.

"Slow? That's not true," Klinzing said. "Most of my cars stay in that area and when we have a call, we send two cars."

Alderman Larry Little, D-North Ward, said that most of the problems in Kimberly Park are caused by frustration.

"They're frustrated, into

drugs, with nothing to do but beat up people," Little said. "They were pushed out of schools in many cases, our integrated schools, because teachers didn't want to deal with them and they weren't getting reinforcements from home."

"So now, like some people who get up to go to work every morning, they get up to go out and see what they can get into."

Little also said that he has heard the police were

reluctant to come into the community.

"What I'm hearing from the community is that the police are apprehensive about coming in there," Little said. "I think we have to deal with some of these things ourselves." Little, who grew up in the area, said he plans to spend more time, talking and playing basketball with neighborhood youths.

"There's got to be someone who can reach out and work with them," said the alderman.



Stuck in Debt

By John W. Templeton
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Credit counselor Z. Gray Jackson used to have things kind of easy about the time that folks began receiving their income tax refunds.

However, this year the pace is as busy as ever. Jackson, director of the local Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Inc. of Forsyth County, says consumers are getting into more and more debt, many times more than they can handle within their income.

"Our clients (60 new families per month) are owing about 60 percent more today than they were a year ago," the counselor said in a Chronicle interview at his First Union building offices.

"Last fall with easy credit, everybody was buying," he added. "Everyone heard buy now and pay it back with cheaper dollars."

They didn't realize the interest rates on installment accounts, usually about 18 percent, more than keep up with even double-digit inflation, he noted.

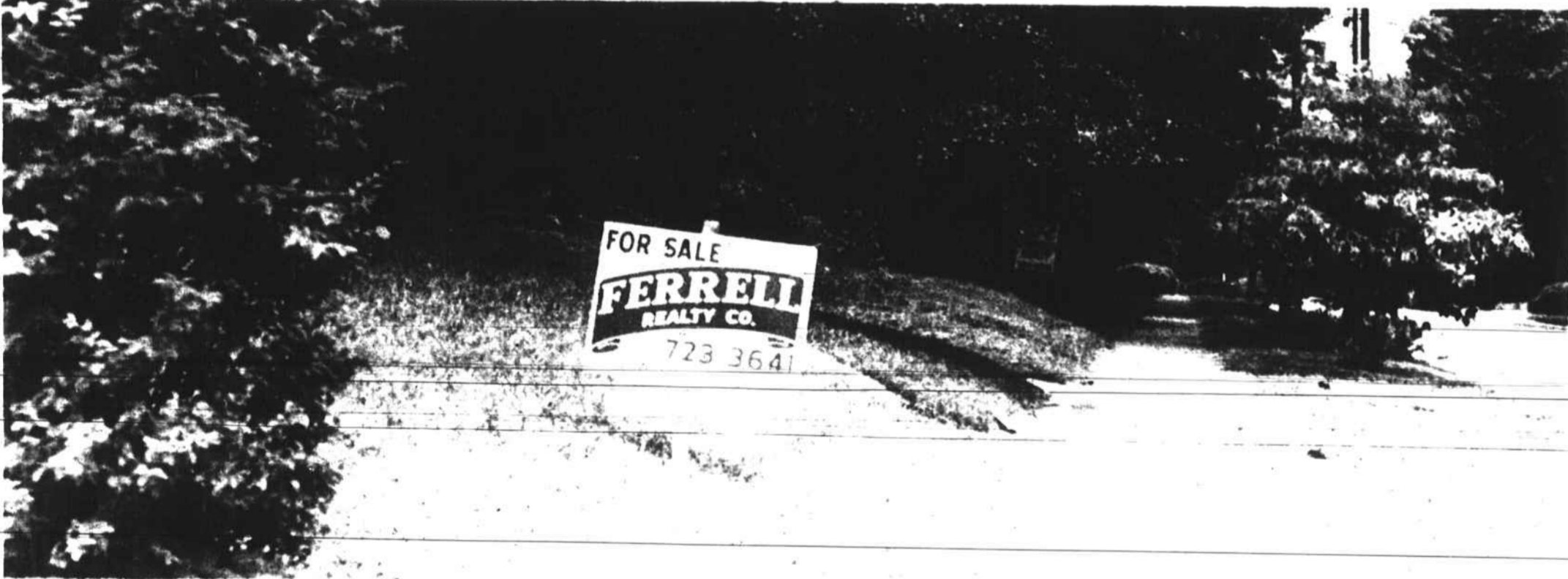
Jackson's agency, funded by the United Way, provides free counseling for families having trouble with paying all their bills, even going as far as setting up a repayment schedule with creditors.

Only eight percent of CCCS clients have to go that far, said the counselor. Most are able to set up a workable budget after several sessions.

CCCS was founded in 1972 after it was discovered the county had the highest rate of personal bankruptcy in the nation. The rate has been cut in half since then.

Budgeting is the key to staying out of credit trouble, in Jackson's view.

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Could a black family move into these homes for sale along Stratford Road?

That topic is among those being researched by the city's New Horizons

Fair Housing Task Force.

Fair Housing: Sham or Showpiece

By John W. Templeton
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Once a month, a varied group of city officials, businessmen, activists and other interested citizens get together to discuss the problem of fair housing in the City of Winston-Salem.

The task occupying most of the time of the New Horizons Task Force is discovering: 1) if there is a fair housing problem and 2) if so, what it is.

The answers the group comes up with will determine to a great extent whether the city develops a strong fair housing ordinance with enforcement powers, as some members would like, or endorses "business as usual" in the city's housing industry.

Last fall, reporters were called to the office of Mayor Wayne A. Corpening for the signing of a document with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development officials designating Winston-Salem as a New Horizons city, meaning the city would take voluntary action to promote fair housing.

The job of promoting the New Horizons concept was given to the newly-formed City Human Relations Commission, which has appointed a task force of commission members, city officials, realtors and interested citizens to make a report on fair housing.

Task force chairman Mrs. Cynthia Rabil sees the chairman of the task force while chairman Mrs. Cynthia Rabil takes maternity leave, predicts the report will be ready for the commission by September or October.

"We're sort of overwhelmed with data," said Ryder.

Since receiving its marching orders from the commission on March 14, the commission has heard reports from the City Community Development Depart-

ment, the Home Builders Association, plus an interpretation of the suit filed against the city for violation of federal community development guidelines.

That activity would not have taken place without the threat of legal action, according to the administrative complaint filed on behalf of the NAACP, League of Women Voters and several community organizations.

According to the complaint, two days after a complaint by Legal Aid attorney Ben Erlitz about lack of activity, "A previously unscheduled meeting of the Human Relations Commission was convened and 'goals' were hurriedly adopted for the New Horizons program."

Tracy Singletary, a task force member along with Erlitz, is not optimistic about the task force. "It's not going to do anything but procrastinate. ...All the people who are coming in are saying there's no such thing as unfair housing practices."

"The most eventful thing that could come out of it is a proclamation and then right back to business as usual," said Singletary.

Fred Lewis, executive director of the local Board of Realtors, said the task force "has possibilities. Whenever you have a major issue, it's good to take the topic, put them on the table."

Lewis said the city's realtors are already bound by their Code of Ethics not to engage in unfair housing practices.

Task force chairman Mrs. Cynthia Rabil sees the development director Gary Brown, from Singletary to Lewis -- as a strength.

"We've done real well in bringing in the different areas of the community that are affecting housing," she said.

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•A Statesville group is attempting to put up a shopping center on former redevelopment land, page two and Durham selects the state's only black school superintendent.

•Community Calendar offers the most complete listing of community events and meetings, and the Winston-Salem Improvement Association decides on its by-laws, page three.

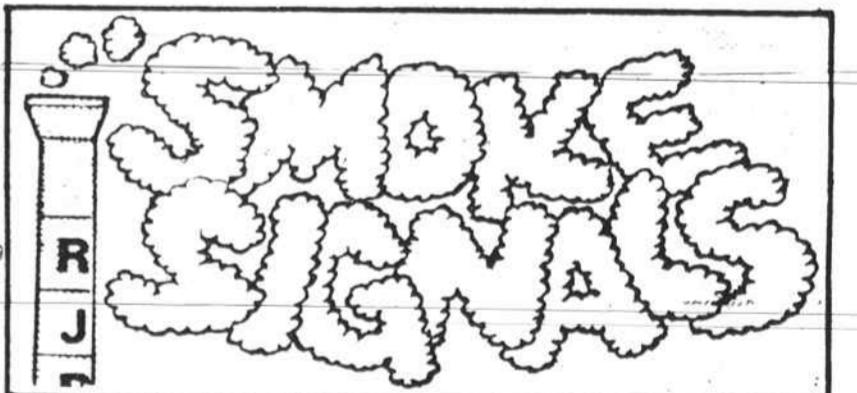
•Chronicle editorials examine the possible end of school desegregation and the impact of rising bus fares on page four, which also features A Letter from Lagos, straight from Robena Egemonye.

•Reunions, conventions, weddings, anniversaries...all in Social Whirl, where the Chronicle Profile is a person who has never looked back on her choice of career.

•Local artists want to display their wares in Vibes, page eight, and Billy Rowe talks about a non-harmonic symphony grants program.

•Black business today features the city's largest black business, Winston Mutual Life Insurance Co., with a look at how the firm met the challenges of the '70s.

•Kip Wilkins is a happy fellow now that the Indians have copped the WSBA crown. Robert Eller tells about how the owner put the pieces together for his champions, page 11, and about Big House's recruits for next year.



One of the products of the racial consciousness raising of the 1960s has been a gradual increase in the appearance of blacks in television commercials.

Some of those commercials have been very positive image builders, and some have just perpetuated stereotypes.

One of the enduring images is that of the basketball playing black. Recently, it has seemed as if every black male in television advertising has to have a basketball in his hands.

The latest one to come to my attention involves a pitch for chewing gum. There were a number of people in this ad, one of whom is a black youngster spinning a basketball on his finger.

As I tried to remember the last time I saw someone chewing gum while engaged in a heated game of basketball, I thought back to a pick-up game I participated in with some old high school classmates -- all of us avid basketball fans and players from way back.

Teddy Millsaps, an elementary assistant principal, picked our team. Since he had hit first, we took the ball out and passed it in to "Bo" Shuford, a high school guidance counselor.

Shuford dribbled upcourt, faked a drive and passed to the wing to me, a newspaper editor. I moved towards the baseline and back out again, then whipped a pass to Garry Mott, a banker in Columbia, S.C., on the high post.

Mott barely touched the ball enough to direct it to Frank Cauthen, a Gastonia banker, who broke for the hoop and slam dunked.

Among the guys on the other team were an emergency medical technician, a store manager and a computer operator.

All that to say basketball ain't the only game we play well.

By John W. Templeton