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Can't Get Mail On 1st of Month

By Yvette McCullough
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About 20 families living in the 1400 block of Oak Street in Kimberly Park Projects have not been receiving their mail for the last two months including first of the month assistance checks.

Evelyn Thomas, spokesperson for the residents, said that they first began having trouble when the city closed down Wilson Street two years ago. Their address was changed from Wilson Street to Oak Street.

Postmaster John Schoolfield told the Chronicle that the problem stems from the residents not notifying people of their change in address.

"The Housing Authority wanted the numbers and the name of the street

changed," Schoolfield said. "We have told the Housing Authority twice to notify the residents about their change in address.

"Since they changed our numbers many of us haven't gotten our checks or our food stamps," Mrs. Thomas said. "On check day, if we receive them, it's past 4 or 5 o'clock and most of the banks and things are closed."

Mrs. Thomas said that since their mailman was changed about two months ago they have been having additional problems.

"Some of the residents, in addition to receiving their mail late, have been receiving their mail opened," Mrs. Thomas said. "Also some of our mail is

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Staff Photo by McCullough

Black Teachers Decline Since Desegregation

By Yvette McCullough
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The percentage of black teachers in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Public School system has declined 10 percent since integration, although enrollment of black students has steadily increased.

In 1968-69, the last year before total integration of the school system, black teachers made up 37 percent of the school's teaching force, according to official records. During the 1978-79 school year, 27 percent of the school's teachers were black.

The number of black teachers in the senior high schools has continued to be low, with barely any gains made during the last 10 years. In 1970-71, 19 percent of the high school teachers were black. During this past school year, 21 percent of the senior high school teachers were black.

However, in 1970-71, 28 percent of the students in the school system were black and in 1978-79, 34 percent of the students were black.

Eugene Johnston, assistant superintendent of personnel for the school system told the Chronicle that the school system does not try to match the ratio of teachers with the ratio of

students.

"Our objective is to employ as many minorities as available in the market," Johnston said. "We're above the state level, because in North Carolina about 15 percent of the minorities hold teachers certificates and 27 percent of our school system is minorities, so we are above the state average at all levels."

Johnston said that the low percentage of black high school teachers is because there aren't many black secondary teachers coming out of college.

"Winston-Salem State University, where we get the majority of our teachers from, did not produce a lot of high school teachers," Johnston said. "We had to get more of our secondary teachers from North Carolina A&T and North Carolina Central."

James Dew, assistant to the superintendent, told the Chronicle that the law does not address integrated staffs.

"The law says that all the schools in North Carolina should rationally reflect the occupational market," Dew said.

"There aren't a large number of blacks on the high school level, and only about 20 percent of the blacks are applying for the jobs available on the high school level."

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black college sports

An exciting new sports feature will appear in the Chronicle starting this issue. It's all about black college sports, and will be written by veteran sports writer and nationally syndicated columnist Barry Cooper.

Cooper, 24, is a sportswriter for the Tallahassee (Fla.) Democrat newspaper, where he covers Florida A&M and other black colleges. Prior to working for The Democrat, he worked for the Wilmington (N.C.) Star-News, covering high school and college sports, and stock car racing.

He attended the University of North Carolina-Wilmington for three years before moving to Tallahassee. He is now completing his degree work at Florida A&M.

Cooper's weekly sports package "Black College Sports" appears in 40 weekly and daily newspapers around the country.

In addition to writing a column for the Chronicle each week, Cooper will provide the Chronicle with an "Ask Barry" question-and-answer box, a feature that will let you ask any questions that you have concerning black college sports. Cooper will also be providing other sports features.

This week Cooper has written a column on Willie Jeffries (former South Carolina State head football coach), who is now head coach at Wichita State and becomes the first black man to land a head football coaching job at a mostly white university. Also, Cooper has prepared a football tidbits feature and a "Ask Barry" question-and-answer column.

We think you'll like his writing.

Klan in Military Attacked

NEW YORK Citing several incidents of Ku Klux Klan activity by military personnel, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'irth has called on the Defense

Department to stop members of the armed forces from joining hate groups such as the KKK and the Nazis.

"There is no room within the armed forces of the United States for organized bigotry and extremism," declared Nathan Perlmutter, ADL's national director, in a July 26 letter to Defense Secretary Harold Brown.

The Klan's "history of racial and religious bigotry, violence and disorder" is well-known, said Mr. Perlmutter, adding that only recently ten individuals were found guilty in Alabama of Klan-related violent crimes.

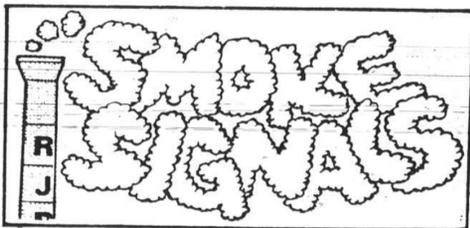
ADL said it was expressing concern about Klan activity in light of reports that KKK units have been active in the Navy, Army, Marines, and that recruiting of Klan members is underway within the Air Force.

Mr. Perlmutter observed there have been reports of

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A Long One

Mrs. Yellow Jewel of Dellabrook Road displays her 28 inch stringbean which she grew out of a garden in her backyard. Mrs. Jewel plans to shellac the bean and enter it in the Dixie Classic Fair.



One of the disadvantages of this job is the running into constant evidence that black lives don't hold a lot of value in many quarters, including among some black folks.

That makes it all the more gratifying when one comes across a situation when the reverse is true. There's a special touch to this example. I'm referring to my five-year-old niece, Stacy Wellman.

For the past few weeks, she has been in the Duke University Hospital battling the hereditary disease cystic fibrosis, an illness which systematically turns the lung tissue hard and fibrous, rendering the tissue incapable of turning air into oxygen.

Eventually it becomes impossible to breathe. The disease usually acts quickly, killing many infants afflicted before the age of one. But Stacy developed well, quickly getting over brief attacks and giving hope that she would live to see the day when doctors would find an effective treatment.

However, colds and pneumonia upset the delicate balance in her body chemistry around the end of last year.

There were frequent trips to the local hospital in Statesville, where Stacy, her younger sister, older brother and parents live on the outskirts of town, and to Duke.

At first, she would be back out in a few days. Then the stays got longer and longer. Since the last time she went into the hospital, she hasn't come out.

Connected to wires and tubes all over her body, Stacy has not only battled cystic fibrosis, but also pneumonia and other infections, two heart attacks caused by fluid buildup and diabetes caused by a steady diet of intravenous sugar.

She has hung on despite that array of potent killers.

"I don't know how she's made it; it must have been all those people praying for her," my mother said the other day. In addition to the family, at least three churches have resolved to pray on her behalf. The churches have also donated funds to help with the constant back and forth expenses incurred by the parents.

As I write, the last word that doctors were giving a pain killer which would also have the effect of retarding her breathing further. The prognosis was bleak.

Although cystic fibrosis is likely to claim another victim, there's a larger victory that's been won. Whenever you can get people to care about another person, it's a significant event.

John W. Templeton



Williams S. Hughes

I-40 Disrupts Plans

By John W. Templeton
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There's a thick white powder covering the floor, most of the walls, and after a few minutes, you, as one visits the lair of William S. Hughes, community leader, trucker and...artist.

Those who know Hughes from his roles as vice president of the Watkins Street Improvement Association or who have seen him loading or driving trucks would probably be somewhat shocked to see the gleaming black figurines displayed throughout the Hughes' makeshift workshop at 1005 Watkins St.

His medium is molding plastic, using a technique learned while in the army and his overriding wish is to have a shop of his own where he can market his work.

The plans of Hughes and his neighbors on Watkins Street are on hold for now as they await a decision on the widening of Interstate 40.

The house Hughes rents should have been torn down by now, one of a number of changes Watkins Street residents have lobbied for out of the city

Community Development Department.

Under the leadership of former president Les Venable, a realtor who returned to his native community before moving out of town, and current president, Mrs. Annie Bell Hamlin, the Watkins Street Improvement Association and city officials have developed a strategy for saving the neighborhood.

But as the Center City Development Guide notes in the section on Watkins Street, "If I-40 widening requires considerable land in the Watkins Street area, the long term goals for this area would be altered since the residential character along one boundary of the area would be eroded."

This document goes on to say that the highway could reduce the neighborhood by a third and concludes, "This could have detrimental impacts on the remaining residences and may tip the neighborhood's already tenuous balance between viability and decline."

But for that big question mark, the city and the neighborhood strategy includes: continued loans and grants for rehabilitation, paving Beaumont and

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WSSU Photo by Roland S. Watts

Sean Wilkins, 10, concentrates intently on each note with the violin he has learned to play during the Junior Arts School sponsored by Experiment in Self-Reliance and Winston-Salem State University. Wilkins is one of 300 youth who've been exposed to the fine arts during the year old project. See story on page 14.

Virtuoso