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Odell Clanton, William Stevens, John Feimster

## Legion Post Honors 3 Charter Members

By John W. Templeton  
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A packed house looked on Sunday afternoon as the Morris L. Slaughter Post No. 128 of the American Legion dedicated its meeting hall and downstairs lounge in honor of the last three charter members of the 58-year-old post.

The post building at 1410 Attucks Street was named the Clanton-Cranford Hall in honor of former post commanders Odell Clanton, 85, and Wade Cranford, who died last year. Stevens Lounge was named in honor of charter member William Stevens.

It was an emotional moment as the wheelchair-bound Clanton, Stevens, and John Feimster and family, son of Cranford, made their way to the front of the hall.

Clanton wiped a tear from his eye before being shown the plaque bearing his name and that of Cranford by post commander J. H. Foster.

"I didn't think on July 15, 1918 that I would come here to see this," said Clanton. That was the day Clanton

entered the U.S. Army to fight in World War I.

After landing in France, Clanton received mustard gas wounds which have trouble him ever since.

"Thank God, he spared me these 85 years to help somebody and I'm sure glad to be here," said Clanton.

A jovial Stevens said, "I've been nervous ever since I heard about this, but I want to say this: I've got an advantage over a younger man because I know mine's a lounge; he doesn't know what he's got coming."

Feimster termed his father, who served the post for 16 years as post commander, "a Christian gentleman." Feimster was accompanied by all his children except one son in Detroit who sent a floral display for the occasion.

"It was wonderful to pay tribute to those who have done so much and contributed so much to your post," said commander Foster. "Brothers Clanton and Stevens were the ones who got me to join the organization." Foster said Cranford loaned some of his money to help purchase the hall which will now bear his name.

## Fire Tragedies Feared

By John W. Templeton  
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The rising cost of heating fuel is likely to cause a number of fires and accidents this winter, according to a city fire prevention official.

With oil and gas prices likely to double last year's, some people may throw caution to the winds trying to save a little energy, thinks Oscar Beal, assistant fire marshal.

"A lot of people will be using cooking equipment for heat," he said in an interview. "The problem is that those stoves will consume all the oxygen that

people need and because they're not vented, they can get hot enough to explode."

Another type of mistake resulted in a double fatality here last winter. "If a stove is running short of oil, don't try to refuel it while it's hot," said Beal. "It could cause either a smoke explosion or a blast explosion."

Electric space heaters are another trouble spot. "Electric portable heaters should not be used with an extension cord," added the assistant marshal.

"Preferably they should be the kind that will cut off if knocked over rather than

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### Smoke Detector Saves City Couple's Lives

A smoke detector and an escape plan apparently saved the lives of a Mineral Springs couple whose home burst into flames early Monday morning.

L.T. and Frances Dudley of 788 Motor Road, near the Mineral Springs Elementary School, were awakened by their detector at approximately 3 a.m., according to assistant fire marshal Oscar Beal.

The fire caused \$20,000 in damage to their brick

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## City Pledges to Fix Rugs, Walls at Winston Lake

By Yvette McCullough  
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Worn carpets and dirty interiors at Winston Lake Golf Course Clubhouse will be replaced or repaired as soon as manpower becomes available, according to Nick Jamison, the city's recreation director.

The carpets and other conditions at the course have come under attack recently by the political action committee of the Winston-Salem NAACP.

"Golfers have told me that the carpet is so worn that their golf shoes get caught in it and could cause someone to fall," said Rodney Sumler, chairman of the committee. "Some holes are covered up with pieces of rubber but it is still dangerous."

E. Jerry Jones, golf pro at Winston Lake told the Chronicle that almost everything he has requested was approved in the budget, but the work has not been done.

"The carpet was in my budget that was submitted to the aldermen in July," Jones said. "It was approved and is just a matter of time before I receive it."

Jones said that the delay of getting the new carpet was because the interior of the club house will be painted also.

"It would be a waste to put down carpet then come in and paint," Jones said. "The city just has a routine method of doing things."

Jamison confirmed that the interior was slated to be painted, and that the city did most of its interior painting during the bad weather months.

In a press statement, released earlier this week, the committee charged Jamison with practicing dual programs and maintenance schedules at the city's two golf courses, Winston Lake and Reynolds Park.

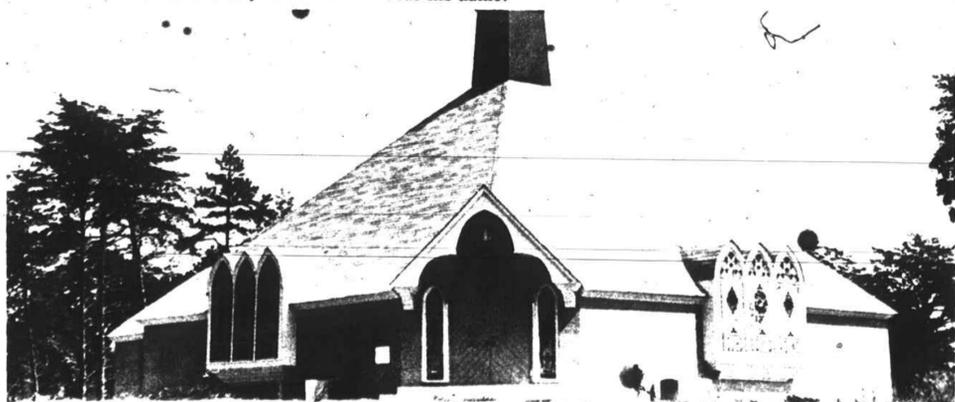
Nick Jamison told the Chronicle in a telephone interview that no one had contacted him about any problems at the golf course.

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Two golfers play a round of golf at the Winston Lake Golf Course. Complaints by golfers and citizens in the community prompted an investigation by the

NAACP into the golf course's maintenance. City officials have said that problems will be solved.



New Building for Wentz Memorial Church of Christ

## Building Provokes Dispute

By Yvette McCullough  
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The completion of Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ, located on Carver Road, may have to be decided in a court of law because of a dispute between the contractor, Hairston & Sons and the church members.

Some members of the church have charged Hairston with defaulting on his contract because American Fidelity Fire Insurance, Hairston's bonding company, had to be called in to finance the rest of the building.

Henry Hairston told the Chronicle that the dispute was now in the hands of the lawyers and that the Church was 98 to 99 per cent finished.

"There are several things the church members want done, but the matter is now in the hands of the lawyer."

Hairston said.

James Beaty, the attorney for the church, declined comment because the case is pending.

Jim Tatum of the Newsome, Graham, Hedrick, Murray, Bryson & Kennon law firm of Durham told the Chronicle that there was some question whether or not Hairston would be allowed to complete the contract.

"Hairston has continued to work on the project and recently he had the parking lot refinished," Tatum, lawyer for the bonding firm, said. "There are however several matters that will be resolved within the next several months."

"The dispute is out of the hands of the contractor and owner," Tatum said. "It will now be a judicial determination in a court of law."

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## Local Job Market Considered Stable During Recession

By John W. Templeton  
Staff Writer

Local employment observers see the national recession as having a limited, if any, impact on the local job market.

"What we have seen is not really a great change locally," said Thomas D. Elijah Jr., executive director of the Urban League of Winston-Salem.

Nat Walker, a spokesman for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., the area's largest employer, said, "The tobacco industry has traditionally been fairly resistant to swings in the economy. We don't anticipate any undue effect."

Grover C. Teeter, manager of the local office of the Employment Security Commission, agreed with those assessments but noted, "The bottom could fall out at any time. A lot of industries are tied to the national situation."

Teeter expects no more than a one per cent rise in the local unemployment rate, which is 5.3 per cent.

A large major employer, Western Electric, is in the process of expanding

its work forces, said spokesman Thomas D. Wharton. "We've got a new family of products that is very much in demand partly because of the fear of recession," he said. The loop electronics being produced at the local plant will enable telephone companies to add new customers without laying additional copper cable. He said WE has hired more than 500 persons since the first of the year.

Teeter sees the job situation for minority youth, the country's least employed sector of the labor force, as neither improving nor getting worse. "There are specific targeted training programs that can result in jobs for many of them," said Teeter. "I don't think they will be any more severely damaged."

The ESC official said more local businesses are making use of the federal tax credit for firms employing workers in certain targeted groups such as minority youth and Vietnam veterans. "Most of them are just finding out about it," said Teeter.

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