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## Neighborhoods Attack CD Priorities

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The 1980-81 community development proposal does address the major needs of targeted areas according to several neighborhood association presidents. "If anyone needs code enforcement, Watkins Street needs code enforcement, but this is not one of the city's priorities for this area," said Mrs. Annabell Hamlin, president of the Watkins Street Neighborhood Association. City officials unveiled their proposal, Tuesday, during a public meeting. "We also want projects designated for our area to come a little faster, we have to find out what's

happening, because we need more than what they say," she added. The priority for the **Watkins Street** area is rehabilitation loans and grants assistance, with the project slated to be complete in June 1981. The assistance applies to owner-occupants whose incomes are less than 125 percent of the median income; or investor-owners who guarantee to rent a majority of the rehabilitated homes to families and individuals who qualify for section eight housing. Ms Helen Gwyn, president of the **East Winston** Neighborhood Association said that she would like for the city to include Dunleith Street as part of the East

Winston Community Development area. Residents in that area are living in homes that have bad heating, inadequate plumbing and no insulation, she said. Some resident also said that landlords go up on their rent when repairs are made. "I know of at least a half of a dozen homeowners who said they would be interested in CD" Ms. Gwyn said. "We also need something to be done about absentee landlords in this area." The priorities for the area for the 1980-81 year are the acquisition of 21 parcels, the relocation of 29 families and individuals and the demolition of 35 structures. Concentrated code enforcement by June 1981 and

rehabilitation assistance by June 1981. Public works and street improvements are also a priority. The project would include resurfacing Jackson Avenue, constructing Hattie Avenue, constructing 11th Street and grading east of Dunleith Street South of 12th Street. According to the proposal map a small section of Dunleith will be in the rehab area but a portion of the area is not. As part of the East Winston project for 1981-82, 17 parcels will be acquired, 17 structures will be demolished, 25 families and individuals will be relocated and several streets will receive improvements. **See Page 12**

## Job Agency Gone, Customers Stuck

By John W. Templeton  
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A minimum of 40 people may have lost their money when a job publishing agency doing business here and in Greensboro closed shop without notice. The firm, Job Guide Publishing Company, which did business out of a building in the First Union Buildings, was under investigation by the state Department of Labor and the Attorney General's office when it closed. Approximately 40 persons had filed complaints with the local Better Business Bureau against the company. Vaughn, local BBB president, said the firm had an "unsatisfactory" record of responding to complaints, and was charging their root causes. Vaughn Horton, an investigator with the private personnel services division of the Labor Department, said 25 complaints had been received either by his office or the attorney general's consumer protection division. He said that he has been unable reach any of the firm's principals since Nov. 21. Job Guide operated by charging

customers \$40 for the right to look at job listings it had prepared. Customers could also call in to see if any jobs in their field were listed. According to Vaughn and Horton, complainants said they were unable to reach the company because the lines were busy and that jobs listed were either unavailable or had been filled. Horton said a change in state law last July enabled the department to regulate job publishing services. The owner of Job Guide, Patrick O'Leary of Greensboro, had successfully sued the state to stop a previous investigation. The labor official said the companies now have to be licensed and have to meet strict standards for contracts and advertising.



Staff Photo by Templeton

### Open Sesame

Young Patrick Lockhart puts all his energies into opening the package he just received during the Christmas party of the Augsburg Lutheran Church day care center operated by the Downtown Church Center.

## But Project Goes On Castleshire Protest Slows Annexation

By Patrice E. Lee  
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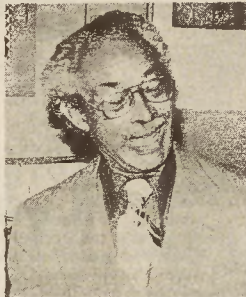
Annexation of 20 acres of land expected to be the site of 150 units of low income housing in Winston-Salem has been postponed until Jan. 7 but a HUD official has said that a firm commitment has already been made to complete the project. "An initial closing is scheduled in this office tomorrow" said John Lyles, acting director of housing in HUD's Greensboro office on Tuesday. Blocking the annexation will have no effect on whether the apartments will be built. The new owners have filed a petition to have that apartment site annexed into the city although the complex could still receive city services

without being annexed. The scheduled closing is based on "a firm commitment made several months ago" and will not be interrupted despite a complaint the office received from a Winston-Salem resident Monday, Lyles said. Multi-family housing representative F. Chapman said that the resident identified herself as a homeowner in an area already overburdened by low income housing, concerned about possible property devaluation. "Her concern is valid," Lyle said. We were satisfied that the legal and regulatory requirements have been met or we wouldn't be at this point." Housing Authority officials and Lake Park developer Eugene Gulleddge are **See Page 2**

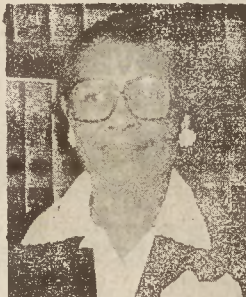
## Candidates Prepare For '80 Races

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Rev. Moses Small, operator of an alcohol rehabilitation center in Bethania, has announced his candidacy for the Senate from Forsyth County, in the 1980 primary elections. According to long-time political observers, Small would be the first black to ever run for the Senate in this county. His decision to run makes it likely that black candidates will be entered in each of the county-wide races during the 1980 elections. Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy, recently appointed to fill a vacancy, has said she will run for election to the seat. Mazie Woodruff, a member of the Board of County Commissioners since 1974, plans to announce her campaign for re-election in January. Former elections board chairman H.B. Goodson will make a definite decision the same month, but he said it is likely he will run for the city/county school board. Small is a 61-year-old former teacher who has lived in Forsyth County for 27 years. His first bid for elective office was in 1972 when he ran along with Beaufort Bailey for the school board. Bailey was present during an announcement party last



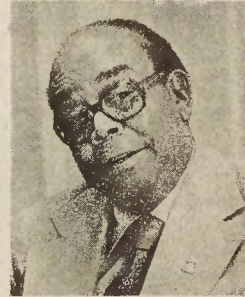
Small



Kennedy



Woodruff



Goodson

Friday night at Small's home to help Small make the announcement. Bailey said, "We need blacks in Raleigh." Small said his background with the rehabilitation house, the House of Mercy, equips him for the legislature. "Too many times, people who have been elected have come from a lifestyle that knows nothing about poverty," said Small. "In a time when government is struggling to live within its means, your best politicians would be people who have lived in poverty," he added.

Small has run the House of Mercy for nine years with as many as 30 clients. He quits teaching in 1969 to begin working full-time with prisoners. The same year, he was ordained a minister at First Baptist Church. Although he is the first candidate to make a formal announcement for the Senate, the list of potential Democratic candidates is long. Sen. Marvin Ward, D-Forsyth, said he will be deciding in January. Rep. Ted Kaplan, D-Forsyth said he is considering running but will make a decision after the first of the year. Other contenders might be former Sens. Carl Therothow and E. Lawrence Davis.



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## Rehab Proposal Gets Mixed Reactions

By Patrice E. Lee  
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The city should repair condemned houses that are still being rented to families, a member of the citywide neighborhood coalition has said, but some city officials doubt whether the program is workable. Several Aldermen would like to see the idea developed further, however. "Houses are condemned, recondemned and re-recondemned" under the current practice of code enforcement while families still live in substandard housing, attorney Paul Shepard said at the last of the budget "focus" hearings

last week. "Winston-Salem today has the authority to repair the house, attach a lien and foreclose on the property if they don't pay. If the owners knew you were going ahead and do that, they'd fix them up themselves," Shepard said. Alderman Virginia Newell and Ernestine Wilson said last week that they were concerned with the legal and financial practicalities of Shepard's proposal. "The state statute is so weak that a person would not be in violation if they did something to the house (such as put in a new floor board) that hadn't been done before," Mrs. Newell said.

"What chance would we have of getting our money back?" Ms. Wilson asked. Shepard said that he felt both the state statute and city ordinances were strong enough to implement his proposal. He also said that the city's chances of getting money back spent on repairs was as strong as the city's chances of collecting fees from property owners for demolishing and condemned houses. But City Attorney Ron Seeber and attorney Roddy Ligon of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice both say such a program may create more problems than it solves.

"There may be some constitutional problems with the statute. We're on kind of shaky legal grounds to be doing it. The cases we've seen indicate that with other outstanding debts (such as mortgages placed on the property) you might not be able to recover the money," Seeber said. The problem, he said, is that "it's not well established, where you go in to repair the property to go in and put a lien on it. "Nobody in North Carolina has done it to my knowledge." Seeber said that foreclosing on property to collect demolition fees and foreclosing to collect money spent for **See Page 2**