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## BPAL Warns Candidates About Issues

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The three black aldermen have warned candidates in the 1980 elections that the price for black support is a commitment to tackle housing, education and employment crises facing blacks.

In a press conference held at Reynolds Health Center, Aldermen Virginia Newell, D-East, Vivian Burke D-NE and Larry D. Little, D-North, urged residents to use the Black Political Awareness League (BPAL) to screen candidates and to reassess themselves in the 80s.

Despite a set back in its first attempt at endorsements, the aldermen said they plan to organize block by block for a show of strength in 1980.

"I can put my hands on 25 block captains and I'm telling them to make people aware of what the candidates are offering," said Mrs. Burke. Newell and Little said they will build similar organizations.

BPAL was formed in

July as a coalition of Democratic Precinct chairmen and vice chairmen from the 17 predominantly black precincts.

In its first major action, the group selected former mayoral candidate Carl H. Russell as its recommendation for a vacated N.C. House seat over black lawyers Annie B. Kennedy and James A. Beaty. However, Kennedy won the seat in the election by the party's county executive committee.

Blacks should be counted in the 1980 census because of the way census figures are used to determine grant allocations and other benefits based on population said the aldermen.

They also urged greater attendance at meetings where decisions are made that can adversely affect them.

The recent Castleshire dilemma points out the need for this, the aldermen said.

Residents of the plush black neighborhood said they only became aware that low-income housing

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### Traveler

Bishop R.K. Hash, pastor of St. Peter's Church of God Apostolic displays African musical instruments and a sweet potato, that he received during his trip in Nigeria. Bishop Hash spent two weeks in an underdeveloped area in Nigeria. See story page 14.

## Agencies Find Food For Family with None

By Patrice E. Lee  
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When Barbara Smith of 2519 Patterson Avenue ran out of food Dec. 15, the Winston-Salem police officer she turned to for help, Jack McDonald, knew exactly what to do—he called the Crisis Control Ministry.

That same day, groceries arrived to get the family—which included her unemployed husband and a two and one-half year-old son—through the weekend.

Since that time her husband Arthur Smith has gotten a job which promises to keep their cupboard full.

The Smith family's request for assistance was one of almost 75 such requests that Crisis Control has received daily for either food when food stamp allotments have been used or fuel since the weather turned cold, says Director Virginia N. Britt.

Community food drives prompted by the holidays have increased the agency's capacity to satisfy clients' needs and will probably keep food supplies available until January or February but "the most pressing need we have at this time is for money to pay for fuel," Ms. Britt said.

The usual \$12,000 monthly allocation for client needs has been increased to \$25,000 this month. Despite the increase in clients, "we'll meet our commitments through Dec. 31," Ms. Britt says.

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### Machine Crushes Factory Worker

A 32-year-old R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. employee died last week after being crushed by a machine at the North Church Street factory.

Robert James Patrick, a general plant superintendent at a blending factory, died Thursday an hour after he was brought to the N.C. Baptist Hospital suffering from chest and abdominal injuries, a spokesman said.

No other information about the tragedy was available.

## School Suspensions: 56 Percent Black Rate Doesn't Alarm Officials

By John W. Templeton  
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Fifty-six per cent of the students suspended during the past school year were black, according to figures released by schools administration.

Although the suspensions figure is much higher than the black percentage of the school's population, Palmer G. Friende, associate superintendent for instruction, does not think a pattern of racial discrimination is at work.

"Looking at the individual cases, a number of things have usually gone on before the point of suspension," said Friende. "There is some prior effort to reveal the problem and deal with it."

"It we saw a pell-mell tendency not to deal with the problem, then we would be more concerned," said the associate superintendent.

During the 1978-79 school year, 1,423 students were suspended, 803 of them black, according to Friende.

Disproportionate numbers of minority suspensions has become a nationwide issue since the onset of desegregation of schools. The U.S. Department of Health, Education Welfare's Office of

Civil Rights monitors the record of school systems receiving federal funds, such as Winston-Salem/Forsyth.

Greensboro's school system was ranked among the 100 worst school systems in the country with regard to minority suspensions, however, OCR found no fault with Winston-Salem's record, said Friende.

Despite the lack of sanction, the school official said the system is taking steps to reduce the number of suspensions, overall and among blacks.

"Our CDC, in-school suspensions program is in effect in practically all

junior high schools, all our nine-10 schools and all but one high school," said Friende. "This shows the potential for cutting down out-of-school suspensions."

The associate superintendent said this year is the first the in-school suspension program has been used so extensively.

Advantages of having the student in-school include keeping the ability to have counselors and social workers work with students.

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## Women Sue First Federal

By Patrice E. Lee  
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Two former employees and an applicant who was not hired are suing First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Winston-Salem alleging that the company discriminated against black women hired or screened since July 2, 1965.

In a suit filed Dec. 21 by attorneys Harvey and Harold Kennedy III, Alfretha Jones, Sherry W. Antone and Sharon Denise Leak are seeking back pay and \$500,000 in damages for "all black and female persons...who have been and continue to be or might be adversely affected" by alleged discriminatory practices based on race and sex.

The suit is also asking that the company be required to "conduct an intensive long-range recruitment effort to attract blacks and women and adopt goals "to overcome promptly the present effects of past discrimination."

The lawsuit alleges that the company has maintained job classifications segregated on the basis of sex; and failed to recruit, hire, transfer or promote qualified black and female employees into management or to train them for advancement.

Plaintiffs also charge that the S&L failed to pay females on an equal basis with men for equal work; maintained insurance and pension plans which operate to adversely and disparately affect females because of

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## Dunleith Seeks Funding Reconsideration from CD

By Yvette McCullough  
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Residents in the East Winston Community would like to see blighted Dunleith Avenue included in the Community Development proposal, but CD officials say there is no money available.

Most of the residents living in the Dunleith Area are living in substandard housing, with inadequate plumbing and wiring, and no insulation. Although over one million dollars will be spent in East Winston over the next two years, Dunleith was not included.

"We don't have the money to do Dunleith, in the next two years," said Gary Brown, the director of the Community Development program.

The priorities for the East Winston area for the 1980-81 fiscal year are the acquisition of 21 parcels, the relocation of 29 families and individuals and the demolition of 35 structures. Concentrated code enforcement and rehabilitation assistance is slated by June 1981.

Helen Gwyn, president of the East Winston Restoration Association, told the Chronicle that she has talked to people in the Dunleith area and that they are interested in being included.

"We want to see if some of the money that hasn't been

used in the other areas of East Winston can be used in the Dunleith area," Ms Gwyn said. "We want to make sure the money stays in this area."

Gwyn said that some of residents in the present target area have not taken advantage of the rehabilitation grants.

"Most of the residents are afraid to have a lien on their house," Ms Gwyn said. "We plan to do some door knocking in January to explain the program to the residents because most of them have received some misinformation."

Alderman Virginia Newell D-East, told the Chronicle that if all the community development money budgeted was used in the East Ward, it would not be enough.

"Most of the blighted area in the city is in my ward," Alderman Newell said. "The city has done research down there and it shows that the area needs the money."

"I have been trying to get something for the whole area but it is not for us (aldermen) to do, it is up to the citizens to get together and come down, because we (aldermen) have to vote on it," Newell continued. "I've pushed as far as I can, being an alderman."

Alderman Newell said she would like the East Winston group to start writing proposals now so that money can be designated for the Dunleith area by the time the next

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### Fancy Dancer

A young participant of the Patterson Avenue after day school program performs some creative dance steps during a Christmas party at the Y.

## Community Celebrates Emancipation

By John W. Templeton  
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On Jan. 1 hundreds of local people will file into the Hanes Memorial C.M.E. Church to continue a tradition which has gone on in Forsyth County for 67 years—the annual Emancipation Day celebration.

New Year's Day, 1863 was the day that President Abraham Emancipation Proclamation took effect.

"That was an important starting point for the black American," said H.E. Staplefoote, secretary of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Emancipation Association which has sponsored the event for the past 38 years.

"It is important to us to always remember there was worse days," he added.

Yet, one of the purposes of the annual event is to also address the current state of black people. "We try to

address ourselves to the problems we face," said Rev. C. Harold Gill, association president.

"We are really concerned about broadening educational status for black people, because the real way to emancipate people is through education," said Gill.

Since 1955, the association has awarded a scholarship to at least one college student to emphasize the belief in education. Donations are also made to the United Negro College Fund, Winston-Salem State University and a life membership in the NAACP.

The day was begun in 1913, said Staplefoote, an expert on the history of the association, by John Henry Turner a banker, with the Forsyth Savings and Trust Co., the city's first black bank; attorney J.S. Lanier and businessman John Henry Alexander.

Until the opening of the Hall of Justice downtown, the ceremonies were held with pomp and circumstances in

the main courtroom of the old County Courthouse.

However, courtrooms in the new facility are too small to hold the audiences expected, said Staplefoote.

"The lesson of Emancipation Day is that all men must continue to fight for their freedom," said the association secretary.

During this year's ceremony, Dr. H. Douglas Covington, WSSU chancellor, will be the main speaker. At 10:30 a.m. the St. Stephen's Baptist Church Spiritual Choir will begin a musical program of one-half hour.

Atty. Harold Kennedy Sr. will be the master of ceremonies during the main program beginning at 11 a.m. Atty. Beverly Mitchell will read the Emancipation Proclamation and the Choral Choir of Emmanuel Baptist Church will render three selections.