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Shootout

A total of 58 Cub Scouts from seven packs competed in a basketball Shoot-Out at the Our Lady of Mercy gymnasium on South Main Street. The boys competed in shooting, passing and dribbling with some special instruction from Wake Forest Deacon basketball players Alvis Rogers and David Morris. Eight Year old winners were (bottom row, left to right) Julian Reese, third, Pack 869 Mt. Zion Baptist Church; Troy Fuller, second, Pack 901, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; and Earl Langley, first, Pack 899, Boys Club. Nine year old winners are Jamie Cox, third, Pack 712, Piney Grove Methodist Church; Eric Roy, second, Pack 901; Eric Lanton, first, Pack 750, Feldland Moravian Church. Ten year old winners are Rodney Cooper, third, Pack 869; Sam Richardson III, second, Pack 869; and Shawn Farrell, first, Pack 899 Buddy Hayes, assistant district commissioner and program co-chairman, is at rear.

Residents' Ire Prompts Review of Duplex Plans

By John W. Templeton
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City planners are reviewing the proposed development of 50 duplex units just behind a street of new single-family homes on Underwood Avenue following complaints from residents.

The Housing Authority had tentatively accepted a proposal from the Fortis Corp. to build the units on 6.9 acres south of 14th Street between the avenue and Old-Cherry Street on the west.

Twelve of 15 families living in the 16 new units, also built by Fortis, petitioned Alderman Larry D. Little, D-North, and city

staff to register their disapproval. A meeting was held in December among all the parties to discuss the project.

Bill McNeil, senior housing planner with the City/County Planning Board, said Tuesday. "We are now doing an in-house study to see if we should rezone single-family the whole area below 14th Street. The area has been zoned R-2, or multi-family residential since it was cleared by urban renewal.

Mrs. Carolyn Neal of 1353 Underwood collected the petition of disapproval. "We as blacks have lived on top of each other all our lives. We're not necessa-

rily opposed to subsidized housing but we don't want to see any more apartments over here."

If the duplexes were built, Underwood Avenue would be the only single-family area among Kimberly Park Terrace, the duplexes and the Cherry Hill homes for the elderly.

"There are a lot of other places where they could put subsidized housing," she added. Neal said buyers had been led to believe that the entire area would be developed as single-family.

Fortis Corp. does own an additional 10 lots on the north side of 14th Street west of Underwood Avenue. Dick Ruth, who heads

the developer's residential division, said more construction there has been held up by slow sales for the first 16 units, one of which is still unsold.

"We've had a real problem of having to fix the houses up (before selling)," added Ruth. "Light fixtures have been stolen and there's been other vandalism."

Marvin Gentry, president of Fortis, said plans for the duplex are at a standstill pending the city review. He contends that the duplexes as designed would fit in well.

"We presented a different plan than the other developers--three separate

entrances with duplexes spaced apart," said Gentry.

However, Mrs. Neal glanced across the street at the vacant land and said, "I don't see where 50 units could go."

Aldermen Little, who balances the requests of the residents with a need for more low-income housing, is advocating a possible change in the site of the units.

McNeil said that would mean starting from scratch in terms of getting needed approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NAACP Goes All Out For Voter Registration

By John W. Templeton
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If you're standing at the bar, sipping a scotch on the rocks during the next few weekends and Pat Hairston walks up and asks are you registered to vote, it's not a gag.

It's a dead serious effort to increase the number of black registered voters in Forsyth County by the NAACP, of which Hairston is the local branch president, and the Winston-Salem Improvement Association.

"We're going to be in the nightclubs and games on Friday and Saturday nights and in the churches on Sunday," said Hairston of the registration drive.

Kickoff for the push was Tuesday, Jan. 15. Volunteers began canvassing neighborhoods from 5 to 9 p.m. as the weekday part of the drive.

"We won't stop until the general election," said Hairston.

The NAACP leader sees increased registration and voter participation in the black community as essential to political progress.

"We ought to have two blacks in the county commissioners, two blacks on the school board and two in the legislature," goals he thinks are well within the grasp of black voters in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

During the 1978 general election, only 26 per cent of black voters turned out as state Rep. Harold Kennedy and school board member Beaufort Bailey both narrowly lost their races.

Children Outnumber Day Care Spaces 2-1

By Yvette McCullough
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If statewide figures are a guide, there are probably two children needing day care for every available space in Forsyth County. Local observers say the need is most acute for low-income families.

An official with the Northwest Child Development Council told the Chronicle that there is a need for infant care in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County and that Northwest is reorganizing some of their centers so they will be able to accommodate infants.

"When we first began, we were licensed and certified to serve three-to-five year olds," the spokesperson said. "However today with the kindergartens in the public schools we don't find many five-year olds, but we find plenty of infants up to two years."

"We are in the process not of renovating some of the centers to serve babies," the spokesperson said. "With the renovations I think we will be doing what we can."

The Northwest Child Development Council is a private, non-profit agency

that serves children in Davie, Forsyth, Stokes and Surry Counties. The centers are licensed and certified by the federal government and serves children with full day care. The centers can serve a capacity of 505 children.

Facilities operated by the County are also finding a shortage for kids under three years old. Eloise Bates, a social worker with the County Social Services Department told the Chronicle that there is a need for day care for infants up to three years, with approximately several hundred children presently on the waiting list.

"We have vacancies for children over three years old but there is a problem for infants and toddlers," Bates said.

Bates also said that the number on the waiting list can be deceiving. She said that they may be able to place an older child and not be able to place an infant in the same family. Because the parent would not have anyone to take care of the infant she can not work, therefore both children would be kept on the list.

The county operates the Model City center and the Barbara Hills Center.

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City Increases Black Professionals to 20.8%

By Patrice E. Lee
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The city of Winston-Salem has met its goal of increasing the number of black professionals to 19.1 per cent of all professionals employed by the city but the city has lost some black technicians and public safety personnel according to figures released by officials.

"We're still experiencing some difficulty with recruiting black and female applicants" for civil engineering, and program and



Al Beaty

systems analysts," said Alexander R. Beaty, assistant city manager for administration and personnel director.

To increase the chances that a black applicant will be considered for those positions, the city posts openings with the Employment Security Commission, the NAACP and the Urban League and professional journals, Beaty said.

For the quarter ending Sept. 30, 20.8 per cent of all professionals employed were black while only 12.5 per cent were black in February 1975, when affirmative action was first implemented.

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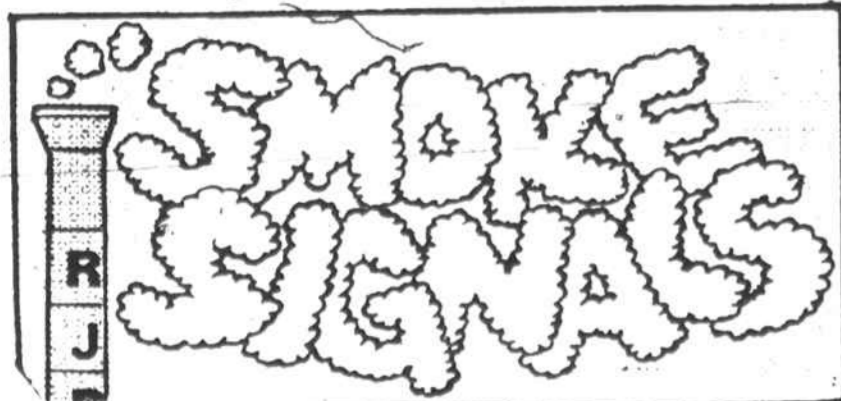
Girl Accidentally Killed

By John W. Templeton
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A four-year-old Winston-Salem girl was shot to death after her four-year-old brother found a gun while the two were left alone in a parked car last Friday.

Dead on arrival at Forsyth Memorial Hospital was Timecca Rosemond of 218 East Drive. A hospital spokesman said she had been shot through the heart with a .38 caliber bullet.

Mrs. Linda Spain, the mother of both children, told the



I can't help but think that in some ways today's kids are very lucky, when it comes to the type of toys they have at their fingertips. This past Christmas the market was flooded with all types of games, dolls and electronic gadgets. It's unbelievable what they have come out with today.

However it's a shame that most kids don't know how

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Chronicle what she had learned of the tragedy: "They were with my cousin and her boyfriend when they went to the fish market."

"They left the two kids in the back seat, locking the doors on both sides," she added during an interview at her home Saturday. "My little boy must have climbed over into the front seat and rummaged around and found the gun."

"He just thought it was some kind of play toy," said Mrs. Spain. However, after the shooting, she said her son first tried to stop the bleeding with a towel and then went into the market for help.

Steve Hair, an employee of Winston-Salem Fish Market, recalled the scene: "The little boy came walking in and said she shot herself. They ran out and came back and said call for an ambulance."

The tragedy shocked residents of the Lakeside Apartments community where young Miss Rosemond lived with her mother and step-father, Jerry Spain. During Saturday, neighbors took up a collection for the bereaved family.

Funeral services were held for the youngster Tuesday afternoon in the Gilmore Memorial Chapel of Gilmore's Funeral Home. A wake was held Monday night at Gilmore's.

Survivors were her father, Alonzo Fletcher of the city, mother, Mrs. Linda Spain, two brothers, Anthony R. Rosemond of Greensboro and Pecos L. Rosemond of the city and step-father, Jerry Spain.



In Good Hands

Mrs. Dorothy Graham-Wheeler, director of Urban Arts and Mrs. John D. Eller Jr. presented thirty-one photographs of the George Black Exhibit to Chancellor Douglas Covington for permanent display at Winston-Salem State University.