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Sanitation Workers Honored
Rev. F.A. Leak presents a plaque to Clometine Stoddard a member of the sanitation department on behalf of the sanitation crew that work in the Butterfield area. The sanitation workers were honored during an informal ceremony Tuesday. Also pictured were [l to r] Don Holmes, Mrs. Leak, Alderman Vivian Burke, sanitation workers Larry Harry, Charles Norris, Ernest Britton and Edward Johnson.
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Outspoken Worker Suspended by City

By Patrice E. Lee
Staff Writer
An outspoken city employee has been suspended from his job and faces possible dismissal, a city official has confirmed. Assistant city manager and personnel director, Alexander R. Beaty said that Ronald Burnette, a laborer in the public works department was suspended January 8 without pay. He declined to comment on the reason Burnette was suspended but he did say that Burnette is appealing the action.



Ronald Burnette

written down but given verbally," Burnette had said. Ironically, sources within the public works department say that an unclear policy concerning employee absence is the reason Burnette was suspended. These same sources said that since Burnette became a Teamster's union representative last May he has had increasing problems with his superiors. Human Relations Director Herman Aldridge said that once Burnette has completed the grievance procedure he can have his case investigated by the commission. The commission is still investigating charges leveled by other public works employees that racial discrimination plays a major part in hiring, firing, and promotional practices in the department, Aldridge said.

If Burnette were not appealing the suspension, under personnel guidelines established by the city "in five days he would automatically be dismissed," Beaty said.

The day before he was suspended Burnette, a member of the Winston-Salem Improvement Association, had spoken before the board of aldermen on the Community Development program.

On two separate occasions prior to Jan 7, Burnette had complained about poor management practices within the public works department, once to the Human Relations Commission and again to several aldermen at the budget "focus" hearings.

"Supervisors have chosen to view employees as enemies and have destroyed our grievance process. They change the rules in the middle of the game, it is not

New Schools Ruled Out In Black Areas

By Yvette McCullough
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School officials have said that there are no plans to build any new

schools in the inner city, although the building of schools in other areas of the county continues. James Dew, assistant to the superintendent, told the Chronicle that the school system does not have plans to replace any of the present schools or to build any new schools in the inner city.

"We see the movement of the black community spreading away from East Winston," Dew said. "In the next eight to ten years there will not be a need to build entirely new schools, because of the declining enrollments." However, Patrick Hairston, president of the local NAACP said that he does not think blacks are moving out of East Winston, as school official reports.

"Black people aren't moving out, where are they going to go," Hairston told the Chronicle. "Where are all the people in Happy Hill or other places like that going to go?" "We see the school board's long range plan as to close all of the schools in the black community," Hairston continued. "The assignment plans are geared toward tearing down all the inner city schools."

According to the assignment plan devised by Superintendent James Adams, which calls for a four year senior high school, Hanes High School would be closed. Under the plan devised by Nancy Wooten, a member of the school board, five historically black schools would be closed. They would be Brown, Diggs, Kimberly Park, Cook and Skyland.

This list also includes some of the newer schools built in the black community. Kimberly Park was built in 1966, the last school to be

Leaders Tell City Manager Racism, Brutality Community Problems

By Patrice E. Lee
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Black representatives who met with City Manager Bryce A. "Bill" Stuart at the East Winston Branch Library wasted no time letting him know what their concerns were. "We live in the most segregated city in North Carolina. Most black employees work in the public works department, where a policeman says we ought to be fenced in...and shot down like dogs. Community Development money is being misused," said NAACP President Pat Hairston. Walter Marshall picked up where Hairston left off. "The problem with police...that's for real," Marshall said recalling his tenure as political action committee chairman of the NAACP. "We've had cases where the Nazis attacked citizens" and the incident wasn't recorded. "It didn't even get to the press," Marshall said. Marshall also questioned the role the Stuart will play

in city government. "Do you intend to be the city manager or the mayor's assistant?" he asked. Stuart assured the 20 blacks in attendance that he will be the chief administrative officer in the city that the new police chief will be expected to deal with all parts of the community fairly, and that he recognizes eliminating substandard housing as the "city's number one problem." "One of the top qualities that will be important (for a police chief) is the person's demonstrated attitude toward all aspects of the community. They will have to understand that the police department needs special leadership in this area," Stuart said. Despite his commitment to affirmative action, Stuart said that he will not create vacancies by mass firings. "Affirmative action may have to depend on the occurrence of turnovers. I have to try to maintain an organization that is sound," Stuart said. Another fundamental that Stuart said he will be stressing is the need to thoroughly complete projects

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HUD Official Testifies Apartments in Wrong Site

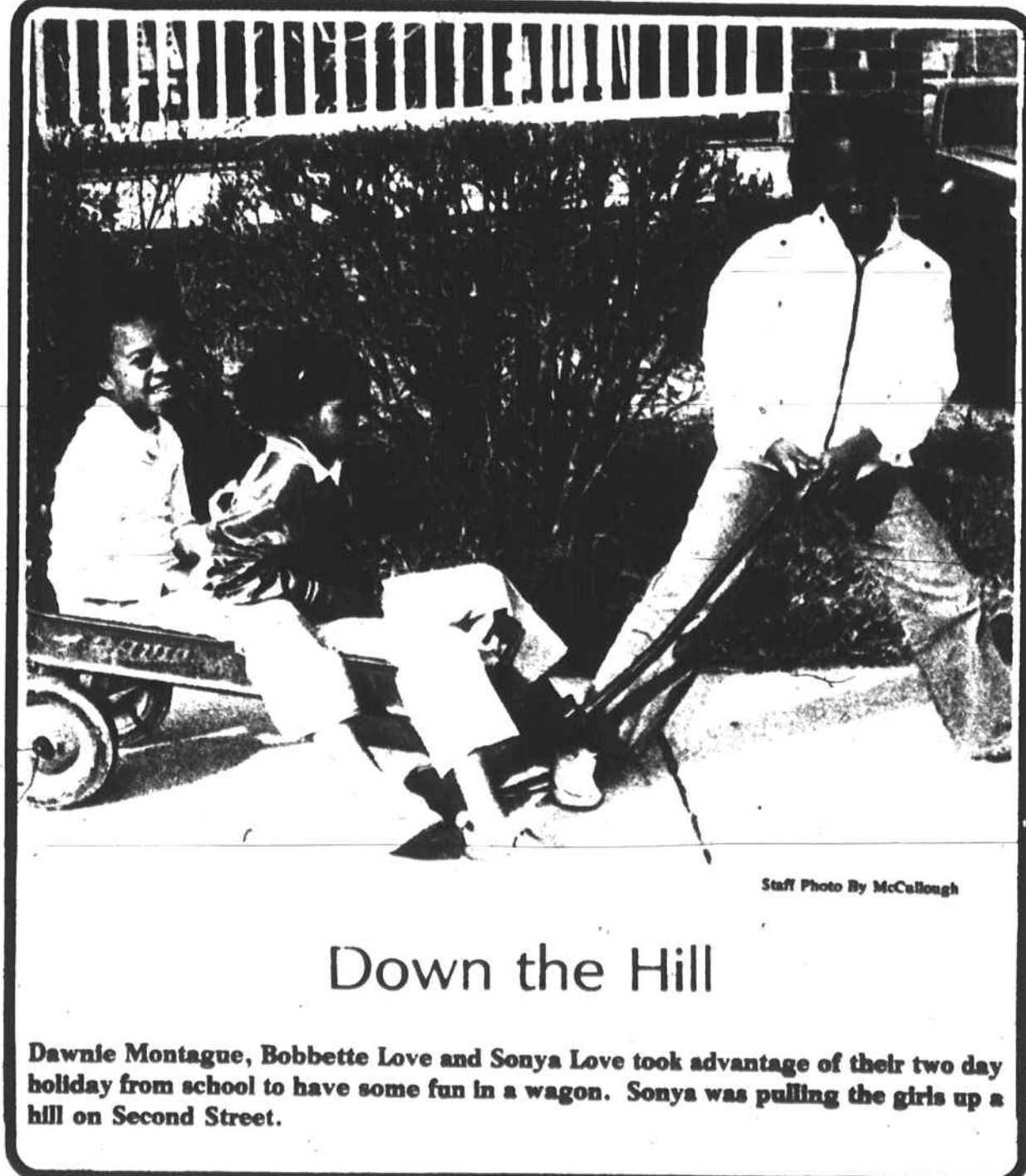
By Patrice E. Lee
Staff Writer

The federal official who blocked the building of Lake Park Apartments in 1975 has testified that he would do the same thing today because the building of the government subsidized units would increase the concentration of minorities. However, the official who approved the apartments in 1978 said he did not know about the minority concentration in the area. Both officials testified during a hearing Tuesday on nearby residents suit to have the project stopped. At issue is whether the Department of Housing and Urban Development was "arbitrary and capricious" in its decision to approve a low-income housing development on a site that was originally rejected. The case is being argued in federal court this week.

A biracial group of more than 300 residents who live near the proposed Lake Park apartments contend that approval of the development is racially discriminatory and against HUD regulations. They are asking that permanent construction be stopped. The Castleshire Woods Association, composed of black homeowners, and Citizens for a Balanced Communi-

ty, also contend that a proposed development for subsidized housing on the same site was submitted on Dec. 18, 1975 and rejected because "construction would cause a significant increase in the proportion of minority to non-minority inhabitants," the suit alleged. Richard Jarad, a HUD equal opportunity specialist, said that he rejected the application for low-income housing in 1975 because he felt "it would increase racial minorities... and the trend would intensify for minority occupancy and density." Jarad said a recent visit to the site "reinforced my original thinking," although he said he did not consider the census tract data when he rejected the site in 1975. "Could reasonable persons differ in conclusions drawn about the area?" asked Richard Moore, an attorney for HUD's Atlanta office. "A trained person...could not differ that much," Jarad testified. Jarad also said that the need for low-income housing in Winston-Salem had no bearing his acceptance or rejection of the site. However, James Lassiter, area director of fair housing and equal opportunity said he knew the proposed site was in a mixed racial area when he approved it for subsidized housing in 1978 but "but I did not have

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Down the Hill

Dawnie Montague, Bobbette Love and Sonya Love took advantage of their two day holiday from school to have some fun in a wagon. Sonya was pulling the girls up a hill on Second Street.
Staff Photo By McCullough

Marchers Sue Greensboro

By Pat Bryant
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GREENSBORO--The February 2nd Mobilization Committee, in a law suit filed here, asked Tuesday the U.S. District Court for the Middle District to declare "null and void" a contract between the City of Greensboro and concert promoter Lawrence Toler. The \$600,000 law suit alleges that three city officials, Mayor James Melvin, City manager Tom Osborne and Greensboro Coliseum manager James Oshust, conspired and manipulated Black concert promoter Toler through a

\$6,800 debt to the City to engage the Greensboro Coliseum on February 2nd, a date previously requested by the February 2nd Committee. The alleged conspiracy, the suit asserts, was for the purpose of "preventing the plaintiffs from having a peaceful protest against the Ku Klux Klan, to commemorate the February 1, 1960 Greensboro sit-ins, and kick off a new civil rights movement. February Mobilization Committee Director Dr. Lucious Walker, Jr. said on the steps of the courthouse, "Tom Osborne, James Oshust and Mayor Jim Melvin

have grievously squandered the tax payers money to underwrite a concert which the Black community will not support and having knowingly and willfully misled the citizens of Greensboro." The cost to Greensboro residents, Oshust said last week, would exceed \$16,000. The contract which the February Committee seeks to void in the federal court provides that promoter Toler, doing business as a NEW Productions, will be sheltered from financial loss.

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