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Atkins High 'Raped' From Community

School Board Candidates Blasted

Staff Writer

lents of East Winston told five candidates running Forsyth County Board of Education Tuesday at the demise of Atkins High School as an all nstitution was "akin to rape in that the school was om the community by force, leaving black pride

andidates, Edna Rumley Walls, Beaufort Bailey, came under intense fire during a "Meet the Carver or Atkins High School.

Political Awareness League, st Shiloh Church.

The Rev. Tom Womble, current school board chairman, who is running for re-election, was the man in the hot seat, as residents, including three aldermen, Larry Little, Virginia Newell and Vivian Burke, fired one question after another at him concerning current school board

Most questions concerned the possibility of regaining Marshall, Rev. Tom Womble, and Fleming an all black high school in East Winston, preferably at

him take everything from us," said Velma Hopkins, of Superintendent James A. Adams." I would like to suggest that the board of education come to East Winston once in a while for a meeting, instead of sitting on their rumps at the office," she continued.

Several members of the audience asked Womble point blank about the possibility of an all black school and he replied by saying that he would look into it.

A man who identified himself as being of the Muslim faith, asked Womble why most of the inter-school

disciplinary centers and all the classes designated for slow learners were "packed with black kids."

Womble responded with the help of Alderman Burke, that all students are tested and re-tested to see where they belong academically. Womble went on to point out that his own daughter was currently in a program for students with learning disabilities.

Alderman Newell pointed out to Womble that an article she had read recently told of a mother who was told that her child was retarded and would never be pro-

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udge Blocks Levy On Turnkey Repairs

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

local judge has ruled that the Housing Authority of on-Salem was wrong in taking funds from the account of former residents of a Turnkey III home it had been determined that they had damaged it. th County District Court Judge William H. an made the ruling after hearing two days of ny in which Willie R. and Mary Queen Bostic, residents of a Turnkey III home, counter-sued the g Authority to regain \$727.23 subtracted from Earned Home Buyers Account for damages dly done to their former home.

ic asked the court for \$646.50 which he claimed ne amount in the routine maintenance account and his family moved from the North Hills home He also asked for \$80.73 for two storm doors that rdered but never received that were also subtracted

the Housing Authority sued the Bostics first, charging they failed to give a 30-day written notice before g the home, located at 4050 Burnham Court. They harged that damages done to the home, while the s lived there exceeded the money left in the

orneys for the Bostics charged that the Housing ity had failed to establish and pay for a home association stipulated in the federal guidelines rth by the Department of Housing and Urban opment. Ellen Gurber of the Legal Aid Society of west, N.C., added that the association was sed to help settle disputes between the Housing ity and the residents, but was in fact non-existant. meys for the Housing Authority, Harold Kennedy and Harold Kennedy III., claimed that since the ing Authority was a public, non-profit organization,

High Finisher

icky Wilson, president of the local Urban ^{lgue}Guild, brought home a second-place ribbon for shand-crocheted display of Guild activities. During past year the competition was held during the 12th thern Regional Conference of the Council of Ur-League Guilds in Tampa, Florida last weekend. exhibit held cards depicting Guild activities such he Ehony Fashion Fair.

that it was non-engaged in trade, therefore, it could not turn a profit, making it exempt from unfair trade

The Kennedys added that while the Bostics claimed that the house "started to fall apart three weeks after they moved in," that they remained in the house for five years, from 1971 to 1976.

Inrendering his judgement, Freeman told the court that the Housing Authority did in fact engage in unfair trade practices in running the Turnkey III program,

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Bankers Urge Reinvestment

John W. Templeton Staff Writer

A panel of bankers has urged local interest to begin using some of the lending strategies being used nationally to revitalize neighborhoods during two days of workshops sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Audiences ranging up to 100 neighborhoods leaders were shown ways that banks, savings and loan associations and city governments, in conjunction with community residents design appropriate strategies.

The sessions ended with a tour of 10 neighborhoods which league officials hoped would plant ideas

Frederick Willietts, 3rd, vice president of Cooperative Savings and Loan Association in Wilmington, said Tuesday, "I'm convinced that Winston-Salem has some neighborhoods in which the Neighborhoods Housing Service concept can work."

Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS), a partnership between lenders, a community and government, has been used in Wilmingon to generate 398 building permits in the 898 houses in the Bottoms area of the coastal city; the heart of the riots during 1971, said Willetts.

The NHS set up an office in the middle of the community with a staff which gave residents estimates on needed repairs and then accompanied them to meetings with lenders. A revolving loan fund meets the difference between what the residents can borrow through conventional loans and what they need.



Winds and persistant rain were the undoing of the roof that shelters the gas pumps at the V.G.Phillips & Sons Gulf station of highway 311. The pumps were closed but should reopen sometime next week. Looking on is

BPAL Ask Candidates to Discuss Concerns of Black Community

By John W. Templeton Staff Writer

The Black Political Awareness League will screen candidates for local and state offices during a serie sof meetings through April 12, announced BPAL chairman Mrs. Vivian H. Burke.

'We invited the candidates to talk about the issues which are important as far as the black community is concerned," said the North Ward Democratic alderman. 'The response was positive. Only one is not coming."

The first meeting was held Tuesay of this week with school board candidates. Monday, March 24, a meeting will be held with candidates for county commissioner. April 7 has been set as the date for state offices and April 21 for district and superior court judges.

BPAL is an organization which emerged last fall with City officials and neighborhood residents are set to an aim of providing a forum for black political unity in meet with federal officials next week to discuss setting up the city. Its voting members are representatives of the Democratic precinct organizations in the 16 predominantly black boards.

Burke said the organization is not seeking to play a "kingmaker" role, "We're interested in citizens attending the meetings." she said. "It's just not for the precinct people." Burke said persons with questions should after the queries to their precincts leader or to Mrs. Naomi Jones, the league's secretary-treasurer.

The first venture of the league into indorsements came last fall when the body chose among four blacks seeking the appointment to a vacant State House seat. BPAL selected former Alderman Carl H. Russell, but another one of the black candidates, Atty. Annie Brown Kennedy actually won the county Democratic party's recommendation for the seat.

During the process, some confusion emerged over whether the Baptist Minister's Conference and Associates link with BPAL still existed. However, conference presint Dr. J. Ray Butler has publicly pledge his support for

Mrs. Burke said she hopes the recommendations of the league will be endorsed by the broad spectrum of black leadership. "We need to sit down and talk about our various lists and come out with a uniform list," she said.

70 Acres Still Zoned for Apartments

By John W. Templeton Staff Writer

The most likely sites for new multi-family housing units in the eastern half of the city lie on almost 70 acres of vacant urban renewal land near Cherry Street and between Seventh and Eighth Streets.

John F. Butner, real estate specialist with the city Community Development Department, said there are 14 different tracts in the two areas which have been zoned R-2 for multi-family housing since their clearing.

Non of the parcel is ready for sale, said the property officer, because of streets improvements and other steps to be taken. In some cases, streets which have been formally closed need to be graded down.

The location of multi-family complexes in black neighborhoods has become an issue in recent months as four communities have taken steps, including a successful court injunction in the case the Castelshire Woods, subdivision, to block or change planned developments.

Other instances include changes in elderly apartments on the Old City Hospital site after protests from neighbors, the delay of duplexes planned off Underwood Avenue after protests and complaints registered about

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