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Agreements Never An Issue-Haley

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

The executive director of the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem says that he is ready to sign recognition agreements for all of the seven Turnkey III developments in Winston-Salem.

James K. Haley said that all of the seven Turnkey III developments "were recognized all the time," despite the fact that a piece of paper saying "recognition" had not been signed.

"The recognition agreement has never been an issue," said Haley. "Obviously we recognize them because we were working with the residents," he said Wednesday. Recognition agreements and Homebuyers Associations have been the subject of articles run by The Chronicle for the past two weeks after Turnkey residents voiced displeasure over their lack of recognition and management responsibilities.

"The issue of recognition agreements was never raised until the residents of Kingston Greens contacted Ben Erlitz. (Erlitz is an attorney with Legal Aid of Northwest N.C.). The issues of management have never come up, we work diligently" Haley said.

Haley added that despite comments from the authority's director of community services two weeks ago that Turnkey residents were "not ready to manage their own developments, he personally has never questioned the resident's capabilities.

Although Kingston Greens will become the first Turnkey development in Winston-Salem to get an official recognition agreement signed, all the developments in Wilmington, Raleigh and Charlotte have the documents signed, according to Federal officials.

According to Robert Fields, HUD deputy director of housing for management in Greensboro, there are no set requirements for a recognition agreement.

"The residents must work with the agency in the area," he said.

Fields explained that even with a recognition agreement that the Turnkey developments would still not be given the responsibilities of managing and maintaining the developments on their own until at least 60 per cent of the homes had been sold per development.

"When 60 per cent of the homes have been sold, then the Homebuyers Association becomes the Homeowners Association. A new group is formed and they enter into a new agreement about the management processes. None have reached that point however," Fields said.

Haley said that he has no qualms about signing the recognition agreements of other Turnkey III developments.

"People should meet with me, to get the papers signed since I'm the one that has to sign the agreements anyway. These recognition agreements have never been an issue, that is, not until now," Haley said.



Special Lunch

Daughters of Sethos Court No. 105 serve plates to more than 100 Diggs School students participating in the Special Olympics at Winston-Salem State University. On the serving line are Doris Robinson, Coral Jackson, Roberta Mumford, Vernell Moody, Anna Eldridge and Juanita Goins. Mrs. Mumford is Illustrious Commandress and Noble Alvin Jackson is Illustrious Potentate of Sethos Temple No. 170. Chairing the committee on retardation are Daughters Beverly Hosch and Betty M. Manning.

No Black Officers Hired By ABC Board

By John W. Templeton
Staff Writer

Thirty years behind other local law enforcement units, the local law enforcement division of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has never hired a black officer.

The unit has existed as a part of the board since 1951, about the same time that city police began to first hire black officers.

Mrs. Evelyn Terry, the black chairman of the board, threw up her hands and said, "I don't know,"

when asked about the lack of minority hiring on the law enforcement staff.

D.L. Mason, the current chief of the five-man unit, said a probable explanation for the lack of black officers was a limited turnover. "It was more than 20 years before an officer left the unit," he said. The normal complement for the unit has been six officers. No one has been hired since Chief H.A. Burton retired last year.

Hiring for the unit, like the remainder of the ABC

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Vitale Shena' Falls Miss Debutante

NAACP Dinner Set For April 30

The Winston-Salem Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hold its annual Freedom Fund Banquet April 30, at 7 p.m. at the M.C. Benton Jr. Convention Center.

Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP will be the guest speaker. Hooks, a lawyer, former judge, minister and former Federal Communications Commissioner, was unanimously elected executive director in 1977.

He was born in Memphis, Tenn., and attended Le-Moyne College and Howard University. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from DePaul University College of Law in 1948.

A veteran of World War II, he served in 92nd Infantry Division's campaign in Italy.

Hooks, a well known orator, pastors both the Middle Baptist Church of Memphis and the Greater New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich. He is on leave from both at the present.

He was co-founder and vice president of the Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association of Memphis.

As a lawyer in Memphis, Hooks served as an assistant public defender, as general counsel and was the first black judge in the Shelby County (Memphis) Criminal Court. While serving on the bench, he was nominated and became the first black FCC commissioner in history.

Active in the media, he is the producer of his own television series, "Conversations in Black and White," has co-produced "Forty Percent Speaks," and is a frequent panelist on "What is Your Faith?"

Hooks is a life member of the NAACP, a former member of the board of directors of the Southern Christian Council on Human Relations in Memphis, the Shelby County Human Relations Committee and the American Bar Association.

He and his wife, Frances, have a daughter and two grandsons. Tickets for the banquet may be purchased at Shaw's Tire Service; the NAACP office; The Winston-Salem Chronicle; Reznick's downtown; the Winston-Salem Urban League; Imperial Barber Shop; Al Martin's Shoe Repair; from any member of the executive board of the NAACP, local ministers or Al Beaty.

Tickets are \$12.

Homebuyer Services Director Defends Turnkey Operations

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

The director of homebuyer services for Turnkey III said that her department is doing a good job, despite criticism from Turnkey residents.

Mrs. Dorothy Moss Ross said last week that "this office does a good job. We have more successes than failures in our dealings with people." Mrs. Ross who has held her present position since 1976, was responding to accusations by several Turnkey III residents who claimed that her attitude and methods of dealing with them had kept both them and their Homebuyers Associations from achieving full potential as specified by the federal department of Housing and Urban Development.

"I report to Mr. Andrews (Housing Authority Community Services Director), I carry out his orders. My department is designed to do whatever we can to make homebuyers into homeowners," she said.



Mrs. Ross

Mrs. Ross explained that "my job is to help people solve their problems regarding their homes, or even personal problems.

"I know that people do not like discussing their personal problems, but we are here. People have come to us with no job, no food, an illness in the family and we have given an awful lot of help."

She said that in the past two weeks, her office had placed nine people in jobs because theirs were terminated through no fault of

their own.

To allegations that the Homebuyers Association has not been active in any of the seven Turnkey III divisions, Mrs. Ross said that sometimes the residents and apathy are to blame. "It's hard to get people out and to a meeting, I don't care what kind of neighborhood they live in. In the past week, every Homebuyers Association has met and I have attended those meetings," she said.

Under her administration, Ross said that quarterly newsletters, nutrition classes and money management counseling classes are all being offered to Turnkey III residents.

"Right now, 21 students residing in Northampton go for extra help sessions with Upward Bound. There are Boy Scout troops and other classes to help make things more pleasant for the residents," she said.

She added that one development had a special skills bank where mainte-

nance men who work for the Housing Authority, but who live in Turnkey help people with repairs, especially in households where a woman is the only parent.

"Winston-Salem has the best Turnkey III program in nine states, they tell us so everytime we go to a conference. "We try to have a good, rounded program to help people when they need it," she said.

She counsels Turnkey residents on how to save their money to make owning their own home a reality.

They need to have an accurate income, something consistent. They need to have a full-time job and they have to stay on that job for a period of time and their credit has to be in tact. If a person loses their job, we try to find them another one. If a person has bad credit, then we try to counsel them or send them to an agency that can help them. Most of our residents are able to purchase their homes," she said.

Human Relations Nominees Sought

Winston-Salem Mayor Wayne A. Corpening announced Friday that he is seeking volunteers or nominations from city residents to serve on the Human Relations Commission, the Utilities Commission and the Firemen's Relief Fund.

The terms of the 11 members of the Human Relations Commission expire in June. There is one vacancy on the Utilities Commission, and the terms of two members of the Firemen's Relief Fund expire.

The Human Relations Commission was created in March, 1978, to study the problems of discrimination, to promote equality of opportunity, and to encourage employment of qualified people of ethnic groups.

Meetings of the Commission are each fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers. Members serve two-year terms.

Members of the Utilities Commission serve five-year terms, and meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 2 p.m. in Council

Chambers.

The Commission is the policy making board for water and sewer facilities operated by the City, and has the authority and responsibility to fix rates, charges and assessments. Its members also provide improvements and extensions to facilities, but does not have the authority to issue bonds or incur debts.

The Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund governs the disbursement of funds to people asking for assistance.

The five trustees serve two year terms, and meet annually or for called sessions.

Corpening said that individuals should write him stating their candidacy or their nominations by May 18. The letter should have the name, address and telephone number of the candidate and an outline of those personal attributes that would assist the commissions in carrying out their functions.

Letters may be sent to Corpening at P.O. Box 2511, Winston-Salem, 27102, or by calling his office at 727-2058.



As part of National Library Week, the Sprague Street Mini-Library sponsored a two-day storytelling festival among nurseries it serves. First place winners in the puppet competition (above) were a mixed group from Kinder-Care and the Belview Child Development Center. Front are Peyton Jones, Suzanne Earnhardt, Aaron James, Lekecha Stowe, Nekecha Little, William Rodriguez, Faro Robinsons, Barbara Carter, Tas Turner, Andrea Miller, Samuel Richardson and Christopher Blankenship.