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Mrs. Emmaline Goodwin and Mrs. Ellabelle Tillman are proud as they can be of their first place ribbons at the 4th District Garden Council's annual garden show at the Benton Convention Center. Hundreds of ribbons and other citations were awarded during the afternoon of floral beauty.

Staff Photo By Templeton

## Realtors Block Anti-Bias Bill

By John W. Templeton  
Staff Writer

The first attempt to give the city's Human Relations Commission powers to deal with discrimination got sidetracked Monday night after realtors complained about a proposed fair housing ordinance.

The Board of Aldermen voted 6-1 to defer a request for enabling legislation by the N.C. Assembly after representatives of the Board of Realtors said they had not had time to study the proposal. "It's a tactic to get it blocked or watered down," charged Alderman Vivian Newell,



Herman Aldridge

D-East, the only opposing vote.

Winston-Salem does not currently have the authority to issue a fair housing ordinance, so the legislature would have to amend the city charter accordingly.

A resolution to amend the charter, a draft bill and a proposed ordinance had all been recommended to the board of aldermen by its general committee and by the Human Relations Commission's Fair Housing Task Force.

Because of a unanimous vote in the general committee last week, the resolution was included in the consent agenda.

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### Foul Play Suspected

## Man Found Dead At Winston Lake

By David Puryear  
Staff Writer

Neither police nor medical examiners have any leads yet in the death of a 75-year-old Winston-Salem man found lying in a creek near Winston lake Sunday night. But the brother of Isaac Alford, 1801 E. 12th St., suspects foul play.

At press time, the official autopsy report ordered by Dr. Richard Fireman, medical examiner at Forsyth Memorial Hospital, had not been released. His preliminary finding was "cause of death unknown."

Alford, according to police, was found at 8:40 p.m. Sunday night lying face down in a small creek near the bridge at the intersection of Waterworks Road and Winston Lake Road. The police investigation of the death had not gotten underway as of Tuesday afternoon.

David Harris, Alford's brother and the last person known to have seen Alford alive, said Tuesday that he suspected that Alford had been driven to Winston Lake and killed, with robbery as the possible motive.

"He always kept \$200 or \$300 in his pocket," said Harris. "Whoever did it left \$23 in his wallet."

Harris said he last saw Alford Friday evening at about 7:30 p.m. When he went back to visit his brother on Saturday, Harris said he found the door of Alford's home open and Alford's bed not slept in. He reported Alford's disappearance to the police.

"Somebody had to have carried him out there," said Harris. "No 75-year-old man is going to walk all the way from 12th Street out to Winston Lake. And he was real particular about who he rode with."

Harris said he believed his brother was in good health and of sound mind at the time of his death.

Alford retired from R.J. Reynolds five years ago after working there for 38 years. The body is at Gilmore's Funeral Home, pending burial arrangements.

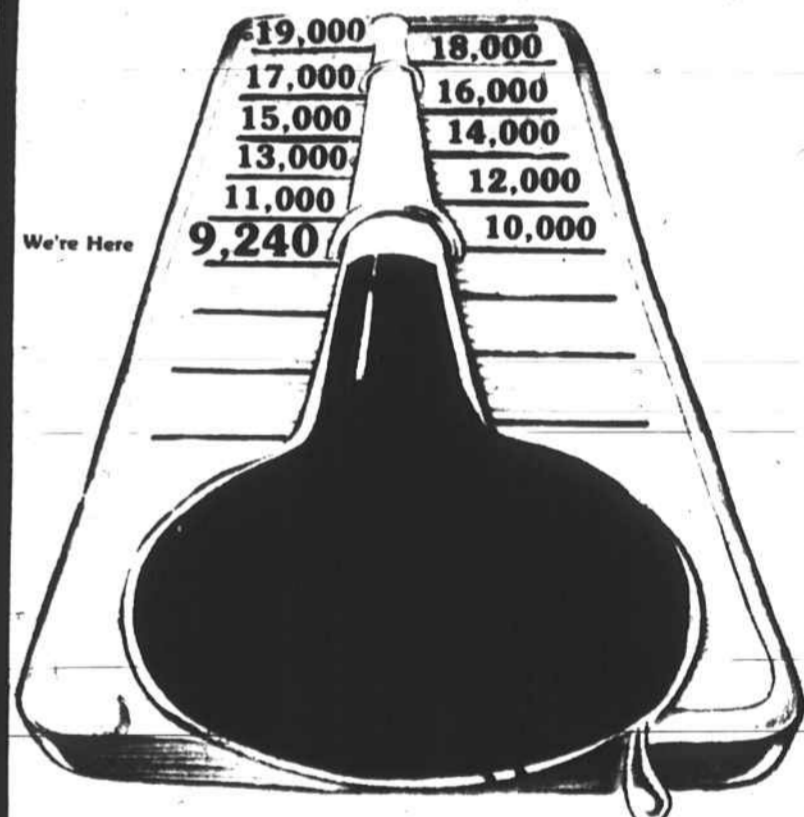
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## Public Housing Suffers In New Federal Budget

By John W. Templeton  
Staff Writer

The 1980-81 budget now being considered by Congress will mean fewer units of public housing, and a tight squeeze on community development funds, according to Congressional Black Caucus chairwoman Rep. Cardiss Collins, D-Ill.

Rep. Collins, awarded a Doctor of Law degree at the Winston-Salem State University commencement Sunday, said the public housing budget is being held at the 1979 level in a Chronicle interview.

"With an 18 per cent inflation rate this year and a 13 per cent rate last year, that amounts to a 31 per cent decrease," said Collins. "There will be fewer housing units going to start."

The Chicago representative called a similar hold-the-line effort in community development "not sufficient to deal with the very serious problems."

During her commencement speech, Collins called the budget, "an unmitigated disaster for the poor, the disadvantaged and minorities."

She said the "The American public is being exploited in this, a presidential election year," by talk that a balanced budget would cure inflation.

Collins told the 336 graduates that they had an obligation to participate in the

political process to affect such issues

Like the 80 year-old man who still painted for a living, she said, "You have to do it because of compulsion. You have an obligation not only to vote or to run for public office, but to speak out, not just on the local level, or the state level or the national level, but on an international level."

"A nation's priorities can be measured by the way it spends money," said Collins. "Apparently, our highest national priority is towards a growing tide of militarism."

The CBC leader said the budget should have been balanced the way that the caucus had proposed, by cutting tax loopholes and not increasing military spending, the so-called "Human Needs Amendment."

In an interview, Collins said the caucus's loss on the amendment represented a gain because of the 105 votes the group was able to muster either for the motion or to vote present. "That's a base we can build on," she said.

The caucus will attempt to get more support in the future by telling black leaders in 80 congressional districts with black voter participation between 15 and 30 per cent whether their representatives voted with the caucus. She said only 13 of the 80 had a good record during the last session.



Photo By Sautman

Rep. Collins

## Registrar Cleared On Assault Charge

By John W. Templeton  
Staff Writer

A local precinct registrar has been found not guilty of assault and battery on a Chronicle reporter in a case arising out of the registrar's attempt to eject the reporter on election day.

Judge William H. Freeman found Barbara J. Buie of 1535 E. 15th St. not guilty following a 45-minute trial in Forsyth District Court last Friday.

Both Buie and prosecution witness Donna E. Oldham testified that Buie put her hands on Oldham to push her out of the polling place at Kennedy High School on May 6, but Buie's attorney, Thomas J. Keith argued that state law gives registrars authority to eject anyone who is not supposed to be in the polling place.

Assistant district attorney Paul Weinman countered that there was unjustified use of force by Mrs. Buie. "Here a simple request would have sufficed," he said.

Ms. Oldham testified that she entered the auditorium at Kennedy High School to take pictures of voting activity. When she entered, there was an elderly couple at the registration table. She took two pictures of that setting then turned to take a shot of the couple at the voting booth from approximately 30 feet away.

"Then there was a blur across the lens," she said. "She grabbed me and knocked the camera down." Oldham testified that Buie then showed her out the auditorium door, despite Oldham's objections.

Under cross examination, Oldham said she had taken out a warrant because, "she had assaulted me, she did not identify herself and she had no right to touch me." Judge Freeman sustained Weinman's objections to a series of questions by Keith about Oldham's discussions with Chronicle officials.



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Four generations of the Johnson family gather at their annual reunion last Saturday at Tanglewood Park. From left, Mrs. Geneva Davis, daughter, Mrs. Ellen Hopper, mother; Ms. Janet Davis, granddaughter and LaMonte Davis, great-grandson. Relatives came from as far away as New York for the event. Oldest members there were: Bishop J.J. Johnson, Mrs. Hopper, Victor Johnson and Mrs. Julie Austin. The family is originally from Darlington, S.C.



Photo by Roland Watts

## Donning Hoods

Members of the Class of 1980 at Winston-Salem State University help each other in donning their hoods signifying that they are graduates of the state institution which dates back to 1892. After that ritual, they began marching up to the stage of the Coliseum to receive their diplomas. More on the commencement on page 17.