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Blacks Kept Out of Top City Jobs

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From a heyday in 1978, when a black held the city's second highest position, black progress towards upper management in city government has slowed to a crawl. Blacks head two departments now when they headed three just a year ago, and among many top level black city employees the feeling is that things may not improve much soon.

They point to a round of appointments coming up to posts such as the ABC administrator and Convention Center/Coliseum director and economic development director, as a test whether blacks will have the opportunity to head city departments.

Since Jack Bond left as deputy city manager in 1978 to go to Miami, (he is now city manager of Petersburg, Va.) eight major city positions have been filled.

Blacks have been appointed to head two departments with heavily black clientele, human services, which runs the CETA program, and human relations. New human services director Walter W. "Doc" Farabee was transferred from his post as director of economic development, which remains unfilled and Herman Aldridge was named human relations director.

The posts of ABC administrator, community development director, public safety coordinator, city manager, police chief and budget and evaluation director have gone to whites.

To replace Bond, personnel director Al Beaty was named assistant city manager with a smaller scope of responsibilities than Bond had had. Beaty also kept the

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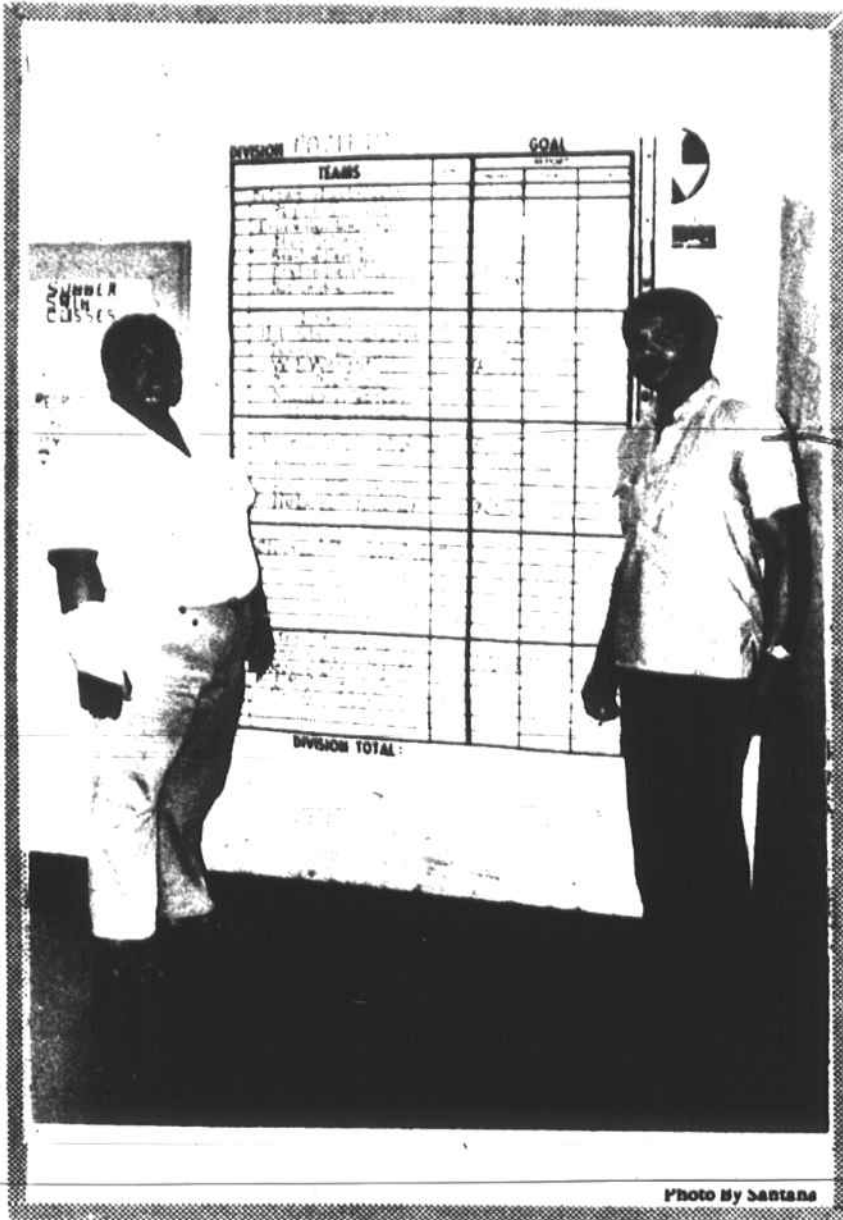


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Go-Getters

High producers in the Patterson Avenue YMCA membership drive Ernest Hairston and Preston McConnell produced more than 22 per cent of the goal of \$20,000 by themselves. The count as of last weekend was \$19,572 with the topping of the goal, for the first time in recent years, predicted by Thursday's annual membership meeting.

Police Seek 2 Suspects in Pool Hall Death

City police are continuing their search for two men charged with the shooting death of an employee of Trade Street Billiards at 529 N. Trade Street Sunday night, according to R.R. Dorn, an officer with the Winston-Salem Police Department.

Earl Voclor Blevins, 32, of 746 Castle St., and John Carroll Watts, 34, of 300 Radford St., have both been charged with the murder of James T. Hardy, 26, of 312 W. 14th St.

According to witnesses, Hardy was shot after he refused to sell a beer to a man answering Blevin's description because he was already intoxicated. The witnesses claim that the man then went outside and returned with a gun and shot Hardy. He then ran outside and fired a shot

back into the bar hitting Thomas Ayers of 100 Willow Creek Road. Another person came out of another bar in the immediate area and fired three shots at the man, who returned one shot. No one was hit by the shots, and police were searching for bullet holes in the sidewalk across the street from the bar Monday.

Funeral arrangements for Hardy, who is survived by two sons, his father, three sisters and two brothers are incomplete.

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District II Shows Lowest Crime Rate

By David Puryear
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Police District II, based in East Winston, had the lowest percentage among the four police districts of major crime during May, according to new statistics by the police department. The number of major crimes in the city in the first five months of 1980 went

down slightly compared to the same period last year, according to a report released Monday by the police department.

Statistics for the month of May showed violent crimes, dropped 4.7 percent overall for the year so far, while property crimes decreased by 9.2 percent overall.

Police Chief Lu Powell

said the department could not take full credit for the improvement, which he said betters the national trend.

"It's kind of a phenomenon," said Powell. "I'm not going to take credit for the drop in the crime rate because I don't intend to take the blame when it not completely control rises."

Powell did, however,

dole out praise to the front line patrol officers.

"Officers are assuming more initiative and personal responsibility for the conditions on their beat," said the chief. But he added that the department could "put a thousand officers on the street" and still not completely control rises."

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Aldermen Cut Incentive Budget

By John W. Templeton
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The Police Incentive Program of the Patterson Avenue YMCA was one of three outside agencies to get recommendations for funding cuts from the finance committee of the Board of Aldermen Monday night.

The programs were cut back to last year's spending level after chairman Ernestine Wilson, D-South, brought up a letter sent last year, telling outside agencies not to expect any funding increases.

Reduced in the committee's recommendation to the full Board's budget session next Monday were: Incentive Program: from \$55,200 to \$52,550; Nature Science Center: from \$101,035 to \$89,160; and Council on Status of

Women: from \$10,550 to \$8,500. The latter two items reflect the city's share of a jointly funded programs with the county.

Committee members also asked city staff to conduct an evaluation of Police Incentive Program. Alderman Robert S. Northington, R-West, moved for the reduction and evaluation. After a discussion, Alderman Virginia Newell, D-East, seconded the motion. Both Aldermen Larry Little, D-North, and Vivian Burke, D-NE, supported the proposal during the discussion. They are not members of the committee and did not vote.

Newell said, "I don't think it would have that much impact," referring to the cut. She suggested that it be taken from 810

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PHOTO BY SANTANA

Jemira H. Hairston, age 5, of 207 Methodist Drive masters the art of hula-hooping during a Children's Day held by local businessman, Neal Wilson.



Caldwell

McCoy

Local Policemen Win Top Honors

Sgt. Michael V. McCoy of the City Police Department has been named "Officer of the Year" and elected president of the Old North State Law Enforcement Officers' Association during its meeting in Greensboro.

Officer John L. Caldwell of the city police was elected state secretary during the conference June 12-15.

McCoy, a six-year veteran assigned to the internal affairs section, has served as president of the city-county chapter of the association for the past three years. Officer Caldwell is a 12-year veteran of the force.

The North State Law Enforcement Officers Association was founded in 1952 by 80 black policemen from various agencies throughout the state. Capt. J.A. Landon and the late Cpl. Joe Gwynn of city police were among the founders.

Association objectives are to advance the science and art of police administration and crime prevention; exchange information; seek laws to prevent crime and promote police efficiency; and elevate the image of law enforcement officers.

During the 28th annual retraining conference in Greensboro, outgoing president Capt. Trevor A. Hampton of the Greensboro Police Department presided over a session which included workshops on domestic violence, leadership and promotional techniques.

New president McCoy said his main priority will be recruiting. "Only half the black officers in our department are members."

Locally, the chapter will continue an emphasis on community service projects such as the annual Christmas for the needy project and taking underprivileged youth to WSSU football games. McCoy said he also hopes to have member officers work free at the games and donate what would have been paid them to the WSSU athletic fund.

Fire Devastates Graylyn

By Donna Oldham
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Graylyn Mansion, one of the city's most impressive showplaces and a historical landmark, was extensively damaged by a fire that broke out Sunday evening and consumed most of its third floor and roof.

The fire, believed caused by paint and rags used in the current renovation of the mansion, broke out shortly after 8 p.m. during

the Winston-Salem Symphony's first concert of the season at the Vernon C. Rudolph Concert Shell.

Firemen and police officers were called to the mansion between 8:15 and 8:30 p.m. and by 9:30, the third floor and the roof were fully involved.

Dr. James Ralph Scales, president of Wake Forest University, which acquired Graylyn in 1972, said that the left rear wing of the mansion, where the fire is

believed to have begun was used to house graduate students in German and Spanish. No one was living in the house this summer.

One of the reasons that the fire spread so quickly and consumed such a large portion of the mansion were the slate tiles on the roof, according to Capt. F.M. Pender of the Winston-Salem Fire Department.

"The tiles caused the heated gases to remain con-

tained. the gases spread to the attic," he said adding that the tiles themselves were hazardous to the firemen because as the water pressure and fire caused the slates to fall to the ground, firemen had to dodge them. "Some of those tiles weighed 10 pounds or more. They could take your head off," said one fireman.

Approximately 5,000 people, many of them con-

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Tutorial Program Swamped

By David Puryear
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A summer educational enrichment program sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority has met with resounding success, according to the program's co-director.

"It was beautiful to see those parents and children coming in together to get learning," said Virginia Newell, co-director of the Learning Through Mastery Workshop. "We had over 125 parents enroll their children on the first day."

The workshop is sponsored by the Phi Omega chapter of AKA, the oldest and largest black sorority in the country. According to Newell, the chapter donated nearly \$300 for supplies and food to support the project.

The workshop attracted 90 students in grades 1, 2 and 3, and 45 more in grades 9 and 10. The younger classes are receiving special instruction in reading, arithmetic, and writing. The older group is working on mathematics, test taking skills, writing and study skills.

"We are bursting out at the seams, which means there is a real need for programs to enrich," said Newell. "This is enrichment, not remediation."

Newell said the student-teacher ratio in the upper grade level is about 7 to 1, while the younger classes are about 15 to 1. All 16 of the teachers, aides and volunteers working with the two-week workshop are unpaid, she said.

According to Newell, funding will be sought to lengthen the workshop next year to four weeks.

"I don't know where, but we will definitely have to expand our facilities," said Newell of their quarters on the Winston-Salem State campus. "We have turned away a number of parents this time."

The participation of parents is one of the unique aspects of the workshop, in Newell's opinion. She said the parents are required to attend the workshop with their child on sign-up day and to attend class with their child on one other day during the workshop.

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First graders in a summer enrichment program sponsored by Phi Omega chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority complete a picture-word association activity sheet. Designed around the theme "Competency through Mastery," the program has an enrollment of over 150 students in grades 1, 2 and 3 and grades 9 and 10. The program is an extension of the Phi Omega's summer reading sessions, previously held at the Galilee Baptist Church.