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YMCA Serves Social Needs

By John W. Templeton
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YMCAs nationally and internationally are shifting their focus from recreation to relevance, according to the president of the National Council of YMCAs.

James O. Plinton, a vice president of Eastern Airlines, said, "The shift has been from the pleasant and the recreational and the expeditious for some selected few to the relevant."

"Our goals now provide that we get more interested in the needs of people," Plinton said in a Chronicle interview during a visit to speak at the annual meeting of the Patterson Avenue YMCA.

Foremost in that trend have been YMCAs in black communities, said Plinton, who chaired last year's celebration for the 125th anniversary of the first black YMCA. "We had the opportunity to really reestablish the vitality of the black YMCA in the American society."

Although some black Y's have closed their doors nationally, Plinton said the key was leadership. "If you have a strong, knowledgeable community leadership, it works," said the only black to hold a corporate position with a major airline.

During the meeting, Patterson Avenue YMCA members paid tribute to their example of the kind of leadership Plinton was referring to -- retiring management board chairman James F. Ford.

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Photo by Templeton

Eight Years of Service

James F. Ford, chairman of the Patterson Avenue YMCA board of management for eight years, receives a specially-made gavel from his successor, Dr. C.B. Hauser, during annual membership meeting in Benton Convention Center.

Upset Over Weeks Transfer ABC Head Quits Board In Protest

By John W. Templeton
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An exhausted Mrs. Evelyn Terry has resigned as chairman of the local ABC Board, partially in protest of the transfer of ABC administrator Bert Weeks and partially in frustration over slowness in changing old practices at the agency.

Terry said in an interview Tuesday that she had almost been driven to her wit's end by the six-month investigation which led to the board's recommendation to fire Weeks, coupled with the hospitalization of her grandfather, George

Black and the demands of receiving adequate opportunities for advancement in the ABC system or in city government in general.

"My pride, my integrity and my dignity would not allow me to sit there anymore and watch," said Terry.

"Our input is given no credibility; then we have to continue to apply pressure; then you get minimal response," she said. "I would like to get significant response."

City manager Bill Stuart transferred Weeks to a job as recreation center director at the same rate of pay for 16 months following the recommendation for dismissal.

Terry said blacks are not receiving adequate opportunities for advancement in the ABC system or in city government in general.

"Back in 1950, it's my understanding that the black vote was counted on to get the stores approved," said Terry. "But when I look back and see what we have gotten out of it, the returns are minimal."

Terry noted that no blacks work in the Starlight Drive headquarters offices of the ABC system, and that the first black to work as a local ABC law enforcement agent has just been hired in the last two weeks.

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Interracial Gunplay Occurs in West End

By David Puryear
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Two Winston-Salem men, one black and one white, filed charges against each other last Wednesday following an alleged shooting incident at the black man's Piedmont Avenue residence.

Russell Lee Hauser, 30, of 158 Piedmont Ave., charged Allen Gray Mabe, 21,

of 412 W. Sprague St. with firing a pistol or rifle at his home. Mabe in turn charged Hauser with firing a .22 caliber pistol into an automobile occupied by Mabe and another passenger. The charges came in the wake of a series of alleged attacks on Hauser and his home, over a one month period.

The latest alleged exchange of gunfire resulted

in police tracking a suspect's car to the home of Joe Grady, a leader of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Hauser told police continuing attacks on his home were made by youths who, during a fight in which Hauser was beat over the head with a ball bat, identified themselves as "the junior Klan."

Hauser swore out a warrant on June 11, in which

he charged Leslie Priddy, 23, of 2840 Fraternity Church Road, with holding him down in the 500 block of Peters Creek Parkway while a third, unnamed person hit Hauser with a ball bat about the head, body and legs. Hauser sustained a cut on the top of his head, which required stitches.

Grady told the Chronicle

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Cleveland Williams

WSSU Chairman Succumbs

Dr. Cleveland Alexander Williams, chairman of the social sciences department and a political science professor at Winston-Salem State University, died Sunday at his residence. He was 58.

Williams joined the staff of WSSU in 1971 and had been chairman of the department for the past two years.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., he was a graduate of St. Michael's College, the University of Chicago and Southern Illinois University.

Williams, a veteran of World War II, was a member of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, The Knights of Columbus and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

Survivors include his wife, Camilla Williams; two daughters, Michele and Denise Williams and four sons, Vincent, Bernard, Michael and David Williams, all at home; four sisters, Violet Williams, Mae Bailey, Laura Fleming and Sybil Allen; and one brother, Stanley Williams, all of New York City.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. Wednesday at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church.

Hooper Funeral Home was in charge of arrangement.

Teachers Dislike County Budget

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

Over the protests of representatives of two teachers organizations, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners voted three-to-two to approve the new county budget last Thursday.

The new budget, noticeably smaller than the original proposal submitted by County Manager Pete Jenkins cut the tax rate half a cent for a rate of 79.5 cents per \$100 of property value.

Last year the commissioners cut the tax rate 1 1/2

cents. Jenkins had proposed holding the 80 cents tax rate for this fiscal year.

The new budget, an increase from the \$65.3 million operating budget approved last year totals \$71.9 million in operating funds and \$79.7 million when bond and grant funds are added.

Commissioners Fred Hauser, Mrs. Mazie Woodruff and Dr. James Ziglar voted in favor of the budget, while Commissioners David Drummond and Grady Swisher voted against it.

Willie E. Anderson of the Forsyth Association of

Classroom Teachers, and Wendell E. Eysenbach of the Forsyth Federation of Teachers, were both openly critical of the commissioner's decision to make cuts totaling \$232,000 from the school board's original request for almost \$25 million.

Jenkins cut \$107,000 and the commissioners cut an additional \$125,000 and told the school system to find ways to tighten its belt in non-classroom areas.

Anderson, a math teacher, told the board during its regular Thursday briefing session that the owner of a

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They've Discovered The Importance of Education

By David Puryear
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Richard Biggers was workin' some figures.

"Five 'n' five, that's ten...carry the one, plus seven, that's eight, plus three, that's eleven...carry that one up, add the nine, that's ten, plus three, that's thirteen...carry that one, plus four is five, plus that four is nine."

Biggers paused in breathing out his mathematical method and looked at what he and his pencil had wrought. Yes, when he subtracted 4,975 from 9,310, he got 4,335, and when he added 4,335 to 4,975, he came back up with 9,310.

"Right," he noted to himself, and without a pause, he moved on to the next problem in his workbook. When it comes to working arithmetic, Biggers, who has 50 years well under his belt, is a non-nonsense man.

All of the 14 students who attend Forsyth Technical Institute's adult basic education classes twice a week at the East Winston branch library are very serious about education. They know the value of learning with a certainty that comes from having lacked education for most of their lives.

"You never can learn too much," said Biggers, who said he dropped out of high school to join the navy. His classmates agree that learning is a wonderful thing. Frank Buie, for instance, is certain that his working life might have been different if he had been better at reading and arithmetic.

Buie left school after the third grade and spent 48 and one half years working for R.J. Reynolds, before retiring recently.

"They offered me several better jobs, jobs for better money," said Buie, "but I didn't take them because I figured I couldn't handle them because I didn't have enough education."

Many of the folks in the class at East Winston were



Photo by Puryear

Bonnie Kenley is one of 14 adults attending morning basic education classes at the East Winston Library.

forced to leave school early and go to work to help support their families.

"My mother was sick and my father was sick and I had to quit school," said Daisy Mae Lanier. "So I came back here to learn how to count and read. When I first came to class, I didn't know nothing." Now, Ms. Lanier is proud to carry her workbooks to

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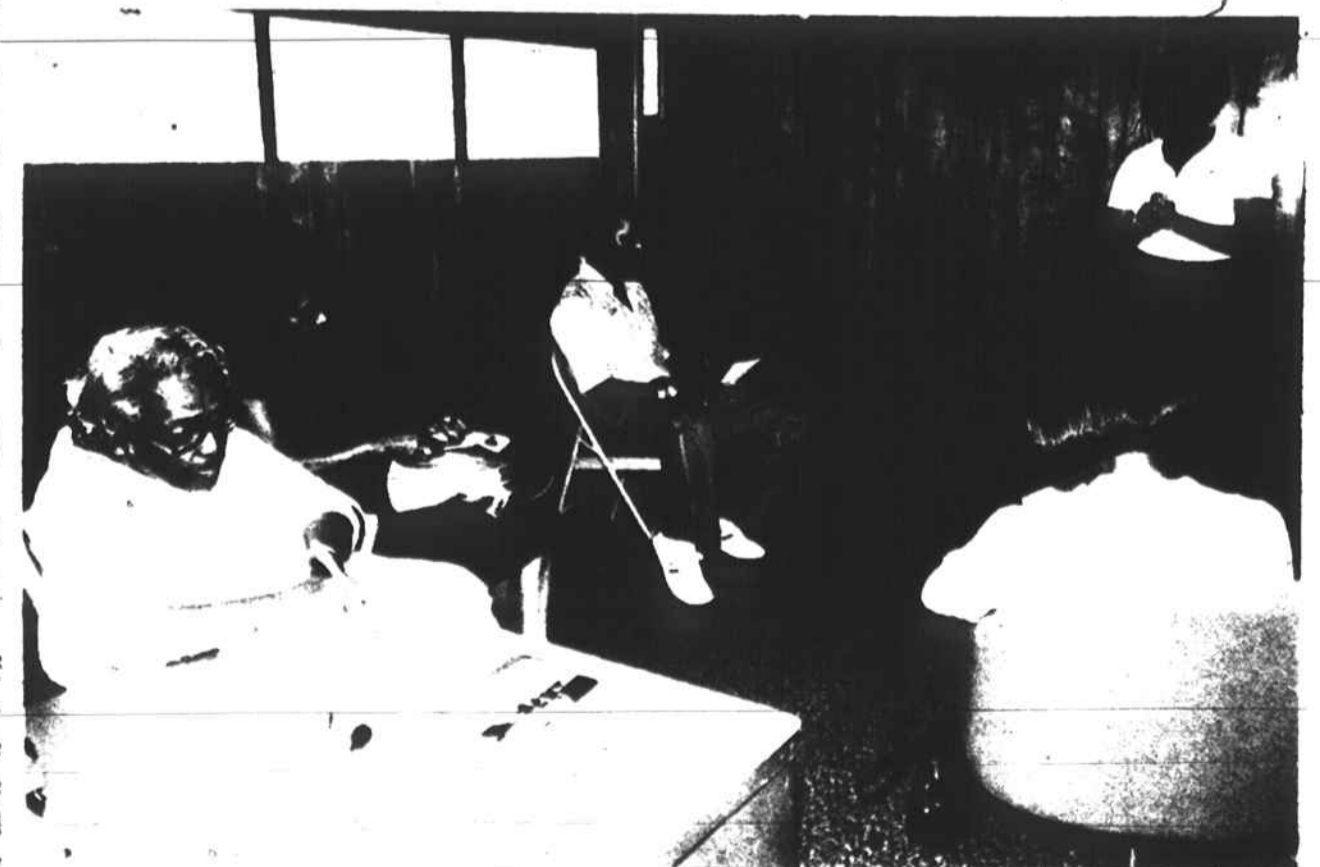


Photo by Santana

Club representative take notes as Chronicle photo-journalist Donna Oldham, standing, and photographer Santana, seated left, tell what makes a good picture. The photo session was one of three offered by the Chronicle staff in a "How to Use the Newspaper," seminar held last Saturday. Sessions included "How To Write a News Release," "Gathering the News," and "Pictures."

Murder Suspect Turns Self In

One of two men charged with the murder of a Winston-Salem bartender has surrendered to police.

John Carroll Watts, 34, of 300 Radford St., is being held in Forsyth County Jail in lieu of \$15,000 bond in connection with the shooting death of James T. Hardy on June 22.

Hardy was an employee of Trade Street Billiards at 529 N. Trade Street. The second man charged with the shooting, Earl Victor Blevins, 32, of 746 Castle Street is still at large.

According to witnesses, Hardy was shot after he refused to sell beer to a man answering Blevins'

description because he was already intoxicated.

The witnesses claim that Hardy was shot after he and the man argued,

the man went outside the bar and returned with a gun and shot him. He then ran outside and fired a shot back into the bar hitting Thomas Ayers of 100 Willow Creek Road.