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## Feds: Stevens Center Must Use Minorities

### OMB, EDA Regulations Require It

By John W. Templeton  
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Federal officials in Atlanta and Washington are saying that the N.C. School of the Arts Stevens Center project is in violation of two federal regulations if there have been no steps taken to promote the use of minority contractors.

The project, a renovation of the old Carolina Theatre using \$3.8 million from the U.S. Economic Development

Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission, is currently underway downtown. Project managers say they do not know whether there are any minority contractors working on the project.

However, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget requires all federal grantees and prime contractors for work done with federal money to take a series of five affirmative steps to attract minority contractors under

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Arthur Rankins

### Electrician Files Complaint

By John W. Templeton  
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A local black electrical contractor has filed a complaint with the Economic Development Administration charging that he was denied an opportunity to work in the federally-financed renovation of the Carolina Theatre to the Roger L. Stevens Center for the Performing Arts.

Arthur Rankins, owner of Rankins Electric Co., said in a letter dated Aug. 7 that he called prime contractor Frank L. Blum Construction Co. and was referred to Salem Electric Co. Rankins said that an official of Salem Electric stated "he would not now or in the future, subcontract any electrical work."

The Salem official, F. Brad Myers Jr.,  
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Photo by Ward

### 29 Years Pay Off

Back on March 1, 1952, the first eight blacks to become city firemen pose with their training officer, Lt. L.C. Williams. They were to become Company No. 4 -- "as good a fire company as there ever was," says Williams. Five of those members are still with the City Fire Department, including the most prominent, new Fire Chief Lester E. Ervin Jr., (front, right) the first black fire chief in state history. Williams recalls that back then in 1952, Ervin was "a man that knew what he wanted and knew how to do it," a description that still fits the 53-year-old chief. Ervin, named acting fire chief on the death of A.B. Bullard, was made the permanent chief by City Manager Bill Stuart on Friday. Other members of the company are: (from left), John F. Meredith and George W. Penn, both deceased; Williams; Willie J. Carter, now a lieutenant; Ervin; Rapheal O. Black, now district chief; Robert L. Grier, an engineer; John H. Ford, deceased and John R. Thomas, an engineer.

## Minority Total Highest In 3 County Departments

By Donna Oldham  
Staff Writer

The Forsyth County Department of Social Services, Reynolds Health Center and the Department of Public Health employ the largest number of minority men and women of any other agencies in the county, according to the Equal Employment Opportunity report for the quarter ending June 20.

The report, which was released by the Forsyth County personnel department listed all full-time, part-time and CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) employees and excludes chore providers.

During the last quarter, the county employed 269 minority females; 115 minority males; 533 white females and 442 white males.

Minority women equaled 20 percent of the entire county work force; minority men equaled eight percent; white women 39 percent and white men 33 percent.

Eight minority women were terminated; two minority men; 28 white women and 13 white men.

Fifteen minority women were hired; five minority men; 47 white women and 46 white men were all hired.

Other results of the report are as follows:

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY REPORT					
FORSYTH COUNTY PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES BY DEPARTMENT, RACE AND SEX FOR QUARTER ENDING 06/20/80 (INCLUDES FULL TIME, PART TIME AND CETA; EXCLUDES CHORE PROVIDERS)					
DEPARTMENT	MINORITY		WHITE		TOTAL
	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	
Administrative Offices	22	2	26	19	69
Attorney	0	0	2	3	5
Bud & Management	0	0	4	4	8
Commissioners & County Manager	1	1	2	2	6
Finance	19	0	11	5	35
Information & Referral Personnel	0	1	3	0	4
	2	0	4	5	11
Agriculture & Home Extension	3	1	8	6	18
Animal Control	0	1	2	7	10
Board of Elections	2	0	5	0	7
Conservation of Natural Resources	0	0	1	1	2
Data Processing	4	4	21	16	45
Emergency Medical Services	0	9	3	40	52
Environmental Affairs	0	2	8	12	22
Fire Protection	0	1	1	24	26
General Services	9	27	10	36	82
Library	22	0	59	16	97
Parks and Recreation	2	5	9	12	28
Public Health	34	5	75	28	142
Register of Deeds	3	0	11	6	20
Reynolds Health Center	73	19	23	6	121
*Sheriff	9	12	31	111	163
Social Services	77	16	173	29	295
Status of Women	1	0	1	0	2
Tanglewood Park	2	3	21	55	81
Tax Collector	1	0	13	3	17
Tax Supervisor	4	2	25	15	46
Youth Center	1	6	7	0	14
Total	269	115	533	442	1,359
Percentage	20%	8%	39%	33%	100%
Terminations Since Last Quarter	8	2	28	13	51
New Hires Since Last Quarter	15	5	47	46	113

\*Includes 14 Part Time School Crossing Guards

## Apostolics Gather for City's Biggest Meeting

By John W. Templeton  
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Between 4,000 and 7,000 members of the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Inc., will visit Winston-Salem for nine days beginning Aug. 15 for perhaps the biggest convention in the city's history.

The delegates will fill every major hotel in the city, according to Jim Creasy, sales manager for the Convention and Visitors Bureau. A total of 950 rooms have been reserved.

Bishop T.E. Woolfolk, national executive secretary, said in a telephone interview he had pushed for the convention to come to his home state of North Carolina. The last three sites have been Indianapolis, Richmond and Miami Beach. Next year's site is Chicago.

The Pentacostal denomination has one church in the city, St. Phillips. The denomination's radio show is heard daily on a local religious-oriented radio station.

"We hope to win some new adherents while we are here," said Woolfolk, who lives in Oxford.

The church was begun in 1919 by the late Bishop R.C. Lawson in a prayer meeting in a basement in New York City. Through missionary work, it has grown to have 350 churches in 30 states, West Africa, Europe, the West Indies and South America. Bishop William L. Bonner serves as the third presiding apostle to lead the church.

Recently, the denomination opened its seventh mission school in Liberia. The latest complex includes a church and a health center.

Convention proceedings will last from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day from Friday, Aug. 15, through Sunday, Aug. 24. Bishop Woolfolk said each church component will have at least a day of meetings.

The Friday session will be devoted to the youth from 9 to 5 p.m. with a service at 7:30 p.m. and a broadcast service at 10 p.m.

Saturday is Sunday School Day with more activities or

Sunday. At 11 a.m. Sunday, there will be a massive worship service in the Convention Center.

Missionaries take the spotlight on Monday and Tuesday with reports and workshops, followed by nightly worship services.

The first executive session takes place Wednesday following workshops on foreign missions. The denomination's Bible Institute will conduct "Education

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## Urban League Delegates Hear Promises of Jobs

By Billie Barnett  
Special to the Chronicle

Vowing to restore the nation's "competitive edge", President Carter told delegates attending the National Urban League Conference in New York last week that his "industrial modernization" proposal would be the biggest effort undertaken by the government since the spaced program in the 1960's.

Carter coupled his announcement with a bitter attack on Republican candidate Ronald Reagan's tax-cutting proposal which Carter called "even worse than a free lunch - it is sugarcoated poison".

The President stated that

he will soon unveil his own economic recovery proposal which is designed to "put people to work" by investing public and private capital in a "massive" overhaul of the nation's industrial capacity. He promises this plan will put "millions and millions" of Americans back to work.

In an attempt to gain the "swing votes" of blacks necessary for renomination, the President discussed the progress his administration has made during his term in office, "there has been a 15% increase in jobs among minorities, 15% increase in budget for the CETA program (Comprehensive Employment Training Act)

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### Making Progress

An awards program was presented, August 7, at the Benton Convention Center to honor those participants of the Summer Youth Employment Program who demonstrated outstanding performance on actual job sites and labor market orientation classes. Award recipients were: (front row) William Cloud, Toney Thompson, Lonnetta Greer, Tammy Benson, Joe Nolan and Patricia Friend. Back row: Valerie Fielder, Larry Moses, Wendy Kennedy, Clarence Tuttle, and Barbara Cohee. A disco was given at the end of the program by the Spirit Band.