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Movin' In

Photo by Alston

A puzzled, Etta Sutton stares at her baggage as if she doesn't believe it all belongs to her. Of course, she could be wondering what happened to her knight in shining armor who would graciously hoist her burden. But, she's a sophomore this year at Winston-Salem State and she's learned to be independent.

Feds: 'NCSA Agreed

To Seek Minority Firms

By John W. Templeton
Staff Writer

A spokesman for the Economic Development Administration says the N.C. School of the Arts agreed to make a "positive effort" to use minority contractors when it accepted a grant for the renovation of the Roger L. Stevens Center for the Performing Arts.

However, the provision may not be strongly worded enough to cause any repercussions due to a lack of such an effort, said Jim Register of the EDA public affairs office in Washington, D.C.

Register, who spoke for Robert T. Hall, assistant

secretary of commerce for economic development, said Office of Management and Budget Circular A-110 requires "implementation of a positive effort to use
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Contractors Want Help

By John W. Templeton
Staff Writer

The controversy over use of minority contractors on federally-financed construction projects is causing the contractors to begin forming an organization which would work on their behalf.

The first sign of unity came when contractors picketed the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Greensboro-High Point regional airport terminal.

From that step, electrical contractor Arthur Dixon has filed complaints with both the Federal Aviation Administration, which provided money for the airport, and the Economic Development Administration, which is providing money for the Stevens Center for the Performing Arts in Winston-Salem.

Meetings are going on among the contractors, said Dixon.

Mike Grace, an attorney for the newly-formed Arlo Construction Co., said the development of a formal association is "in the workings." He said the contractors were very upset by their treatment on the airport project. "Phone calls and

letters were not returned and the contract was awarded knowing there was no adherence with hiring minority contractors."

A spokesperson for the Associated Minority Contractors of America in Washington, D.C., said their organization would be happy to help set up an affiliate in the Triad area. AMC affiliates are providing bonding and other support for their members which they could obtain as individuals.

Grace noted that federal minority procurement programs are not the entire solution for contractors. "In Charlotte, the city has taken it upon itself to require a substantial minority participation in the airport construction," he said.

Grace said the city of Winston-Salem should pass a policy on the use of minority construction firms. "We shouldn't introduce it because it would be viewed as self-serving. I think it's the duty of our elected officials to take that upon themselves. I think we've got enough black representation to at least get it before the Board of Aldermen."



Apostles

Regional apostles enjoy a chat at Church of Our Lord, Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. Convention. They are: [left to right] Bishop David S. Thomas; Bishop Matthew Norwood; Bishop W. L. Bonner, presiding bishop; and Bishop Hudel T. Rowe. The convention will end August 24.

Oldham Named City Editor

Donna E. Oldham, staff writer with the Chronicle has been promoted to city editor, according to Ernest H. Pitt, editor/publisher.

Oldham, 25, joined the Chronicle staff in February of this year after working as a staff worker and business writer for the Herald-Dispatch Newspaper in Huntington, W. Va., for the past three years. She had also worked as a photography intern for Ashland Oil Inc., in

Ashland, Ky. and had been a cartoonist and artist for WXII television in Winston-Salem.

She was in the first graduating class of Forsyth Country Day School and attended journalism school at Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va., where she was a dormitory president, a member of the inter-dorm council, the co-rec softball team and on the staff of the Parthenon, the campus newspaper.



Donna Oldham

A native of Winston-Salem, she is the daughter of Warren and Gladys D.

Oldham and a member of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church where she is a member of the St. Monica's Guild, the society for professional journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, and a member of the board of directors of the Forsyth Court Volunteers.

As city editor, Oldham will oversee newsroom activities at the Chronicle including the photography department and the daily editing of news stories and story assignments in addition to her reporting duties.

For Minority Contractors

\$2 Million Set-aside On Sewer Work

By John W. Templeton
Staff Writer

The city-county purchasing director says a minimum of \$2 million in construction work will be awarded to minority firms as part of the \$20-million water and sewage treatment project locally being financed by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Don Farmer said an overall minimum of 8.8 per cent MBE participation has been set for the several stages which include improvements to the Archie Ellege Water Treatment Plant, the Kerners Mill/Fiddler's Creek connector line, the Muddy Creek and Lower Muddy Creek projects and an outfall project.

Each project has a specific goal, said Farmer. To insure success, each prime contractor is being given a list of all the minority contractors in North and South Carolina as part of the bid documents.

Then, after the bids are awarded, every minority contractor is being sent a list of the prime contractors.

"On our Local Public Works project, we had a goal of 8 per cent and actually got 17 per cent, so we are projecting a similar coverage on our goal this time, too," said the purchasing director.

Farmer said he believes in the ability of minority firms to handle the work. As he spoke Tuesday, Farmer noted, "We just had a minority firm, F.E. Davis of Greensboro, to get the plumbing job on the new property management building. He had the low bid."

Five Cops Resign

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

Five Winston-Salem public safety officers have resigned in the wake of an intense investigation into alleged misconduct.

Police Chief Lucius A. Powell made the announcement about the investigation and the resignations at a news conference last week where he told members of the news media that he had ordered the internal investigation earlier

this month after he had received confidential information about misconduct in several officers' private and professional lives.

In a prepared statement Powell said that the officers who resigned were public safety officers T.K. Crews, M.E. Lyons and H.L. Middleton and Sgt. J.C. Cowden. The officers were from District 1, 3 and 4.

At the time of the press conference, the identity of the fifth officer who had been suspended pending a hearing was not released, however, that officer, H.T. Dunn resigned last Friday.

Powell disclosed through his statement that he was not at liberty to dwell on specifics of the cases since other officers could be involved.

"So far, no criminal prosecution is anticipated; however, the allegations do indicate employee misconduct in violation of the police department's rules of conduct," the chief said.

One of the first officers to resign was Middleton, who said he left the force because he smoked marijuana.

"I smoke marijuana and I'm not afraid to admit that I use it. I use it as a relaxant other than alcohol," Middleton said.

Lyons, who had been involved in another investigation last year, said that he was also being investigated in mari-

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Inmate Hangs Self In Jail

A 15-year-old Winston-Salem boy charged with four counts of first-degree burglary, possession of marijuana and breaking and entering of an auto hanged himself Sunday in his cell at the Forsyth County Jail.

Ervin Lester Lewis, Jr., of 1530 Marble St., was found hanging from a crossbar early Sunday morning by a jailer. The youth had been checked 15 minutes prior to the hanging.

Lewis, who died 17 hours later at Baptist Hospital, apparently died from brain damage caused by lack of oxygen, according to county medical examiner, Dr. Modesto Scharj. Scharj ruled the death a suicide.

Capt. Harvey L. Wood, chief jailer said that Lewis had been checked at approximately 3:40 p.m. Sunday, but appeared to be sleeping on his stomach. But when Cpl. Larry Murphy made a round of the cells 15 minutes later, he found Lewis hanging from

the crossbar with a sheet wrapped around his neck. According to reports, Murphy cut Lewis down and administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until an ambulance took the youth to the hospital. The hanging has prompted several officials including Sheriff Manly Lancaster and Wood to question whether Lewis should have been in the jail or in the juvenile detention center with other offenders his own age. District Court Judge, Gary B. Tash, who ordered Lewis to jail rather than the detention center, said that state law provides under GS 7A-524, that went into effect Jan. 1 of this year a juvenile is treated as an adult in a criminal case and is on parole, then he is treated as an adult in all other cases while under the jurisdiction of superior court. Lewis was on parole for two previous felony convictions a year ago when he was charged July 28.