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Four Honored At Equal Opportunity Day Fete

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

The assistant secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development said that although tremendous progress had been made in the areas of equal rights and equal opportunity, that black people or anyone should not rest on past laurels.

Sterling Tucker, who was the key-note speaker for the Winston-Salem Urban League's annual "Equal Opportunity Day Banquet," last week said that the residents of

Winston-Salem should be proud of their partnerships with industry and labor, but that "There are still many opportunities that need to be explored and conquered for everyone to be truly equal."

The program was highlighted by the presentation of three awards by the Urban League for outstanding Distinguished Service; Community Service, and Corporate Achievement.

Dr. Barbara K. Phillips, a native of Winston-Salem and national-basilus of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., was

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Little Says Mayor Blocking WSSU Bid

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

Alderman Larry D. Little has said that he will withdraw his support of the proposed Radisson Hotel in Winston-Salem, if Mayor Wayne A. Corpening does not support Winston-Salem State University's acquisition of Bowman Gray Stadium.

In an interview last week, Little said that he believed that Corpening, who happens to be a member of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors is intentionally blocking the stadium transfer and has applied pressure to WSSU Chancellor Douglas Covington to get him to back down from his interest in acquiring the stadium for the university.

Corpening, contacted at his office, called Little's allegations "lies."

"Larry should be talking to the university. I try to support and help the chancellor," the mayor said. Corpening also said that he had an "open mind," about the project and that if he found the deal practical he would support it. "This is a chance for him (Corpening) to prove himself. The mayor has done nothing of substance for black people in this town," said Little, in response.

Little said that he was positive that Corpening had



Little Corpening

voiced displeasure to the Board of Governors who, in turn, pressured Covington into writing the mayor a letter, backing down from his original staunch support of the transfer of the stadium by using his position as a member of the UNC Board of Governors and as chairman of the budget committee that gets funding for such actions through the legislature. "All he has to do is pick up that phone to William Friday (chancellor of the UNC system) as mayor of Winston-Salem and as a member of the

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In Support Of Black Justice

NBA Files Brief

In a brief filed with the California Supreme Court, several Black bar associations have challenged the attempt to disqualify Justice Clinton White from hearing a reverse discrimination case. Glen DeRonde, who has challenged the University of California School of Law at Davis' admission procedures because race is considered as a factor in the admission process, contends that Justice White, who is Black, should be disqualified from hearing the case.

Indicating that the attempt to disqualify Justice White "is a threat to every Black lawyer and Black judge in this nation," the brief filed by the Charles Houston Bar Association, the California Association of Black Lawyers and the National Bar Association, asserts that: "stripped to its essence, plaintiff (DeRonde) is simply arguing that because Justice White is Black and has been active in the cause of

civil rights he should be disqualified from hearing a white plaintiff's contention of reverse discrimination."

DeRonde, in his motion to

disqualify Justice White, claimed that Justice White's membership in the NAACP and the Charles Houston Bar Association should serve to disqualify

him from participating in the case which is now pending in the California Supreme Court.

Nothing that white judges

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Reynolds Health Center Advisory Board

Duncan Named Head

By Sheila Monroe Staff Writer



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cannot get there before closing, and for emergency treatment," he added.

The advisory board, originally devised to supervise work at the Health Center and to drum up community interest, has just completed a major study of educating the public concerning the center's programs and facilities.

Duncan also plans to work closely with the county commissioners, the county manager, and Dennis Magovern, the RHC administrator.

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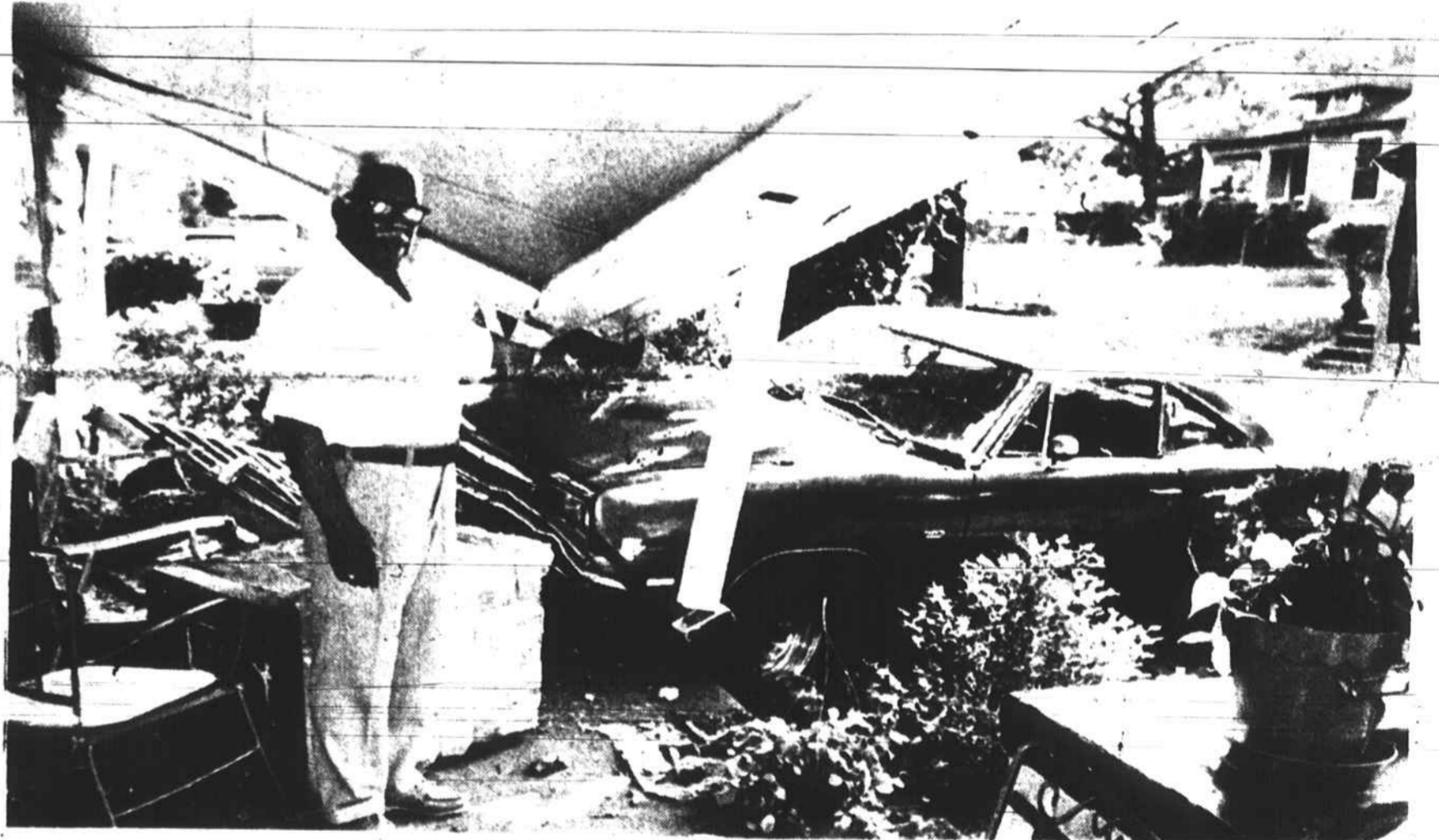


Photo by A. Blue

What A Place To Park

Frank Harris of 1219 Golsom Street was watching television with his granddaughter last Saturday evening when he heard what he described as, "something like a bomb going off." Harris went to look out his front door and was surprised to see a 1969 Dodge resting a few feet away from his bedroom. The auto, driven by Clifton McCullum, had crashed through Harris' yard and into his front porch. No one was injured in the accident.

Rising Interest Rates Put Housing Recovery In Doubt

After realizing a "reasonably strong" rebound in home sales and starts in June, July and part of August, the housing recovery is now in serious doubt because of a recent upward swing in interest rates, according to Herman J. Smith, president-elect of the 124,000-member National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

"Unless there is a decline from the sharp increases in interest rates of the last few weeks, we could have one of the shortest housing recoveries on record," Smith said today in testimony before the Joint Economic Committee on Housing and the Economy.

Mortgage rates have increased from the 11 percent to 12 percent range six weeks ago to 13 1/2 percent in some parts of the country today and could go higher.

Although the rise in interest rates won't be reflected in sales and starts figures until September or October, the higher rates will cause the loss of 50,000 to 75,000 new housing units later this year and another 170,000 to 200,000 units next year, Smith said. Before recent interest rate hikes, NAHB forecast 1.2 million starts in 1980 and 1.49 million in 1981. (August housing starts figures will be released later today by the Commerce Department.)

High mortgage interest rates hold down sales activity by pricing potential buyers out of the market. For example, on a \$65,000 house with a 5 percent downpayment, 4 million fewer households qualify for a loan at 12 percent than at 9 percent.

"The lower end of the market -- financed by FHA loans and VA guarantees -- has been particularly hard hit

by cancellations of commitments by mortgage bankers as well as cancellations of sales," Smith said. This is the segment of the market that led the housing recovery in June and July, when interest rates fell sharply after reaching their all-time high in April.

Sellers and buyers are having second thoughts about closing FHA or VA housing deals because the spread between government-backed loans, set at 12 percent, and higher interest-conventional loans has grown too wide. To bridge the gap, lenders charge discount points, mostly to the seller, each point equal to one percent of the amount of the loan. Lenders are now charging as many as 8 to 12 discount points, costing home sellers thousands of dollars.

Smith cited NAHB telephone surveys of builders as evidence that the rebound in new housing activity is slackening. In mid-March, 90 percent of builders responding to the survey rated sales "poor." By late August only 50 percent rated sales "poor," but a week and a half ago the figure started up again to 63 percent.

"Three times in less than one year, we have seen interest rates rise and fall so sharply and so rapidly that it seems virtually impossible to sustain any level of stability in housing production," Smith said.

"Only a few years ago, a rise in mortgage rates of 100 basis points took place over a period of two years. Today, it seems that it only takes a matter of weeks. It seems clear that some fundamental changes are needed in order

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B&C Survey Part II

Gap Between Whites-Blacks

By Robert Brown and Hal Sieber B&C Associates

"We've been patient. We've gone along. We've waited. We've done without. We've allowed whites to take credit for progress. But this is ridiculous- whites are bragging that the civil rights war's been won, they even say it's going too far, and here we are, with racism as wide-spread and durable as ever," said a black woman attorney. "There's a backlash against civil rights in the United States, and its going to take a whole lot of expensive confrontation in the streets to prick the White American conscience," she commented, underscoring "expensive" as she spoke.

"What ticks me off is that most whites don't really want to get rid of racism. They just want us to quit worrying about it. They want better human

relations, but they don't want to put themselves out, doing the thing they need to do to improve the conditions that are causing bad human relations," said a black police community relations officer. "I see the young kids of the street and I say to myself, some day they're going to go wild and all hell's going to break loose and the mayor and everybody's going to set up committees to find out why it all happened. It'll be too late. Too damn late when things get out of control."

A black television reporter, a 28-year-old woman, said that if she were asked what the race-relations problem is she would say, "Whites. Especially the ones who think the problem is us black folk." She added: "I see it around here (at the television station). They (whites) cringe when someone uses the word racism. They say that racism went out with the Sixties. Hell, it came in with the Seventies. Here it is 1980, and racism is the only thing not

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