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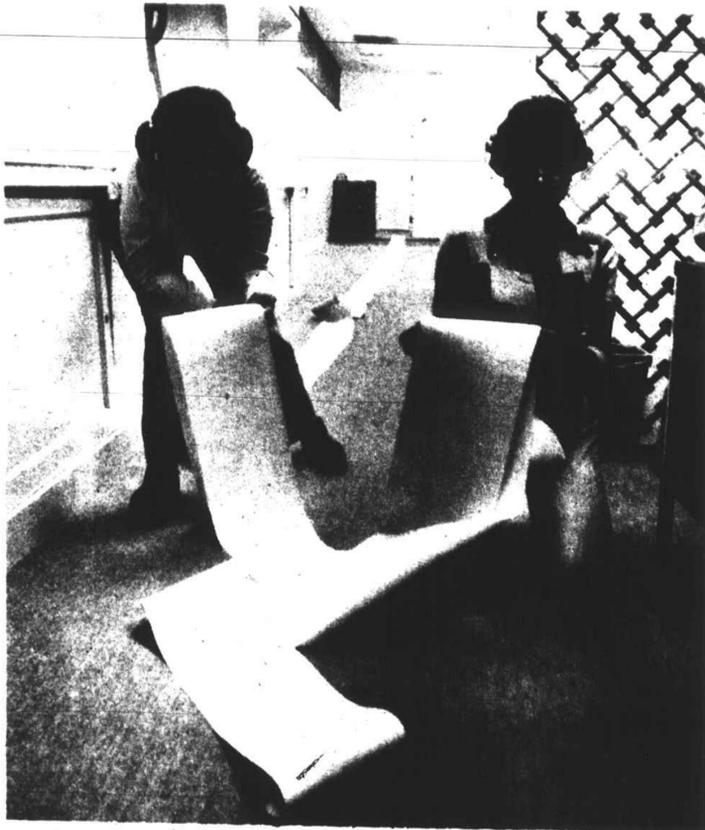
By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

Mum's the word about plans to relocate the Patterson Avenue YMCA to another location while negotiations continue about a new "Y."

Sources told the Chronicle two months ago that a site near the Winston-Lake Park area, in the rear of Jetway Shopping Center on New Walkertown Road would be the site of the new East Winston "Y." The same sources told the Chronicle Tuesday that negotiations are in full speed to acquire that same piece of land.

The Chronicle learned that R.J. Reynolds was trying to buy the "Y" so that the company's plans for its expansion could commence, however, no one at the "Y" is talking. "No one is ushering us out, we knew it was coming," a source close to the Patterson "Y" said.

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WAIR radio station has had an open telephone line for 3 days in order to get signatures for a telegram that will be presented to singer Stevie Wonder in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., birthday that will be celebrated nationally on Thursday, January 15. The telegram is approximately 35 to 40 feet long and contains over 2,000 signatures.

Blacks Capable of Developing Shopping Center, Group Says

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

Money...or the lack of it, could keep a group of local black developers from having significant input in an East Winston Shopping Center.

The group, the East Winston Local Development Corp., Inc., had expressed their interest in developing a shopping center on Claremont Avenue to several officials and had submitted a preliminary proposal, according to a spokesperson for the organization. However, the developers became upset last week when they learned that a white developer from Minneapolis, Minn., was coming to Winston-Salem to look at the possibilities of developing the shopping center.

"I can't get any concrete information as to why he was here or what happened because we weren't invited," said John Duncan, one of the developers.

Duncan continued, "we have been meeting with the city, and they didn't even inform us that he was coming, I

would hate to think that the city is less than honest in their dealings," Duncan said.

Duncan said that one reason his group might not get to develop the shopping center, which is located on approximately nine acres of land on Claremont Avenue, is because his group is non-profit.

Winston-Salem Mayor Wayne A. Corpening agreed. "Somebody's got to put up some money."

The mayor said that he hasn't made up his mind about any developer but Corpening did say, "my only interest is in putting up a shopping center in East Winston."

Duncan said that he believes that his group is more than capable of developing the project and that they should be given a chance and support by the city.

There is no question about whether we could handle the project given the proper assistance and time, but money starts getting in the way every time when you start talking about black folks trying to develop something," Duncan said.

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Foster Care Fees Boosted

By Mari Wooden
Staff Writer

Two members of the Foster Parent Association said that the \$10 increase in monthly payments approved Monday night by the County Commissioners was not enough.

"We thank the Board of Commissioners for the \$10 increase, but it's not enough, and with the high cost of living we'll have to ask for more money," said Velma Hopkins, foster parent, after hearing the County Commissioners' unanimous vote approving the increase in foster care monthly payments.

The proposal that was presented to the Commissioners by the Foster Parents Association last July consisted of a \$25.00 increase in monthly payments, three clothing allotments of \$75 to be given at the beginning of the school year, at Christmas and at Easter and to be given food stamps.

For the past several weeks it appeared doubtful that the County Commissioners were going to give the foster children in Forsyth County an increase in monthly payments.

"I feel better this morning," said Gerald Thornton, Director of Forsyth County's Department of Social Services, "I was worried at first. It's like I said in the beginning, I had confidence that the Commissioners would take care of the children, I just didn't realize that it would go into overtime." "Probably the thing that I feared most was that they (Commissioners) would play around by saying they would give us \$5 now and \$5 in about six months," he said.

"Perhaps to some people the \$10 was a lot of money, but from my financial standpoint that wasn't a drop in

the bucket," said Reba Archie, outgoing president of the Foster Parent Association and former foster parent. Ms. Archie continued, "To be perfectly honest, I don't see why Gerald Thornton raised so much hell about the \$10 that won't even help a bit with the cost of living so high. That's why I gave up my license."

Other agenda items voted on by the Commissioners at Monday's meeting included consideration of a request for "compromise of 1980 county late listing penalties to be given to several residents of Forsyth County."

The Commissioners voted 3-2 to compromise 25% (\$1.00) of the penalty against Mrs. H. Clifton of Kernersville who was erroneously taxed for an automobile that she didn't own.

"I've been listing my taxes in Kernersville for the last 10 years and I want to know why there are so many cards that must be filled out. There is such a mess when you go to list taxes. The tax people only listed half of what I own and then listed some things that I don't even have, she said, adding, "I would like to see the tax office get a back-up system to be used as a second guarantee that people have paid their taxes."

Commissioner Grady Swisher, in response to Mrs. Clifton's remarks, said, "Anytime you have 167,000 listings to contend with there are bound to be some errors. I think on a whole the tax people have done a magnificent job."

The Commissioners also voted 3-2 to compromise the penalty against Wake Forest University from approximately \$3,000 to \$763.66. C.O. Holder, assistant controller at the university said that the tax forms were sent, and that the university has had an excellent past tax

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January 15 is Dr. Martin Luther King Day in Winston-Salem

In cooperation with the Winston-Salem Chronicle, Mayor Wayne A. Corpening, flanked by black community leaders, signs a proclamation for Martin Luther King Day, King's birthday, on January 15, will be celebrated on the local and national level. With the mayor from left to right are Rev. C. Harold Gill, NAACP President Patrick Hairston, Charles Kimbrough, Larry Wamble and Tom Elijah, Urban League executive director.

Patrick Hairston: A Man of Many Moods

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

"We were always under-employed...unemployed under every president. No president has had full employment for black people, so we will suffer some yes because when you talk about conservatism it means just what it says, to conserve."

"If they cut back in aids to education then all the black colleges can just about close because 90 percent of all the students who go to black colleges get some kind of aid. If they cut health care, that would hurt black people. Affirmative action, well, we're already unemployed and underemployed, that would hurt us. We're going to suffer, but we're not going to suffer anymore than we did under President Carter or anybody else. I just don't see it."

CHRONICLE-What are you least pleased with in terms of how the city/county branches of government are run?

HAIRSTON-"The sensitivity of city and county government to their responsibility to hire blacks on an equal basis. I am very dissatisfied with the employment records of both the city and the county and the county more than the city."

"We are taxpayers and the government should be fair, government should lead the way. City and county government should lead the way to equality, especially in

employment. Now, if they don't do this, then any other manufacturer or employer will feel that hey, this is the way you do it...you hire a few blacks, you put one black up there to say no to the other blacks, where previously you had a white man saying no to them and everything is alright."

CHRONICLE-Okay, but the county, and you were present at all the meetings, said that they have re-evaluated the personnel departments and that they have increases of x number of blacks and minorities over the past 10 years, what do you think about that?

HAIRSTON-"It depends on where you place blacks. The county's overall employment record and its black employees are in menial jobs. The top county government is as lilly white now, as it was 10 years ago, and it's not really changing."

"Department heads are still all white. It's very simple. If you have a white department head, with a secretary who's black, you say that you have a black in management where in reality, they're only a secretary. We're talking about department heads all over. But, we get carried away with numbers. If you look at the country's re-evaluation report that they gave us, nobody can really understand it. I mean, we have a copy and it's just a group of figures it never tells you what position blacks hold or what department they work in. We're caught up in a thing where the country is playing a lot of

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Humbert Remembered

Gentleman With Sergeant Ways

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

"He was a gentleman in every sense of the word, but he still had his sergeant ways," is how Willie Ashford recalled his friend of 30 years, Sarge Humbert.

Humbert, who was personally responsible for training thousands of masons during his over 40 years in the organization died January 6 at his home on Gerald Street.

"Sarge was one of the finest fellows I ever met. He was energetic and depen-



Sarge

masonic order.

"I was an instructor for the masonic order and I taught him. He took my place as an instructor for the masonic lodges," Ashford said.

Another mason who remembers Humbert fondly was Francis Eaton, who said, "Humbert was a 33rd

"He was a quiet type of degree mason, as high as an individual and rather com-ical if you knew him," Eaton, a member of Olym-pic Lodge #795, said.

Both men agreed that when you asked him a Humbert's military training something, even when he was a member of Ionic Lodge No. 72, was an instructor for the Army carried over to his

training of future masons.

"He was strict when it came to the masons and doing your job, but he was a nice fellow," Eaton recalled. "He was unusually loyal to his lodge; his lodge and his work in the lodge remembers Humbert fondly were his life," Ashford said.

Humbert was a 33rd degree mason, as high as an individual and rather com-ical if you knew him," Eaton, a member of Olym-pic Lodge #795, said.

"He had a way of giving you a round about answer when you asked him something, even when he had that stern look on his

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