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Geneva Hill, president of the East Winston Restoration Association participates in Saturday's groundbreaking ceremony as Mayor Wayne A. Corpening watches.

Two Children Perish in Fire

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

Two young children were killed early Tuesday morning when the house that they shared with their grandparents, sisters and uncle, at 1214 E. 23rd St., was engulfed by fire.

The fire left their uncle in serious condition at Baptist Hospital and their grandmother hospitalized also. Four other relatives in the house at the time of the fire escaped unharmed.

The children were identified as Markus Johnson, 6, and his three-year old sister, Lakeetha. Their uncle, Broadus Joynson, 69, is listed in serious but stable condition at Baptist Hospital where he's a patient in the Intensive Care Unit. The grandmother, Beula Johnson, is a patient at Baptist also and is listed in satisfactory condition.

Both are being treated for smoke inhalation according to Roger Rollman, a public information officer at Baptist. Fire Marshall Don Scales of the WSFD said the blaze apparently started when the children's grandfather, Henry Johnson Jr., 74, tried to build a fire in a wood/coal stove located in his bedroom and the fire went out of control.

By the time that firemen arrived on the scene, the white, single frame dwelling was totally engulfed in flames. According to Scales five of the residents of the house had rushed out and realized that their uncle and two children were still trapped inside the burning structure.

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Patterson 'Y' Inadequate?

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

"An inadequate facility in an undesirable location," is the way that the Patterson Avenue YMCA is described in a summary

report by Hayes and Associates, a local consulting firm.

According to the report, with respect to the Patterson Avenue facility there are three significant concerns:

1. The poor condition of the facilities and the amount of money it would take for renovation.

2. The difficulty of getting people to the Patterson YM at night and the inadequate parking.

3. The desire to move the facility.

The third concern, the moving of the Patterson Avenue Y is being looked after, and according to Dr. C.B. Hauser, chairman of the Patterson Board of Managers, "things are looking good on site acquisition," for a new East Winston "Y."

According to sources several months ago, a site adjacent to Winston Lake Park, behind the Jetway Shopping Center on New Walkertown Road, was the one desired for the new Y building. Although sources close to the "Y" would neither confirm nor deny the probability, the Chronicle learned last week that the Winston-Lake site was

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New Homes Begun

By C.B. Hauser
Special to the Chronicle

The East Winston Restoration Association, Inc. made history Jan. 24 when it broke ground for six of the 65 houses it plans to build in East Winston. These six houses will be built near the intersection of 11th Street and Jackson Avenue.

The association, thus becomes the first non-profit group in North Carolina to build Section 235 homes. Section 235 provides assistance to low and moderate income families that wish to become home owners. It is also the first non-profit neighborhood housing group, according to officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Inc.

The East Winston Restoration Association, composed of residents of the area, was organized for the purpose of rebuilding and revitalizing the neighborhood, an urban renewal area which had lost many of its homes to the bulldozer. Other projects of the association are tutoring, voter registration and education, and housing code enforcement.

Around 75 persons were on hand for the groundbreaking ceremonies from

city government, community development, HUD, the neighborhood and the larger community. Included in the group were families which have applied to purchase some of the houses to be built.

Helen L. Gwyn, organizer of the association and its first president and

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Board Adopts Black History

By C.B. Hauser
Special To The Chronicle

Taking up the issue for a second time in response to an inquiry from the audience, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board adopted unanimously a motion acknowledging February as Black History Month, and urging the schools to stage activities during the month to call attention to the contributions of Blacks to the American heritage.

The Black History issue was raised during the time when the board's meeting was "Open to the Public." Fleming El-Amin of the Winston-Salem Improvement Association, Inc. read a letter from the association's Education Task Force requesting:

1. That authorization be given to consenting principals to make daily announcements highlighting some historical or (to) present facts concerning Black History during "Black History Month," February.

2. That authorization be given to consenting principals, if needed, to have at least one general assembly concerning Black History Month. Also that teachers be encouraged to designate classroom time for the purpose of accenting Black History during the month (Technical assistance will be provided by the Improvement Association if needed.)

The letter also stated that the Task Force was shocked

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Becton Named To Replace Erwin

North Carolina's second black Court of Appeals judge was sworn in Monday, January 19, in a ceremony held in the state Capitol.

Governor Jim Hunt appointed Chapel Hill lawyer Charles Becton to fill the seat vacated by Judge Richard Erwin, the state's first black Court of Appeals judge, also appointed by Governor Hunt. Erwin accepted an appointment as U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

"I must say to you that seldom have I ever heard such strong statements of support and appreciation and admiration as came forth for Charles Becton for this position," Governor Jim Hunt said during

the ceremony. "It's most impressive. This man is highly qualified to serve on the Court of Appeals of North Carolina, and I am very proud to have appointed him."

Becton, 36, is a former member of the staff of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and has been associated with the Charlotte and Chapel Hill law firm of Chambers, Stein, Ferguson and Becton since 1970. He is a native of Morehead City.

He received a bachelor's degree in government from Howard University in 1966 and a law degree from Duke University in 1969. He has taught in the law schools at Duke, North Carolina Central University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Harvard

University. He is president of the N.C. Association of Black Lawyers.

In announcing his appointment of Becton to the bench in December, Governor Hunt said, "Charles Becton possesses all of those qualities we are seeking for the judiciary. He has a wide range of legal experience and a superb academic background. He has earned the respect of every attorney who has tried a case against him and every judge before whom he has practiced."

Becton's appointment is for a term to expire December 31, 1982, at which time he will be eligible to run for election to serve the remainder of Judge Erwin's term, which expires December 31, 1984.

City Crime Up in 1980

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

The Winston-Salem Police Department has stepped up its follow-through on crimes and has increased its crime prevention education for both plain clothes and uniformed officers in an effort to decrease crime in the city.

The force's stepped up measures are in a response to a monthly report from the police department which revealed that major crime is up 6.2 percent in the city, over the same period last year.

NAACP Forms 'Klan Alert'

The formation of "Klan Alert," a program designed to defeat Ku Klux Klan members who seek elective office, was announced in New York last week by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"We are saddened by what appears to be the return to a climate of hate in this country," Rev. Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director, said, at the conclusion of the organization's annual board meeting. "But we've learned

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Powell told the Chronicle that the statistics were just what they appeared to be statistics and the chief stressed that the figures were not an accurate account of police performance.

Powell said, "weather, economic situations and job market have more of an effect on crime than we do." The December monthly summary showed that major crimes for the period of January through December increased 753 over last year.

Violent crimes for the month of December were up 34 or 35 percent compared to December 1979. Property crimes were up 378 or 48 percent for December 1980. Violent crimes increased 182 or 13.5 percent for the year, while property crime was up 571 or 5.2 percent for the year.

By district, 27 percent of the major offenses occurred in District I; 17.2 percent occurred in District II; 22.2 percent happened in District III and 33.6 percent in District IV.

Accidents for the month of December decreased 29 or 4 percent compared to December 1979. Accidents for the period of January through December show a decrease of 3 percent compared to the same period last year. Fatal accidents were 13 this year, compared to 17 last year for January.

The report showed that traffic arrests in December were down 190, or 12.7 percent compared to December 1979. Criminal arrests decreased 66 or 6.8 percent.

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Chief Judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals Naomi Morris, swears in the court's newest judge Charles Becton. Governor Jim Hunt watches.

Group Targets Teen Mothers

By Mari Wooden
Staff Writer

"We are not family planning or planned parenthood and we do not provide contraceptives to adolescents," said Melva Wilson, registered Health Educator with the Forsyth County Health Department, of its Teen Initiative Project.

The Health Department created T.I.P., aiming to try to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies in Forsyth County.

T.I.P. has selected a target neighborhood community that has a high risk rate for teenage pregnancies. The program plans to try to reduce the pregnancy rate by involving teens in rap sessions, activities and games that will enable them to become more aware of the disadvantages of getting pregnant.

"In the high risk community we found that young girls who had gotten pregnant may get pregnant again in 36 months," said Wilson, adding, the majority of young women who get pregnant today are keeping their children because the family condones their keeping the child."

Objectives of T.I.P., she explained, are to improve self-esteem, improve decision making skills, improve knowledge about human sexuality and provide information about and assistance in getting services.

"I also want to get a mothers' support group and a group for young men," said Mrs. Wilson. "I care and am concerned about these young people."

Eleven counties were selected for comparison with Forsyth in terms of the rate of pregnancies in 15-19 year-old women. The comparison counties were selected because of either proximity to Forsyth or similarity in make-up of population. Out of 1,000 females, 88.8 were pregnant. The rate for Forsyth lies almost at mid-point of the other

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