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## Garner Honored

Nick Jamison, director of the Winston-Salem Recreation Department, presents a plaque honoring retired assistant recreation director James A. "Bunk-A-Dee" Garner during Monday's Board of Aldermen's meeting. Garner, a decorator WWII veteran retired last year.

# Blacks Arrested 2 To 1 Over Whites

By Donna Oldham

The North Carolina Human Relations Council has adopted a study that reveals that blacks were arrested twice as often as were whites and also received maximum sentences for these charges more often than whites.

The study was presented and formally adopted by the council at its regular meeting in Wilson two weeks ago and was based on a review of arrests and dispositions of aggravated assault, burglary and rape offenses in 1978 in six North Carolina counties. Cities included in the report are Asheville, Greensboro, Greenville, Kinston, Raleigh and Wilmington.

The Rev. Jerry Drayton of Winston-Salem, chairman of the council said the results of the study



Rev. Drayton

"alarm," him. The prison population of blacks equals 54 percent of those in prison and blacks make up only 23 percent of North Carolina's total population," Drayton said. Although more blacks were arrested, the 256 page report stated, "it cannot be concluded that any of the six police departments from which arrest information was drawn employ

discriminatory procedures."

Drayton said that he believed blacks were convicted more than whites because he said "more blacks than whites were arrested."

The local minister said that one reason he felt that whites were not punished as severely as blacks was because of "deals" they made with police officials, plea bargaining, and their

ability to employ what Drayton called "a big name lawyer."

"Whites are allowed to get away with things that blacks are not. A white person might commit an offense and get a lecture because they know the right people, or someone they know might know the right people. A black person in the same situation would get arrested," he said.

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## LINKS Sponsor Arts Seminar

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

"An investment in the arts, is an investment in culture, and the cultural future of the country is very bright," were the words of Frances Marsh-Ellis to members of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the LINKS, Inc., black artists' from throughout the state and others during a seminar,

"The Role of Art in the Black Community," held Saturday on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

Mrs. Marsh-Ellis was the keynote speaker for the daylong seminar, sponsored by the LINKS as part of one of the organization's four facets, "Freedom and the Arts."

# Reduced Service Bus Fare Upped

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

In an effort to hold the 1980-81 deficit of the city's bus system below \$1.7 million, the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen Monday night voted to increase fares on the Winston-Salem Transit Authority buses.

Jim Robillard, general manager of WSTA, said Tuesday that the rising costs of gasoline combined with declining ridership forced the increase.

"In reviewing our year-to-date figures, we saw that ridership was down and fares were 10 percent behind, so we had to ask for another rate increase," Robillard said.

This week's fare increase was the second granted to the transit authority in the past seven months. In July, 1980, general fares went from 40 cents to 45 cents.

Since July of 1978, the fares have risen 20 cents, from 30 cents for a one-way general fare to 50 cents which began this week.

Despite the increase, Robillard said that in his opinion, the bus is still the most economical form of transportation that people can take.

"The price of a to-and-

from trip on the bus would be about \$1.20 which includes two transfers. That's still less than a tank of gas. If you add what it costs to park and all the other things that go with owning a car, the saving is greater," he said.

"What we are forced with is increasing the rates, yet reducing the services that we can render because it's getting too expensive, but, it's still cheaper than driving a car or taking a cab," Robillard continued, "people in East Winston

are the hardest hit because many of them don't own cars and depend on public transportation, either a cab or the bus to get to and from work or anywhere."

He said that it was difficult to tell whether the increased fares would decrease ridership any more, but he did say that the WSTA fares were comparable or lower to fares in other cities.

General fares went up from 45 cents to 50 cents. Express fares were raised from 50 cents to 55 cents.

Ten-ride tickets were increased from \$4.25 to \$4.75 and monthly passes went from \$14 to \$16. Express passes went from \$16 to \$18.

Rates for senior citizens and the handicapped during the non-peak hours of 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. went from 20 cents to 25 cents, however, they can get half fare privileges and passes for \$2.40 and \$8.

Charter fares went from \$17.50 an hour to \$20 per hour and commuter fares were raised \$2.

## Aldermen Table Vote On \$34,000 Study

By Donna Oldham

The Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen have developed a "wait and see" attitude about spending \$34,000 to hire a consulting firm from Maryland for the purpose of developing a "marketing strategy" for the city's proposed "Superblock."

All of the aldermen voted to table the \$34,000 question for several months until other issues such as the proposed widening or im-

provement of I-40 through the central business district of the city.

As part of the postponing measure, the aldermen instructed city manager Bryce Stuart to solicit consultants from the Winston-Salem area before bringing a contract back for their approval. The aldermen's discussion came after Stuart had urged the board to act

quickly on the proposal of Zuchelli, Hunter and Associates, Inc. of Annapolis to redevelop the "Superblock."

The proposed "Superblock," located on eight acres of urban-renewal property west of City Hall is one of the last pieces of property left from a project begun in 1969.

## Soup Kitchen Has New Home

The Crisis Control Ministry, Inc. will open a soup kitchen at 1243 North Patterson Avenue on March 1.

The kitchen will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will serve hot meals to the hungry on a day-to-day basis. It is anticipated that about 70 persons will be served daily in the beginning. Anyone in need will be served.

The project is an extension of Crisis Control's present ministry and in response to the command, "Give ye them to eat." Later emergency living quarters may be made available in the second story of the building.

North Carolina Baptist Hospital, owner of the two story building, will make it available at no cost to the ministry for a five-year period. The building is now being renovated.

A task force is presently recruiting volunteers to

prepare and serve the meals, maintain the building and solicit funds for food and equipment. The ministry is encouraged by the response so far to the project, and it hopes that individuals and organizations in the community will support the project on a long term basis.

Checks to support the project should be made to Crisis Control Soup Kitchen and mailed to Crisis Control Ministry, 930 North Patterson Avenue, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101. Contributions are tax deductible.

Volunteers should contact Phoebe Satterwhite, 724-2594; and anyone wishing to donate equipment should call Dick Hensel, 725-7568.

Other southern cities have successful soup kitchen-ministries, notably, Charlotte, Durham, Raleigh, Rocky Mount and Atlanta.

## Johnson Tapped For Parole Board

Greensboro lawyer Walter Johnson will be sworn in as the first black chairman of the state Parole Commission Friday, Feb. 6, at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will be held in the House Chambers of the Capitol.

Johnson, 40, will succeed James Woodard, who has been appointed Secretary of Correction. Johnson is chairman of the N.C. Inmate Grievance Commission, but will give up that post for this chairmanship. "I am delighted to appoint a man of Walter Johnson's caliber to this position," Governor Jim Hunt said. "His superb service as chairman of the Inmate Grievance Commission, his outstanding tenure as chairman of the Greensboro Board of Education, and his standing as one of North Carolina's finest trial lawyers uniquely qualify him for this post." Since 1968, Johnson has been a partner in the law firm of Frye, Johnson and Barbee. He was chairman of the Greensboro Board of Education from 1974-'78.

Johnson will serve the remainder of Woodard's term, which ends June 30, 1981.

## NAACP Sends Reagan Message

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People plans to submit a series of major policy documents to President Reagan over the coming months, marking the first attempt ever by a major civil rights organization to influence policy-making at the onset of a new administration.

The comprehensive papers will set forth specific recommendations in a number of critical areas that affect the well-being and continued survival of black America, according to NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks.

The first set of recommendations to emerge from

these reports will propose an economic strategy containing specific measures designed to upgrade the deteriorating economic status of minorities. The NAACP's National Board of Directors set a priority on the economic proposals in a resolution adopted at its recent Annual meeting in New York City.

Hooks explained that the Board's resolution reflected the Association's position that "economic concerns can be considered a major contributing factor in most of the serious problems facing minorities today and especially if you look at unemployment, housing, education and health care. We also realize that infla-

tion appears to be the number one problem in this country for most Americans, but we are staunchly opposed to any measures proposed by this new Administration that would curb the spiraling rate of inflation at the expense of the poor and the needy."

The special committee of the Board designated to compile the comprehensive reports will use a combination of approaches, including historical analyses, an assessment of current trends and an examination of previous administrations' policies. It will also deal with proposed initiatives developed by Presi-

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Larry Leon Hamlin, founder of the North Carolina Black Repertory Company presents certificates of merit to Patricia Funderburke, center, and Beatrice Covington, right, during Saturday's LINKS seminar.

Mrs. Marsh-Ellis, herself a member of the Baton Rouge, La., chapter of the LINKS, Inc., and national president of the Freedom and the Arts program for the organization told the audience "growth of the arts has never been greater, and the arts can and must reach all segments in the community."

She challenged the audience to care about the arts and to support blacks in every facet of the arts including the visual arts; music, dance, drama, mime and the performing arts, and the fine arts, sculpture, photography, fashion designing, creative writing and floral design.

"The vitality of the arts, depends on their reaching the

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## Chronicle Editor Wins Career Award

Donna E. Oldham, Chronicle city editor was presented the "Young Careerist Award" by the Twin City Business and Professional Women's League last week during the group's monthly meeting at Holiday Inn West.

According to Aldra Green, young careerist chairwoman, "the award is presented annually to the young women considered to have made an outstanding

contribution to her profession, as well as her community.

"The Young Careerist Award is the Twin City Business and Professional Women's League's way of honoring successful career women," Green said.

Oldham, who joined the Chronicle staff as a reporter in March of last year, was promoted to city editor in August. A native of Winston-Salem, she ma-

jored in journalism at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va. Prior to returning to Winston-Salem, she was a business and general assignment reporter for the Herald-Dispatch newspaper in Huntington. She has also worked for Ashland Oil Co. in Ashland, Ky., as a photo assistant and as an artist for WXII-TV.

She is a member of the board of directors of the



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Forsyth Court Volunteers and a member of the board of the East Winston Fire Prevention Task Force. She is also a member of Sigma Delta Chi, the society for professional journalists, the West Virginia Press

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