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Forsyth County Sheriff's Deputy C.M. Lynch, right, checks over inventory sheet for J. Henry's with another deputy.

Bad Checks, Bad Debts Bury E. Winston Store

By Donna Oldham
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"I may be closed right now, but I won't be closed forever," is the reaction of Willie Stevens to the closing of his men's clothing store, J. Henry's, because of unpaid bills.

Stevens, who opened the store in 1977, is being sued by JHP of his clothing

distributors for non-payment of monies owed them. He has until Feb. 18 to get the money for one of his judgements or his store inventory will be auctioned off to the highest bidder by the Forsyth County Sheriff's Dept., according to Deputy C.M. Lynch.

Lynch and three other deputies arrived at Stevens' store Monday morning and

presented him with the two executions and after taking inventory of the available stock, closed the store until Stevens can come up with the money, or until the judgement expires.

"I have dealt with Mr. Stevens about other judgements in 1980, and we've always worked together to come up with a solution. We've bent over

backwards, but this time, we're out of time and he's out of money," said Lynch.

According to Lynch's accounts and sheriff's department records, customers have given Stevens in excess of 150 bad checks and numerous fraudulent credit card transactions which according to Lynch doesn't help Stevens' situation.

"He has worked real hard to overcome his problems in the past, but his customers are his worst enemy," Lynch said.

Stevens said that trying to collection the checks and the charge-card purchases has been highly unsuccessful.

"I have taken out warrants on people and I have aken people to small claims court but I still haven't been able to collect. "But," he added, now I am wiser, and

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Hunt Names Frye To Budget Panel

Governor Jim Hunt Tuesday named the first black to the state Advisory Budget Commission. He appointed State Senator Henry Frye (D-Guilford) to that commission.

Frye, a Greensboro lawyer, served in the state House of Representatives from 1968 until 1979. He was the first black to serve in the General Assembly in the 20th century. Frye was elected to the Senate in 1980.

"I'm proud to appoint a man of the caliber of Henry Frye to the Advisory Budget Commission," the Governor said. "He's one of the most respected members of the General Assembly. His many years of service in the legislature and in private business make him intimately familiar

with the workings of the budget. I think he'll do a great job on the commission."

Hunt also named the first woman to the commission, Mrs. Betty McCain of Wilson. Mrs. McCain has long been active in civic and political affairs. She is a member of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors and former chairwoman of the N.C. Democratic Party Executive Committee.

Governor Hunt's other two appointments to the Advisory Budget Commission are Charlotte Mayor H. Edward Knox and State Senator Jim Garrison (D-Stanly), an Albemarle businessman. Hunt announced that he will recommend the commission select State Senator Ken-

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Leaders Told: Money in Silicon Valley

The North Carolina Secretary of Commerce told local education leaders last week that schools, technical colleges and universities in the area must begin training students now for the industry of the future, microelectronics.

D.M. "Lauch" Faircloth said during a news conference attended by officials of all of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County's educational institutions that "schools should focus on math and science courses, because of the extreme shortages in the areas of technical personnel.

Faircloth predicted "enormous" growth in the field of micro electronics over the next five years with over 75,000 new jobs possible.

"There is a necessity for a better educated work and management force. We

must be prepared and we hope and plan to see North Carolina develop in a better planned and developed way than the "Silicon Valley," an area in California, the center of the microelectronics industry," he said, adding "what we need to do is to move into this new area in a dignified manner on a plan where we know what we're doing," he said.

The secretary said that the micro electronics industry is much broader based than people realize and as examples he named several industries in the state which depend on highly based technology such as Western Electric, Westinghouse, ITT, AMP, IBM and Northern Telecom.

"North Carolina has lost 30,000 textile employees in the last five years while textile products have increas-

ed. It is up to the academic and educational communities to prepare people for the type of work they will be expected to do," Faircloth continued, "North Carolina is the 10th largest state in the nation and the growth has been in the counties. We have highly dispersed population," he said.

Although Faircloth focused on the proposed \$30 million Microelectronics Center of North Carolina located in the Research Triangle, he said that potential micro electronics industry is a possibility for Winston-Salem because of its "highly industrial atmosphere."

"The quality of life, the opportunity and the educational facilities in this city make it the ideal atmosphere," he said.

70 Years on the Job Women Still Fired

By Donna Oldham
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Seven black, female employees of Amos Cottage Rehabilitation Hospital with approximately 70 years of service to the institution combined, have been fired because their supervisor claims "they didn't know their jobs."

The women, all patient care attendants, told the Chronicle Tuesday that they were victims of many kinds of discrimination and had endured what they called "being treated like dirt," under the supervision of Denise Estridge, clinical supervisor for Amos Cottage.

Frances Lash, 52, who had been employed at Amos Cottage for 20 years before she was fired last week said that when Ms. Estridge joined the staff, "our troubles began."

"We were never called together and told the rules and regulations. In fact, she walked around for two whole days and never introduced herself or said who she was. I had to find out from someone else," said Ms. Lash.

Portia Allen, who worked at the hospital for six years, before being fired six months ago said, "she (Estridge) didn't try to teach us anything."

According to Ms. Lash, "we were told that we weren't following the new job description and we were put on

three months probation. When the first evaluation came I was shocked. I had never in all my years been given a bad evaluation until then. I was told that if I pulled up by the second evaluation, then I would come off probation. When the second time came, the evaluation was worse and she fired me and the others."

Ms. Lash continued, "she refused to let us read the evaluations from the nurses. I went to the nurses and they said they had given me a good evaluation, but Denise wouldn't let me see what they said about me. When some

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Elderly Lose In COG Pullout

By Mari Wooden
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Withdrawal from COG (Council of Governments) could cause Forsyth County to lose approximately \$300,000 in federal and state grants for the elderly.

During the Forsyth County Commissioners weekly briefing meeting last Thursday, Joseph W. Grimsley, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Administration said "the aging program appears in jeopardy of interruption should the county withdraw."

Grants for the elderly that would be lost include "Meals on Wheels" (food delivered to the homes five days a week), Trans-Aid (bus and van transportation), "Home Health Services" (part time nursing or therapy), "Chore Service" (cleaning house and running errands) for elderly living at home, and "Homemaker Services" (support services) provided by the Experiment in Self-Reliance.

Another loss to the county should commissioners decide to withdraw from COG would be the county's voice in the priority setting process for local projects funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

Forsyth Technical Institute, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools' Career Center and the renovation of the old Carolina Theatre are a few of the recipients of ARC grants which in the last four years total some \$3.1 million.

Grimsley's report also points out that withdrawal would inevitably result in a "lower degree of coordination between county and other units of government and public service within the region.

The county would lose assistance from COG's staff in areas of local planning, housing planning and grant assistance.

The county's withdrawal would mean a loss of

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Voter Drive Pays Off

Detroit--Advance statistics from the Bureau of the Census indicate an NAACP registration and get-out-the-vote drive played an essential role in raising black voting totals in the 1980 Presidential election.

The study, based on a sampling of the population, showed the black vote last year reversed a downward trend--and climbed from 48.7 percent of eligibles in 1976, to 50.5 percent in 1980. The highest black vote in recent times was 58.5 percent in 1964. The complete report will be released later this year.

Both the white and hispanic voting percentages of eligibles failed to show any gain during 1976 and 1980. The same 60.9 percent of the eligible white vote was recorded in both elections, but the hispanic percentage of those eligible dipped from 31.8 percent four years ago to 29.9 percent last year.

"We estimate nearly half a million new black voters were registered as a direct result of our nationwide program, and another half

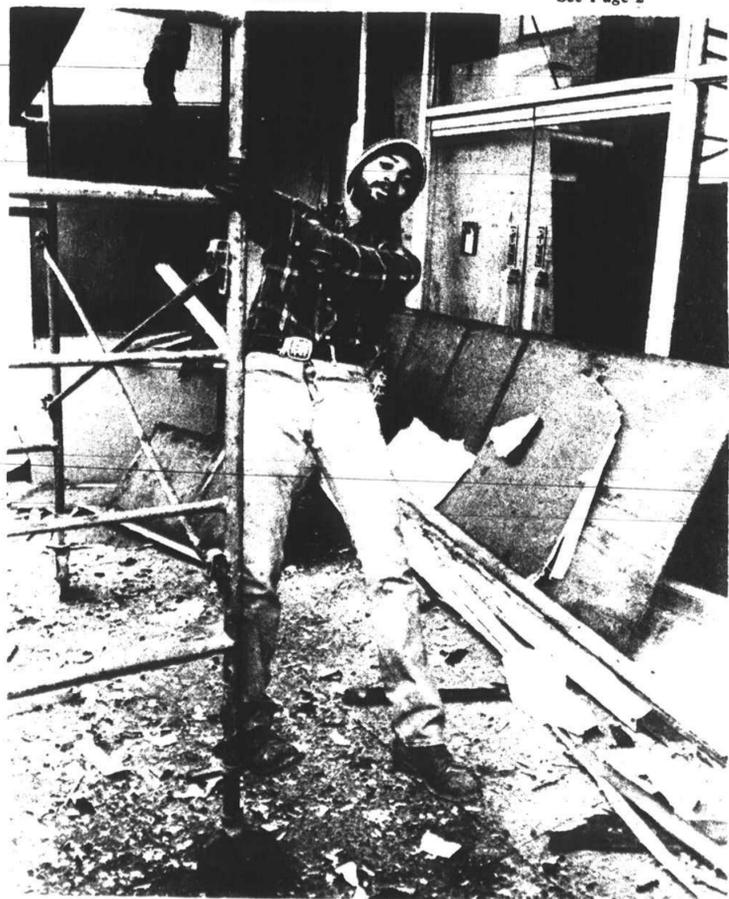
million as an indirect result of our media campaign," Joe Madison, Director of the Detroit-based NAACP Voter Education Division, said.

"The subsequent election day activities by our branches were responsible for motivating most of these new registrants to the polls on November 4."

Madison said he was particularly pleased with the turnout in the key age category of 25 to 34 year olds. Nearly 1.8 million voters in this chronological grouping voted, accounting for almost 25 percent of the 8.2 million total black turnout.

"This is a critical category," he explained. "Once they start voting at that age, they tend to keep voting. We specifically targeted this group and census figures indicate it paid off."

The voting age population last year increased from 146 million in 1976, to 157 million in 1980. The composite voter turnout percentage, however, remained at 59.2 percent for both elections.



Tearing it Up

Bernard Angelo Ussery, a Winston-Salem resident, hangs from scaffolding while preparing to help tear up the old Salads Plus building at 420 Trade St. The International Oddfellows will take over the spot when renovation is complete. The home office of Oddfellows is planning to move here from Baltimore.