

Youth Fire Prevention Program in City, County

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The Forsyth County 4-H organization, in cooperation with the Winston-Salem and Forsyth County Fire Departments, the Kernersville Fire Department and the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System is sponsoring a four-week county-wide "Youth Fire Prevention Program," set to begin March 2, according to Mary L. Johnson, assistant fire marshal, Winston-Salem Fire Department.

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be called in to investigate not only the firing of the seven women, but also the alleged mistreatment of patients at Amos Cottage.

"If people knew the things that really went on at Amos Cottage, they'd be appalled. The kind of care the children get, and the kind they're supposed to get are two entirely different things," said the employee who wished to remain anonymous.

She continued, "I worked side by side with the fired women, and they were good with those kids, damned good, and that's something that a job description can't tell you. Half the administrative staff and personnel there know do a so called good job, don't have half of what it takes to work well here, like those women did," she said.

The former employee, a woman who also worked with the fired women said that Amos Cottage should be closed down and a full investigation initiated. "If I could go undercover out there to expose some of the serious problems and make parents and true believers in Amos Cottage aware of what is happening out there I would, but they know me," she said.

The other women agreed. "Those women who were fired didn't tell half of what they knew. If they did,

there would be a big explosion like you've never seen," she said.

Repeated attempts by the Chronicle to talk to officials at Amos Cottage have been ignored. Both women say that is on purpose.

"They know that someone has finally caught them and they're running scared. They're trying to shape up before the bigshots start asking questions or start reading the Chronicle's articles," the Amos Cottage employee said.

The former employee said that several times before, mismanagement and events that could be deemed scandalous have been "covered up," before any news agency could get the story.

"I'm glad that someone finally had the guts to say something about what's going on out there and I'm glad that a paper finally had the guts to print it," one woman said.

Missionary

The Woman's Home and Overseas Missionary Society will sponsor a pageant, "Portraits in Black History," Sunday, March 1 at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church located on 4th Street and Dunleith Avenue.

Rev. H.C. Wasser is the pastor.

Fifth graders, according to Ms. Johnson, the target groups for the four sessions, which will be taught during a one-and-a-half-hour period each week at neighborhood fire stations.

Sessions will begin the week of March 2, and follow through the next three weeks, March 9, 16 and 23. Certificates will be awarded for those attending three or more sessions in the program, according to Ms. Johnson.

The first session, "The Chemistry of Fire," will acquaint students with the three essential elements which make up the fire triangle, fuel, heat and air. A fire safety demonstration kit will be used to emphasize the nature of fire.

Identification of common fire hazards will be the topic of the second session. Students will be challenged to seek out the not so evident fire hazards in their homes and communities. Common fire hazards around the home will be demonstrated with the use of a fire safety kit.

The third session, according to Ms. Johnson will be devoted to giving the students a working knowledge of the fire extinguisher. "Students will actually experience the use of certain extinguishers on various classes of fire," she said.

Targeting home fire escape plans as essential, the fourth session will concentrate on developing home escape plans. Instructors will also discuss the use of fire detectors in the home.

Each session will be highlighted by films and actual demonstrations to interest the fifth graders in learning about fire prevention and education," Ms. Johnson said.

"We are confident that the fire station setting will

enhance and maintain enthusiastic participation by students. In addition, the youth can become familiar with the operation of their community fire station. There is no question that the fifth graders will be responsive to this type of atmosphere and will realize the importance of the role the firemen play in the community," she said.

A similar 4-H Fire Safety Program was held last year in Forsyth County with over 2500 youngsters receiving in-

formation about fire prevention.

In connection with the program, Mayor Wayne A. Corpening has proclaimed the first week of March ending March 26, as Fire Safety Month.

All sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. For children who aren't sure where their community fire department is located, information may be obtained by calling Mary Johnson at 727-2376.

Schedule of Sessions

Days-Taught: Starting Date:	Monday March 2	Tuesday March 3	Wednesday March 4	Thursday March 5
	#9	#5	#3	#4
	#7	#6	#10	#6
	Central	#12	#11	Union Cross
	Piney Grove	Griffith	Old Richmond	Walkertown
	Mt. Tabor	Rural Hall	Forest Hill	Talley's

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1981 COUNTYWIDE 4-H FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM

Location of Winston-Salem Fire Department

Central	651 N. Marshall Street	#8	2717 Reynolda Road
#3	2995 North Liberty Street	#9	4675 Ogburn Avenue
#4	290 A. Claremont Ave.	#10	4700 Country Club Road
#5	771 Palmer Lane	#11	2745 Waughtown Street
#6	1717 West Academy Street	#12	3620 New Walkertown Road
#7	100 Arbor Road		

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The four special hardship conditions which makes families with unusually high medical expenses, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of income, special education expenses due to mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses, eligible for the program have been eliminated. A standard deduction for each household has been incorporated into the scale instead.

The applications which are currently on file are being re-evaluated to determine whether children are eligible under the new criteria. Families of children whose benefits are reduced or terminated will receive written notice of the change at least 10 days before the effective date of the change.

If a family member becomes unemployed or the family size or income changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for reduced price meals, or for the additional benefits such as free meals and milk if the family income falls at or below the current levels of eligibility.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals and milk for them, they should contact the school.

Families who wish to submit a new application may obtain an application form from each school's office. The information on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the decision of the determining official, he or she may wish to discuss it with the official on an informal basis. If he wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make a request either orally or in writing to Dr. Earl Sandefur, P.O. Box 2513, Winston-Salem, 27102, or call 727-8030 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

All children are treated the same regardless of ability to pay. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, or national origin, according to school officials.

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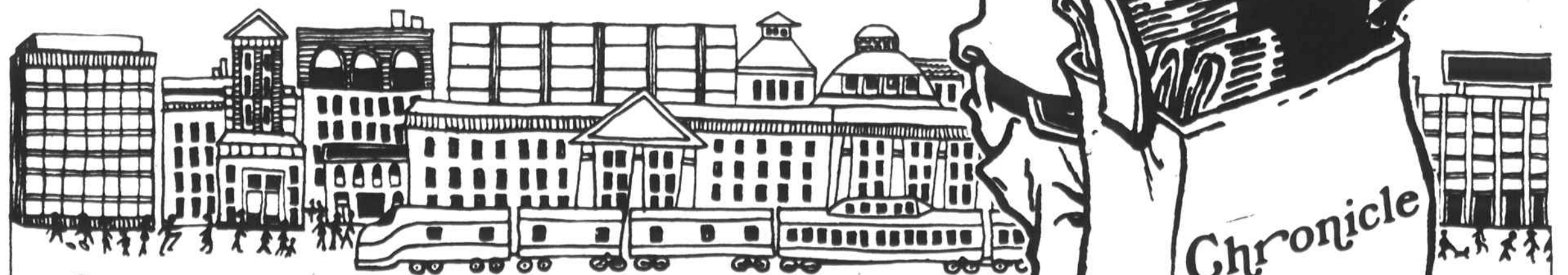
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