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South Ward Alderman Ernestine Wilson said the issue was not a matter of whether such a rooming house should exist, but whether its location in the neighborhood (at 1720 Queen St. near Baptist Hospital) should disrupt the atmosphere of the neighborhood and particularly disturb its elderly residents.

"No one is denying the plight of the ill child," Wilson said, "but no one can deny the plight of the elderly. We owe them something."

Aldermen Lynne Harpe, Virginia Newell, Larry

Womble, Martha Wood and Wilson voted against the rezoning while Vivian Burke, Larry Little and Bob Northington supported the petition.

The rest of the meeting's agenda was considered before a largely empty gallery, but the lively discussion continued.

Highland Homes resident Mary S. Jones accused the board of turning a deaf ear to the concerns of the city's elderly.

"Our elderly folks are upset," she told the aldermen.

Jones said that Alderman

Vivian Burke has been the only member of the board who was responsive to the needs of the elderly.

In addition, the aldermen unanimously approved a resolution to train residents to use guns with noisemaker attachments to scare off birds which have infested the Country Club Road area.

"What happens if the birds leave one ward and come to another?" quipped one alderman.

"The droppings of the birds," mused another, "would that come under public works?"

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the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, does not agree.

"There is no unity among black people in Winston-Salem, not the way it ought to be," said Hairston. "Black people are going to have to realize that what affects one of us affects all of us. The only thing that we really support is the black church. Yet, blacks exploit other blacks more than anybody else. That has got to stop."

Newly elected Alderman of the Southeast Ward, Larry Womble is much more optimistic on both the political and economic fronts.

"In the past, the black community usually comes together in times of crises. I have seen now where the black community isn't waiting until a crisis," said Womble. "We used to react before we acted. In the last few years we've begun

changing that attitude." Roland Douhit, a 33-year-old social worker, said that a small amount of unity exists, but the community needs a lot more.

"There is a certain amount of unity in the black community as a whole, but I don't think that it's enough to make a viable difference to society."

Making the viable difference is what Douglas Covington, chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, cites as a major key to the black community's survival.

"I think that there is a tremendous need for more unity among blacks, not only in Winston-Salem, but throughout the country and the world," said Covington. "It's a tremendous challenge and people of color throughout the world should feel a sense of pride and unity."

Covington also said that the need locally, was for a

common agenda in which blacks could achieve not only solidarity, but economic and political independence.

"There are so many opportunities in Winston-Salem and it is unfortunate that we aren't able to achieve the kind of uniformity of purpose that would enable us to articulate our own goals instead of having them articulated for us."

Larry Leon Hamlin, founder and director of the North Carolina Black Repertory Company, said that he was hopeful of seeing black unity develop in Winston.

"Giving an artist's point of view," Hamlin said, "There is a lack of unity in the black community, but it's not that I'm pessimistic about seeing it develop in Winston-Salem. It's going to take a lot of hard work and dedication to achieve. It's going to take a lot of love and respect."

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Carolina. He was cited and given a Merit Appreciation Plaque by former Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, H. R. Crawford, for having one of the best public housing operations in the nation.

"I feel that our system is the best in the nation because all our employees have always worked together," said Thompkins with a smile. "Our employees communicate well with the tenants and for that matter, those on the administrative levels

communicate well with the total community."

Thompkins and his wife, Olivia, have four children and are members of New Bethel Baptist Church. He and his family received the Urban League Guild's "Family of the Year" award in 1979.

"Housing helps a lot of people who couldn't otherwise afford, safe sanitary and decent housing," said Thompkins. "I think the administration will continue to fund low and

moderate income housing because they have already invested in the nation's facilities. They are going to have to continue to subsidize some parts of it."

As for his future, Thompkins' aspirations do not stop with his present position.

"No," he said emphatically. "I hope to become director of HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) and the Vice President. I think as young as I am, my career has just begun."

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management and deputies were very rude when addressing the Furches.

Mrs. Furches sent a letter of complaint to the Ramada Inn's Executive Office, which acknowledged receipt

of the letter. Mrs. Furches said that the corporate office advised her to communicate further with Lawrence, who was also advised to contact Mrs. Furches.

To date neither had contacted one another, but Mrs. Furches said she will not pay the remainder of her bill until something is done about her complaint.

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nant governor, plus five ex-officio members. The ex-officio members are the

secretaries of human resources and community development, commerce, ag-

riculture and crime control and public safety, or their designees.

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agreed to meet with Jones and other elderly citizens to discuss the issues.

"I'm not bitter," Jones

said of her vehement speechmaking at the meeting. "I'm just speaking my mind."



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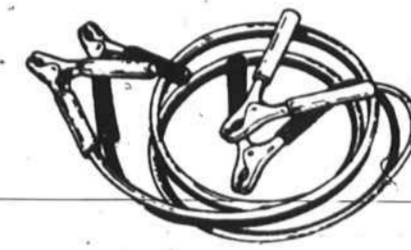
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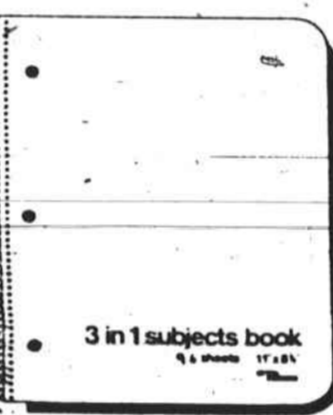
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