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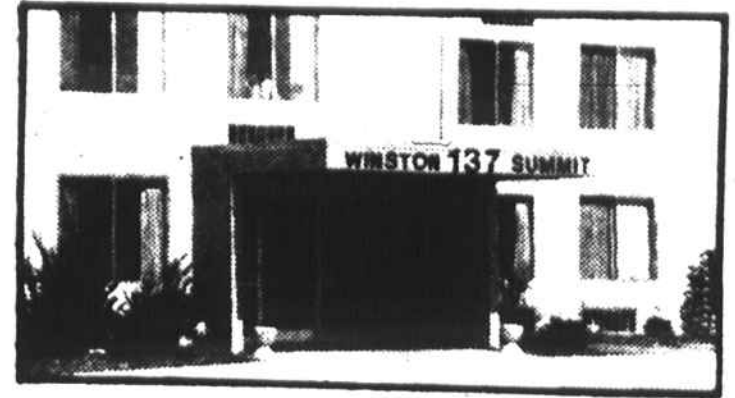
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Contractors, Community And City Meet

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City officials, black contractors and residents of East Winston met Saturday morning to discuss the East Winston shopping center

"It just seems that we've pressed for time. But the (minority) contractors will respond because they're used to pressure."

--Richard Archia

"I feel that they (white contractors) should be the minorities. We should get the 90 percent and they should get the 10 percent."

--Black businessman

and emerged terming the session productive and calling for continued dialogue.

"Basically, I think there were a lot of questions answered," said Earline Parmon of the East Winston Restoration Association. "We're moving in the right direction knowing deadlines and just what the black community's involvement will be."

"I'm optimistic that black contractors will get out of this project whatever we can handle," said Richard Archia Jr., chairman of the Voices of Minority Contractors and Suppliers.

"We're glad to meet with

these groups," said Allen Joines, assistant city manager for special projects. "Communication is the main way to eliminate miscommunication."

In consecutive meetings in the Winston Mutual Building, Joines and Economic Development Coordinator Valerie Broadie communicated first with the Voices group, then with the Committee to Promote Black Ownership, an ad hoc group of businessmen and community members.

In the first session, Joines discussed the center's construction schedule and answered specific questions about the timing and regulations governing bids on the project.

During the course of the discussion, some contractors said they were displeased with the granting of a site grading contract to the L. A. Reynolds Co. without the taking of bids.

"We were just up against it," Joines told the audience of about 30 people. Joines said that deadlines required by Food Town, one of the center's major tenants, made it necessary to grant the contract to Reynolds, which already had a city contract.

"We were bypassed, regardless of the reason," said a man in the audience. Alderman Virginia Newell, however, defended the contract.

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Above, Alderman Virginia Newell makes a point while Assistant City Manager for Special Projects Allen Joines looks on. Below, attorney R. Lewis Ray makes his own point during the meeting sponsored by the Committee to Promote Black Ownership.

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...And Meet Again

By Allen H. Johnson
Managing Editor

In the second of two Saturday morning meetings between members of the black community and city officials, the Committee to Promote Black Ownership expressed concern that the East Winston shopping center, slated for construction beginning March 19, will be black-owned and called for a meeting with center developer Mark Vieno.

The request for the meeting was made by Dr. J. Raymond Oliver, owner of the Jetway Shopping Center, who said he feels that a meeting "as soon as possible" with Vieno would clear up "certain aspects" that prospective investors should be aware of.

Earline Parmon, of the East Winston Restoration Association, was designated to work with Assistant City Manager Allen Joines to set up a meeting with Vieno.

In addition, Alderman Virginia Newell, who conducted Saturday's session, called for leadership in the black

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Of Housing For Elderly

Area HUD Official Cites Segregation

By Allen H. Johnson
Managing Editor

Some members of a group which toured Winston-Salem's federally assisted housing projects, including a Department of Housing and Urban Development official, expressed concern at the segregation of subsidized elderly housing in the city last Wednesday. Southeast Ward Alderman Larry Womble, the lone black alderman on the tour, said he was bothered by the scarcity of black residents in such recently completed projects as Granville Place, Country Village and Winston Summit.

Womble also said he wondered if there is a disparity in such housing when projects in white areas are compared to projects in black communities.

"I'm concerned that the same type of quality structures exist on their (the black elderly's) side of town," Womble said.

A HUD representative echoed Womble's comments. "There are a lot of questions in my mind," said Ernest K. Fulton, director of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity in HUD's Greensboro office.

The day-long bus junket, involving HUD officials, Mayor Wayne Corpening, City Manager Bill Stuart, some aldermen, even a number of community volunteers and newsmen, even stopped at one point on the side of the road in East Winston while members of the party debated the issue.

There is a difference," Womble said after seeing the Kimberley Park apartments, a 606-unit complex which is 100 percent black and houses some elderly residents. "I don't know whether it's the age, location, funding, or whatever."

"Nothing is beautiful

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Curry Wary Of Proposed Policy

By C.B. Hauser
Special Correspondent

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education was told by citizens Monday night that its proposed policy on when to call police to campus was unclear and would be ignored by students.

Furthermore, board members were told that the policy could result in unfair treatment of the poor, blacks, and students whose parents may not be active in school or community organizations.

Calling for a "get tough" policy on the use of drugs in the schools, parents, students, teachers, board members and community leaders expressed their views at

a public hearing on proposed Policy 1411.

The policy is entitled: "Cooperative Agreement between the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, the Winston-Salem, Police Department and the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department."

Although a number of offenses are mentioned in the policy, the hearing centered on offenses related to the possession and use of drugs on school property and the discretion the policy gives to principals in handling those cases.

Policy 1411 lists aggravated assault and battery, assault on a teacher or school employee, robbery, extortion, theft of property

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Janet Cooke



Explaining A Hoax

Former Washington Post reporter Janet Cooke, who won a Pulitzer Prize last year for "Jimmy's World," a fabricated story about an 8-year-old drug addict, says she constructed the story because "I didn't want to fail."

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Burke: No Unique Drug Problems At Carver

By Allen H. Johnson
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Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian Burke, chairman of the public safety committee, said Monday night that she hopes a police tally of drug-related offenses at the city's high schools in

Winston-Salem will help convince the public that Carver School has no special drug problems.

"We felt it was wrong to label any one area," Burke said, referring to a Dec. 14 editorial in the Winston-Salem Sentinel. The editorial noted that "drugs

have been acknowledged to be a problem" in the Carver classrooms.

The report, requested by Burke and submitted to her by City Manager Bryce Stuart, listed one drug-related offense in 1981 at Carver.

Among the other 9-10th

grade schools, Hanes also listed one drug-related offense while Hill and Atkins listed two.

The only 11-12th grade schools having drug-related offenses were Parkland (2) and South Park (1).

Burke said that the statistics could be challeng-

ed as being too high or too low, depending on who is challenging them, but they at least provide a measuring stick based on facts.

"The only thing I want to deal with," Burke said, "is fact, not fiction. This report was not done to label anyone or single out

anyone."

The low number of drug-related offenses, she said, should make the public aware that the situation in the city's schools is not as bad as some might think.

"I think we should feel good," she said. "I don't

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Parents Meet To Discuss Childcare Center

By Yvonne Anderson
Staff Writer

The Parent/Teacher Association of the Early Childhood Center at Winston-Salem State

University met Tuesday night with the head of the university's education division Dr. Melvin Gadson, to discuss the proposed closing of the center in June of 1982. The association wants

Chancellor Douglas Covington to reconsider his request.

Headed by John Jessup, the PTA gave Gadson alternative suggestions to keep the facility open and devised

strategies by which they could take their cause to Covington and the University of North Carolina General Administration in Chapel Hill.

"We play a role in this in-

stitution and our children play a role. We should have some input in the decisions that are made with issues that concern us," Jessup told Gadson. "It's something that black people

can take some pride in. We have the top childcare program in the city and I don't see a compromise. I don't want a compromise because when you talk compromise

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Some Black Builders Feel Snubbed By WSSU

By Yvonne Anderson
Staff Writer

As construction and renovation proceed on the campus of Winston-Salem State University, some local minority contractors say they are displeased with their lack of participation in the major building projects.

WSSU currently has more than 15

projects, either in repair and renovation or in major construction, none of which is being handled by a black contractor. Administration officials cite state regulations as part of the reason but also said that some of the responsibility must lie with the contractors themselves.

"We advertise in the usual manner for a period of 30 days in the local papers and with the contractors' monthly magazine,

but we have received very few bids from minorities," said Willie Grissom, WSSU Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs.

But James Carter, co-owner of Cartwood Construction Co., said that more must be done to include black-owned firms in the bidding process.

"You just can't go by the rule of thumb for black firms," said Carter. "Of course we realize the regulations they (WSSU)

must follow, but there are still a lot of things that could be done without violating those rules."

Due to the situation, The Voices of Minority Contractors and Suppliers, chaired by Richard Archia, requested a recent meeting between the university's administration and the organization's executive board to discuss what could be

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