

Liquor Houses

The Chronicle Camera examines liquor houses and the impact they have on neighborhoods in the black community.

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Drug Problem In Schools 'Frightening,' Says Agent

By Ruthell Howard
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The drug situation in the Forsyth County school system is "frightening" to the point that it is crucial to educate youth about drugs as early as the fifth and sixth grades, says one undercover agent in the Winston-Salem Police Department Vice and Narcotics Squad.

The agent estimated that tens of thousands of dollars worth of drugs is being pumped into Forsyth County

"There are a lot of good kids in the schools and some of them you can save from drugs. But some of them are lost for good because the parents don't care."

schools and is a serious threat, especially to elementary school students.

"Situations have been reported where someone will put a drop of liquid acid or LSD on one of those round pieces of paper with a smiling face on them," he said. "They call it blotter acid. All a kid has to do is lick it, and he gets

high."

An alarming amount of drug traffic was found in the school system by the agent, who penetrated a Forsyth County senior high school disguised as a student. The agent took on the characteristics of one peer group in the school and started to mingle. "At first, everybody was pretty close-mouthed when I asked about drugs," he said. "Then they started offering me small quantities of marijuana, like a couple of joints (a marijuana cigarette)."

The agent said he found many small-time dealers in the school. "A high-school student will buy a bag, or an ounce, of marijuana for about \$35.00. Then he'll roll it into about 50 or 60 joints and sell them individually for \$1.00 a piece. Then, he'll go back and buy two bags, maybe three."

The agent also said he found students who would buy a bottle of 50 to 75 "hits," (or dosages) of LSD and sell each dosage for \$2.00, or students who sell one capsule of percodan, a synthetic opiate, for up to \$40.00 each.

"I knew one kid who was making about \$200 a week selling hand-to-hand," he said. "Fifty-percent of the kids where I was had tried drugs, maybe 60 percent. Ninety to

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President Reagan's embrace of NAACP chairwoman at the organization's annual meeting in Denver last June has been prophetic; Reagan now appears to want to embrace all of black America in an attempt to strengthen his standing there. Recent visits to a black family in Prince George's County, Md. and to a predominantly black Chicago school may be an indication of an image building campaign by Reagan aimed squarely at the black community. (UPI)

Among Blacks

Voter Rolls Increasing Slowly

By LaTanya A. Isley
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As of April 30, the number of registered black voters in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County has increased by only 1,037 since Oct. 23, 1981.

The October count by the county Board of Elections indicated a total of 22,892 blacks registered to vote. The count in April indicated a total of 23,199 blacks

registered. In March 1980, 23,936 blacks were registered to vote.

According to Clifton Graves, Affirmative Action officer at Winston-Salem State University, the reason for low voter registration is the dissatisfaction of the people with the political system.

"A lot of our people are frustrated and apathetic towards the political system because they've historically been 'sold out' by blacks as well as whites," Graves said.

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Maynard Jackson

Town Meeting Saturday

By Shelia Rucker
Staff Writer

The East Winston Crime Task Force was organized earlier this year in response to the mounting problem of crime in the black community. On Saturday, May 15, a day-long town meeting will be sponsored by the organization to

discuss solutions.

The series of workshops will be held from 9 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Maynard Jackson, former Atlanta mayor, will lead a workshop organizing the community into block captains. Other workshops will include "Police and Community Relations," headed by Police Chief Lucius

Powell; "The Church and Crime Prevention," by the Rev. G.G. Campbell of Mt. Zion Baptist Church; "The Family and Crime Prevention," by Thomas Elijah, president of the Urban League, and "The Role of Other Agencies," by Louise Wilson of the Experiment in Self-Reliance.

The members of the Task Force

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Escapes By Willie M. Youth Spur Sunday Demonstration

By Ruthell Howard
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A group of approximately 25 East Winston residents picketed St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church on 17th Street last Sunday morning.

The residents say they organized the protest to voice their opposition to the church possibly leasing a convent

in the community as a home for emotionally disturbed, potentially violent youth.

The Forsyth/Stokes Mental Health Center has requested the use of the convent, located in East Winston, as a group home for nine Willie M. youth.

The demonstration was prompted by reports that three such youth already housed in Reynolds Health Center,

also in East Winston, escaped Friday night, and that one started a fire in the center last Thursday.

Patrick Hairston, president of the Winston-Salem NAACP and a resident near the convent, said the protesters wanted to make the church members aware of the situation. "Everybody who went to church Sunday and didn't know about it was made aware," he said. Hairston

added that he felt some church members are "very supportive" of the picketers' concerns.

Reports that three teens — two boys and one girl — had escaped from the Health Center through a fire door they had blocked open by putting a slip of paper into the lock, have alarmed residents, Hairston said.

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Maryann Rhodes (Photo by Santana).



Mary Carroll



Tonya Walker



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Are Liquor Houses A Nuisance?

By Ruthell Howard
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One concern of the East Winston Crime Task Force — a group of citizens dedicated to combatting crime in their community — are "liquor houses."

unlicensed establishments in residential areas where alcohol is sold illegally. In a written report, the Task Force cites at least five of these houses in East Winston that "appear to flourish and continue" despite their "high visibility." The Chronicle Camera

recently asked East Winston residents and some citizens downtown their views on liquor houses and their impact on the community.

Beverly Hairston: "I feel liquor houses are bad because they have a bad influence on young people.

They used to be just plain liquor houses, but now you can buy drugs there."

Maryann Rhodes: "I think liquor houses are bad because people who are trying to live decently in the community can't get any rest because of the noise."

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New Senior Citizens Center Opens Shop On Trade Street

By Shelia Rucker
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The recently opened Urban League Senior Center at 514 N. Trade St., has been described as an oasis, a downtown home and a rest area for the senior citizens in the community.

Thomas J. Elijah, president of the Urban League, says the center serves a vital function for a vital segment of the community. "We are very proud to serve the senior citizens because they are one of the most important constituents we have," Elijah says. "The Urban League was founded in

1910 by some of the people we are serving today. We are picking up where they started. The old building in which the center is located was ready to be thrown away. We can never throw away our senior citizens. There is a value in age." The property was acquired by the League in December

1980. The Forsyth Council for Older Adults and the Urban League conceived the idea and approximately \$22,000 was advanced through Title III of the Older American Act and administered by the Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments for the renovation of the building. A

grant of approximately \$8,000 was obtained from the Winston-Salem Foundation to operate for its first six months and the Urban League is working to develop resources to pay for keeping it going beyond that period.

Gaylon Thomas, coordinator of the center, says,

"The Senior Center is a prime location for senior citizens and the enthusiasm is great. We at the center are interested in enlarging their scope of activity. We try to encourage them as an individual and as a group.

Their response has been explosive. It makes the Dallas

cheerleaders look tame."

Some of the activities that the senior citizens are involved in include sewing, knitting and macrame. There are movies for entertainment and seminars on crime prevention and other relevant issues. On May 12, a Transportation Awareness Day was held.

Local experts from TransAid and the Winston-Salem Transit Authority shared information on schedules, passes, fares, tokens and routes to help the senior citizens utilize the transit system more effectively.

"We were pleased with the

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