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A Decade Of Service

Winston-Salem's Sister Clara Muhammad School celebrates its 10th anniversary this weekend. Columnist Clifton Graves and Staff Writer Ed Hill examine the school's philosophy and its continuing success against the odds.

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You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

Black college athletic programs must be doing something right. Look at the rosters of most professional football teams, especially those in the playoffs, and you'll see black college alumni.

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Say Black Editors In Poll

Economics, Jobs The Key Issues

By RUTHELL HOWARD
Staff Writer

Black newspaper editors surveyed in a *Chronicle* telephone poll last week fingered economic issues, including unemployment and the inability of Black America to spend and manage its dollars more wisely, as the most pressing problems facing the black community today.

"I really believe that if we don't make some significant moves in economic development by the end of this year, we're going to be so incredibly behind that we won't be able to catch up."

Milton Jordan

From Illinois to Virginia to New Orleans to the District of Columbia to North Carolina, most editors questioned feel the overriding concern in the black community is the lack of economic clout gained through jobs and wise spending. "I think without a doubt, it's

unemployment," said Lee Blackwell, executive editor of *The Chicago Defender*.

Unemployment, Blackwell says, leads to other problems in the black community, such as housing, heating costs, "generally keeping up the standard of living" and the high crime rate.

John W. Templeton, editor and general manager of the *Richmond Afro-American and Planet*, agreed, noting that black people need to create jobs for themselves.

"The big issue is for black people to begin setting up the kinds of businesses that will put our people to work," Templeton said.

Templeton also sees the lack of a strong black economic base as fueling other problems, ranging from the lack of political power to racism. "If you don't have money and a good grasp on the economy," he said, "we wouldn't have to worry about racism, because white folk are about making money. It (the economy) overrides all other things we could possibly raise as issues. We need to make the black community more economically viable."

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They Keep His Dream Alive...

By RUTHELL HOWARD
Staff Writer

What would have been the 54th birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 15 brought renewed dedication in Winston-Salem to black economic, social and political progress in America.

While certain state and local government officials were lobbying to make King's birthday a statewide holiday -- Winston-Salem's Mayor Wayne A. Corpening proclaimed Jan. 15 a day of remembrance and the state Senate and House passed a bill to make Jan. 15 a state holiday -- local black leaders celebrated the day with vows to make King's dream of equality for all races in America a reality.

At a pep rally/memorial ceremony last Saturday at

noon in Mechanics And Farmers Bank parking lot, sponsored by radio station WAAA and the local NAACP, the intent was to commemorate King's birthday, but the message was a clear and concise one to the black community: keep King's dream alive through political activism.

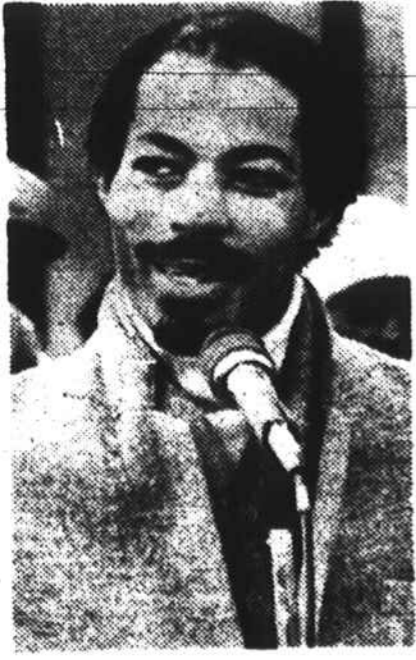
"What are you going to do in 1983?" Experiment in Self-Reliance Executive Director Louise Wilson challenged a predominantly black audience of approximately 300. "We've got to get smart in 1983 and get ready for 1984," Mrs. Wilson said.

Mrs. Wilson continued: "Malcolm X asked us what will we have, the ballot or the bullet, and I'm here to tell you that if we don't go to the ballots, we'll have the bullet. And we won't be shooting them because we don't

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Maya Angelou



Clifton Graves



Louise Wilson



Larry Womble

Mediation Board Accepting Resumes For Director Applicants

By RUTHELL HOWARD
Staff Writer

The Neighborhood Justice Center's executive committee is looking for a director.

The center's Board of Directors met last Wednesday in City Hall and decided to accept resumes and to recruit volunteer mediators for the center, said Norma Smith,

chairperson of the board as well as head of the East Winston Crime Task Force, the center's sponsor.

The center, patterned after a similar project in Atlanta that resolves community disputes out of court, recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, \$35,000 short of its original request. But Smith said the organization has enough money to fund a six-month director's position, and is soliciting \$20,000

from the Winston-Salem Foundation in addition to requesting money from other funding agencies.

Once the program is fully established, money to continue financing the director's position will be secured, Smith said.

Smith said a director applicant should be "a person with administrative experience and somebody who really wants to see this program successful. He has to be com-

mitted."

The written job description calls for a four-year degree in sociology or a related area, at least three years of work experience in the social services field and preferably a year's training in law.

Initially, the director will establish relationships with the city's district attorney, Donald K. Tisdale, and with

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Black Teen Fathers: 'No, This Can't Be Happening To Me'

Although the stigma of teen-age pregnancies is a burden largely borne by the young mother, there is another half to this disturbing phenomenon among Forsyth County's youth: the young father.

More often than not, the teen-age mothers take the blame for their predicament while the fathers go virtually blameless.

"Nobody puts enough responsibility on the males," charges Dr. Jonathan Weston, a local obstetrician/gynecologist. "It's a bigger factor than we are willing to admit."

Reginald Briton says that, from his point of view, the experience of becoming a father at an early age

can be particularly disturbing.

"When I first found out, I was very depressed."

Children Having Children

By Edward Hill Jr.

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recalls Briton, 18. "I said to myself, 'No, this can't be happening to me; I'm too careful to let this happen. Here I am 18 and going to have a child. I'm still a child myself.'

"What do I know about being a father? My father wasn't around with us, so I have no example to follow as a father. I don't think we're as inconsiderate as people think."

Briton adds that he is not surprised by the high incidence of pregnancy among black teen-agers in the county.

"It's like an epidemic," he says. "Every time you turn around, you're hearing about someone getting pregnant. They're getting younger and younger all the time. If you're out there doing something and not protecting yourself, it's bound to happen."

For most teen-agers, the lack of adequate sex

education is a heavy contributor to this ever-increasing problem.

"Many young guys feel that it's the girl's responsibility to take the pill or some other birth control device," says Wayne Ray, an 18-year-old father-to-be. "What they've got to realize is that they share in the act also. They have to make sure they use some kind of protection if they aren't ready to shoulder the responsibility of being a father. It's not as easy as they might think."

Leslie Burgess, father of a seven-year-old daughter, feels that the absence of a prominent

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