

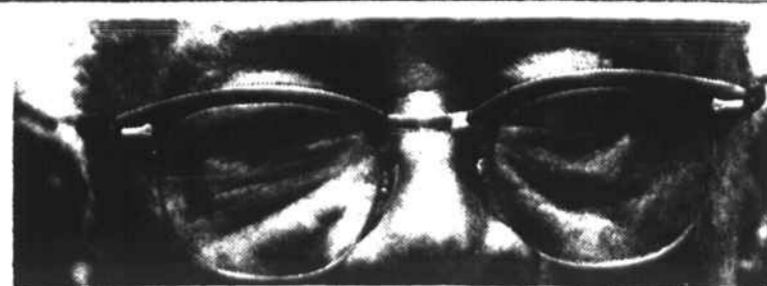
Kinder Camp

Thomas Amos takes the driver's seat during a recent visit to a city fire station with the Patterson Y's Kinder Camp. Magazine Section, B1.



Sunday In The Park

Retired educator Joseph Lowery recalls the past, including a racial incident at Tanglewood Park. Profile, A7.



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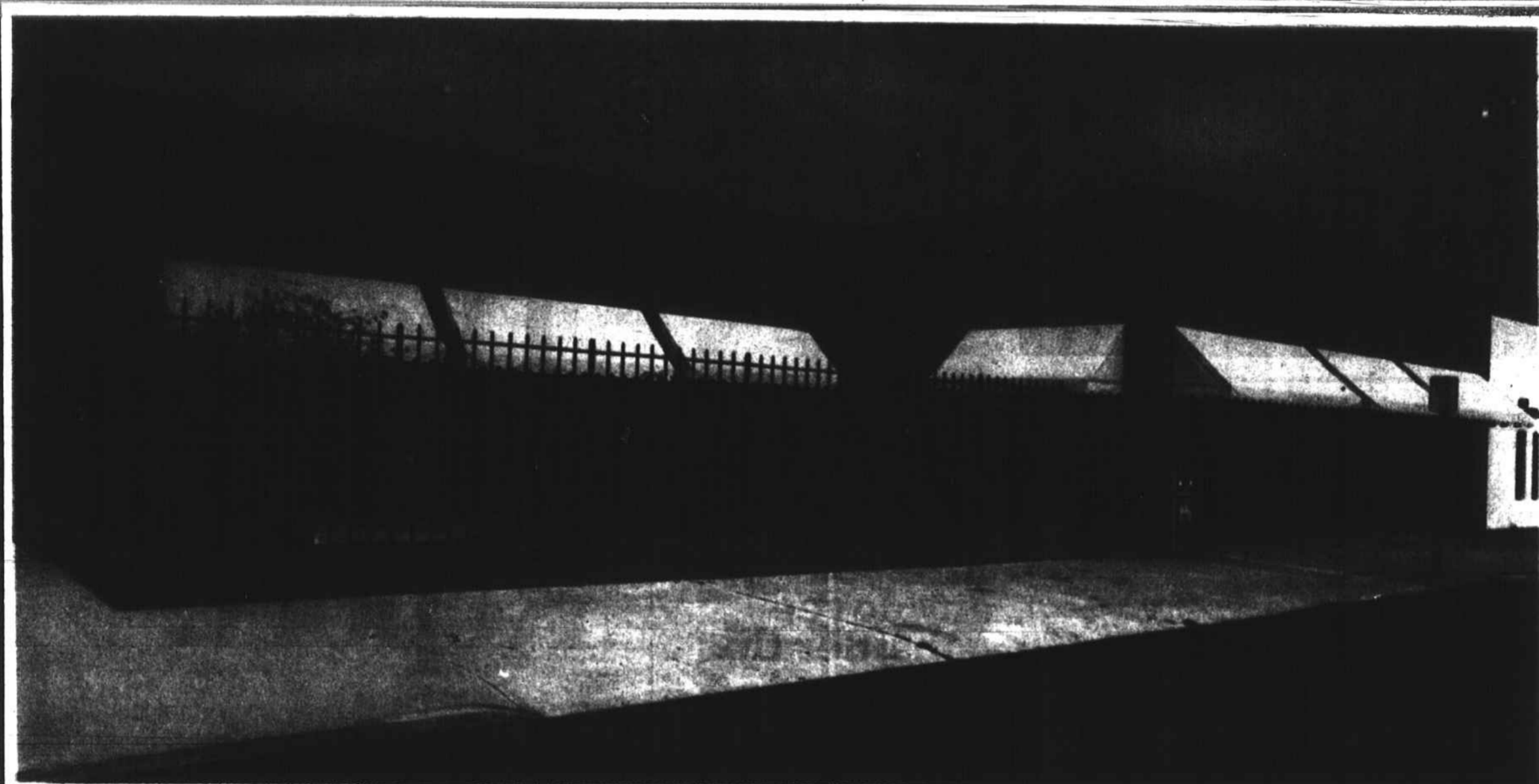
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Our New Home

After months of planning and remodeling, the old Davis Discount Tire building has become the Chronicle's new home. We moved into our new offices at 617 N. Liberty St. in early June and held an open house

for our friends and readers last Sunday. For more information on the building and how it came to be, and the Chronicle's history, please see the special section inside (photo by James Parker).

Food Lion boycott on

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The NAACP's boycott against Food Lion Inc. grocery stores here is on. But if you're expecting traditional picket lines in front of any of the seven local stores, they aren't there just yet.

Instead of hitting the streets, the NAACP has decided to wage an educational battle first.

"The first thing we have to do is to tell the people the facts about Food Lion," said Pat Hairston, president of Winston-Salem's NAACP chapter. "You can't get people to boycott a store if they don't know why they are doing it. People are educated now; they don't just operate on emotions."

The NAACP began passing out fliers Wednesday with a Food Lion logo on the front framed by a red circle with a diagonal line across it -- the universal symbol for no.

"We're gonna try it this way first," Hairston said, "and, if this doesn't work, then we will put up picket signs."

The two stores Hairston said he will target first are the Woughtown and East Winston Shopping Center stores, both of which attract large numbers of black customers.

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Clifton Graves: Only his turf is changing

By ROBIN ADAMS
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When Clifton E. Graves Jr. passed the Connecticut bar exam last summer, he reached a crossroads: Should he go to Connecticut, the home of his parents and siblings, to practice law, or should he stay in North Carolina, his birthplace, and continue his community and political activism?

After months of deliberating, he's made his choice.

Graves is packing his bags -- not because he's given up the fight, but only because he wants to change the turf.

"Don't think for one moment that I'm running away from the struggle or being run out of town," Graves said. "This is

what I call a strategic retreat. I'm going further up South to deal with some professional development."

Graves, who has served as affirmative action officer at Winston-Salem State University for three and one-half years, and, before that, worked with Winston-Salem's Legal Aid Society, will be going to New Haven, Conn., in August to become an assistant city attorney.

And, for the first time since he graduated from the Georgetown University School of Law, he will officially be titled Attorney Clifton E. Graves Jr.

"If it were not for the license, I wouldn't be going anywhere," said the always sharply-dressed

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Clifton Graves: He's leaving town but not giving up the struggle (photo by James Parker).

NCCU: Two years, still no chancellor

By ROBIN ADAMS
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DURHAM -- As its trustees begin the search for the next person to run Winston-Salem State University, they might want to consider what happened under similar circumstances at another predominantly black, state-supported school.

In fact, North Carolina Central University in Durham, a liberal arts school that offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees and boasts a student enrollment twice WSSU's, still doesn't have a permanent chief executive.

"The search was bungled," said the Rev. Lorenzo Lynch, pastor of White Rock Baptist Church and chairperson of an ad hoc community group that tried unsuccessfully to play a role in the selection process. "The backstage politics were very, very

strong in that search process."

Before Dr. Albert Whiting, who had been at the school for 16 years; retired 13 months ago, Central began a long, sometimes bitter search for his replacement. That search has lasted more than two years (Whiting announced

had been vice chancellor of university relations and a physical education professor, has served as interim chancellor at NCCU, a post many feel he will hold for at least another year.

Did The Search Committee Err?

Why hasn't a permanent chancellor been named at Central? It depends on whom you ask.

Some critics feel the search committee erred in the process of looking for a chancellor because it didn't develop specific enough guidelines and criteria; others feel the committee was successful but that the University of North Carolina system's general administration and Dr. William Friday, president of the UNC system, were hesitant to make a

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THE SEARCH FOR A CHANCELLOR

his retirement one year before he left), pitting faculty member against faculty member, administrator against administrator and the community against both groups.

To many, it has been unsuccessful.

For the past 13 months, Dr. Leroy Walker, a track coach who

Catch-22

Winston-Salem's housing woes a vicious cycle

By JOHN SLADE
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This article is the first in a four-part series.

Betty Jean McFadden has rented her house at 948 20th St. for the last 10 years. She says she tries to keep it up the best she can, and even planted her own grass.

"When I moved in here, he (the realtor) said he would fix it up," she says. "I had to fix it up. And try to stop up the rat holes. He gave me some paint."

Her gray and white house sits at the corner of 20th Street, high atop a hill. And its occupant, a heavy-set woman who speaks in an angry monotone, is one of the few residents in the neighborhood who will speak her mind about the conditions she lives in.

When she requested that her house be repaired, says McFadden, who pays \$80 a month in rent, the manager of the property sent around a surveyor. She says she was later told it would cost as much to build a new house as it would to do all the work that

needed to be done to hers.

"A patch here and a patch there. That ain't hittin' on nothin'," says McFadden, pointing to the decaying wood that makes up her porch top and

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floor. How does rental property become so deteriorated that it has to be condemned? Who is at fault? A slumlord who can only see a dollar sign? An irresponsible tenant? A city housing department that drags its feet? And just how severe is the problem of slum housing in Winston-Salem?

East Ward Alderman Virginia Newell has a lot to say about slum housing, since the ward she represents has the highest concentration of substandard houses in the city. As for poor housing conditions citywide, Newell says, "It's a problem, but not as big as it sometimes appear. We have done a great deal, and I won't deny that."

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The Ten Steps In Housing Code Compliance

- 1 The initial inspection is conducted.
- 2 A courtesy letter with the inspector's report is sent to all parties.
- 3 A notice of hearing is sent if the owner does not comply.
- 4 A hearing is held.
- 5 An order is sent with the inspector's report if the owner has not complied.
- 6 A public hearing is held by the Public Works Committee of the Board of Aldermen.
- 7 The Board of Aldermen consider the adoption of an ordinance.
- 8 If the ordinance is adopted, the tenants and the owner are notified.
- 9 Repairs must be made if the property is condemned.
- 10 If the owner still fails to comply, the property is demolished.

Anytime the housing is brought up to standards, this process stops.