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Summit viewed as major first step

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"Summit"--the highest level of authority, specifically in connection with diplomatic negotiations. While not at the high level that one normally thinks of, the Winston East Summit was just as significant an event for the African-American community in Winston-Salem.

Held Aug. 9-11 at the Radisson Hotel in Charlotte away from media scrutiny and external influence, distancing its 73 participants from their day-to-day professional and family concerns, the Winston East Summit accomplished at least one of its goals. It brought together in a neutral setting, a large group of representatives from the African-American community, mirror-

ing the diversity which characterizes the economic, religious, societal, and educational composite of East Winston.

"Everything depends on the follow-up. ... If there is no follow-up, then this past weekend was just a weekend at the Radisson."

-- Khalid Fattah Griggs

At the press conference held Monday, Aug. 13 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, James R. Grace, Jr. and Mütter Evans, co-hosts of the media event and co-chairs of the Summit, called the conclave "positive, productive, successful...Seventy-three African-American community leaders from

diverse backgrounds with multiple interests participated in activities that allowed them to get to know one another better and create some bonding..."

A sampling of those who participated in the Summit would appear to support the achievement of some of the principal goals of the group.

"Overall, I felt good about the coming together of people from different segments of the community," said Earline Parmon, Forsyth County Commissioner-elect. "We have a lot of talent to help East Winston become a viable community again. The fact that we could sit down and listen to where people of different persuasions were coming from is significant."

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Photo by L.B. Speas Jr.

James Grace and Mütter Evans co-chaired the summit and talked about its accomplishments at a news conference Monday.

Minority developers unveil plan for 18-acre development

Proposal calls for more than just beautiful homes

By TRACY L. PROSSER
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A proposed East Winston housing development includes plans for a new branch of the Forsyth County Public Library and of Forsyth Technical Community College as well as a new day care facility.

East Pointe Developers, a partnership between Ernest Pitt and Thomas Trollinger, introduced citizens in the Carver School Road area to its plans Tuesday, Aug. 14. It calls for a residential development of moderately priced houses in the neighborhood.

The lot for the proposed East Pointe development is a wooded 18-acre parcel on Carver School Road between Lansing Drive and Viking Drive. The area would be divided into 43 lots ranging from 13,050 to 16,050 square feet in size for private homes.

East Pointe Developers has four possible floor plans, but will custom build houses if there is an interest, Trollinger said. The cost for the houses will range from \$70,000 to \$90,000. Pitt said garages could be built on the houses for about \$4,000 more.

Pitt and Trollinger emphasized that this will be a quality neighborhood comparable to Northwood Estates. There will be restrictive covenants to ensure the quality of the houses built, and East Pointe intends to preserve as many of the present trees as possible, Pitt said.

East Pointe Developers proposes a 12,000 square foot building for the library and college branch and another of the same size for the day care facility, which could possibly provide adult as well as child care. Trollinger said

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Photo by L.B. Speas Jr.

Developer Thomas Trollinger points out plans for library branch and day care facility.

Library, Forsyth Tech branches considered

By TRACY L. PROSSER
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A new East Winston branch of the Forsyth County Public Library on Carver School Road is in East Pointe Developers' plans for a residential development on Carver School Road.

"The current East Winston Branch has a problem with what happened to the area around it," said Mary McAfee, assistant director for the extension division of the Forsyth County Public Library. The branch is located at 1110 East Seventh Street, which is in the middle of a commercial build-up where there are no houses, she said.

"There is a long-range plan for the library, and a part of that plan indicates a Carver School Road branch which would serve the East

Winston community," McAfee said.

McAfee said use and visibility would be considered in choosing a location for another East Winston branch. She said one advantage of the Carver School Road site is that it is closer to where the population actually lives.

Ernest Pitt and Thomas Trollinger are partners in East Pointe Developers and have developed plans for an East Winston branch of the library and Forsyth Tech satellite facility to be on a corner of the residential development. They presented their plans to representatives from the county government and Forsyth Tech staff in a meeting Wednesday, Aug. 15.

John S. Holleman Jr., chairman of the Forsyth County board of

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Hunt defense attorney concerned about effect of county's racial makeup

By TRACY L. PROSSER
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Darryl Eugene Hunt will be retried for the 1984 murder of Deborah B. Sykes in Catawba County, but a member Hunt's legal defense team says the county has a racial distribution that he thinks will affect the outcome of the trial to the detriment of his client.

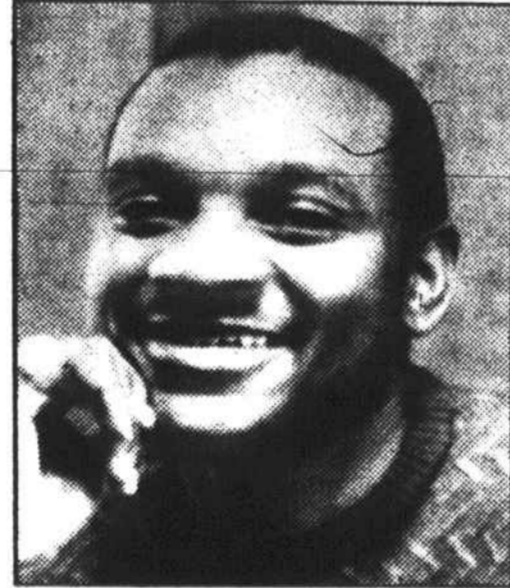
Judge Forrest Farrell, who will hear the case in September, said the defendants originally asked to try the case out of Winston-Salem

because of extensive pre-trial publicity.

Attorney Larry Little, a member of Hunt's defense team, requested a change of venue to a location that resembled Forsyth County demographically. He suggested Durham, Raleigh, or Charlotte. Catawba County was selected.

Farrell said Catawba County was an "excellent location" for the trial, which is set to begin Sept. 17 in Newton.

In March 1990, Hunt was



Darryl E. Hunt

acquitted in Catawba County for the murder of Arthur Lee Wilson, an Afro-American from Winston-Salem. Although Hunt came out the victor in that case, Little said he thought a trial where an Afro-American man was accused of



Larry D. Little

killing a white woman would not be heard the same way the trial of an Afro-American man accused of killing another Afro-American man would be. "This is America. This is

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Larry Womble calls for eviction policy review

By RUDY ANDERSON
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Southeast Ward Alderman Larry Womble wants the city Housing Authority to re-examine its policy of evicting families when one of the members has been convicted on drug charges.

Womble contends the policy adopted by the Housing Authority under directives from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development is like forcing people to live in a near police-state atmosphere. Womble made his concerns clear during a meeting of the Board of Alder-

man's Public Safety Committee Monday night, Aug. 13.

But Elaine Ostrowski, executive director of the Greensboro Housing Authority, said Wednesday that the policy just enables the authorities to take that course of action in an effort to get the drug trafficking problem under control in public housing. Greensboro has instituted a similar policy to that of the Winston-Salem's Housing Authority.

"We are in the business of housing people, not putting them out on the street. But something has to be done about this situation and this poli-

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Legal Aid attorneys described as fierce defenders of the poor

By TRACY L. PROSSER
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This is the final in a series of articles examining the role of Legal Aid in the housing shortage.

In the past two weeks, the Chronicle has published two instances of tenant/landlord litigational conflicts in which the Legal Aid Society of North-west North Carolina was involved.

In the first case, Margaret Spinks, a tenant represented by Legal Aid, was awarded over \$25,000 in damages for rent abatement, stress, and property damages. Her landlord was Darrell Poy. Legal Aid managing attorney Ellen Gerber described this as a "typical case."

In the second case, Mickey Andrews, a property owner, complained of being harassed by entangling legal procedures in his attempt to evict

tenant and Legal Aid client Elizabeth Fisher. He, like other property owners

"For landlords to complain about the Legal Aid system is like a drug firm to complain about the FDA... because the Legal Aid system is making them comply with the law."

-- Barry Yeoman

who have talked with the Chronicle, says he is getting out of the low-

income housing business because of battles with Legal Aid. They claim

those battles are the reason for housing shortages in the area.

That claim is vehemently denied by Legal Aid Director Thomas Craven who said the only thing for which his organization can be criticized is fierce loyalty to their clients, poor people. He says there are many other reasons for the shortages that have nothing to do with Legal Aid, and others agree.

The Legal Aid Society of North-west North Carolina was created in 1963 by the Forsyth County Young Lawyers Association to provide legal

assistance to poor people, said Craven, who has been Legal Aid director since 1970.

Legal Aid employs six lawyers who serve more than 100,000 poor people in Forsyth, Davie, Yadkin, Iredell, Stokes, and Surry Counties. "This office has highly qualified, very dedicated, professional people who take their job very seriously, who have the respect of most people we deal

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