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Youth basketball league is back in full swing.
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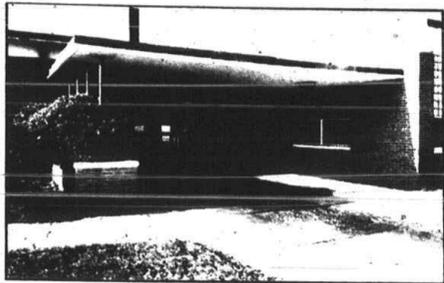
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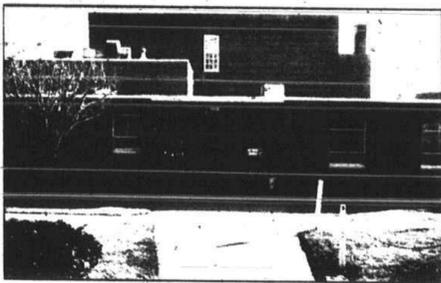
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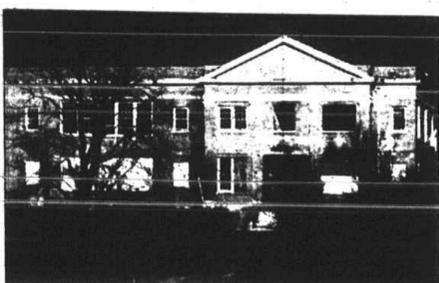
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Diggs: Favored
Location: Corner of Vargrave and Waughtown Sts.
Built: 1919. Additions in '43, '55, '60, '75
Owned by school system, leased to Family Services for Head Start.
Advantage: "Integrateable" district could be created from immediate area; less busing; least costly to renovate.
Disadvantage: Head Start would have to be relocated; \$1 million minimum renovation including heating system, air conditioning, new roof.



Brown: Considered
Location: Highland Avenue at 12th St.
Built: 1953. Addition in '56
Owned by partnership of Shiloh and St. Peter's Baptist churches and American Bakeries.
Advantage: Good East Winston location (near Kennedy Middle School).
Disadvantage: \$2 million renovation, LIFT (Learning Is Fun, Too) and church day care would have to be relocated or new facilities added.



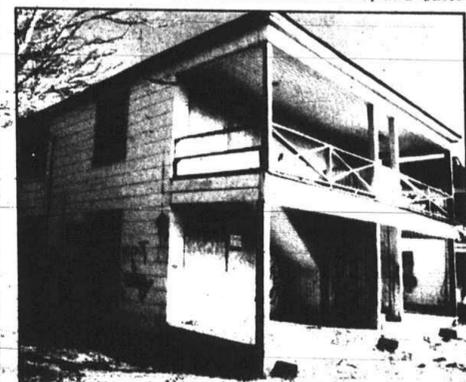
Skyland: Rejected
Location: East End Boulevard (bordering 5th Street)
Built: 1925. Additions in '51 and '55
Advantage: Owned by school system.
Disadvantage: Most of property is in a flood plain; \$3 million needed to repair extensive vandalism and decay including electrical rewiring, new air conditioning and heat plant, repair fire damage, new roof. Has been declared a surplus property and is for sale.

Ask us! Community tells city hall

By SHERIDAN HILL
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Tuesday night when the city presented its housing plan for Winston-Salem's low-income and homeless citizens, the numbers and statistics they had compiled showed up in flesh and blood and made their voices heard.

The Rev. Lee Faye Mack, Pamela Thombs of the Experiment in Self Reliance, D.D. Adams, Preston Mack, NAACP President Rev. J.L. Nance, and other



Homeless and low-income residents say the city should help them renovate houses like these at 1423 East 5th Street.

grass-roots leaders took the microphone and admonished city housing officials for painting a rosy picture of the housing situation and for not asking the consumer — those who live in low-income housing and those who are homeless — about their housing prob-

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East Winston School Advisory group considered three possibilities

By SHERIDAN HILL
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Concepts and ideas for an East Winston school came one step closer to bricks and mortar when an advisory group met last week. In defining the parameters of the school, members spent much of the brainstorming session discussing location.

The "super school" would be designed to satisfy the learning skills of students whom the current school-system is failing.

The three schools discussed as possible locations were intermediate schools created under the 1971 desegregation plan and closed under Dr. Zane Eargle's 1984 reorganization: Diggs, Brown, and Skyland.

Attending the meeting were Associate Superintendent Palmer Friend; Division Director Annie Hairston; Division Director Dr. Ann Shortt; former Paisley counselor Martha Young; the former director of Head Start and former elementary school supervisor Louise Smith; school board member Nancy Griffin; N.C. Rep. Pete Oldham; Assistant County Man-

ager Kevin FitzGerald and County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff.

While no final plans were made in the meeting, the group generally agreed on these points: two parents will be asked to join the advisory group; the group will investigate using Brown school but is leaning towards Diggs school; Skyland would be too costly to renovate; a district would be created for the school (it would not be a magnet school); language skills would be a priority with grades K-3; parent involvement would be stressed; the school would provide programs year-round.

A comprehensive child services center would be part of the school, including morning and afternoon day care. Kevin FitzGerald noted that locating the school at Brown would be a plus, because "you've already got day care in place."

Shiloh and St. Peter's Baptist churches incorporated in 1986 to buy Brown from the school system. Over half of the building is filled with the church-operated day care center and the LIFT (Learning Is Fun Too) program.

Earline Parmon, LIFT director, noted that the

only part of the building not in use is the part that needs renovating. She added, "I think the location of Brown would be an excellent site for an East Winston school. If relocating became an issue for LIFT, we would consider it."

Margaret Adams, Head Start director, was somewhat frustrated at the thought of moving. "I've been dealing with this off and on for three years. If they're going to move us, I wish they'd just quit talking about it and do it."

In 1984, the school system entered a five-year lease with Family Services to operate Head Start in the Brown school, yet several times during that period, the facility has been considered for other uses. Family Services has tried several times to buy the facility, and is currently under a year-to-year lease.

Head Start fills every room in the building, serving 377 children from infants to five year olds. The few rooms not in use as children's classrooms are used for health services, dental screenings, GED instruction, a family meeting room, and a special enrichment program for autistic and multiply-handicapped children.

To Our Readers:

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused by our holiday publishing schedule. We are now back on our regular schedule starting with this edition.

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ON THE AVANT-GARDE

By TANG NIVRI

Solution to cultural and social ignorance in U.S.

All this talk about America not being competitive in our global economy has really got folks coming up with all kinds of ideas and solutions. What with the President and all of his men traveling the world over trying to convince everybody — especially the Japanese — that "we is good too!" Only to hear them shoot back, "No ya'll ain't neither. Ya'll just think you is. We is the ones who is good now."

Of course everybody knows that the Japanese do have a point. After all, they are the ones who go to school an average of 240 days a year. We are the ones who attend school only 180 days a year — and that's if we're lucky. (Minorities usually attend even fewer days.)

Well, the other day I met a very interesting person who has come up with a solution that he believes will make America much more competitive than we've ever been.

His name is Rooster Brown. And he is one of the rarest birds I think I ever met. I spoke with him the other day while we both waited in line for a barbecue sandwich at the Chicken N Honey

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D. Smith resumes position

By SHERIDAN HILL
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Judging from the hugs and smiles she got Tuesday standing outside the Urban League building, Delores Smith will slide easily back into the president's chair on Monday morning. After more than a year of biding her time and eventually forming a cultural differences consulting company, she is excited about once again taking up the reins of the job she held from January 1989 through

November 1990.

Smith says the last year has been a learning experience.

"I believe strongly that out of crisis, positive things do happen. The thing I want most is to see us leave '91 behind and start '92 with the determination to move on."

She is anxious to put the past behind and is openly grateful to the Urban League Board of Directors for giving her a fresh new start. As president and CEO (chief executive officer) of the Winston-

Salem Urban League, Smith was sometimes criticized for her no-frills management style, and for publicly airing disputes with the Board of Directors. She speaks of the past in a somber tone, but her expression lightens when she contemplates the road that lies ahead.

"Now I enter a new challenge, and I've been known for accepting and dealing with new challenges."

Her first order of business will be to

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Remembering Dr. King

WAAA to host MLK program

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WAAA radio station, the Winston-Salem NAACP and the Winston-Salem Human Relations Department will once again sponsor a program to honor the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The 12th Annual Noon Hour Commemoration will take place at the M.C. Convention Center from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., on Monday, Jan. 20.

The focus of this year's program will

be "Winston-Salem in 1992: 30 Years after Martin Luther King Jr. visited the City. 1992: A Political Year, A Centennial Year, and A Year in Recession. What Does the Future Hold?"

The keynote speaker for the program will be Benjamin Ruffin, vice president, corporate affairs at RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company.

One of the many aspects of the program will not only be to honor Dr. King, but also to help people realize his profound contributions to society as well as

the civil rights struggle.

Mutter Evans, owner and general manager of WAAA said, "For too many African-Americans, and people in general, when they think of Dr. Martin Luther King, all they really think about is 'I Have A Dream.' And that of course, is one of his greatest claims to fame from the standpoint of the speech, but he certainly was a lot broader than just that speech."

"And so what we have tried to do

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Ben Ruffin, vice president, corporate affairs at RJR, will be the keynote speaker.