## **Conducts Public Hearing** SPHSA Dedicated To Providing Quality Medical Care

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Health System Agency, (S.P.H.S.A.), a health organi-zation dedicated to "providing quality medical care at a reasonable cost," according to Charles Bost, Jr., Director of Public Involvement, met in Charlotte on November 14 to conduct a public hearing.

A presentation given by Congressman James Broyhill of the 10th Congressional District of N.C. on the need to improve health services, highlighted the meeting.

Broyhill advocated an amendment to require reorganization of some of President Carter's proposals. He recommended that hospitals volun-

Repertory Company Stage Two Repertory Company, a local theatrical troupe, has announced plans to produce the American classic, "A Raisin in the Sun," by Lorraine Hansberry.

"A Ration in the Sun" is a powerful and honestly dramatic play which deals with a black mother and her family and the courage and strength they exemplify as they are faced with racial discrimination during the '50's.

tarily reduce costs rather than be forced to comply by law. The meeting also involved the discussion of what criteria should be used to review proposals dealing with the pur-chase of medical equipment costing \$150,000 or more.

The S.P.H.S.A. is a health planning organization that is working to eliminate problems of not having certain services available to all groups of people, according to Bost

"It has committees with 200 volunteers to help the agency make decisions affecting one million people," he added.

Eight counties-Cabarrus, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Union, Stanley, Lincoln, Ardell and Rowan are covered by policies made by the S.P.H.S.A.

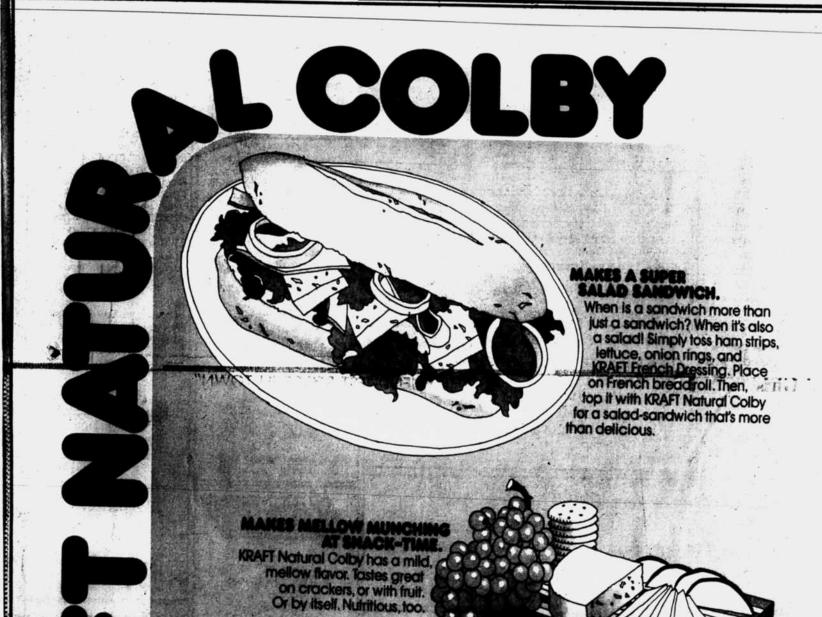
"The agency is in the process of updating the health system plan," Bost asserted and continued, "It will be adopting a revised version of the plan this year." The final draft of the plan will be completed during the Decem-

ber meeting. A public hearing is scheduled for Dec. 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the South Park Shopping Center on Fairview Road

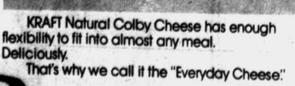


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