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## 1,000 Attend Funeral Of Faith Healer

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### Dismissal of Police Is Upheld

by James Smith  
Staff Writer

The dismissal of a Winston-Salem policewoman was upheld this week by Orville Powell, city manager.

Powell said Mrs. Wilhemina Cheek, was dismissed of her duties for what was called "conduct unbecoming to an officer."

Of the dismissal, he said it was because of Mrs. Cheek's association with a known lottery operator. She was a frequent visitor at his place while she was working.

Powell did say that no criminal charges had been brought against Mrs. Cheek.

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### News Briefs

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Charlotte--Members of the Charlotte chapter of the NAACP is asking the city council to investigate the death of a black Marine who died Friday.

According to reports, Kenneth Brown of Camden, N.J., was on his way to South Carolina and ended up scuffling with three police officers.

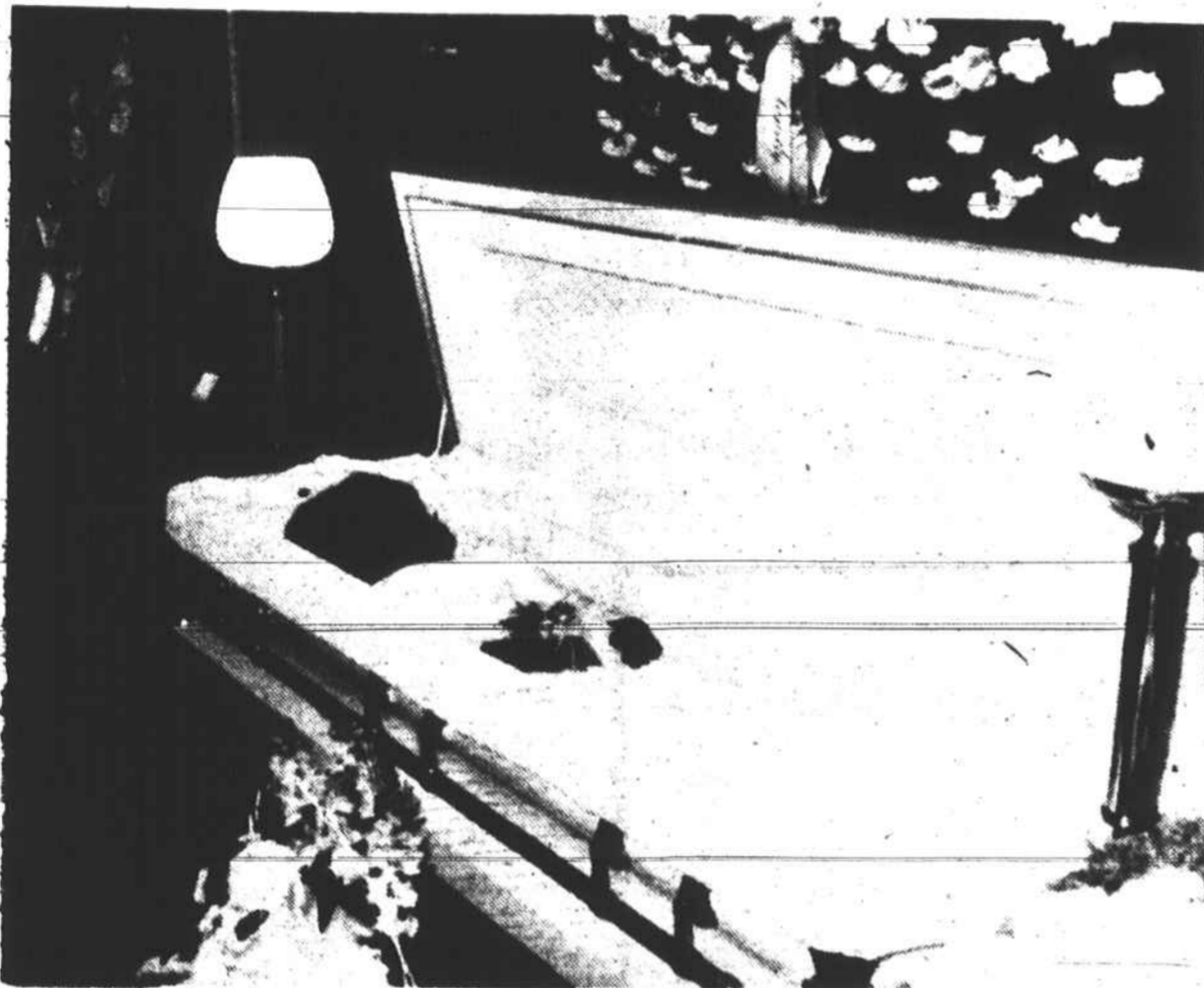
He later died before being taken to a nearby hospital.

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Washington--Fifth District Congressman Steve Neal, D-N.C., is seeking public works impact aid for Winston-Salem, and other areas of the Fifth District with unemployment rates higher than 6.5 per cent.

Neal recently said North Carolina has been authorized

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The body of Bishop Dollie Mae Robinson Bynum lies in state at Hooper Funeral Home.

### City Has Not Met Rules

by James Smith  
Staff Writer

Although there are federal guidelines which cities should follow in their hiring of blacks in city government, the Chronicle was unable to obtain a copy.

An official in City Hall said the Federal government had issued a copy of its guidelines

to each city and outlined the ratio of blacks which should be in key positions in the city.

Evidently, Winston-Salem has not met the rules as set up by the Federal government.

Recently, a newspaper article quoted an official in the Justice Department as saying that Winston-Salem had one of the worst records in the

### Convention Center Is Cite Of First Funeral

by James Smith  
Staff Writer

In a very hushed tone, Demorie Robinson looked at his mother's coffin and said to the audience, "my mother is not dead, she is not dead, she has been re-incarnated within my body."

With that statement, he left the podium and was escorted out.

Robinson's mother, Bishop Dollie Mae Robinson Bynum, founder of the New Hope Deliverance and Miracle Center, died Friday of a heart attack. Although she had been

sick for about a week, she had no history of heart trouble.

Her funeral, which attracted more than 1,000 people was held in the lower level of the Benton Convention Center. This was the first time any funeral has been held in the Center.

Perhaps one of the reasons for having her funeral there was that Bishop Bynum and her church movement was the first religious organization to hold a religious service there.

On March 26, 1970 (Good Friday), the choir of New Hope Deliverance and Miracle Center presented "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by DuBois at the center.

In delivering the eulogy, the Rev. W.H. Payne, a member of the church movement stated that she (Bishop Bynum) "was the love of New Hope's life."

He further stated that one of the main objectives of Bishop Bynum's ministry was the saving of souls.

"She was always trying to win souls for Jesus. She had the love of her fellowman in the uppermost part of her mind," he stated.

Once a cancer patient, Rev. Payne said that through Bishop Bynum, he was healed of cancer of the liver.

She became known as a faith healer when she once attended a revival and people were said to have fallen down and were healed as Bishop Bynum was walking down the aisle.

He further stated that many members of the audience could readily say that they have love in their hearts thanks to Bishop Bynum - if only they'd admit it.

"Everyone knows that she

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First grade students from Grace Brunson Elementary School recently questioned Forsyth County Commissioners during the board's weekly briefing session. The questions and answers will be used by the students in writing a book as a special Bicentennial project.

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