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REMEMBERING ...

Schools okay MLK holiday

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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Public school students next year will take a day off in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Jan. 18 holiday is included in the 1987-88 calendar adopted by the city-county school board Monday night by a 7-2 vote.

Opposing the calendar were board members Jane D. Goins and Mary P. "Candy" Wood.

Local NAACP President Walter Marshall, in remarks to the board, had urged its members to adopt the calendar containing the

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Martin Luther King Jr.

Lawrence Joel

Post is named for Joel

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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A group of 50 local black veterans has established a new American Legion Post named for Winston-Salem native and Congressional Medal of Honor winner Lawrence Joel.

The first meeting of the Lawrence Joel American Legion Post was held last Sunday.

Larry Wilson, newly elected commander of the post, said many of the people who established the post had supported the naming of the city's new coliseum in Joel's honor.

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UPDATE

Local minister receives 18-month sentence

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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■ **Chronicle Update** is a regular feature that focuses on developments in news and feature stories previously printed in the newspaper. It will appear during the third week of each month.

A local black minister was sentenced earlier this month to 18 months in prison for his part in allegedly embezzling \$15,900 from a Winston-Salem bank.

Bishop Lawrence S. Tate, pastor of New Faith Chapel Holiness Church, and Ruth Diane Cassaberry, a bank teller, were convicted in U.S. Middle District Court in January of embezzlement and of conspiring with Darryl E. McConnell, a third defendant originally named in the two-count indictment, to embezzle money from the Lexington Road branch of First Union National Bank in Winston-Salem in October 1985.

McConnell, who had originally pleaded not guilty to the charges,

changed his plea to guilty on the third day of the trial.

The sentencing hearing was held on March 5.

Miss Cassaberry was given a suspended 18-month prison sentence and five years probation.

McConnell was given deferred prosecution, meaning he will be placed on probation for one year and, upon satisfactorily completing the probation, will no longer have a criminal record, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul A. Weinman. Weinman was the prosecutor in the case.

Bost convicted

A Forsyth Superior Court jury of nine whites and three blacks has convicted a 31-year-old white man of assaulting a black Winston-Salem man.

Cecil Wayne Bost was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury and felony hit and run in the July 10 incident involving Donald Ray Murray, 27,

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Police Chief George L. Sweat: Give him the chance and he'll prove himself (photo by James Parker).

COVER STORY

New police chief: His door's open

Sweat pledges to be accessible

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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THE city's new police chief said he intends to be both visible and accessible in a recent interview with the *Chronicle*.

"Public relations is a must," said George L. Sweat, 39, a 16-year veteran in the department who rose through the ranks. "I think that's a big responsibility of the chief."

"The chief, in my opinion, has got to be visible to the entire community," said Sweat, a former assistant police chief and a Winston-Salem native.

Sweat said that goes for his officers, too.

"I want to get my officers involved," he said. Sweat said he will have some of his officers appear on 30-second and 60-second television spots to talk about crime problems. One such spot that already has aired, he said, deals with seatbelt safety.

Sweat said he also hopes to increase his visibility in the com-

munity in general and the black community in particular by meeting with civic groups and organizations.

He said he has already met with both predominantly black and white groups and plans to continue such appearances.

"I have a vested interest here," he said. "Winston-Salem is my home. I have family members here. By living here and growing up here, I'm proud of the city and I'm also concerned about the community."

Sweat's appointment was criticized last month by some black aldermen who noted that City Manager Bill A. Stuart decided to hire Sweat, even though Sweat originally had chosen not to apply for the job. Black political and civic leaders also had hoped for Winston-Salem's first black police chief to be named, especially after learning that two of the applicants — including Assistant Chief O.D. Redd — were black.

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New directory of businesses now available

From Staff Reports

The Winston-Salem Minority Business League was expected to unveil a new directory of black businesses in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County at a press conference Thursday afternoon.

The directory lists more than 400 black businesses in the area, although there are even more than that, say those who helped to compile it.

"There are still a lot of businesses that aren't in it," said James "Junie" Grace Jr., presi-

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QUOTABLE: "... Racism is not just a disease of the economically deprived within the white community, as some have suggested. It is also a disease of the so-called 'best and brightest.'"

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Tim Jackson: He'll meet new owner to discuss Sunday programming (photo by James Parker).

W-AIR RAID

A format change sparks a petition

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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Radio station WAIR-AM's recent shifts in name, ownership and format have startled and angered some long-time black listeners.

What used to be a black-oriented station suddenly isn't, they say, and what used to be one of their favorite programs — an early-morning gospel hour — no longer exists.

Several listeners, including Baptist Hospital employee Miriam Shipp, are circulating petitions in protest.

Mrs. Shipp said that the group hopes to collect more than 1,000 signatures. She said she herself has collected roughly 300 signatures thus far.

She said that she used to listen to the early morning gospel program as she prepared for work. "I set my clock to wake up to that program," she said.

Mrs. Shipp said she has talked to and collected the signatures of many elderly people who listened to the program. The program motivated and inspired listeners, she said.

The loss of the program is like

a slap in the face to blacks, she said.

Another listener said she also is disappointed that the show was taken off the air.

Ersell Sutton said that she had collected signatures on a petition at Winston-Salem State University, where she works as a housekeeper.

"They want it back," Mrs. Sutton said of the gospel program. "I want it back. And whatever it takes we're willing to do to get it back."

She said gospel music helps get her day going. "It really does

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The best and brightest? Campus racism seems to be on the rise

By LEE MITGANG
Associated Press

America's colleges, where tolerance is as essential to the pursuit of knowledge as labs and libraries, are being shocked by a wave of intolerance and bigotry.

The upsurge this year in incidents against blacks, women, Jews, homosexuals and others has spawned some harsh self-appraisal by higher

education officials.

Many campuses feel their racial climate is healthy. The University of Utah, for example, elected its first female black student president this year.

But campus administrators are beginning to concede that they have often been slow to react to incidents, or too quick to pass them off as isolated or insignificant.

"I don't think there's been a great deal of

leadership on the part of university presidents," said Reginald Wilson, head of the office of minority concerns of the American Council on Education, higher education's chief Washington lobby.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith found in its 1986 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents that vandalism directed at Jews on campuses rose from 12 incidents in 1985 to 19 in 1986

While few other overall statistics exist, many

observers agree that bigotry is increasing on the nation's campuses.

"There's no question about it: not only were colleges slow to react, but I suspect that a number of things are happening on campus that would tend to give students the idea that minority interests are of diminishing value," Wilson said.

"Black studies are lessening in popularity and prevalence, the number of black faculty at

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