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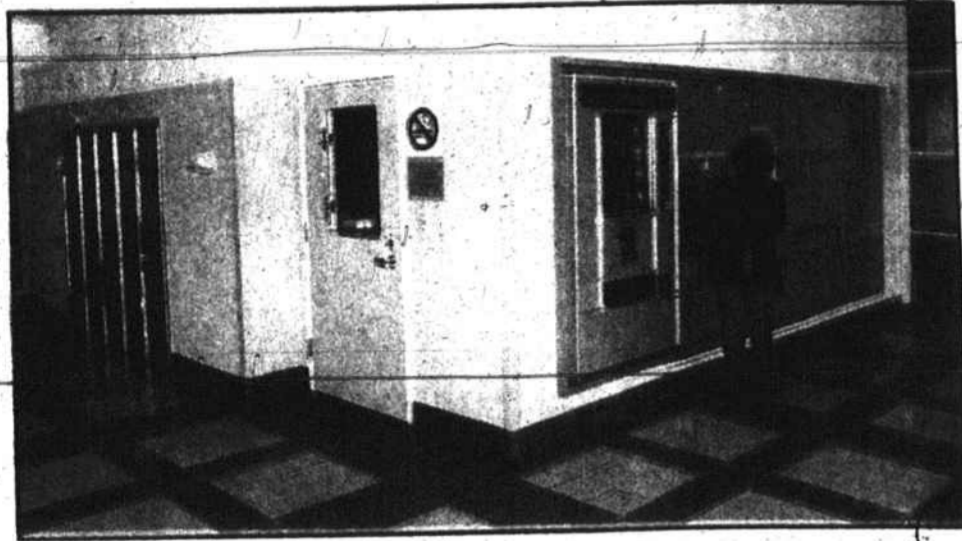
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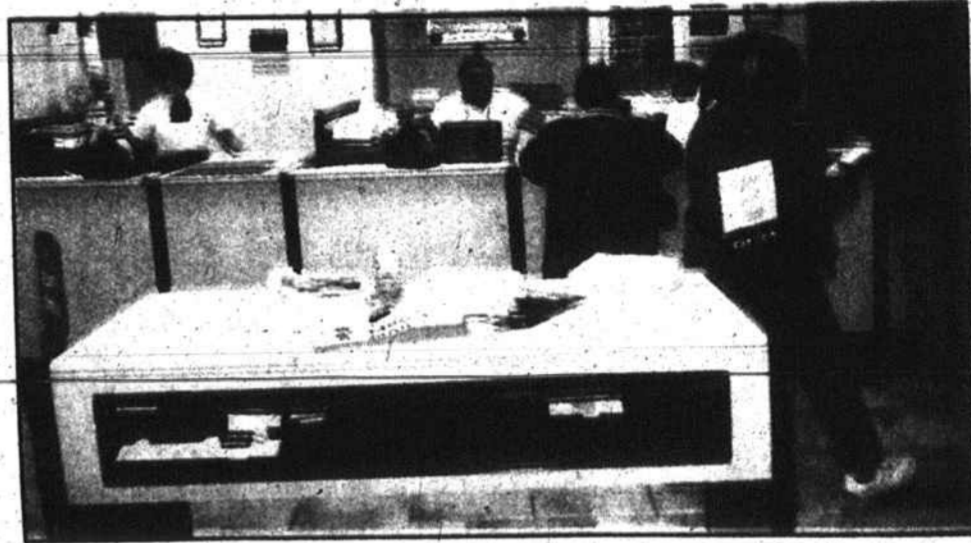
▲ Union and residents say Main branch should offer window service

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS and DAVID L. DILLARD
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The Main branch of the post office on Patterson Avenue is walking distance from Larry Smith's home on 14th Street. But because that branch doesn't offer window services, Smith must get in car and drive to the North Station branch farther north on Patterson.

Bert Thornburg of 2745 Patterson Ave. said he dislikes the service at the North Station because it's often overcrowded.

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while Center City branch on Town Run Lane downtown offers full service and is often overcrowded.

Thompson: NCSU Just A Pit Stop on The Way Home

By VERONICA CLEMONS
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Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Cleon Thompson said there is a misunderstanding concerning his resignation from the school:

He is not leaving WSSU to go to N.C. State; he is leaving WSSU to go home to Raleigh and retire.

"On my way home, I'm going to stop by N.C. State," he said.

Thompson announced his retirement from WSSU at a trustees' meeting last week after serving as chancellor for 10 years. His last day will be June 30.

Before solely settling into the retirement mode, Thompson will serve as special assistant to N.C. State University Chancellor Larry K. Monteith.

Thompson, who is returning to his home in Raleigh, will be involved with public service and outreach programs, distance-learning initiatives and South African collaborations.

Thompson said he is particularly interested in working with the engineering department because of proposed projects with South Africa, one of his interests.

Another interest Thompson has as he settles down from a long and rewarding career is fishing. Only three times has the chancellor been able to go fishing since coming to WSSU ten years ago.

He said so far the "big one" has always gotten

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Cleon Thompson

Trailblazer...



Carmen Caruth, an African-American, is the city's first woman assistant city manager.

City Names First Woman Assistant City Manager

By DAVID L. DILLARD
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Carmen D. Caruth, a 38-year-old African-American, is the first woman to be named assistant city manager in Winston-Salem.

Caruth said she was happy with her new appointment as assistant city manager for administration and that it is part of a new plan to restructure city government.

That restructure, however, calls for the position not to have two of the city's major departments — police and fire — under her command. Both the police and fire chiefs reported to Al Beatty, who retired Nov. 30 after 18 years as an assistant city manager. They will now report directly to City Manager Bill Stuart — a move Caruth supports.

"I like the new alignment," Caruth said. "The way we were organized before had functions that provided services for employees and citizens, and there was kind of a mix there. Now we all have more of a balanced workload."

Caruth has the city secretary, personnel, training and development, management information, internal audit, city/county planning, emergency management and human relations under her command.

Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian Burke, who chairs the public safety committee, said crime and safety are time-consuming and Stuart is placing himself in a more active role in crime prevention.

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Black Deputies Are "Fed up" With Racism

▲ Four African-Americans were fired last week by Sheriff Barker

By DAVID L. DILLARD
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Since the firing of an African-American detention officer last month for allegedly stealing two newspapers, several officers have complained that the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department has unfairly targeted blacks for dismissal or demotion.

Last week, Sheriff Ron Barker fired nine officers and demoted one deputy; four of those fired were black.

Those nine officers did not include Ida Bullock, a black detention officer, who was fired Nov. 10 for allegedly stealing two copies of the *Winston-Salem Journal*.

Consequently, Officer Douglas Woods, who is white, was fired for the same reason. But according to Sheriff Major Allen Gentry, Woods wasn't fired until Nov. 23. Black officers say racial tension began after Bullock was fired and to calm things down, Woods was later fired.

Gentry said state law prohibited him from commenting directly on the situation, but said both officers showed "conduct unbecoming" of a law enforcement officer.

"I didn't handle the Woods

case," Gentry said. "I can't comment on the circumstances, but both are no longer employed with us. We know people are human, but the department has to maintain high standards even when you're off duty."

Bullock said she put 50 cents in the newspaper machine and got three newspapers to deliver to three inmates. She said the \$1 was then collected from the inmates to pay for newspapers, but before she returned to put it in the machine she was stopped and accused of stealing the newspapers.

Bullock says it was the normal procedure that officers used to purchase newspapers instead of making several trips. Gentry said he wasn't familiar with the procedure, but added that buying newspapers for inmates was a courtesy of the officers instead of a requirement.

Bullock appeared in court yesterday to face the criminal charge. No charges were brought against Woods. Both worked third shift under commander Sgt. William Williams, who was demoted to floor officer after the incident.

Williams said he was not
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Brown Defends Nomination Of Lambeth As Chairman

By VERONICA CLEMONS
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Democratic school board member Geneva Brown defended her nomination of Republican Donny Lambeth for school board chairman.

Brown, one of the two African-Americans and one of two Democrats on the nine-member board, said she nominated Lambeth because she felt that of all the Republicans he was most qualified.

"I decided to look at who's the best,"

she said, "and also show a cooperative non-partisan spirit. I think this board will work out alright."

She added that she and Lambeth had had some discussions about the future of the board, but he did not ask her for a nomination as board chairman.

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This Week in Black History
December 8, 1936
NAACP filed first suit in campaign to equalize the salaries of black and white teachers.

GOP-Led Board Claims Top Commissioners' Posts

By VERONICA CLEMONS
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Mazie Woodruff, the vice chairman of the board of county commissioners, won't get her wish to become chairman of the board. At least not yet.

Republican newcomer Peter Brunstetter has been unanimously elected as chairman.

The changing of the guard at Monday night's meeting also included Woodruff passing the torch to Commissioner Ger-

ald Long.

"I enjoyed being vice chairman," said Woodruff. "Some of the things I had to attend as vice chairman, Mr. Long can go to now."

Woodruff said that in the past, the chairman and vice chairman positions have been passed around each

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Woodruff