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## Covington: 'Stopped Marching Too Soon'



Dr. H. Douglas Covington addresses Emancipation Day audience as Atty. Beverly Mitchell listens in background.

By John Templeton  
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More than 500 persons jammed Hanes Memorial C.M.E. Church for annual Emancipation Day ceremonies to hear Dr. H. Douglas Covington tell them that black people "stopped marching too soon" during the decade of the 1970s. The Winston-Salem State University chancellor brought the audience to an emotional pitch as he quoted from the poetry of Margaret Walker and the speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King and noted: "The full privileges of the U.S. Constitution do not apply to blacks in Mississippi, North Carolina, or for that matter, Massachusetts and they never have."

Covington said, "We underestimated the resiliency of a system of institutionalized racism...the mandate we have is to learn from that."

He termed the civil rights movement "not a 100-yard dash, but a long-distance run."

Covington recalled an incident from his college days when he told a fellow African student about the Emancipation Proclamation. The student replied, "You're not free, you're just loose."

Annual Emancipation Day ceremonies were held for the 69th consecutive year in Winston-Salem by the Winston-Salem Emancipation Association, headed by president Rev. C. Harold Gill.

A special committee of the association unveiled plans for an expanded series of events by the association, including recognition of Black History Week, an essay competition among students, parade floats and a fund-raising contest among churches and development of youth auxiliaries to the association.

Those plans will be taken up at the annual association meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 14 at Greater St. Matthew's Baptist Church. The Emancipation Day ceremony and the awarding of a college scholarship have been the major activities of the association.

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Solist Cynthia Mack leads the Emmanuel Baptist Choral Club in four numbers during Emancipation Day Services at Hanes C.M.E. Church.

### Police Say

## Wife Drives Through Glass To Get Mate

By Patrice E. Lee  
Staff Writer

A Winston-Salem woman was charged with malicious injury to property and assault with a deadly weapon after she drove her car into a motel room where she believed her husband was with another woman, city police records show.

Mrs. Lillian Carter McQueen, 35, of 2570 Dilworth, drove her 1979 Ford Mustang through the glass wall of room 227 at the Travel Host of America, at 4191 N. Patterson Ave.

James Statler, manager of the motel, said that he is seeking the \$256.93 it cost to replace the glass from Mrs. McQueen.

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## Forecast for 1980s

By Yvette McCullough  
and  
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Observers polled by the Chronicle are fearful of what the 1980s may bring, but hopeful that black people will learn enough from the 1970s to ensure progress during the next decade.

"I hope that black people will wake up and really get involved in the struggle," said Patrick Hairston, president of the Winston-Salem branch of the NAACP.

"But I still think there will be a polarization of the rights gained in the '60s," he added. "Some people think we have come too far."

In his worst case assessment, Hairston forecast blacks "losing cars and homes that they can barely pay for now, driving us to public transportation. If a Republican is elected, (President) then we're going back to the soupline."

A variety of other forecasts, some gloomy and some hopeful, came

from elected officials, agency heads and religious leaders around the city polled by the Chronicle.

Thomas J. Elijah Jr., president of the Winston-Salem Urban League, said "Economics, inflation and energy are the concerns of 1980s. The city should act more diligently to bring more industry and commercial activity in order to provide more jobs for its constituents."

"The established educational institutions

must provide meaningful training in order for our constituents to get meaningful employment."

Mrs. Mestie S. Woodruff, county commissioner, said, "Every inch of ground we gain in the 1980s, we're going to have to fight for and it's got to be all of us, not one or two of us speaking for everybody else."

"Education is going to be the biggest issue -- equal opportunity in being educated. It may get

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## Streaker Found In Downtown Bank Lobby

A Winston-Salem man was being held in the Forsyth County Jail after he took off his clothes and disrupted the main lobby of the NCNB Plaza, according to police.

Furman Richardson, 27, of 1901 N. Dunleith Ave., was charged with disorderly conduct after "he took his clothes off at 3rd and Church and ran inside NCNB bank," said Officer James Parham who handled the incident.

According to the warrant charging him with disorderly conduct, Richardson also jumped up on the teller counter once inside the bank.

Richardson was being held in lieu of \$500 bond, a jail spokeswoman said.



At the dedication service of the new Carver Railroad Crossing Alderman Vivian Burke also receives recognition for her contribution to the project. Mrs. Naomi Jones and other Northeast Ward residents and city officials attended the dedication.

## City, State Rebuild Carver Crossing

By Yvette McCullough  
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In an informal ceremony Monday, the newly constructed railroad crossing on Carver Road was dedicated, capping a six year effort by area citizens and officials to have improvements made.

The previous railroad crossing was the site of six

car-train accidents in the past 11 years. It was through the efforts of Alderman Vivian Burke that the new crossing became a reality.

"It was one of my major campaign issues," Alderman Burke told the Chronicle. "Nobody had actually done anything about it and it seemed it took several people to get killed and

several accidents before something was done."

In order to make improvements to the crossing a new road had to be built.

"The previous crossing had a large hump and there wasn't enough room to take out the hump so we moved the road," said Roy Williams, city traffic engineer.

"Since there wasn't room

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## M&F Plans February Opening

By Yvette McCullough  
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Mechanics and Farmers Bank, the state's oldest and largest black bank, will open its branch bank here in February, according to Joseph J. Sansom, president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank. The bank has received approval from the State Banking Commission and is waiting approval from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

As soon as the bank receives that final go-ahead, the land for the bank will be purchased from the city. The site for the bank is on Claremont Avenue between the Bojangles and McDonald restaurants. Sansom said a temporary unit will be put up while the bank is being constructed.

"Winston-Salem's branch could eventually be the largest of any office," Sansom said during an interview



J.J. Sansom

in the Chronicle offices Saturday. "The potential is here. If it wasn't we wouldn't be coming here."

Mechanics and Farmers Bank was approached by a group of prominent citizens to locate a branch in Winston-Salem. The board of directors of M&F Bank met and approved locating a branch here in June. M&F is a state chartered commercial bank with eight offices, three in Durham, two in Raleigh and three in Charlotte.

Sansom said Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. N.A. plan to build a branch on the corner of Seventh and Claremont, across the street from the M&F branch, should not affect the M&F branch.

"The Mechanics and Farmers branch will be a full service bank and will serve the needs of the people," Sansom said. "We have other banks near our other

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### Holiday Gaiety

Mrs. Essie Lennon and Mrs. Thelma Steen new president and first vice-president of the Local Beauticians, smile during their holiday gala, one of several featured in Social Whirl this week.

## Residents Sue to Stop Apartments

By Patrice E. Lee  
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A biracial group of more than 300 residents who claim they will be adversely affected by 150-units of low-income housing expected to be built near them have filed a lawsuit to halt construction of the development.

In a lawsuit filed by their attorney, J. Wilson Parker, on Dec. 29, Castleshire Woods Association, composed of black homeowners, and Citizens for a Balanced Community, a biracial organization both contend that approval of the federally subsidized housing set to be built in East-Winston is racially discriminatory and against Housing and Urban Development regulations.

The two groups contend that a proposed development for subsidized housing on the same site submitted to HUD on Dec. 18, 1975 was rejected because construction "would cause a significant increase in the proportion of minority to non-minority inhabitants."

Eugene and Keith Gulleddge, officers in the Gulleddge Corporation, both owned an interest in the group that made that 1975 application, the suit says.

Since the proposed site is near the remaining white families, the project may "drive out the remaining white residents and greatly increase...minority residents," and foster segregation in housing, the suit says. In addition, "nearly one-half of all the federally assisted

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