

Inseparable

A fitting description of identical twins Harvey and Harold Kennedy, who not only look alike and dress the same, but share common interests. **Profile, Page 2.**

Word In Song

Now that her children have grown up, Mary Lee Haynie will devote more time to her ministry through song. **Religion, Page 18.**



Not This Year

There'll be no mass exodus of college basketball players to the pros this year. Sports Editor Robert Eller shares his reactions. **Sports, Page 14.**

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Some People Just Don't Understand

District Court Means Confusion, Fear, For Some

By ROBIN ADAMS
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They came into the courtroom together as husband and wife and they sat together as most married couples do. But when they were called before the District Court judge, they suddenly became strangers.

"The black robe scares them. They feel like they might get some time or that somebody in the court system is out to get them."

-- Howard Johnson

The woman had taken a warrant out against the man for trespassing. According to her testimony, her husband came into their house and scared her sister, who was also living there.

But the man testified, "I live there too, your honor. This here is my wife. We got three youngin's and she fixing to have another one."

The sister, who initiated all the action, did not appear in court, and the man's wife was not at home during the incident, so that ruled her out as a credible witness.

The judge instructed the man, who was not represented by an attorney, to ask for a motion to dismiss, an act which the man soon performed, at the judge's insistence.

When asked after the court proceedings if he understood what had just taken place, the man said, "All I know is that I get to leave the courthouse without paying any money and without having to go to jail."

The situation that black man faced is similar to many others that occur from day to day in District Court.

The majority of the people who appear in the courtroom are usually poor black people who wind up there suddenly or not so suddenly.

Whatever the situation, most black people come into the courtroom without the services of an attorney and most do not understand all of the legal proceedings that occur.

For example, when court starts at 9:30 a.m., the first thing the district attorney does when he arrives is to call the roll.

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Hooks' Future Hangs In Balance

By RICHARD WILLIAMS
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The struggle for power between the two top officials in the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization apparently ended -- at least temporarily -- when NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks was indefinitely suspended last week by the chairman of the organization's 64-member board, Margaret Bush Wilson.

According to members of the NAACP board, the two have differed over various issues since Hooks was elected director seven years ago. Mrs. Wilson has been with the organization since 1975, and had been considered along with Hooks for the directorship when former Executive Director Roy Wilkins retired in 1976.

"It's been a personality clash between them for a while," says Walter Marshall, vice-president of the

Winston-Salem NAACP. "It hasn't been a wide-open thing, but people in the organization have known that it has existed."

Mrs. Wilson gave no specific reason for relieving Hooks of his duties.

Board members have called for a special meeting on Saturday, May 28, to discuss the issue, but are unsure what actions the board might take.

In the meantime, local NAACP officials say the suspension will not hurt their efforts here.

"I don't think that it will have an effect on the organization locally unless Hooks is not supported by the board," Marshall says.

Some board members say that, under the NAACP's constitution, the chairman has the power to suspend Hooks; others say they are not so sure Mrs. Wilson has

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Senior Center Provides Oasis

By RUTHELL HOWARD
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It's an oasis amid downtown congestion and traffic: a meeting place; a place to rest, visit, chat or even get periodic blood pressure and vision check-ups.

Downtown, across from the post office, elderly residents are likely to wander into the Urban League Senior Citizens Center just to say hello. Others may go there regularly for crocheting classes, rap sessions or exercise classes.

"It just gives me all kinds of enthusiasm to see a senior citizen reblossom," says Gaylom Thomas, coordinator of the center, which last week celebrated its first birthday.

"They have reached the retirement age. They no longer provide. They are a part of a family, but kind of pushed aside. But in here, they become individuals again. They can express themselves in crafts and they have somebody to listen to them."

The center opened last year on May 5 and has since become a hub of activity for elderly residents, black and white.

The Monday crocheting classes are 10-1 p.m., the Tuesday Cracker Barrel rap sessions for elderly men 1-2:30 p.m., and the Wednesday coed pinocle group -- which Thomas describes as a "lively bunch" -- 12-3 p.m. In addition, the Tuesday and Thursday "Add Health To Our Years" exercise classes help keep the senior citizens entertained and in shape, Thomas says.

"The purpose was to create a facility so that the seniors in the county could come in and do their own thing,"

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Self-Protection Tips

- *Keep your doors locked at all times.
- *Be aware of the police department's 911 number.
- *Have a friend or neighbor look out for you. When you go out shopping, take one or two friends with you. The more of you there are, the lesser your chances of becoming victims.
- *The best way to guard against the flim-flam game is not to be greedy and not to fall for easy-money schemes.
- *To avoid being victimized by phony repairmen, get more than one estimate. And call the Better Business Bureau.

Traditional Schools

An Explanation Of What They Are -- And If They'll Ever Be

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Five years ago, school board member John Wood suggested to his colleagues that they open "traditional schools."

Wood proposed that the schools, for high school students, would be more academic, with emphasis on the basics -- math, English and science -- and less concern with athletics.

The school would also have more rigid discipline and a stronger dress code.



Fascinated

There was enough exotic foods and live entertainment to catch everyone's attention at last week's Mayfest International. But this little girl is more interested in this jewelry display (photo by James Parker).

Also Inside:

*A look in pictures at faces and scenes from last weekend's Mayfest celebration.

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*Editorial reactions to Virginia Powell's criticism of the Democratic Party and the suspension of NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks.

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*Columnist Clifton Graves says, in an open letter to District Attorney Donald Tudate, that the time is ripe for a black assistant district attorney in Forsyth County.

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Elderly Easy Prey For Criminals

By EDWARD HILL JR.
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Lula Mae Robinson is afraid to go out after nightfall.

"I live with my sister and when we have to go out, we make sure it's early in the day," says Mrs. Robinson, 65, who lives on Jackson Avenue. "Last December, I went out one day and got knocked down and someone took my pocketbook with what little money I had for bills. My leg still gives me trouble."

"I won't even answer my door after the sun goes down," says Mary Lee Wallace, 60, of East 15th Street. "I've been robbed before. If I hear a knock, I call the police. It's dangerous out here nowadays. You can't trust nobody."

"I live in Sunrise Towers," says one elderly woman who wishes to remain anonymous. "I don't feel too scared around my building, but I try to stay away from streets where men or boys crowd around."

Officials of the Winston-Salem Police Department say there are no statistics kept on the specific types and numbers of crimes committed against the elderly. However, they do offer the following observations:

"There are three general areas where elderly are the victims," says Capt. E.L. Moreau of the Winston-Salem Police Department's Detective Division. "The first and most common is the flim flam."

"The elderly seem to be very susceptible to it. They tend not to trust banks, but they generally trust people on

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Wood says, "but I doubt that they will be in place. They keep putting it on the back burner."

"They promised to do it after they get the school reorganizational plan intact, but then they will continue to put it off."

"Because of the more academic concerns of the state and the federal government, we will be forced to have more academic schools," Wood said. "Everybody is beginning to bear down hard on more academics."

Despite Wood's belief that traditional schools won't be established in the near future, he says he is pleased with

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