

The Good Life

The Church of God Apostolic Inc.'s 80th General Assembly here next week will encourage positive attitudes and success among its members.
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The Road Runners Track Club's 4x100-meter relay team showcases its speed and poise in national Junior Olympic competition.

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NAACP regional head halts Food Lion pickets

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The NAACP's regional office has suspended the use of picket lines after threats of violence to local chapter members, but the boycott against Food Lion Inc. grocery stores is still in effect, said Winston-Salem NAACP President Pat Hairston Monday.

"We are still boycotting," Hairston said. "But we were told to bring the picket signs in."

After four days of active picketing at the Waughtown Food Lion store, Hairston said he received a Monday morning call from Earl Shinhoster, the NAACP's regional director in Atlanta, to stop.

Shinhoster said in a telephone interview that he ended the picketing because it jeopardized the safety of NAACP members.

"It was a matter of safety and concern for our people," he said. "We have a priority for the safety of our people."

Shinhoster said a bomb threat made at the local

office on Wednesday, July 25, was the main reason he called for the end to picketing. To date, the Winston-Salem NAACP chapter is the only chapter to picket; most others opted for "consumer education projects" in which they have circulated fliers about the boycott.

When the national office voted to boycott Food Lion, NAACP officials say, it gave no instructions on how the boycott should be handled, instead leaving that decision to the individual chapters.

According to Ann Simmons, the local NAACP youth director, a "white male" caller last Wednesday night said a bomb had been planted in the chapter's New Walkertown Road office and would go off in 15 minutes.

Although police found no bomb, Simmons said, she and her fellow members took the threat seriously.

In addition, Shinhoster said the NAACP volunteers participating in the picketing had been verbally abused.

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Views vary

To boycott or not?

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Normally Samuel Canty buys his groceries at the Food Lion Supermarket on Waughtown Road, a short car ride from his house on Argonne Boulevard.

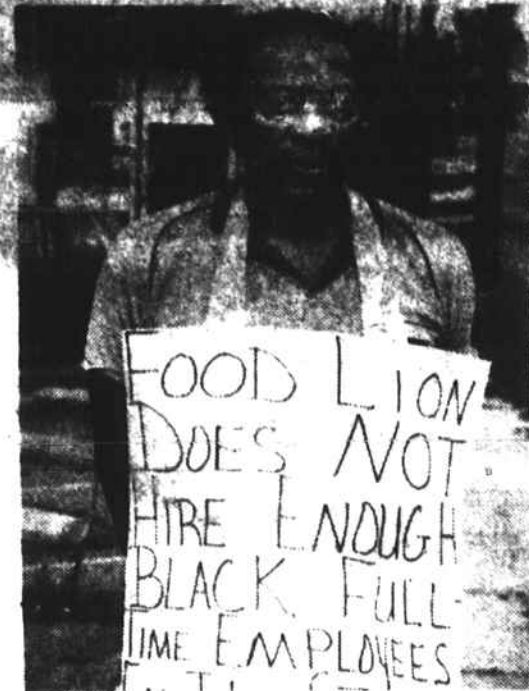
But Canty lately has been driving an extra mile and paying a few extra dollars to avoid shopping at Food Lion so he can support the NAACP boycott of the supermarket.

Community reaction to the

week-old strike has been mixed. Supporters claim the boycott is necessary in order to provide more jobs for blacks, but critics claim it could force the company to close the East Winston store. Dr. Virginia Newell, the black alderman from the East Ward, and two black pastors have opposed the boycott.

"I don't support the boycott. You don't go into a boycott without educating the communi-

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NAACP President Pat Hairston on the picket line (photo by James Parker).

Wilson named interim chancellor

By ROBIN ADAMS
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CHAPEL HILL -- Dr. Haywood L. Wilson Jr. has been appointed interim chancellor of his alma mater, Winston-Salem State University, by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors.

Wilson, 42, was officially named to the post last Friday at the Board of Governors' monthly

meeting. He has served for seven years as vice chancellor of student affairs at WSSU, and replaces Dr. H. Douglas Covington, who resigned to accept the presidency of Alabama A&M University in Normal, Ala. Wilson becomes the school's seventh chancellor.

"I am generally elated and humbled by the ap-
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An abandoned house that has been deemed unsafe by city inspectors (photo by James Parker).



A Negative Image?

Columnist Charles Faulkner, a black psychologist, examines what he deems Michael Jackson's dangerous influences on black youth on Page B4.

Shoplifting losses mount

By ROBIN ADAMS
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"Attention Customers: All bags brought into the store must be checked with cashiers."

That sign in the vestibule of the Revco Drug Store in the East Winston Shopping Center, as well as the presence of an armed security guard, are meant to ward off potential shoplifters.

But neither seems to be all that successful.

For example, on Monday morning Michael Ray, the store's security guard, starts his daily routine. He walks down the first store aisle thumping boxes of deodorant. After only a few tries, the customary thump doesn't sound quite right. He then removes the box from its safe spot among others just like it and finds that it is empty. A shoplifter has struck -- taking the merchandise, but leaving the telltale box behind.

"They have been at it again," said Ray. "It's like this every morning."

The shoplifters leave the boxes, Ray said, because that makes it harder to prove that the items were stolen. "Who's to say they didn't come into the store with a bottle of deodorant already inside their purse or bag?" Ray said.

Since Revco opened in the East Winston Shopping Center, the amount of money lost due to shoplifting has sharply increased, Ray said.

"It's not nickle-and-dime shoplifting around here," said Ray. "These are professionals. They go from store to store, pooling their money and buying drugs."

"It's not the products. They are stealing to sell the products for a profit. It's an organized effort now. It's a full-time job. They get up early in the morning."

Ray conservatively estimates that the store loses \$600 per month to shoplifters -- a loss that some employees feel has

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The other side

'It's always landlords they complain about; what about tenants?'

By ROBIN ADAMS
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This article is the third in a four-part series. To some people, the word landlord has only four letters.

That may be because it makes them think of a greedy, old, white man with ink stains on the tattered pocket of his white shirt -- a man who has just taken the last dime from some poor, black family living in one of his tar-papered shanties.

But Charles McLean, better known as "Mr. NAACP" in Winston-Salem, said he doesn't fit that stereotype.

"For one thing, I'm a black man," McLean said during an interview in the living room of his spacious Hattie Avenue home. "And second, I don't have any shanties. All my property is in good condition and in good neighborhoods."

As far as he can remember, said the 74-year-old McLean, who is a former president of the local NAACP, he owns 20 pieces of rental property in Winston-Salem, plus other property across the

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state. His houses in Winston-Salem are located on Jackson, Hattie, Gray, North Patterson, South Jackson, Rich, Pittsburg and Cameron avenues, and Addison, Smith, Vargraves, Free, East 14th, Cherry, 25th and 25 1/2 streets.

"I don't have any homes located in areas you call slum areas," McLean said.

The rent for a McLean property ranges from \$175 to \$200 per month. A few homes, however, rent for more than \$200 per month.

"I'm not like some of the landlords here," McLean said. "Clyde Myers has a bunch of houses in bad neighborhoods and I think he rents them pretty cheap. I don't have any property in the environment that Clyde Myers has property in."

"I have a limited number of houses and I don't compare with Myers," McLean said. "And, unlike
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