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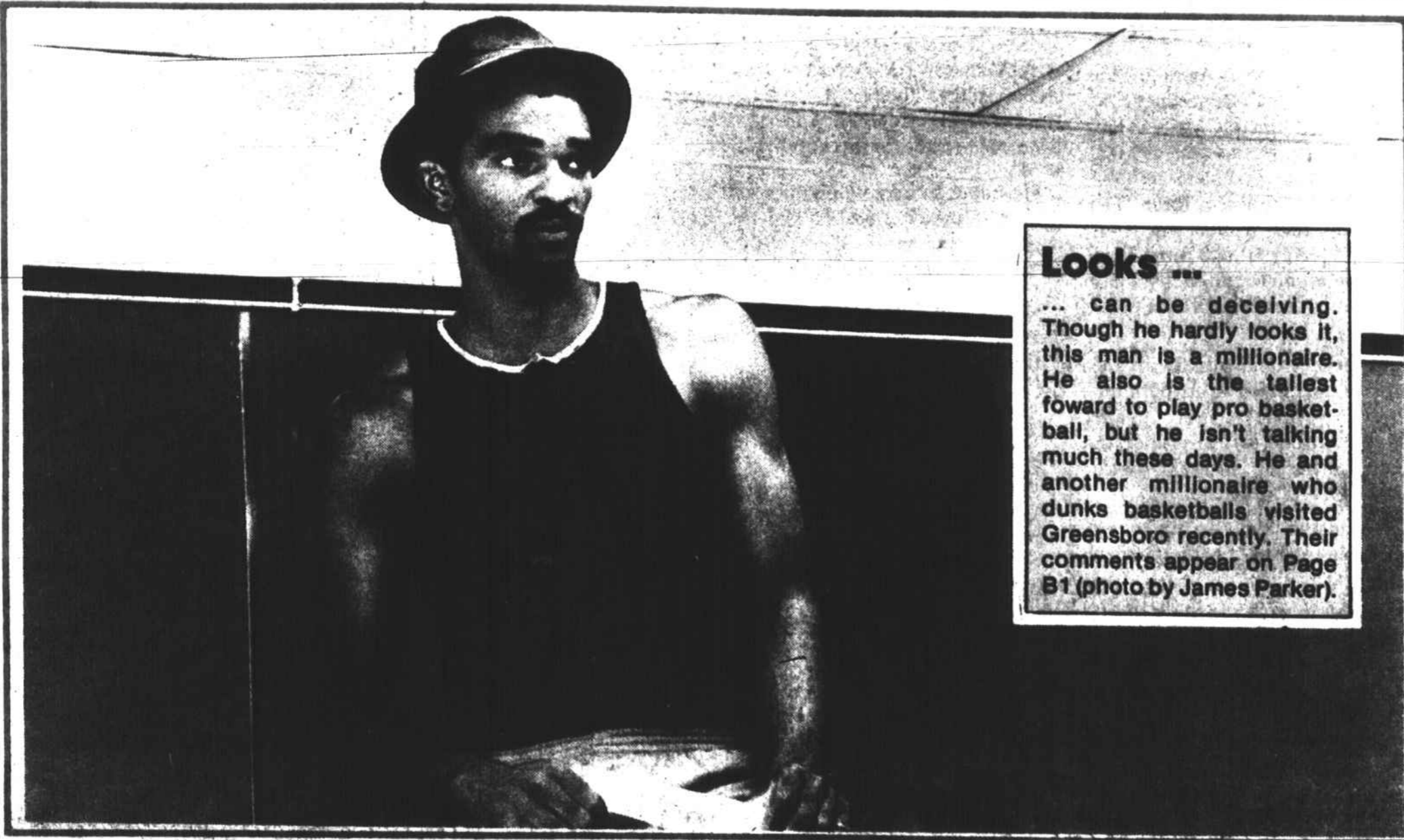
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Looks ...
... can be deceiving. Though he hardly looks it, this man is a millionaire. He also is the tallest forward to play pro basketball, but he isn't talking much these days. He and another millionaire who dunks basketballs visited Greensboro recently. Their comments appear on Page B1 (photo by James Parker).

Turner relishes Baptist get-togethers

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Despite the 4,000-plus people who milled in and around the M.C. Benton Convention Center last week at the All Baptist State Convention, it wasn't hard to tell who was in charge.

Dr. E.B. Turner, the president of the 400,000-member General Baptist State Convention, was clearly the head man. The fact that he is 6-foot-6 and was wearing a white suit and black shirt didn't hurt his visibility much, either.

This is Turner's third year heading the association of all of the black Baptists in the state, which convenes every four years. This year they met in Winston-Salem under the theme "We Are Family." Pulling everybody together into one unit was no

easy task, said Turner, but he relishes the opportunity.

"You know it's hard getting us all together," said Turner. "But it's worth it. We need this."

"This is not just a meeting to check our stock, but it's to see what we need to say about the current issues."

Turner said this year's convention theme was appropriate because of the problems faced by today's black families.

"The black family lacks cohesiveness," said Turner. "This has caused an increase in divorces, a rising pregnancy rate among the unmarried and teen-agers and an increase in the use of drugs. We need to step back and take a look at our family. The

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Dr. E.B. Turner

Pro-Hunt resolution passed by Baptists

General State Baptist Convention supports local Hunt defense effort

By DAVID R. RANKIN
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The General Baptist State Convention passed a resolution last week supporting local ministers who back Darryl E. Hunt during the convention's quadrennial meeting at the M.C. Benton Convention Center.

Hunt, 20, was convicted on June 14 for the Aug. 10, 1984, rape and stabbing death of *Sentinel* copy editor Deborah B. Sykes and sentenced to life imprisonment. Many blacks, including a number of local ministers, feel Hunt was convicted wrongfully.

The resolution concerning Hunt reads: "Inasmuch as ministers of Winston-Salem have taken a position on the Darryl Hunt case, be it resolved that this convention go on record as supporting the local clergy both morally, spiritually and in any other way possible in their stance."

The North Carolina black church organization includes more than 1,700 churches and 400,000 members throughout the state.

The convention's resolutions will make Baptists aware of needs that the church feels are important, said the Rev. B.F. Daniels, pastor of Union Baptist Church and host pastor of the convention.

Dr. E.B. Turner, president of

the General Baptist State Convention, said the resolution committee stated only that it would give the local ministers "moral support."

"That does not mean dollars," he said.

Turner said the committee decided that Hunt's cause was worthy of the encouragement of the state's black Baptists.

"Individual ministers and churches can contribute funds to any cause they want," he said.

The Rev. John Mendez, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church and chairman of the Darryl Hunt Defense Committee, said the resolution had received positive responses when it was discussed in the convention's resolution committee.

"They felt strongly about the way the local ministers feel about the Hunt case," he said.

The Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley, pastor of Dallabrook Presbyterian Church and a member of the Darryl Hunt Defense Committee, said Mendez asked him to write the Hunt resolution for the convention.

The endorsement of the local ministers' efforts on Hunt's behalf by the convention was "a significant thing," he said.

"The largest black organization in the state has put its weight into the Darryl Hunt movement," Eversley said.

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Pastor: Church will recuperate

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Macedonia True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church of God Inc. will recover from its financial throes, the church's pastor said last week.

"We will overcome this thing," said Bishop S.D. Johnson, Macedonia's pastor. "This is an adversity and we will overcome this. We owe people. We owe people money that needs to be paid."

On Aug. 6, Macedonia will meet with its creditors and present a payment plan. If the plan is accepted, Macedonia will be back on sound financial footing, Johnson said. In 1983, the church



Bishop S.D. Johnson

filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy laws, a measure allowing it to devise a plan to repay its bills but protecting it from its creditors during the process.

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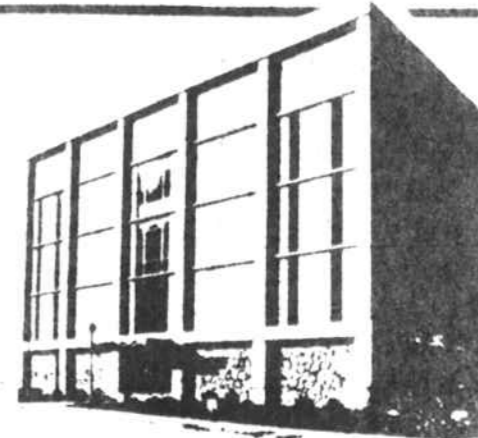
Hill: Winston Mutual merger with Golden State will be good for both firms

By ROBIN ADAMS
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GEORGE E. HILL sat in his fourth-floor office Friday morning surrounded by boxes of his personal belongings. He lay back in his chair, lit a cigar and propped his feet up on his desk. Despite his customary bankers' blue suit and black oxfords, Hill looked the most relaxed he has been in a year.

For the past three years, Hill has been trying to figure out what to do with the insurance company founded by his grandfather and several other prominent blacks in Winston-Salem. A lagging economy, a decrease in sales and a lack of money -- problems plaguing most small businesses -- all added up to headaches for Hill. Earlier this year, Hill found a solution.

Hill's company, Winston Mutual Life Insurance Co., has merged



George Hill

with a California-based mutual insurance company, Golden State Mutual. The merger gives Hill, the president of Winston Mutual since 1971, a new job and title and requires him to move to Los Angeles.

The company's merger changes Winston Mutual to the regional office of Golden State Mutual. The staff at the local office has been cut almost in half. The data processing, claims payments and underwriting operations have been consolidated with similar operations in California. Many of the other employees, said Hill, were placed in other departments, transferred or found other jobs on their own, leaving a staff of approximately 24 to run the local office. At one time, said Hill, Winston Mutual employed nearly 200.

Golden State Mutual has put the five-floor office building on Please see page A2

Burke sticking to her charges of mistreatment at hospital

By ROBIN ADAMS
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If Beatrice Walker has her way, she won't go to Forsyth Memorial Hospital again.

"I told my husband, 'Let me die at home,'" said Walker. "Don't never carry me over there."

Walker is one of many who have complained to her about conditions at Forsyth Memorial, says Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian Please see page A2

Listing of Winston Mutual Building causing a flap

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The impending sale of the Winston Mutual building on Fifth Street -- and the use of a white realtor to put the East Winston landmark on the market -- has angered some policyholders.

Since 1906, Winston Mutual Life Insurance Co.'s livelihood has been the black community. When the company decided to merge with California-based Golden State Mutual, the parent company decided to sell the five-story building and listed it with white-owned Ferrell Realty Co.

"That was a slap in the face to black realtors in Winston-Salem," said Larry Anthony, one of Winston Mutual's policyholders. "If that's their (Golden State) philosophy ... I don't think they will be good for Winston-Salem, period. They are supposed to be a predominantly black company and they should try to deal with blacks."

Black realtor Garland Jones said he attempted to contact George Hill, president of Winston Mutual, when rumors that the building might be sold surfaced. But Jones said he never reached Hill.

"Next thing I know, I read in the paper that they are listing with Ferrell Realty," said Jones, with A-1 Quality Realty. "It's sad that black money built that building, but when they leave they don't want to work with us."

Another black realtor has privately said he didn't understand the reason for the listing with Ferrell, but he would not comment on the record.

Hill said Golden State was responsible for listing the building and that the local office had nothing to do with it. Larkin Teasley, Please see page A3