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## Parking fines and loan income guidelines will rise

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Drivers who park downtown illegally will pay more for tickets beginning Jan. 1. The Board of Aldermen voted 7-1 Monday night to approve a package of increased parking fines recommended by the board's Finance Committee. Fines for people who overpark at meters will increase from \$2 to \$3. People who park in loading zones, commercial areas and no-parking areas will pay a \$5 fine. "The present fines are the lowest of any major city in North Carolina," the Finance Committee said in a report to the aldermen. "The low fines make it tempting for

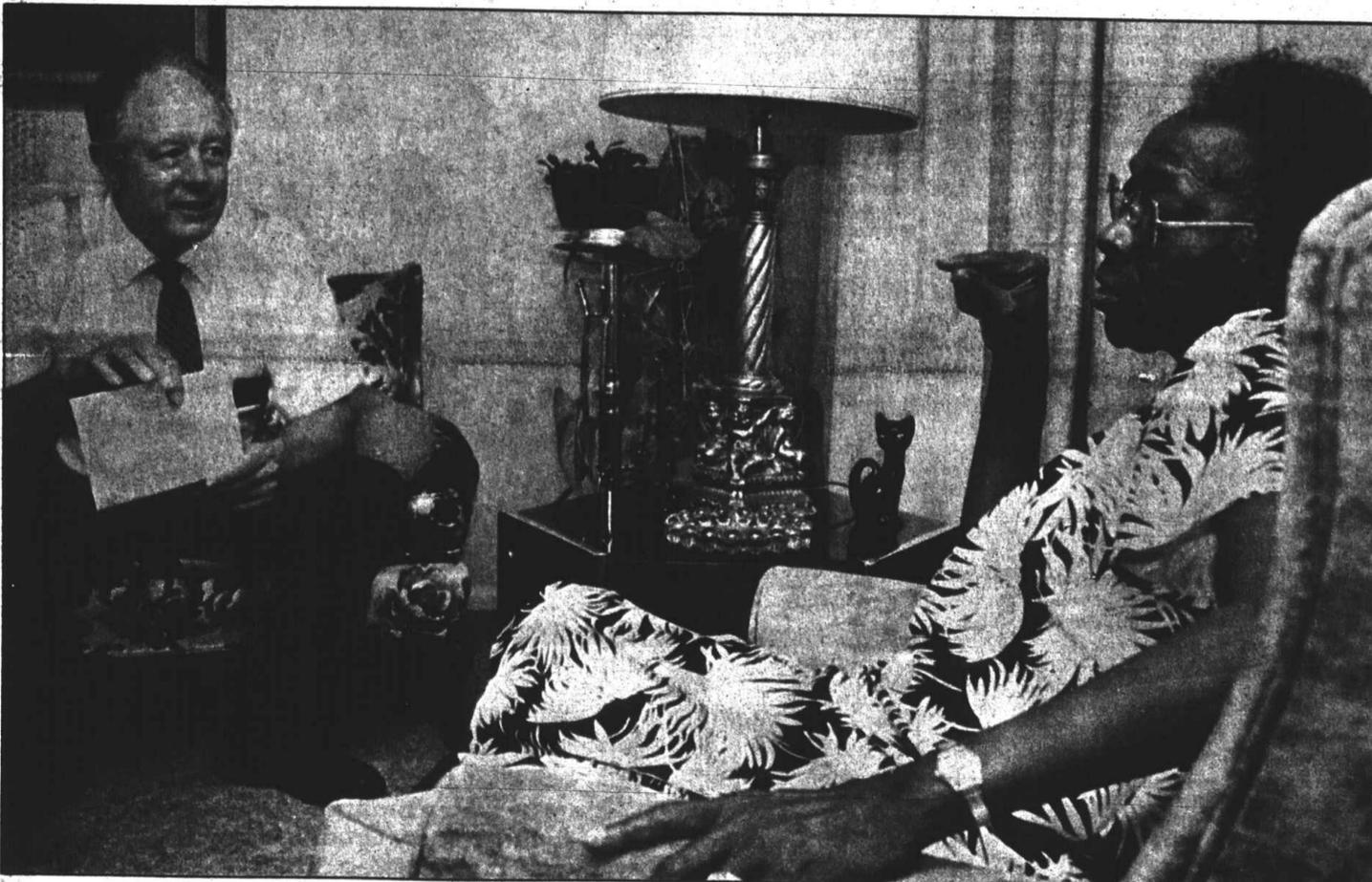
motorists to risk getting a parking ticket rather than pay for off-street spaces." The aldermen also increased meter rates to 10 cents an hour. The current rate of 5 cents an hour has been in effect since the meters were installed in 1950. The Finance Committee recommended the increased fines and meter rates to the aldermen. Southeast Ward Alderman Larry W. Womble voted against the increases, saying that the higher fines would drive away downtown shoppers. "I don't want to punish downtown because we are trying to revitalize downtown," Womble said. "I wonder if we

are penalizing the shoppers with these new fines." Downtown shoppers are likely to go to shopping malls where the parking is free, Womble said. But Northwest Ward Alderman Martha S. Wood said people who overpark at the meters are driving away downtown shoppers. "Offenders who violate the parking regulations are the ones keeping the shoppers away -- not the parking fines," she said. In other business, the aldermen voted to issue \$1 million in urban redevelopment bonds for community development loans in the Kimberly Park, North Winston and East Winston neighborhoods. The loans are in-

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Womble: Loans should be for the poor (photo by James Parker).



Mormon missionary James W. Bates discusses his church and Christian issues during a visit to the home of Janie Belle Durant. (photo by James Parker)

## Bailey criticizes reassignments

*Says black guidance counselors may have been treated unfairly*

By CHERYL WILLIAMS  
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Beaufort O. Bailey, the lone black school board member, expressed concern at Monday night's board meeting about the reassignment of some black guidance counselors in the city/county school system. The system's recent reassignment of some counselors prompted several phone calls to him from black counselors, said Bailey, chairman of the board's Personnel Committee. Bailey told the board that at one middle school, where there are three counselors, one black and two white, the black counselor, whom he did not name, is being assigned as a "floating" counselor. The counselor will spend her time between Kennedy and Paisley middle schools. She was assigned solely to Kennedy last school year. "Because of this, I called the administration office and asked what criteria were being used to move these teachers," Bailey said after the meeting. He said that he was told by Bill Albright, an instructional coordinator for guidance, that, because of new funding guidelines, vocational counselors, who are paid with state money, must be vocational counselors only. In the past, they had shared various duties with other counselors. But Bailey said he still wondered if some

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## RECRUITING TRIP

*'Tenacious' Mormons are spreading their Word in the black community*

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THE TALL, GRAY-HAIRED man leaned forward in his chair as he spoke of his church's plan to attract black members. Wearing a white, short-sleeved shirt, gold suspenders, black slacks and a red, dotted tie, the man smiled often -- with his mouth and his eyes -- as if enthralled by his work. His might be a common sight in the Bible Belt, where denominations often go from door to door to save souls and swell congregations -- except that this man's church, until 1978, prevented its black members from holding one of its highest and most cherished positions. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, frequently called the Mormon Church, allowed black members to become priests only eight years ago. But that was then and this is now, as far as Elder James W. Bates and his wife, Ellen, are concerned. The Bateses, both of whom are white, are now encouraging Winston-Salem blacks to become not only members, but leaders in their church, including priests. Mormon doctrine gives priests the authority to act in the name of God. Worthy males 12 years of age and older are eligible to hold the office and



Elder Cook, left, and Elder Barlow listen intently as a Castle Heights resident discusses scripture (photo by James Parker).

responsibility. Until less than a decade ago, only worthy white males could be priests. Blacks couldn't be Mormon priests because, according to the church's holy writ, the "Book of Mormon," they are descendants of Cain and therefore not eligible for the priesthood. The barr-

ing of blacks could only be lifted by a revelation from God, which church leaders say they received in 1978. Originally from Price, Utah, the Bateses were sent to North Carolina as public communications Please see page A2.

## NAACP workshop to be held Sept. 6

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The NAACP's Education Committee has been busy lately. Not only is it putting the finishing touches on plans to operate more than 10 tutorial learning centers in the city, but it is also planning an all-day conference on education next month. The Conference on Educational Excellence, which is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., will be held in the Communications Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University. The theme of the conference is "Our Children, Our Greatest Resource -- Our Community's Greatest Responsibility." Dr. Beverly P. Cole, the national director of education for the NAACP, will be the guest speaker at the luncheon that day. The workshop is free and open to the public. Bessie Allen, chairman of the local NAACP's Education Committee, said that the NAACP particularly wants to attract parents, guidance counselors, ministers and the learning centers' tutors. Planning for the workshop was begun in February, Mrs. Allen said. "The Education Committee decided to have a

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