

Bank workers celebrate holiday despite being unable to close doors

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
Chronicle Staff Writer

Employees of Mechanics and Farmers Bank have found themselves between a rock and a hard place with the approach of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Most Afro-American businesses will be closed in commemoration of the civil rights leader's birthday. But, by law, the bank will not be permitted to close its doors for the holiday.

The state of North Carolina only recognizes eight legal holidays for banks, and the new King holiday is not among the group. Currently the state recognizes as legal bank holidays: New Year's Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Barbara Cloer of the N. C. Department of Commerce said that legal holidays are created by statute in the General Assembly. In order for the King holiday to be declared a legal holiday, and the banks allowed to close, the assembly would have to make adjustments in statute GS53-772A. She said that banks have "no options" in determining when they recognize a holiday and must adhere precisely to the statute. Even the governor, she said, can not shut down banks for a holiday.

"Gov. Martin does not, in any way, determine holidays for state banks," she said. "They are determined only by state statute."

James T. Sughrie, the governor's press secretary, said that the King holiday is an official state holiday but that the decree would have no bearing on what the banks do.

"Bank holidays are specifically cited in the statutes. The (King) holiday is recognized as a state holiday, which means that state offices are closed. But banks have their own specifications and requirements under which they operate. Just because it is a state holiday, does not make it a holiday for banks," he said.

The King holiday falls into the same category as Veterans Day, which is a state holiday but is not recognized by the banks.

Although they will be required to remain open on King's holiday, the employees of Mechanics and Farmers, nonetheless, plan to show their support for the observances. Walter Tucker, executive vice president and city executive for Winston-Salem, said that the bank's staff has something special planned to commemorate the holiday on Monday.

"By law, the bank is unable to close. But being who we are, we are trying, in spite of not being able to close, to do something special for the occasion. We have ordered special Martin Luther King sweatsuits. Everyone will be dressed in their sweatsuits and we will try to be dressed as uniformly as possible," he said. "We felt that even though we could not be closed, we still wanted to show that we are in support of the holiday. We felt this would be a good way to recognize Dr. King. It'll also help our customers to celebrate and relate to the holiday."

Tucker said that the bank will play tapes of King's speeches throughout the day and that his picture will be displayed in the bank's lobby.



Photo by Charmane Delaverson

Children Celebrate

Tanita Williamson and Antonio Pettigrew, front, Rashaunda McCall, left, Money Reader, Rico Buffert, Leshan Cunningham, Reggie Jones and Christopher McCall gathered at Kingston and Greens Recreation Center for an exhibition honoring Martin Luther King Jr. The exhibition features 10 years of past articles, including stamps. Hansel Hentz was in charge of the program.

Carver Road Church of Christ honors Dulin for service

Carver Church of Christ recently honored Frank W. Dulin in recognition of a lifetime of love and dedication to his church.

Among those present at the celebration were Virginia Newell, Dennis McGovern, administrator of Reynolds Health Center; Clark S. Brown Sr. and Carol Benton, Dulin's secretary.

Mrs. Newell, East Ward alderman, brought greetings and commendations from the mayor's office.

Also on hand for the occasion were Dulin's sons, Reginald B. Dulin of Texas, and Randy Dulin of Winston-Salem.

Dulin's wife, Mary, and daughter-in-law, Jackie, also attended the program and gave reflections on



Frank W. Dulin

their experiences with Dulin.

Members of the church participating in the program and offering remarks included Julius Greene, assistant minister; Nick Shelton, Adele Thompson, Deacon Leroy Nelson, Mary Williams and Paul Sanders, minister of South English St. in Greensboro.

The Choral Ensemble of Carver

Road and WCTS provided music for the occasion.

Presentations were made to Dulin in the form of plaques, gift certificates and congratulatory letters from the city commissioner's office and Southwestern Christian College.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall following the program.

Church dedication services planned

Dedication services will be held for the Back to the Bible Church Jan. 15 at 4 p.m.

The service will be conducted by Bishop Lawrence S. Tate, pastor of New Faith Chapel Holiness Church.

The Back to the Bible Church was formed in February 1988, when they began having services at the Masonic Temple on 14th Street. The church later relocated to its present site at 3902 Indiana Ave.

The church's pastor is Larry R. Richardson. He began his ministry in December 1986 and delivered his trial sermon at Calvary Hill Apostolic Church. Richardson and his wife, Cynthia, have three children.

The church will continue its dedication services the following week with a four-night revival service. Tate will conduct the revival at 7:30 nightly Jan. 17 through 20.

Winston-Salem Plasma Center

Hours:
 Tues, Wed, Fri 7:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Thurs 10:30 am - 6:30 pm
 Sat 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Pay:
 \$8 1st Donation of the week
 \$5 2nd Donation of the week
 \$5 New Donors on 2nd visit
 \$5 Anyone who hasn't Donated in 90

• Free Mini physical • Test for AIDS Antibody & Hepatitis
 • You must have local I.D. • Donations must be consecutive

725-9774 425 TRADE ST.

BRING THIS AD

TWIN CITY CLEANERS
The Experts at Households & Formals
 612 West Fourth Street Winston-Salem, NC 27101
 919-722-7106

25% OFF
ALL DRY CLEANING
NEXT DAY SERVICE
 Expires 1-9-89

PARKWAY CLEANERS
The Complete Garment Care Center
 411 Peters Creek Parkway Winston-Salem, NC 27101
 (919) 724-9880

BRING THIS AD

COME, STAY WITH US!
We Miss You!

Bestway Inn

600 Peters Creek Parkway
725-0501

Free Continental Breakfast For You Every Morning!

Chronicle Award Nominees

The *Winston-Salem Chronicle* invites you to help in the selection of this year's recipients for our "Man and Woman of the Year" and for our "Community Service Award."

Recipients will be chosen by the *Chronicle* staff and advisory board. Judging will be based as follows: The "Man and Woman of the Year" will be persons who have demonstrated an outstanding character trait, one which would serve as a model for others. This could be the fact that they have triumphed over some personal tragedy, or they helped an individual (or group of people) overcome some obstacle in order to obtain a better standard of living. The incident or incidents for which the "Man and Woman of the Year" are being nominated must have occurred during the year of 1988.

The recipient of the "Community Service Award" will be judged based on his or her contribution to the Afro-American community. The individual must have demonstrated a commitment to serving the Afro-American community through his or her affiliation with community service agencies, community-oriented projects or community institutions, ie, schools, churches, etc.

Your nominees (one for "Man of the Year," one for "Woman of the Year," the other for "Community Service Award") should be Winston-Salem residents and will be recognized in the Jan. 26, 1989, special edition of the *Chronicle* as well as receive commemorative plaques. Please print legibly and be as specific as possible in describing your nominees' accomplishments. Nominations must be received by the *Chronicle* no later than 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 13, 1989.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Address _____

Occupation _____

Activities, memberships, affiliations _____

Please explain briefly why you think this person deserves to be "Woman of the Year."

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Your Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Your Signature _____

MAN OF THE YEAR

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Address _____

Occupation _____

Activities, memberships, affiliations _____

Please explain briefly why you think this person deserves to be "Man of the Year."

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Your Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Your Signature _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Address _____

Occupation _____

Activities, memberships, affiliations _____

Please explain briefly why you think this person deserves to receive "Community Service Award."

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Your Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Your Signature _____

Deliver Your Form To:

Winston-Salem Chronicle

617 N. Liberty St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102 (919) 722-8624

LOGAN

Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc.
 Winston-Salem, N.C.

EARLY WINTER SPECIAL
FOR ONLY \$35.00

Heating System
Check and Tune Up

Includes gas, oil and electric furnaces, heat pumps and hot water boilers. Residential systems only. Also includes new standard size flat disposable filter. Offer good only during January 1989.

Service 924-9381 Office 924-4161