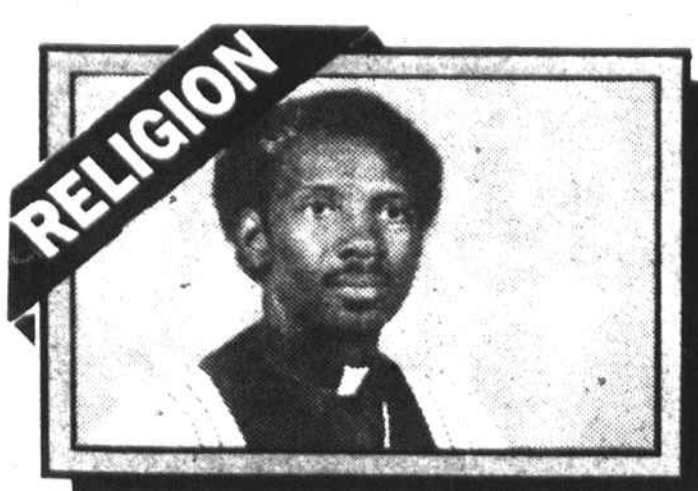


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## Minister's alleged affair causes split

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING  
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A fight between two women and claims of an illicit love affair are at the heart of a storm brewing at one of the largest African-American churches in Winston-Salem. It is a storm that could split the church and force its minister from the pulpit.

In the midst of this whirlwind is the Reverend J. Ray Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church. The fight reportedly involved two women vying for his attention. One of the women claims to have had an affair with Butler for more than 18 years.

Butler denies the claim and says he is still the leader of his church.

According to the police report filed on the altercation, which happened on July 14, Geraldine Griffin Moss of 2708 Fondly Road was leaving the Food Lion located in the East Winston Shopping Center at 500 Martin Luther King Drive when she was approached, then physically assaulted by Connie Young of 2023-H Brandemere Apts. and Frankie Pearson of 215 Yorktown Road in Kernersville. Police were called to break up the altercation, and all were taken to the Clerk of Court's office where Moss filed an assault complaint against the two women.

Both Young and Pearson appeared in Forsyth County District Court on Sept. 4, according to court records dated the same day, and were found guilty of simple assault by hitting Moss in the head with their fists in violation of General Statute 14-33, Code 1368. They were each fined \$104.50 plus court costs and sentenced to 30 days in the Forsyth County jail, suspended for three years. They were also ordered not to contact, assault, or threaten Moss. Both women appealed their cases on Sept. 10.

In late July following the fight and filing charges, Moss said she told her story to two of the members of the Shiloh Church's board of deacons, Robert Stewart and Eugene Preston, with Reverend Butler in attendance. She told of a more than 18-year affair with the minister, detailing their involvement. She said during the course of her story she was told that her statements were being taped. She said she was asked if she minded and that she replied she did not mind.

A member of the church who chose not to be identified, said Reverend Butler met with the Deacons

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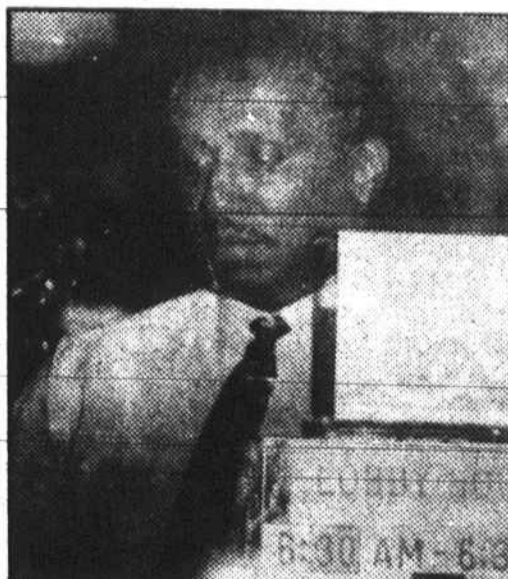


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**Postal employee locks doors in downtown facility.**

## Operating hours questioned

# Post Office policy called unfair

by RUDY ANDERSON  
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The U.S. Postal Service is closing the lobby of some of its stations at 6 p.m. during the week. The lobby of the postal facility at 5th and Trade Streets shut-down at 6:30 p.m. Those lobbies had been open 24 hours a day to allow access for postal customers renting lockboxes. And African-

Americans living in those areas say they are being treated unfairly.

Three of the four post office stations are located in or near African-American communities. The lobbies of the Ardmore station on Miller Street and the Salem station on Salt and West Streets stay open on a 24-hour basis.

The fact that these lobbies are being closed to the public in African-American

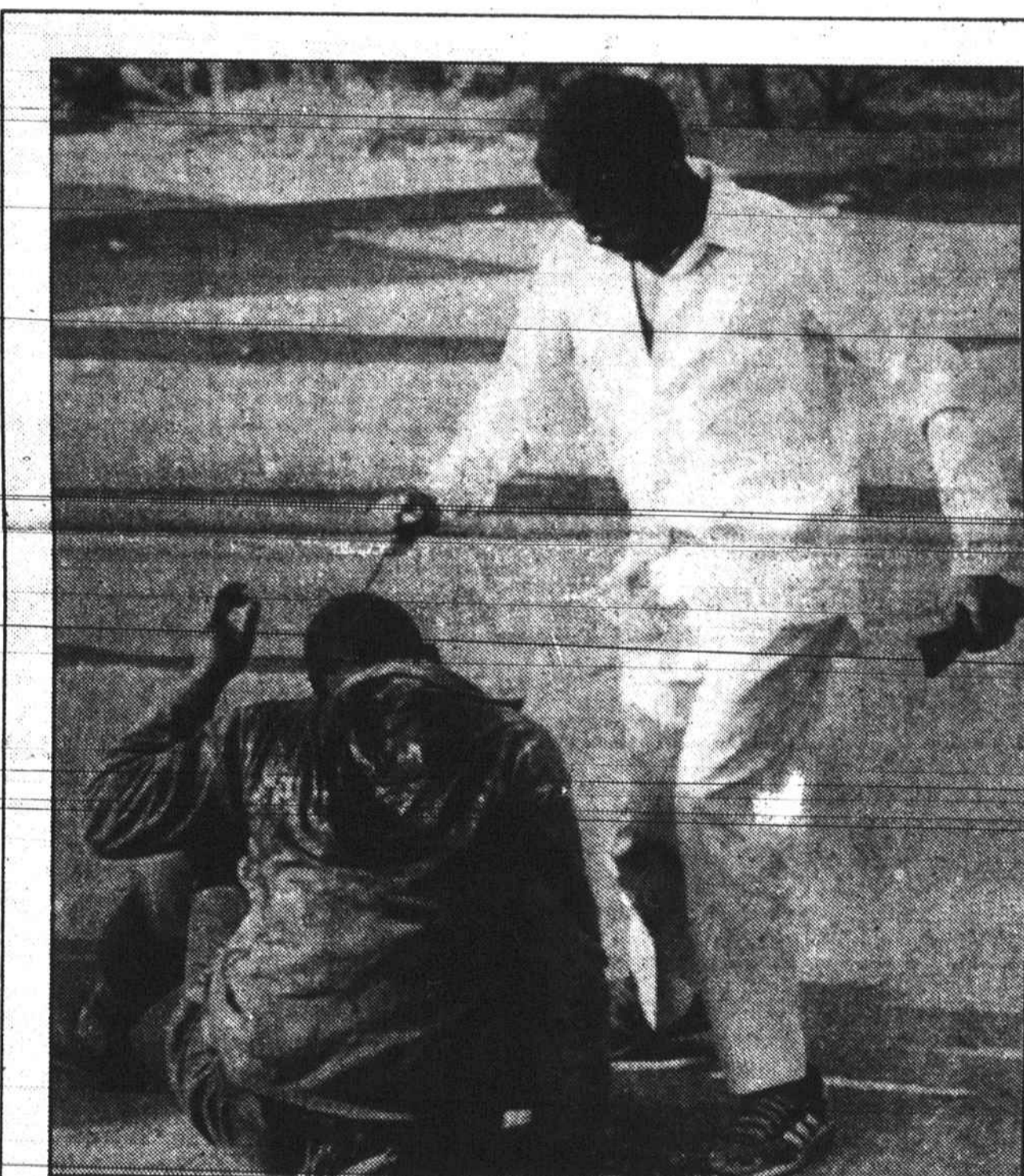
communities has angered people living in those areas. The action has also prompted some to ask why the lobbies in all stations are not treated in the same way.

Dave Barcio, manager of customer service for the U.S. Postal Service in Winston-Salem, said the decision was made to close the lobbies where postal vending machines had been vandalized. He said

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Rev. J. Ray Butler



Associated Press Laser Photo

## Violence rages

A man accused of being a Zulu Inkatha supporter is stabbed in the head by a supporter of the rival African National Congress, Soweto, South Africa, Saturday morning, after overnight factional disturbances. The man was later set alight and burned to death.

## Record check costs up

By TRACY L. PROSSER  
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An increase in the price of a police record report from the Winston-Salem Police Department could dramatically increase costs for local employment service agencies and larger corporations with offices in the area.

Sarah Puryear, director of the management information division for the police department, said the price for a police record report, which includes any arrest made by the Winston-Salem Police Department, used to be one dollar for the search and one dollar per page for the report itself. Aug. 1, the fee

was increased to a flat five dollars, a hike approved by the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen.

Alexander Beatty, assistant city manager, said a consultant group had looked at services provided to the people in Winston-Salem to see where operational costs could be cut. The group identified an increase in the rates for police record checks as one idea that could be implemented to recover operational costs.

Puryear said additional income from the increase in fees would not go directly to the police department but would be put in the city's general fund.

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## Trial jury is seated in Hunt case

Chronicle Staff Report

The retrial of Darryl Eugene Hunt for the murder of Deborah Sykes began in Newton, N.C., Monday, Sept. 17 and jury selection ended Wednesday. Four white men, eight white women, and an African American woman will hear the case. Both alternates are white.

Sykes, a Winston-Salem newspaper woman, was killed in August 1984, and Hunt was convicted of her rape and stabbing death June 14, 1985. His conviction was overturned by the North Carolina Supreme Court in May 1990.

The case is being retried in

Catawba County with Judge Forrest A. Ferrell presiding. The prosecuting attorneys are H. Dean Bowman, Surry County district attorney, and his assistant, James C. Yeates III. They were asked to try the case by Forsyth District Attorney Warren Sparrow. Hunt's attorneys are James Ferguson II, and Adam Stein.

Monday, Sept. 17, Hunt entered a plea of not guilty. The next day selection of the jury began.

But on Wednesday, the day all the jurors were seated, District Attorney Bowman stunned Hunt's defense team when he filed a

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## United Way supporters praise programs at luncheon

By TRACY L. PROSSER  
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When the Salvation Army Girls Club chorus began singing *Love in Any Language*, a haunting hush fell over the crowd of United Way supporters as they listened to what their donations helped accomplish.

The United Way luncheon Thursday, Sept. 13, in the M.C. Benton Convention Center kicked off the United Way 1990 community campaign and celebrated the campaigns of 42 participating agencies and 20 Pacesetter organizations. Together they have raised \$629,879 for the United Way of Forsyth County, a 25.8 percent increase over their 1989 giving. More than 800 people attended the luncheon.

Pacesetter organizations set their fundraising goals 20 to 30 percent higher than last year's giving and used model campaign techniques to set an example for other organizations. The Pacesetter campaigns ended Sept. 1.

Because of the sluggish state of the economy this year, fundraisers had to make a special effort. Paul Briggs, vice president of the Winston-Salem division of Duke Power and co-chair for the Pacesetter campaign, said, "This year we couldn't do business as usual; we had to go all out." Increasing people's awareness of the United Way campaign was a necessary goal, he said. Greg Beier, executive vice president of Carolina Medicorp Inc., joined Briggs as co-chair of the Pacesetter campaign.

Joe Neely, senior vice president of Sara Lee Corporation and this year's general campaign chairman, said giving to the United Way affects the bottom line in the community. The money spent now will

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## Tiny t-shirt artist honored at United Way luncheon

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING  
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When the teacher at the Happy Hill Gardens Child Care Center asked four-year old Benson Ray and the other four-year olds at the center early this spring to draw a picture as part of a unit they were studying on friendship, nobody had any idea that Benson's drawing would thrust him into the limelight.

It started with a request from Mrs. Cynthia Griffin at the United Way to one of its member agencies, the Bethlehem Community Center, for artwork selected from the four-year olds at the center and its two satellite locations, Happy Hill Child Care and Kimberly Park Child Care Center. From the works submitted, one would be selected for use on promotional material during the 1990 United Way annual fund drive.

Mrs. Gloria Thompson, who was one of Benson's teachers at the time, recalled, "We were doing a unit on 'My Friends and I', and I asked the class to draw a picture of



Photo by L. B. Speas Jr.

Three generations share the proud artwork of their fourth generation offspring, five-year old Benson Ray. From left to right are: Crystal Phelps, mother; Sybil Phelps, aunt; Annie Duck, grandmother; and Rosa Rice, great-grandmother.

Linda Charles, director of the center, then requested that three drawings be selected to be sent to the

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