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6,000 Affected by Food Stamps

By MAURICE CROCKER
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The 6,000 Winston-Salem residents who receive food stamps must now pick them up at the Check Express in the Eastway Shopping Plaza.

Systems and Methods Inc. (SMI) has been awarded a contract to issue food stamps to residents in the Winston-Salem area.

SMI is based in Carrolton, Ga. and operates the same type of distribution in Alabama.

Prior to the change to SMI, residents received their food stamps from any local post office and another check cashing company in Winston-Salem.

SMI was awarded the Winston-Salem contract last year by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners which has responsibility for food

stamp distribution in the Winston-Salem area. The new distribution policy became effective on Jan. 6.

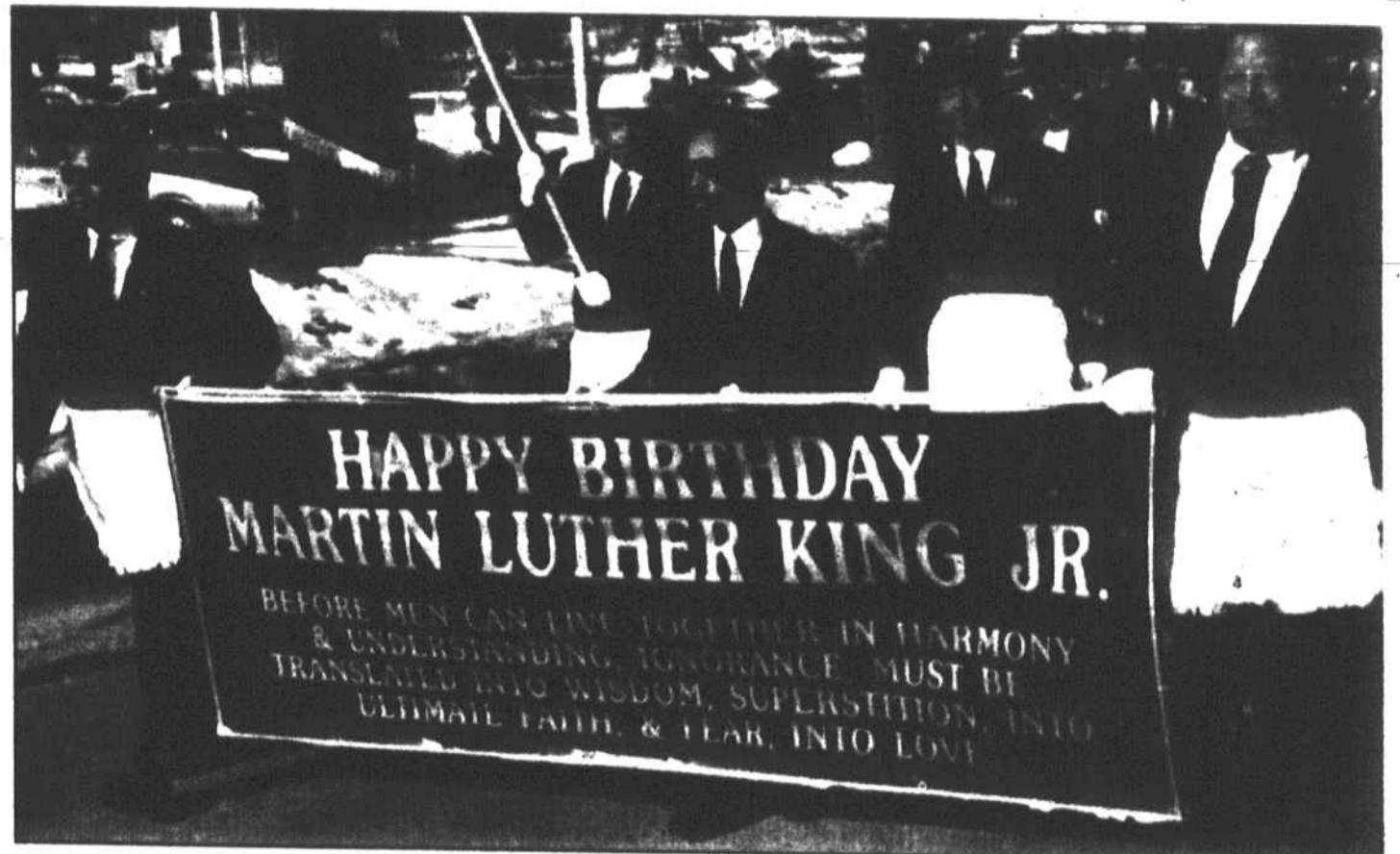
Sandeep Kapoor, spokesman for SMI, said all the clients seem to be pleased with the new service.

"We are ready to serve our Winston-Salem neighbors at the East Way Shopping Plaza. Everyone has been very cooperative as we have prepared to begin the distribution this month," Kapoor said.

With the new system, clients are served immediately, in some cases as soon as 30 seconds or less.

"This way is a lot better, because the clients normally stood outside and waited for their ser-

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Members of the Free and Accepted Masons carry a banner during the Martin Luther King Celebration Monday. More than 900 people marched in the rally.

900 March in City King Day Observance

◆ Speakers, youth choirs celebrate King Day

By JOHN HINTON
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Chanting slogans and singing spirituals, more than 900 people marched in the 11th Annual Martin Luther King Celebration rally on Monday.

The marchers began their journey at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. They walked along Martin Luther King Jr. Drive turning right at Fifth Street. They proceeded to downtown Winston-Salem, where the demonstration ended at Beneath the Elms. The Winston-Salem Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity sponsored the march.

Participants included African American ministers, community leaders, youth, and elderly people. Members of the Prince Hall District 30 of the Free

and Accepted Masons carried a blue and gold banner that read: "Happy Birthday Martin Luther King Jr. Before men can live together in harmony, understanding-ignorance must be translated into wisdom, superstition into ultimate faith, and fear into love."

Many demonstrators wore sweat suits, parkas and blue jeans on usually warm January morning. They passed the remnants of last week's snowfall on their way to the 16th Annual Noon Honors Ceremony for King's birthday.

"Martin Luther King has done a lot for everybody," said Calforvus Taylor, a former member of

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The participants of the King Day Celebration included local NAACP President Bill Tatum, left, WAAA-AM Program Director Mark Raymond, U.S. Rep. Mel Watt, WAAA-AM Owner Mutter Evans, and Dr. Alton Pollard of Wake Forest University.

Dr. Pollard Explains Struggle During King Day Celebration

By MAURICE CROCKER
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Dr. Alton Pollard, a religion professor at Wake Forest University, electrified a crowd of 1,000 people at the 16th Annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration. He challenged the standing room crowd to simplify the economic dollar, to require excellence from our children, and to support African American businesses.

Pollard said it is essential that African Americans create businesses in the minority community. "Why is it that black people will take their business to a white businessman before they go to a black business?"

Pollard said some blacks think whites possess special powers and abilities that blacks don't.

"What greater gift is there than being black?" he asked, as the crowd cheered. Some also stood on their feet to applaud him.

Pollard, who has a son and a daughter, said it is important that parents insist on excellence from their children.

"Look at Jesus. He came from a poor family, and people constantly talked about him. But he rose above it all. So it doesn't matter where you come from or what they say about you," Pollard said. He also told parents they should expect this

excellence in the children's school work, at home, and in church.

Parents also need to become more involved in their children's education, Pollard said.

"I go to the football fields and the parks and I see black fathers everywhere cheering and supporting their children," he said. "Then I go to the PTA meetings and ask myself where are you black men? Where are you?"

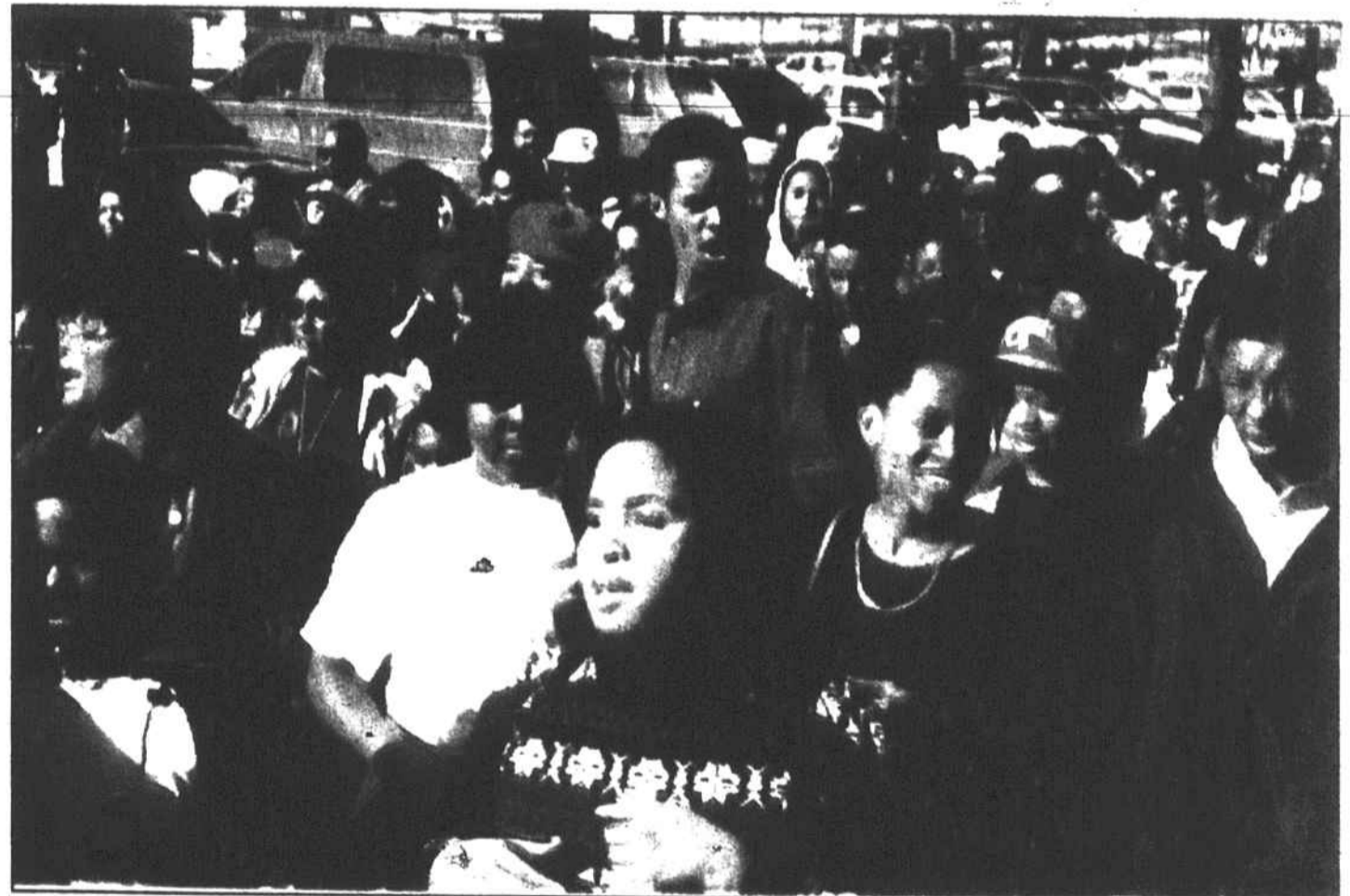
African Americans were encouraged to support African American businesses in their communities.

Throughout Pollard's message participants shouted, "preach on, go head, that's right, and tell the truth brother," as he explained how African Americans are still struggling in America.

"The struggle is against unemployment and finding jobs for our people. The struggle is against the perception young people have of living large and having the juice, and the struggle is also against using the "B" word to disrespect our women," Pollard said. Contrary to popular belief, these struggles do not just exist in the ghettos, nor do they only affect low income families.

"These struggles exist wherever there is a black person. It doesn't matter who you are. The

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The Martin Luther King Day attracted hundreds of young people this week. Local youths joined the rally at Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools were closed to observe King's birthday. Demonstrators later gathered for a program honoring King at Beneath the Elms.

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Womble, Oldham to Seek Reelection as Legislators

◆ Parmon, Woodruff discuss Commission Chairmanship



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State Reps. Larry Womble and Warren "Pete" Oldham will seek reelection to their seats in the N.C. General Assembly.

Womble, who officially announced his candidacy on Wednesday, will seek his second term in the 66th House District while Oldham is vying for his fourth term in the 67th House District.

"I know that I can count on your continued loyalty, trust and dedication as we join hands and strive

to make the 66th District the best one in which all of us can live, work, and prosper together." Womble told his supporters at the Forsyth County Board of Elections, where he filed. "With your help and blessing, we will be victorious."

Womble says he doesn't know of a Democratic challenger for his seat. "The entire Democratic Party is in its officers, and the rank-in-file are with us," he said.

Since being elected to office four years ago,

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