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the commissioners that a NAACP investigator has discovered that the corporation has purchased cars for five executives while raising room rates. Frazier said a need does not exist for the corporation to have a fleet of cars.

Complaints filed with the NAACP by black hospital employees included dismissal of employees over trivial matters, unjustly disallowed promotions and overlooking qualified black applicants.

Directions on where employees do go to find solutions to problems — not only of discrimination but also general problems — is what the NAACP sought to get from the commissioners. "We wanted to know with whom we are to sit down and address problems. Workers shouldn't have difficulties getting someone to discuss concerns."

Hospital officials would not release financial information concerning the purchasing of cars as the NAACP investigator had charged, saying the corporation is private and did not have to release financial information, Frazier said.

Since the commissioners appoint a board to direct the corporation and the board in turn hires the president, the NAACP considers the corporation a public entity.

County Manager Ed Swindell said commissioners do grant the corporation funds for

general operation and ambulatory services. Also, the corporation's directors are appointed by commissioners. The directors are responsible for the hiring of the president and give approval to the four vice presidents.

Accordingly, the corporation is quasi-public, one wherein the services rendered are of a public nature while the rendering body is under private control or ownership.

Ralph Jennings, president of the corporation, replying to the charges, said the corporation has purchased cars for five executives, but at "no net cost" to the corporation. He said the executives' income was reduced and they also pay a monthly fee for the use of the cars. He said the executives are on 24-hour call and the cars are provided to ensure that the business of the corporation is conducted.

On the discrimination complaints, Jennings said there is no way to guarantee that worker complaints will be solved without compromise. When reminded the complaints concern the unwillingness of hospital officials to address problems, Jennings said he is willing to discuss the concerns with the NAACP.

Jennings said the corporation is charged as a private, non-profit entity. He said financial information is public and should be released to anyone who has a valid reason for obtaining it.

Mrs. Florine Roberson Named To Mental Health Commission

Mrs. Florine H. Roberson has been appointed to the North Carolina Commission on Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. The appointment is effective immediately and will expire June 30, 1983.

Mrs. Roberson attended the Durham public schools and is a graduate of Durham College. She has also completed Real Estate studies and received her certificate from Durham Technical Institute in 1980.

Mrs. Roberson, an active member of St. Joseph's AME Church, serves as president of the Senior Missionary Society; is a member of the Church Budget Committee, a Class Leader, member of Stewardess Board Number One, Ladies Usher Board and Ladies Aid Society.

She has been active in both civic and community organizations. Some of these include services as a member of the Durham County Democratic Party, delegate to the Durham County Democratic Convention in 1980, 1981 and as a member of the Executive Board of the Durham Branch NAACP which she



serves as first vice president.

Mrs. Roberson is a Life Member of the YWCA and served on the board of directors for eight years. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Lincoln Community Health Center and serves as secretary. Other activities include services as a member of the Tree Committee for the City Council of Durham, co-chair of the Civic Committee of the Durham Committee On The Affairs Of Black People, financial secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference Branch Missionary Society and a member of the Board of Directors of the Today's Woman Organization.

Mrs. Roberson recently

ly became a member of the Million Dollar Club of the NAACP and was presented her medallion at St. Joseph's AME Church by George W. Frazier, Durham Branch president.

Honors and awards received by Mrs. Roberson include the Governor James B. Hunt Certificate of Appreciation as a special Volunteer in 1980; Certification of Recognition of Quiet, Outstanding, Dedicated Service to the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, 1980; Certificate of Recognition for Faithful Service to the Minnie Pearson Area Missionary Society, 1980; Merit Award from the Durham Merchants Association; Missionary Woman of the Year, St. Joseph's AME Church, 1971, 1973; Missionary Service Award, St. Joseph's AME Church, 1977; and the Oscar Womack Service Award, 1978, presented by the Laymen's Organization.

Mrs. Roberson is married to Chester L. Roberson, Sr., and they are the parents of five children: Mrs. Minnie R. Harrington, Chester L. Roberson, Jr., Eric "T-Bird" Roberson, Mrs. Toni R. Barrett and Mrs. Sarah R. Alford.

Odetta To Perform At NCCU, Oct. 28

Odetta, described as dynamic folk music scene for more than 25 years, will appear in concert at North Carolina Central University's B.N. Duke Auditorium at 8:15 p.m., Wednesday, October 28.

The performance is part of the university's B.N. Duke Series. Tickets are \$2.50 general admission and \$1.50 student admission.

Odetta is a native of Birmingham, Alabama, and was raised in Los Angeles, where she began private voice lessons at the age of 13. She made her first professional appearance as a folksinger in 1950.

She has worked with Harry Belafonte and Pete Seeger, both close personal and professional friends, and has performed solo concerts in Europe, the USSR, Japan, Africa, and Israel. She has worked with the Milwaukee and



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St. Louis Symphony Orchestras and with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

Odetta has made TV guest appearances with Johnny Cash, Della Reese, Mike Douglas, Joey Bishop and David Frost.

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Continued from Page 1 section of his community including labor unions civic associations, The Washington Post Americans for Democratic Action youth groups, feminist organizations, small businessmen and others.

Community-Based Humanities Project To Stress Contributions Of Blacks

GREENSBORO—Dr. Sandra Carlton Alexander, an assistant professor of English at A&T State University, has received funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities to conduct a year-long cultural enrichment project for minority students.

"It's really a community project," said Dr. Alexander. "The idea is to not only increase the community's knowledge of and appreciation of the cultural contributions of blacks, but also to develop the potential of black youth."

Dr. Alexander said she plans to initially involve 100 students in the project, funded with \$14,535 from the National Endowment for the Humanities' Youth Programs Division and with \$2,330 from the Bryan Community Enrichment Program, administered by the

United Way of Greater Greensboro. The project, according to Dr. Alexander, will consist of seminars in music, art and literature on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at A&T.

In addition to studying about the contributions of blacks in art, music, literature, history and religion, the students will participate in research on successful blacks in those fields who have lived in the Piedmont Triad.

They include Ms. Margaret Tynes of the Metropolitan Opera; the late Broadway actor, Richard B. Harrison; jazz musician, John Coltrane; singer, Arthur Prysock; writer, Ms. Mildred Payton, and poet, Ms. Linda Bragg.

Dr. Alexander said the students' research will be published in a biographical directory and distributed to local libraries and cultural agencies. She said students for

the program will be selected from the humanities and English classes at A&T and from the community

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Harold Ford Oversees \$38 Billion In Disbursements

WASHINGTON—U.S. Representative Harold Ford (D-Tenn.) will oversee \$38 billion in disbursements as the new chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Assistance and Unemployment Compensation.

Ford, at 36, is the youngest person ever selected for the post. Elected in 1974, Ford, now in his fourth term, ran unopposed in his most recent victory.

The Ways and Means Committee is responsible for all tax legislation in Congress. Ford's sub-

committee will handle some of the programs that have the greatest impact on poor people and blacks such as Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Supplemental Security Income and Child Welfare Services. These programs are among those being severely cut by the Reagan Administration. "My concern is that these services be restored in full because of the devastating effect these cuts will have on the 29 million people living in poverty in this country," Ford said.

Blacks In Government Hold First Confab

By Donald Alderman RALEIGH — The first annual conference of Blacks United In Government, Inc., convened at Saint Augustine's College recently. The group of black professionals active in state government discussed the future of blacks in state government, employment during the Hunt administration, the status of affirmative action and elected officers. Blacks United In Government organized in August of 1980.

"The Future of Blacks in Government: Bleak or Bright," was the topic of a discussion presented by Senator Henry E. Frye. He said the ability of blacks to land meaningful governmental employment depends largely on the political involvement of blacks. Frye said that potential black votes realized will open many employment opportunities. Blacks within government must seek to inform others of employing agencies and application procedures, Frye said as he cited a need for increased awareness. Frye, elected to the state senate in 1969, is the first black to serve in that body.

North Carolina has no specific law requiring affirmative action, other than federal laws which cover a limited number of jobs. Harold Webb, director of state personnel, told the group. However, he said, the state has an Equal Opportunity Act which pro-

hibits discrimination based on race, creed, national origin and sex in state and local agencies. The group discussed ways of getting blacks to indicate "discrimination in the form of promotions or employment."

The Equal Opportunity Act was introduced in the senate in 1971 by Joy J. Johnson, the second black state senator. Johnson is a member of the N.C. Paroles Commission. He was chairman of Blacks United In Government during its first year.

Employment strides that have been made during the Hunt administration include the appointment of Frank Bright as assistant secretary of corrections and William Dudley as executive director of the inmate grievance commission; Ben Ruffin, assistant to the governor, told the conference. He noted that the chairman of the N.C. Paroles Commission is black, Walter P. Johnson, Jr. The commission is composed of two blacks, one Indian and two women.

Officers elected included Jerry Price of the Corrections department as chairman; Ms. Eleanor Nunn, State Personnel, as first co-chairman; Larry Harris, Corrections, as second co-chairman; Frank Bright, Corrections, as treasurer; and Ms. Patricia McCulloch, Natural Resources, as secretary.

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