

newsline

RALEIGH--Citizens of Forsyth County will have an opportunity to suggest changes in the state's criminal laws and improvements in the criminal justice system at a Governor's Conference on Crime Control to be held in Winston-Salem on Wednesday, September 27.

The public hearing, to be held in Courtroom 3B of the Hall of Justice at 9:00 a.m., is one of thirty-seven such hearings previously announced by Governor Jim Hunt to be held throughout the state.

Hunt has designated Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety J. Phil Carlton to preside over the hearings and both officials are hoping that many local residents will attend the hearing to voice their opinions.

The primary purpose of the hearings, according to Carlton, is to give citizens an opportunity to lend their advice and suggestions on ways to reduce and control crime in North Carolina. "This is not one of those opportunities for those of us in Raleigh to come and make speeches," Carlton said. "We will come to listen to any suggestion anyone wants to make about ways and means to fight crime in North Carolina. We are particularly interested in suggestions on strengthening our criminal laws and improving our law enforcement, court and correctional systems."

RALEIGH--Dr. Sarah T. Morrow, Secretary, Department of Human Resources, announced today that DHR has received a waiver from the federal day care regulations from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

This waiver mainly refers to the staff/child ratio and effects the number of people employed who provide services to children in day care centers. This will enable the centers to serve more children with the same number of staff with a lower cost per child.

"There are 23 counties mostly in the eastern and southern part of our state, which do not have any certified day care centers for their children," said Dr. Morrow. "This waiver should make it easier for existing facilities to obtain certification, which is necessary to serve children eligible for federal assistance. I think another benefit of the waiver is that it will provide quality care for children whose parents do not receive a federal subsidy at a cost they can more easily afford."

Currently, there are 1,860 day care facilities across the state and only 360 of them meet the federal certification standards.

RALEIGH--The Forsyth County Jail is one of five North Carolina jails selected to participate in a pilot program designed to improve health care for jail inmates. The jails were selected by the American Medical Association and will work closely with the North Carolina Medical Society in upgrading their health services.

The five are: Carteret County Jail, Forsyth County Jail, Mecklenburg County Jail, New Hanover County Jail and the Polk County Jail. They were chosen from jail applicants from across the state on the basis of interest, geographic location and size.

Under the program, the North Carolina Medical Society will work with each jail to improve its health services, where needed, to meet the 42 different standards required for accreditation. Among the minimum standards are the need for a physician to be on call at all times, a regular sick call for inmates, and the availability of a properly equipped examining room. Full accreditation under the project will help to assure that persons being held in these jails receive proper medical care during their confinement.

NAACP to Focus on Church Ties

CHARLOTTE--Activities of the 35th Annual Convention of the North Carolina State Conference of NAACP Branches, which is meeting in Charlotte, N.C., October 19-22, 1978, will begin with the "Ministers and Church Emphasis Day" Program at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, which is the Convention Headquarters.

Rev. L.O. Saunders, Chairman, N.C. State Conference Church Work Committee and Pastor, Gaston Chapel AME Church, Morganton, N.C., who will deliver a special message to the ministers said, "Ministers from across the state will be arriving in Charlotte, Thursday morning for Registration and the first Plenary Session, which will begin at 10:00 A.M." He said, "There is a long history of cooperation

between the NAACP and the churches."

There will be a "Ministers and Delegates Dinner," Thursday evening, 7:30 P.M., at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, featuring as speaker the president of Shaw University, Dr. Stanley H. Smith.

An added attraction on Thursday evening at the dinner is the appearance of the John Ingram, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate.

The days activities will focus on two important areas of concentration: The morning session panel will be concerned with "THE CHURCH AND THE FUTURE OF BLACK AMERICANS IN A TIME OF CRISIS", with the participants being - Rev. Arthaniel E. Harris of

Kinston; Rev. Dr. Reginald A. Hawkins, DDS, PA, of Charlotte; Rev. Moses Clyde Herring of Supply, N.C. and Rev. James F. Wingate, Sr. of Stanley, N.C.

The panel concentration for the afternoon session is, "IDENTIFYING PROBLEM AREAS BETWEEN THE CHURCH & NAACP AND DEVELOPING METHODS & STRATEGIES TO SOLVE THEM."

Participants are: Rev. Ricky Spain, Reidsville, N.C.; Hon. Rev. Robert L. Walton, Charlotte, N.C.; Rev. John H. Taylor, Jamesville, N.C.; Rev. Solomon Jones, Rocky Mount, N.C. and Rev. R.L. Milhouse, Laurinburg, N.C.

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The figures showed a decline over the three years from 35.6 per cent of major crimes in the city to 31.9 per cent in 1977. Figures for the black neighborhoods are not yet available for 1978.

But those statistics don't really deal with the real dimensions of crime in the black community, Green stressed as he rode around from one end of East Winston to the other.

As he drove by eight square blocks of cleared out homes, Green recalled his childhood. "All across there, used to be little simple shotguns," he said.

"Now they're clearing them out and they're moving on top of each other," he noted with a trace of bitterness.

"A lot of it (crime) is frustration," he said.

Green said he has been able to organize Neighborhood Watch programs throughout about 40 per cent of the district, although not all programs are active.

"One of the problems with our program is that a lot of people feel the sign will protect them," he said. "It's not the sign. It's the program."

Among the most enthusiastic backers of the Neighborhood Watch programs have been senior citizens, particularly women, said Green. One neighborhood leader, Mrs. Mary Johnson, said organizers run into a number of excuses "when people just don't understand what the program is about."

However, once signs start to go up in a few yards, "I begin to see a lot of people's eyes stretch."

"I haven't run into anyone who didn't think it was a good idea," she said. As she spoke, a neighbor across the street nailed up a "Neighborhood Watch" sign.

Referring to criminals, she said, "I've worked since I was 7 and now I'm 63. I don't see why they can't work too."

Ellison from page one

Chronicle, many persons who had worked with Ellison in his crime prevention program have called to express their concern over the situation.

North Carolina Secretary of Corrections Amos Reed stated in an interview last Thursday that he was not familiar with the Ellison case. When the situation was briefly explained to

him, Reed indicated that he concurred with the procedures which were followed.

Ellison, an inmate at the Forsyth Advancement Center, participated in the work-release program as an employee of the Experiment in Self-Reliance. He was director of the Save Our Youth Program, a project designed to prevent young people from becoming involved in crime.

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the summer," he said. "The student and faculty park on a first come first serve basis.

"There's always space to park on campus, but you might can't park in front of a building you want to go in," Rush continued. "We have a paved parking lot on campus behind Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium for 100 cars and it hasn't been full the whole semester."

Rush said that it costs 25 cents a day to park in the lot. He also said plans are being made to gravel another field for campus parking.

In other business, the Aldermen by a 5-3 vote chose appointments to various city commissions. The three black Aldermen (Newell, Little and Burke) and the two Republicans (Cavanagh and Northington) teamed up to change some of the Mayor's recommendations and substituted them with blacks and Republicans. The three white Democrats voted for the Mayor's nominations.

Evelyn Terry, a black ABC Board member and an employee for the Experiment-in-Self Reliance, was

appointed chairman of the Board of Alcoholic Control. She was chosen over James E. Humphreys, a white Democrat and the Mayor's recommendation.

Two weeks ago, at the last board meeting, the appointments made by Wayne Corpening were met with substitute nominees by some of the Aldermen.

In the prepared agenda, Corpening had listed a set of nominees to the various committees. When the Aldermen began to vote, Aldermen John Cavanagh substituted the name of Henry Lauerman, a Republican, for J. Clifton Harper, a Democrat, to the board of Alcoholic Control, which was approved.

Alderman Eugene F. Groce moved for a no consideration on the additional nominations, which postponed the selection of nominees until this week's meeting.

The board also approved fees for adult softball, basketball and football and approved a resolution for rental charges for recreation center facilities.

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