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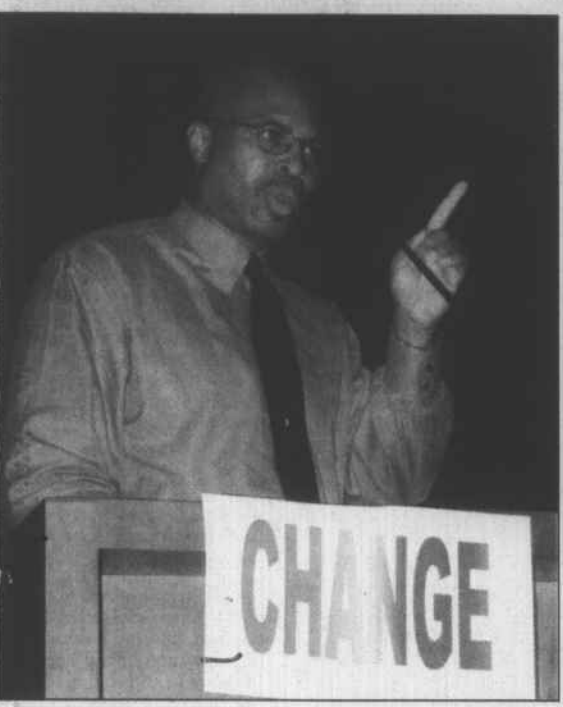


Photo by Kevin Walker
The Rev. Vernon Crump of Mount Pleasant addresses the audience at last week's CHANGE meeting.

CHANGE is on its way to local schools

Volunteers to begin so-called audits of schools very soon

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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A racially diverse grassroots organization that has been working for the past several months to make Winston-Salem a better place to live, has voted to put its focus on the more than 65 schools in the county.

CHANGE (Communities Helping All Neighbors Gain Empowerment) will begin what the organization calls "school audits" this month and into next month. The audits are assessments that will be conducted by dozens of CHANGE volunteers that will cover a variety of aspects. CHANGE is mostly made up of people from a wide cross section of local churches and community associations.

A group of CHANGE volunteers will be assigned to a school. The audit form that

the groups will use asks group members to rate everything from the physical condition of the school to the number of years of experience that school administrators and teachers have. Other



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issues that will be probed as part of the audits will include suspension and expulsion rates and the number of arts programs that are offered.

"We see this audit as a...positive move for the city of Winston-Salem," said Cordelia Woodruff, a CHANGE member who will work on the school audits.

At the organization's quarterly meeting last week at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, more than 175 people volunteered to take part in the school audits. Organizers said that is enough volunteers to

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Photo by Kevin Walker
Vivian Burke stands in front of Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum, one of the places featured in her booklet.

Booklet tells stories behind names

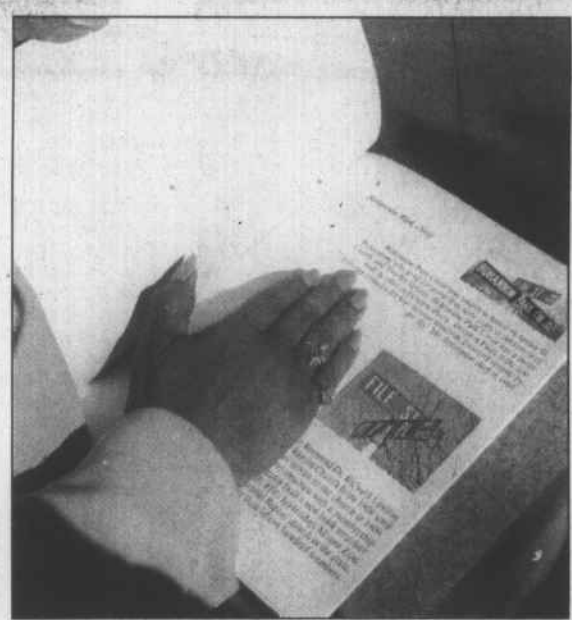
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Folks drive up and down Five Royales Drive and Laura Wall Boulevard every day without giving it a second thought. But Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke is behind a project designed to get local residents to stop and think about the names they see every day on street signs and buildings.

Burke's three-year-old booklet "What's in a Name?" has been updated and revamped. Within the booklet's pages are the stories behind the names of some of the city's best known sights and landmarks. Burke's project focuses on landmarks that are named for African-Americans.

Five Royales Drive, for example, is named for the renowned doo-wop group that formed in the city in the 1950s, and Laura Wall Boulevard is named for a much loved children's music teacher who played piano for several churches.

"Many times people look at things and they wonder, 'Who



is that?' This makes it clearer," Burke said.

Street names are not the only focus of the book. Burke also spotlights more than a

dozen, buildings in the city, from the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum (named for the late Lawrence Joel, who was awarded the

Medal of Honor for his service in the Vietnam War), to the Hampton D. Haith Public Transportation Center (named for the last general manager of the African-American-founded Safe Bus Co.). The city's growing number of historical markers dedicated to the accomplishments of African-Americans are featured as well. Burke has been a key factor in making many of the markers a reality, such as the one along Fourth Street that spotlights Larry Leon Hamlin and his National Black Theatre Festival.

Burke said she has had only good responses from "What's in a Name?" Churches have asked for copies and many people have asked for permission to photocopy the book. The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system paid to have the booklets printed. The booklets have been made available to every school. Burke hopes that schools will find a way to incorporate the booklet into their curriculums.

"I hope young people look

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Local pastors join effort to help HBCUs

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity has announced an ambitious plan to raise more than \$11 million for the state's 11 historically black colleges and universities.

The core of the fund-raising effort will involve churches encouraging members and others in the community to purchase MATAH manufactured products such as laundry and dish detergent, hair care and beauty products. MATAH is one of the nation's largest black-owned distribution companies. The New Jersey-based company markets and distributes more than 200 products.

Ministers will then encourage people to redirect the money they would normally spend on cleaning and beauty products at retail stores to HBCUs. The goal is to raise \$1 million for every HBCU in the state.



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Rockin' and Readin'



Photo by Paul Collins
Poet Carl Martin was one of 11 local and N.C. authors who read at "Local Authors Rock 'n' Read" at Central Library Friday afternoon. It was one of the events to kick off the Forsyth County Public Library's community read project, On the Same Page, which will focus on Clyde Edgerton's "Walking Across Egypt." See story on page A9.

Locally bred author is set to come home

BY CHERIS F. HODGES
FOR THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem native CaS Sigers has always been fascinated with writing, but nobody really knew it.

Unlike many writers, Sigers didn't share her poetry and prose with the world when she was honing her skills.

"When I was growing up, writing wasn't popular," said the 33-year-old author. In June, Sigers released her first novel, "A Girl Named Lily." The book is a romantic comedy that takes a look at what women say they want in a man and what happens when one woman, Lily, gets it.

"Lily" is written in journal style, giving the reader insight into Lily's mind and life. Sigers mixes poetry with the story, taking the reader



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