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Here Sunday Morning

First Baptist Church Will

Move Into Impressive Quarters

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

After 76 years at the corner of Independence Boulevard and South Church Street, historic First Baptist Church will move into its impressive new quarters on Oaklawn Avenue. On Sunday morning, May 15, a police escorted caravan of about 60 cars will leave the old building at 10 a.m. and wend its way across town to the new site.

Rev. J.B. Humphrey, pastor since 1947, will preside at the first regular 11 o'clock worship service in the new church. Formal dedication ceremonies will begin at four o'clock that same afternoon with Rev. James Z. Alexander, Dean of Shaw University Divinity School, as principal speaker.

The brick building, designed

by Gantt-Huberman Associates, has an area of 20,000 square feet and is contemporary in design. A sweeping ceremonial driveway graces the front of the structure which is topped by a bell tower. Custom-designed bells are scheduled to arrive from Sweden in June and thereafter will toll to call the faithful to worship and for other ceremonial occasions.

Upon entering the chancel, ones eyes are immediately drawn upward to the massive, but simple wooden Baptistry Cross mounted on a background of purple, high on the opposite wall. Faceted stained glass windows flank each side of the auditorium and the ceiling, which has exposed wooden beams, rises majestically to the front.

During a telephone conver-

sation with Harvey Gantt, architect, he was asked to point out any unique features of the structure. He said he feels the entire design is unique because it is a departure from the usual architectural expression used for a Baptist Church. At the same time, an effort was made to create a space which has an element of sacredness.

Included in the building are a multi-purpose room, a fully equipped kitchen, classrooms, choir rooms, a lounge, pastor's study, offices, and facilities for a kindergarten or nursery. The extension building, which was on the site when purchased, has been renovated for a library and classrooms for older children and adults.

It was slightly over a decade

ago that the members of First Baptist began making plans to relocate. The old church, begun in 1901 and completed primarily by labor donated by members, was formally dedicated in 1911 and by the early sixties was suffering from the ravages of time. Not only was remodeling deemed to costly

to be feasible, it was also becoming apparent that the surrounding neighborhood was slowly dying of urban blight. Many of the church families were already moving into other areas and so the search for new property began.

The first land purchased was on Taylor St. but this was later sold when the present site became available. It was felt that the Oaklawn property was ideal because of its location and natural beauty.

Built at a cost of approximately \$800,000, the project See First on Page 12

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WBT To Aid Dr. King Campaign

Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15, WBT Radio and the Martin Luther King Memorial Commission will join together to help raise part of \$50,000 to erect a statue of Martin Luther King Jr. in Marshall Park. The event is a radiothon and live musical happening in the park.

The fundraiser kicks off at 10 a.m., Saturday, with a parade from Independence Plaza on South Independence to Marshall Park.

Starting at noon, WBT will host continuous live entertainment in the park. Top local groups will perform rock, folk, disco, rhythm & blues, jazz, gospel and inspirational music. The entertainment will continue until midnight on Saturday. On Sunday, live acts will perform from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Rockin' Ray Gooding's Original Sunday Night Hall of Fame will wind up the radiothon.

WBT personalities will broadcast live from Marshall Park. The Saturday schedule is: Bob Lacey and Harold Johnson - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Dick Durante - 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; George Woods - 7 p.m. to midnight; Larry James - midnight to 6 a.m. The Sunday schedule is: Captain Andy - 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.; H.A. Thompson - 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Rockin' Ray Gooding - 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Memorial Commission volunteers will be accepting contributions at the park and taking pledges by phone at 377-0260. The address for mail contributions is Martin Luther King Memorial Commission, Inc., P.O. Box 1895, Charlotte, N.C., 28233.

Also, WBT will sell "Love Charlotte" T-shirts with all profits benefitting the statue fund.

Food and refreshments will be available, and sanitation facilities will be stationed in the park.

The WBT Martin Luther King Memorial Radiothon is being coordinated by WBT community affairs director, Ray Gooding, and the Rev. James Barnett of the Martin Luther King Memorial Commission.

Carl Stokes Says:

"Carter Is Very Dangerous Man"

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
Post Executive Editor

"I think (President) Carter is a very dangerous man" because he has "lulled the American people with symbolic acts (and has) deliberately failed to deal with substantive issues all at the expense of Blacks, Hispanics and poor Whites," Carl Stokes, former mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, said in a news conference here Friday, May 6.

Appearing in Charlotte to address the Fourth Annual Moderator's Conference of United Presbyterians of North Carolina and Virginia, Stokes, now an NBC news commentator in New York City, told a small group of newsmen that the Nixon-Ford administration's attitude toward social programs was one of "deliberate neglect."

When asked whether Carter would reverse the Nixon-Ford trend, Stokes replied, "No," and added, "Carter's first 150 days show only a commitment to a balanced budget. The needs of a balanced budget and the needs of urban areas and the poor are inconsistent."

The articulate commentator said further that Carter has cut the community action programs by \$50 million and LEAA \$70 million less than the amounts inherited in the Ford budget.

According to Stokes, Carter has abandoned his campaign commitments aimed at reducing unemployment, reforming the welfare system, reviving urban areas and appointing Blacks to top cabinet level posts.

Specifically, Stokes said

Carter's abandonment of the Humphrey-Hawkins employment bill means that the federal government will actually commit itself to providing only 800,000 jobs while there are nearly 10 million Americans on the jobless roles. Secondly, he said the Senate has cut community development funds by \$500 million and Carter has no plans to try and replace that cut and welfare reform has been delayed on the pretext of dealing with the energy crisis.

Finally, on the question of appointing blacks to cabinet top level positions, Stokes said, "I don't share the view of many Blacks on Patricia Harris, head of HUD. She's a line worker with no policy-making authority, no experience in housing and no expressed commitment to the needs of



Carl Stokes
Former Cleveland mayor

the poor." As for Andrew Young, Stokes said, "he was sidetracked into a meaningless job where he can't be effective for blacks."

Stokes feels Blacks and the poor will be sacrificed by Carter while he caters to "middle America" to assure reelection.

Quest For Justice

Department Of Correction Is Accused Of Injustices



MISS CLARETTA HAYLEY
...Interested in modeling

Claretta Hailey Is Beauty Of Week

By Melvetta Wright
Post Staff Writer

A Wadesboro, N.C. native who just recently moved to the fair city of Charlotte, Miss Claretta Hailey is our choice for this issue's Beauty of the Week.

Claretta, a 1975 graduate of Bowman High School in Wadesboro, lives with an older brother and his wife. She is scheduled to enroll in Central Piedmont Community College in July to study Medical Record Technology. Because she also has a great interest in modeling, Claretta will also enroll in a local modeling school in July and attend her classes on the weekends.

In Wadesboro, Claretta is a member of Kesler Chapel AME Zion Church, where Rev. H. H. Little is the pastor.

Claretta is the sixth child born to Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Hailey with four sisters and five brothers, our Beauty said that it was a lot of fun growing up in a big family. Feeling that she was very lucky, Claretta said, "If you have any

problem, you have big brothers and sisters to go to." She laughed and added that big brothers "can always give you the scoop on a new boyfriend."

Since she's been in Charlotte, Claretta hasn't found many friends. "That's the bad thing about moving," she said. "I haven't met many people since I've been here. I like to go out and I haven't been able to do that so far."

Claretta described herself as being quiet, and she wasn't too far off base, but when she said that she was friendly she hit it right on the nose. She laughed a lot, in her "quiet" sort of way and seems to have been accurate when she told me that she's easy to get along with. Born June 24, 1957, our nineteen year old Beauty is a Cancer.

The person Claretta most admires is Arthur Ashe. One of the things that Claretta does for enjoyment, Ashe does as a form of employment. She thinks "he's the greatest in tennis and the fact that he's See Beauty, Page 6

Inmate Walter Taylor Says Rights Denied

By O. Imani Uhuru Aka
(V.W.P.)

In his campaign for President of the United States, James Earl Carter spoke out emphatically for a universal commitment to the individual's right to the lawful observance of his Human Rights. North Carolina's Department of Correction may be in direct conflict with the President.

Walter L. Taylor, of 2117 Horne Drive, an inmate at the Harnett Youth Center in Lillington, North Carolina, contacted the Post on April 26, with the hope of receiving assistance in his quest for justice, surrounding an alleged incident that took place on February 19.

According to Taylor, while sitting in the dormitory at the Harnett Youth Center, he and another inmate, Bobby Stevens, became embroiled in a fight, which inmate Stevens initiated. After both men were disciplined by the officer in charge, (Sergeant McNeill), they were returned to the same dormitory.

Subsequently, inmate Stevens, who reportedly has a history of behavior problems, struck Taylor from behind, on the head with a steel pipe. Inmate Stevens was taken to "segregation, solitary con-

finement," and Taylor to the doctor, who cleaned out the wound, administered a tetanus booster, and applied some substance to it which did not stop the bleeding, according to Taylor.

Taylor said he was then taken to a Lieutenant Tyson's office, who asked for a statement from him concerning the incident. After giving details of the incident, Taylor then asked to call his family here in Charlotte. Lieutenant Tyson refused on the authority of a Superintendent Temple, who saw no need, due to the lack of an emergency. Up until this time, according to Taylor, the wound had not yet stopped bleeding.

Superintendent Temple arrived shortly afterward, and informed inmate Taylor that he was to be placed in segregation as was inmate Stevens.

While in segregation, and repeatedly requesting something for pain and the loss of blood, Taylor told the Post, "all I received was a message from the doctor, who said 'he'll be alright.'"

Taylor maintains the loss of blood continued until the morning of February 21. "That afternoon, at approximately 1 p.m., I was examined again by the doctor, who afterwards said, 'he's healing.' To this day, I have been given nothing for the pain or the loss of blood, and received no stitches for the open wound."

Inmate Taylor stated, "I was released from segregation on February 22, whereupon, in the office of Sergeant McNeill, I was asked by him to forget the whole thing and let it pass or face the possibility of being sent to 'Odom Farms.'" I was also warned by Tyson not to press any charges against Stevens or I'd face trouble from the other inmates." Taylor told the Post, "I am seeking redress from the State of North Carolina's Department of Correction, because my rights were not protected (or) afforded me."

Superintendent Robert Barbour, an official at Harnett Youth Center, replied, "The doctor calls the shots in those situations, and we have nothing to conceal." After a check of the Medical Record, Barbour continued, "according to our records Taylor was treated on the 19th, 21st; and 23rd of February. No further medication was given on the 21st, due to the minor extent to the injury. On the 23rd, our physician prescribed aspirin for pain." Barbour concluded, "Walter was placed in segregation merely to facilitate the investigation of the incident, and his record will show no adverse affect as a result."

Contacted by Walter Taylor, and asked to represent him in his efforts against the state, Thomas F. Loflin III, prominent Durham lawyer and member of the Board of Directors, North Carolina Civil Liberties Union, told the Post, "I am looking into the case for the NCCLU. Walter Taylor wrote and asked us to investigate the case and that is the status of it now. We know that he was assaulted. Our concern is the promptness and extent of the medical treatment he received." He added, the U.S. Supreme Court has said inmates have medical care rights.

Except For Vietnam Pardon President Carter Gets High Marks

By Al D. Sharpless
Special To The Post

CHAPEL HILL - President Carter gets high marks from North Carolinians on his first 100 days in office, according to The Carolina Poll, a statewide telephone survey by the School of Journalism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The poll, which was conducted before Carter announced his energy program, showed strong opposition in the state to his pardon of Vietnam war resisters.

When asked "On the whole, do you think Carter has done a good job or a bad job so far as president," two-thirds (68 percent) of the 474 adults selected randomly said Carter had done a good job. Only 5 percent said he had done a bad job; 14 percent gave him a

mixed rating-good in some areas, bad in others, and 12 percent expressed no opinion.

"He's very honest and reaches out to people and admits his shortcomings," said a man in his 30's from Orange County.

"I enjoy his openness as compared to past presidents," a 30-year-old man from Rowan County told the Carolina Poll interviewer.

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TURTLE-TALK



Getting your head together in your OLD AGE could simply mean ASSEMBLING TEETH, GLASSES AND A TOUPE.