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Diggs To Be Honored At Morehouse Today



Diggs

Harold S. Diggs Sr., pastor of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church will be inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse

college in Atlanta today. Diggs, among 18 other people to receive the honor, has been pastor of the Sugar Creek Road church for 24 years.

JCSU's 100 Women, Mayor Host UNCF



Vinroot

Mayor and Mrs. Richard Vinroot, along with the Committee of 100 Women will host a reception for the Johnson C. Smith University United Negro College Fund campaign 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 6 at the mayor's home.

Reception attendants are asked to contribute \$25. For more information, call the JCSU office of development at 378-1018, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

We're Looking For A Few Good Rooks

The Charlotte Post is looking for chess players of all skill levels to join the members of the "Rooks" for some competitive fun and camaraderie. For more information, call Bob Johnson at 376-0496.

Play's Producer, Cast To Appear At Civic League Reception

Cedric "Cornbread" Maxwell, former member of the Boston Celtics and producer of "The Meeting," a fictitious encounter between Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, will be special guest of the Charlotte Civic League's membership reception 6 p.m. tonight, Afro-American Cultural Center, 401 N. Myers St. Cast members will also be present. "The Meeting" opens at Ovens Friday and runs through Sunday.

Call Them Up And Find Out What's Up!

A new 24-hour "Uptown Hot line" is available to let you know what's happening in the city. The number, 336-8888, is sponsored by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and The main branch of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library.

A Curfew For Teens: Is It Charlotte's Turn?

By Winfred B. Cross
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Would a curfew keeping juveniles off Charlotte streets after hours help curb the crime rate?

Maybe not. But one group feels a curfew could help protect juveniles from becoming victims.

Recent events -- the stabbing of 14-year-old Natasha Moore by another 14-year-old girl after a party at Boulevard Homes, and the murder of a 17-year-old Garinger High School student Travis Runyan by a 15 year old -- has raised the curfew question again.

Charlotte City Council member Hoyle Martin serves as vice chairman of the

council's public safety committee. He said the committee isn't currently considering a curfew, and it doesn't have plans to do so.

"I originally supported the idea several months ago, but I've got growing reservations about the idea," Martin said.

"Unless you get a lot of parental support, it's going to be very difficult to enforce. If more and more parents take

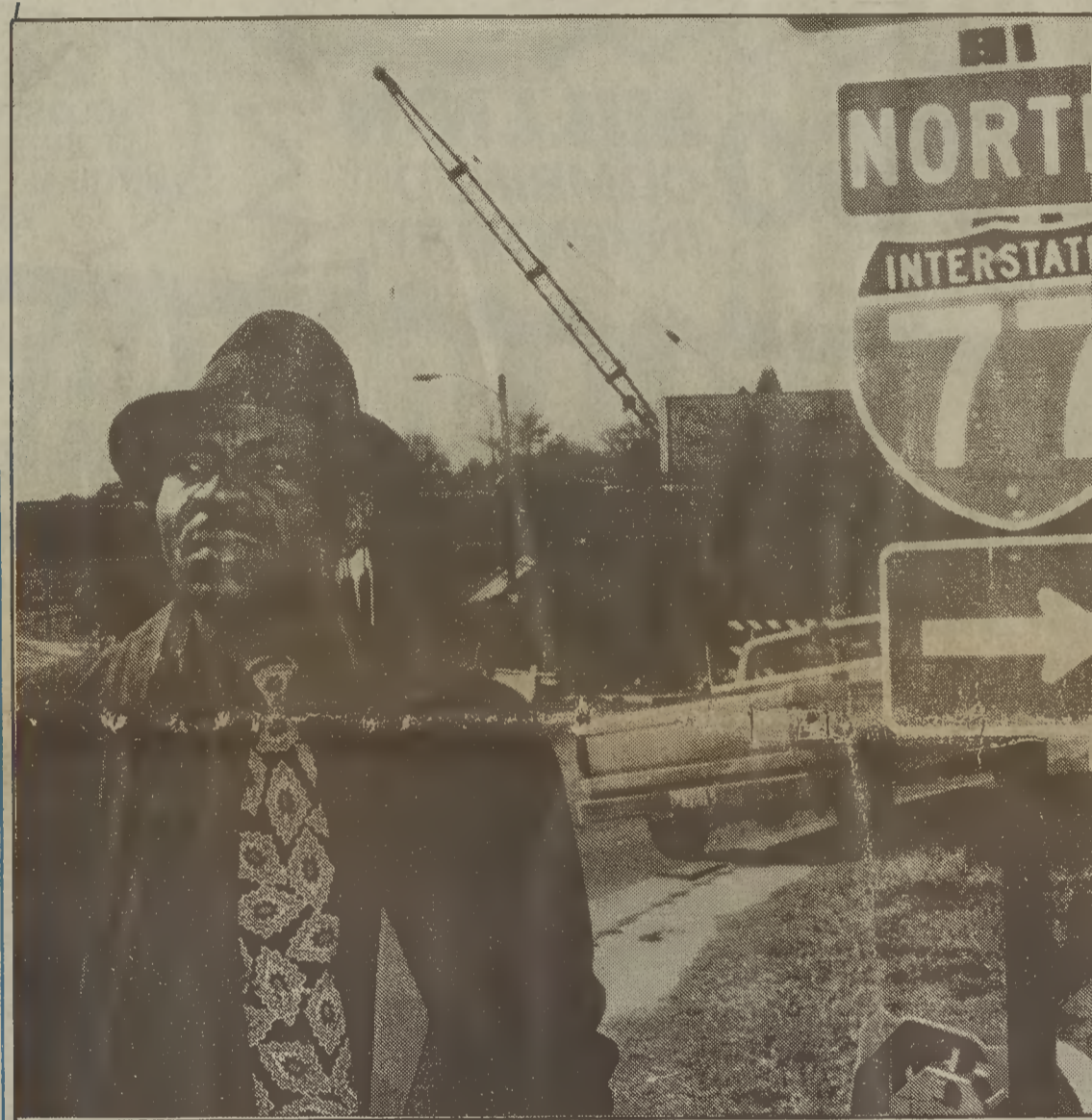
a greater responsibility about knowing where their children are, who they associated with, what places they go after school -- things would be better. The bottom line is there is a lack of communication, a lack of contact and interaction between parents and youth."

Ted Cormier, a Charlotte police officer and member of People Responding Openly

To Escalating Crime Today Against Youth (PROTECT Youth), thinks a curfew could promote interaction and save lives.

"The main idea that brought this about is that youth are becoming victims of crimes and don't have the capacity to make well rounded decisions all the time."

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Photo/Calvin Ferguson

West Boulevard resident Frank Coley stands at construction site that's keeping his neighborhood awake at night. Workers say the noise is a necessary evil, but should stop soon.

A Noisy Price For Progress

I-77 Construction Along West Boulevard Is Disruptive, Some Say

By Cassandra Wynn
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Frank Coley wants to know what else does he and his neighbors have to sacrifice for progress for the city.

The residents who live around West Boulevard and I-77 have taken a pounding because of construction to widen the interstate.

"The noise level has been so high with the construction that I'm concerned that it's rough for people with children, senior citizens and those who have to go to work the next day," said Frank Coley, a resident in the area and a Charlotte police officer. Until early morning

hours noise as loud as shot gun blasts, according to residents, has disrupted sleep.

"This community should not evolve into a dumping ground," Coley said.

The noise has been so loud, Coley said, that residents have complained that they are suffering from a lack of sleep. "Children have to rest to be attentive in school. The city needs to worry about the poor person on the Westside. Someone needs to start a study to see the effects of the noise. A rat walking on cotton would add to the decibel level."

"It is real irritating," said Hazle Floyd, whose house on

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Report Refutes AIDS Minority Label

SPECIAL TO THE POST

WASHINGTON, DC-- A new report by the highly prestigious National Research Council has indirectly contradicted recent attempts to portray AIDS as becoming increasingly a disease of blacks and other racial minorities.

While not directly addressing that issue, the 300-page report concluded: "The AIDS

epidemic will have little impact on the lives of most Americans." The Council added that while AIDS "has devastated" the communities of homosexual males and intravenous drug users "the epidemic has had little effect on American society as a whole."

The report noted that the greater incidence of HIV infection among blacks has occurred almost exclusively among black gay men and IV

drug users. Blacks not in those two groups have been little affected. Further, the report concludes that people who are not in those two high risk categories "probably will never be affected."

The National Research Council is part of the National Academy of Sciences and has been chartered by Congress to provide scientific advice to the government.

Black History Month Special

Charlotte Bishop Helped Blacks Advance

By Janel Clinkscales
SPECIAL TO THE POST

Charlotte's prosperous and progressive black citizens "will show themselves entitled to the same just and impartial treatment and favorable consideration accorded other good citizens," AME Zion Bishop George Wylie Clinton wrote in a booklet issued in 1915 to celebrate the achievements of Charlotte blacks in the 50 years since emancipation.

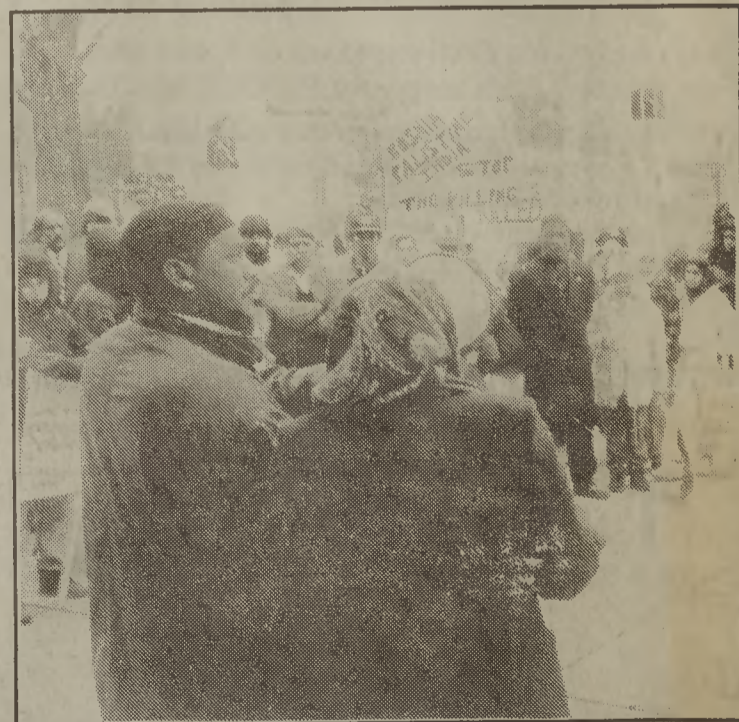
Clinton and others had much to be proud of. Charlotte blacks owned 144 businesses, including 31 restaurants, 24 grocery stores, three insurance companies and three hotels. Most were located in Brooklyn, just south of uptown and the major area of black residence until it was displaced by urban renewal in the 1960s.

The black community had 27 churches, five schools, a hospital, a library with 9,000 volumes, two lawyers and 12 doctors. The most

prominent physician was Dr. J.T. Williams, who had black and white patients and had recently served as U.S. consul to Sierra Leone.

Clinton may have assisted in gaining Williams' appointment for he was a close associate of Booker T. Washington, who controlled federal appointments of blacks under Republican presidents from the 1890s until his death in 1915. On at least one occasion, Clinton himself

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Charlotte Muslims marched for U.S. policy changes toward people who practice the Islamic faith.

Muslims: Change American Policy

By Herbert L. White
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Charlotte Muslims took to the streets last week for justice and the education of non-Muslims to the relig-

ion's plight around the world.

The Islamic Council of Metro Charlotte, which represents seven Muslim communities around the city, marched during a Day of Solidarity. See MUSLIMS On Page 4A

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