

New Turf

After 29 years as an educator, Annie P. Hairston faces a new challenge -- Kimberley Park Alternative School. Profile, A7.



Tough Luck

A tipped pass by Ronnie Dunlap wasn't enough to give Parkland a win in its season-opener against Charlotte Garinger. Sports, B4.



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Says Hunt; Helms declines to show

'I'm seeking black votes'

Clockwise from the left, Gov. Jim Hunt talks, moderator and Carolina Times Executive Editor Milton Jordan listens and Sen. Jesse Helms stays away (photos by James Parker).

Hunt's proud of his record

By ROBIN ADAMS
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It might have been billed as a minority version of the "Jim and Jesse Show." But there was one hitch: Sen. Jesse Helms didn't show.

Though both Helms and Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. were invited to participate in a press conference with reporters from North Carolina's black newspapers, the conservative Republican, who himself is a former reporter and editor, didn't respond one way or the other.

Still, Helms' absence didn't stop last Friday afternoon's session in the *Chronicle* newsroom. For the first time, reporters from North Carolina's black newspapers organized a joint press conference to question a candidate not only about black issues but issues of concern to the general population as well.

And, although Democratic challenger Hunt showed up 20 minutes late, he stayed an extra 20 minutes to field questions from journalists representing four of North Carolina's seven black

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Minister also facing pot possession charge

By ROBIN ADAMS
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In addition to two charges of drunken driving, say Guilford County court records, the Rev. Emery L. Clark Jr., pastor of Second New Bethel Baptist Church, has been charged with simple possession of marijuana.

Clark was arrested on the charge in June, the same time he was charged with driving while impaired and failing to comply with restrictive driving privileges. He made his first court appearance on Aug. 16, to answer to all three charges, but asked the court to continue his case.

Clark has since hired former Guilford County District Court Judge Elreeta Alexander Ralston to represent him.

Clark is scheduled to appear in court in Greensboro on Wednesday, Sept. 12.

Clark received the first DWI charge in March in Forsyth County. He was found guilty and sentenced to a suspended six-month jail term, fined \$200 and the cost of court, sent to Alcohol Drug Traffic Education School and ordered to contribute 48 hours of community service work.

A group of members from Clark's church have called for his resignation while others say he should remain.

Clark told the *Chronicle* three weeks ago that he had been given a vote of confidence by the majority of the church members attending a church meeting and had no intentions of resigning.

Clark, who, according to his wife, has moved from his home and is living with his son, could not be reached for comment.



Finger-Lickin' Delicious

Tastes like mom made it, says this picnic-goer at the outing sponsored by the Marian Anderson Club of the YWCA. The picnic was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore of Wheeler Street. Approximately 70 members and friends gathered for food and fellowship (photo by James Parker).



Election Year '84

Helms camp doesn't respond, Edmisten won't appear with foe

By GREG BROWN
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Last week's press conference between Gov. James B. Hunt, candidate for the U.S. Senate, and representatives of North Carolina's black newspapers marked a significant step forward in black coverage of statewide issues, said the editors and publishers who agreed to coordinate their questioning and publish a common news story and editorial the same week.

But they said the meeting also

underscored the problems such coverage poses for black newspapers with limited financial resources when some candidates decline to cooperate.

"It was significant in that, to my knowledge, it was the first time where a political candidate has met with the editors and publishers of North Carolina's black weekly newspapers," said *Chronicle* Publisher Ernest Pitt, one of the press conference's organizers.

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NAACP plans to meet in Charlotte this month

National organization hopes to dramatize its seriousness in Food Lion stores boycott

By ALBERT NICKERSON
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In an effort to rally support for the NAACP's boycott of Food Lion Inc. grocery stores, the 75-year-old civil rights organization will hold its board of directors meeting in Charlotte this weekend.

The group rarely holds such meetings outside its national headquarters in New York City, said Earl Shinhoster, NAACP regional director. But the meeting will be held in North Carolina to indicate the seriousness of the current boycott against Food Lion, he said.

"This will continue to dramatize our commitment to obtaining a Fair Share agreement with Food Lion," said Shinhoster.

The 64 directors will meet in the Radisson Plaza Hotel in

Charlotte. No plans to meet with Food Lion officials have been announced. During the first of the two and one-half day sessions, the local branch directors will meet. Then a "Cage The Lion" rally will be held at Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church.

The NAACP voted to boycott Food Lion on July 5 after two years of talks failed to produce a Fair Share agreement. Fair Share means, according to NAACP officials, getting corporations to agree in writing to pursue the aggressive hiring and promoting of minorities and do more business with black-owned firms. It also includes efforts to get major white firms to buy more advertising from black-owned publications and broadcast outlets.

According to the NAACP, on-

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