# Holiday

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"nay" to a "yea." "It was my feeling (during the first vote) that the money it would cost could be better spent on other things. I think it would have cost something like \$165,000, which doesn't sound like a large expense, but if you continue on, \$165,000 here and there adds up. In times when the economy is not at its best we had to watch every dollar," Willard said Tuesday night.

But he added that Parmon and Woodruff's addition to the board did change his outlook on the issue. "The makeup of the board had changed. It was my feeling that it would be better to go ahead and vote for it this time. I thought it would bring a little unity to the board, ne said.

According to Woodruff, the holiday brought unity to more than the board — it brought unity to the county.

'We all need to work together. It's good to celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday, because God moves us. And we can move (MLK's) dream. We have to work toward making his dream a reality and it takes all kinds of people to do that," Woodruff said.

Woodruff said it was unfortunate that the county "had to wait until we got here."

Parmon agreed. "It's important now that our black youth understand what this holiday is all about. As a community and a county, we have to strive to become involved in the activities and the programs that will be held for Dr. King," she said. "Dr. King's birthday should be a day of reflection and involvement to civil rights and the struggle. The struggle is not over. We've come along way and we have a long way

Parmon said she hopes that the entire county will take this holiday as an opportunity to come together to keep King's struggle in the forefront.

"Many of the youth were not around to understand what the civil rights struggle was all about. It's incumbent for us to keep that part of history alive for them. Dr. King's holiday should be spent doing just that," she said.

Said Willard, "Martin Luther King is a holiday for the entire county, as it is throughout a good bit of the country. It's a holiday that we'll have with us for many years to come."

# Dr. King

that will help us to stop killing ourselves — to stop black males from killing themselves? Will we talk about extending the life span of black Americans in general? And you? what will we say about improving the odds of survival for the black child born in Harlem who now stands at a statistical disadvantage to the same child born in Third World Bangladesh - or East Win- this holiday to further the cause Dr. ston? I Have a Dream . . .

Will we celebrate the life of this great man by designing strategies to improve performance by our children in elementary and secondary schools? How will we help them to graduate with a diploma that they can finally read?

And as we march down MLK drive, will we think about all the drugs that were sold the night before on that very street?

I have a dream . . .

What have we done with the goals and objectives of last year at this time — January 19, 1991? Or did we set any goals? Is anyone keeping count? Is anyone charting our progress other than the statisticians who work for the US Census Bureau, Labor Department, Health and Human Services or the National

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Urban League that always issues a report on the State of Black America? ... " I have a dream ...

I wonder about these things. Do

While I suspect that all of us are very much in favor of celebrating the holiday - are committed in word and in deed - we must also be willing to ask "how are we using King lived and died for?"

Are we using this holiday in the right way? Are we using this day to focus on those initiative things that it will truly lead us all to the mountain top — to the promised land?

If on Monday, January 20, we march, gather together, sing and parade because we don't quite know what else to do then we will have done a disservice to the man we so dearly loved and appreciated.

And we can also know this: next year at this same time, we as a people, will be no closer to realizing the dream of Martin Luther King Jr., than we are right now.

This most important holiday will be meaningful if and only if you and I will once again hold each other accountable!

I have a dream . . .

## Williams

tackle is "the myth that this is a racist state. I'm representing a multi-racial campaign. This state has an obligation to provide equal opportunity for everyone." Also, as an African-American, Williams said he wants to "knock out the political cronyism that exists in state government today," he said.

Williams, who will run as a Democrat, said he decided to announce his bid for governor early so he could begin what he called a "non-traditional campaign."

"I don't plan to tie up the air waves with my campaign. I'm going to do a shoe leather campaign," he said. By that, Williams said, he plans to go door-to-door to residents throughout North Carolina and visit groups, organizations and churches, which he has already begun to do.

All this, Williams admits, will put an end to his sometimes 50-hour per week work schedule.

"I plan to resign at the end of February so that I can engage full time in my campaign," he added. Williams also served as executive director of the Legal Services of the Coastal Plain for four years before moving to Wilmington in 1987. He said his experiences, such as balancing a budget, serving clients, working with lawyers, and overseeing a staff of 17, adds to his qualifications as the state's next governor.

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Williams is married to Althea Williams, an assistant district attorney in New Hanover and Pender counties. He received a bachelors degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He then went on to earn his law degree from the University of Minnesota. While in undergraduate school, Williams served as president of the Student Government Association and while still a freshman in law school, began working for the legal aid services. He was also student body president at Lumberton Senior High School and at the University of Minnesota School of Law.

Answering the question does he think he'll win the gubernatorial election, Williams answers, "definitely."

"I'm a hard worker and I believe I approach my work with alacrity and vigor . Before (Virginian Governor) Wilder and Jesse Jackson, I was out there working for the people."

Campaigning under the slogan, "Progress through interaction," Williams said one of his aims is to develop this idea statewide.

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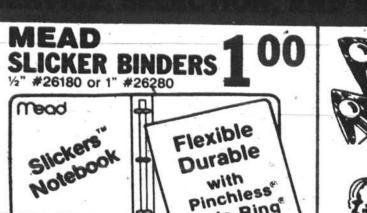




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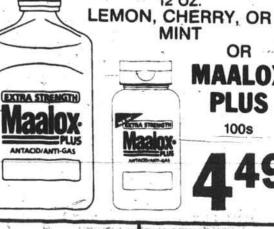
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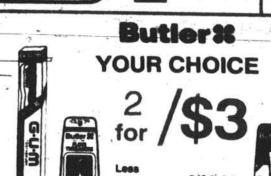


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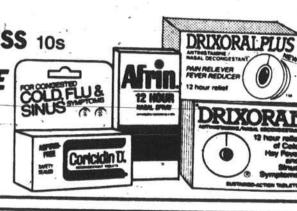
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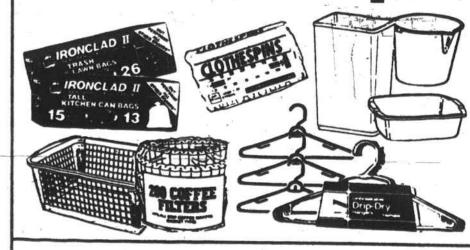
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