Honors Rev. Lowry

Post Staff Writer

In a very solemn, impressive and nostalgic service, the Rev. F.G. Lowry was honored Sunday, March 20 during two events. Rev. Lowry retired last week after serving as Pastor for 31 years.

Rev. Lowry has served as the 1st Vice Moderator of the General Baptist Association for 21 years. He has also served as President of the York County Sunday School Conference for 13 years.

Among the churches he has served as Minister are: St. Paul Baptist Church of Lovres, S.C.; James Chapel Baptist Church of Fort Mill, S.C.; Love and Charity Baptist Church, Upper Hope Station Baptist Church, Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, and New Zion Baptist Church; all in South Carolina.

Two services honored Rev. Lowry. The first occured during the 11 a.m. worship service at the First Mt. Zion Church. Guest speaker for the morning was Rev. Clyde B. Owens from Gaffney, S.C. All four choirs of the First Mt. Zion Church provided the music for the service.

The second service held on the same day at 3 p.m., featured Dr. J.B. Humphrey, Moderator of the General Baptist Association, presiding. Several other area ministers were among special guests of the program. Some of those participating were: Rev. Norman E. Kerry of Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Rev. R.M. Young of St. Paul Community Baptist Church, Dr. J.A. White, Moderator of the Mount Peace Association and Pastor of the Shiloh Institu- Remount Road.



Rev. F.G. Lowry ...Served 31 years

tional Baptist Church, Rev. L.D. Parker, Moderator of the Lane Creek Association and Pastor of Saint Luke Baptist Church, Rev. J.M. Kennedy, Moderator Emeritus of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association, Rev. J.E. Palmer, President of the Ministers Conference No. 2 and Pastor of the University Park Baptist Church, and Rev. Walter Keevers, President of the Ministers Conference No. 1.

The featured guest speaker of the afternoon service was Rev. S.L. Evans of Friendship College in Rock Hill, S.C. The four choirs of First Mt. Zion Baptist Church provided the music for the afternoon service, also. Program chairman for the event was Thomas Sowell. The two programs were successful in giving honor to one who has given so much service to God and his fellowman.

First Mt. Zion Baptist Church is located at 1515

Rev. Palmer To Appear On

Good Morning Carolina

Channel Nine's "Good Morning Carolina" seen weekday mornings at 6 a.m. will feature the following guests and topics for the week of March 28-April 1:

On Monday, Mar. 28 Tony Wentworth of the Mecklenburg Community Radio Service talks about CB radios. On Tuesday, Mar. 29 Rev. James Palmer talks about a city-wide crusade at University Park Baptist Church.

Ruth Jones of the N.C. Lupus Foundation of America is the guest on Wednesday, Mar. 30. She will talk about this disease and efforts being made to sponsor research to



Rev. James Palmer ... Makes TV appearance

Force recruitment. On Thursday, Mar. 31 Sgt.
O'Neil Busby talks about Air
Friday, Apr. 1's guest is the WSOC Scholar of the Month.

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Business And Finance

Traditional Obstacles Of Minority Business Development

By Richard Barber Special To The Post

I am in no way minimizing nor ignoring the traditional and contemporary obstacles which have impeded meaningful economic development in Black communities. But I do believe that if our problems, be they in economics, politics, education or housing are going to have to solve them. We should not realistically expect other people to solve our problems. We must also fully realize that R & R (Rapping and Rhetoric) will not solve our problems. The general community should be called upon for assistance in developing managerial talent and access to capital and markets; but the primary leadership motivation, and initiative should be our own.

A short one hundred and twelve (112) years have passed since the shackles of slavery were removed. Since that time we have seen move-

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ments, reorganizations, new programs and some progress, but the real order of things have not changed significantly. Let us be mindful and cognizant of the fact that all movements, reorganizations and new programs do not necessarily represent meaningful progress, for we still find ourselves bound by economic slavery in 1977.

So often I ask myself just as the slaves did as they were bearing the oppressions, burdens, cruelties and experiencing the long and terrible nightmares of the slave system, How long Oh God, how long? How long before we as a people realize and heed the words of our Moses?" Just as in Biblical days we have had a tion. Remember the thundeous words of Frederick. Douglas in 1857 when he stated

you have found out the exact their backs? amount of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them. And these will continue till they are resisted with either words or blows, or with both." How proud we must be of the untiring efforts and struggles of Booker T. Washington in establishing Tuskegee Institute and trying to convince his people to learn a skill or trade for self sufficiency. Have we forgotten the inspiring life and chemical genius of Dr. George Washington Carver; the legacy left by the great Dr. Mary McCloud Bethune; the foresight of Marcus Garvey pleading with Black Americans to support the development of the African continent in the 1920's? Moses in nearly every genera- How can we ever forget the eloquent words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as he spoke of his "Dream" of a new

We have a Moses today in nearly every field of human endeavor. But the sad thing about it is that we never seem to recognize the "Moseses" until their death. Then we jump on the bandwagon, and honor them by naming schools and streets after them; celebrating their birthdays; convening special memorial programs to honor them and awarding plaques and scholarships in their names. In short, we desecrate their life's work by such empty and meaningless gestures. Yet while they lived, usually they were harassed, abused, criticized and isolated. If what they did or said makes sense after their death, why didn't it make sense before their

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educational and social activi-

ties of the community. Our problems, are so interrelated that to only tackle one to the exculsion of the others, results in very little measurable progress. A total and comprehensive approach is needed for real and meaningful progress. Therefore, in evaluating minority economic development, we also have to assess the impact of the other problems

In spite of inflation and the energy crisis, 1976 for minority business enterprise was no better or worse than 1975, and barring some rather unforseen radical changes, 1977 will be no different. A greater support, sacrifices and different attitudes toward minority business enterprises by the total Black community is needed. From the corporate

tal and markets and a more meaningful commitment to the development of minority business enterprise is desira-

Just as fair, honest and just laws must be observed for a progressive, orderly and democratic society, so must the laws of business and capitalism be observed by the minority business persons in their struggle to develop successful business enterprises. I believe that the free enterprise system is the best economic system in the world, but Blacks have to become active participants as owners, managers and producers within the system rather than just con-

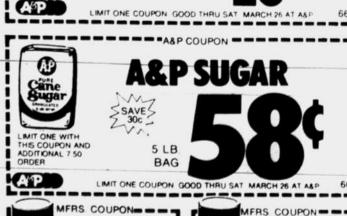
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