

Highway Patrol Expects Heavier Traffic

Raleigh -- Traffic on North Carolina highways is expected to be heavier in April as many families plan for their first holiday weekend of the year. "Easter will be the first opportunity for many families to enjoy a long holiday weekend, and the state Highway Patrol plans to make the highways as safe as possible for their travel," secretary of crime control and public safety Joseph W. Dean said.

"Eighteen people lost their lives in accidents during the 1984 Easter holiday weekend," Dean said; "and with the cooperation of the motoring public, we hope this Easter will be a much safer holiday."

According to Dean, speeding and drunk driving are the leading causes

of accidents. With the increase in cars and trucks on the highways during holidays, the danger is even more prevalent.

The Highway Patrol will be out in full force over the holiday weekend. Colonel J.F. Cardwell, commander of the Highway Patrol, said troopers will strictly enforce all motor vehicle laws with special emphasis on the detection and apprehension of the drinking driver. Cardwell said, "The Patrol is obligated to protect motorists from these dangerous

drivers, and we plan to do just that." The holiday weekend begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 5 and runs through midnight on Monday, April 8.

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Rev. James J. Taylor
.....A man of God at 95

Rev. James Taylor Is 95 And "Getting Stronger"

At 95 years of age, Rev. James J. Taylor is just as strong as he was, say, 50 years ago. Perhaps not so much physically as mentally. Spiritually, you could say he is a "super" man. The advice he shares include years of learning, years of experience, but most important years of loving his fellow man.

The following is an interview with Rev. Taylor who ranks as one of Charlotte's oldest residents and probably one of the wisest.

QUESTION: Where and when were you born, Rev. Taylor?

ANSWER: I was born in Charleston, S.C., March 25, 1890.

QUESTION: And what was your occupation before you became a minister?

ANSWER: Oh, I worked so many jobs. Before I became a minister I did so many things. But most of the time I worked in a ship yard.

QUESTION: How were you called into the ministry?

ANSWER: It was a spiritual calling. I was called by the Spirit of God.

QUESTION: Why do you feel it is important to go to church?

ANSWER: There are several reasons, but the most important is because that is a commandment of God...that we assemble ourselves together and worship.

QUESTION: What advice would you give someone contemplating entering the ministry field?

ANSWER: Be sure you are a Christian first...be converted to Christianity and be sure you are called.

QUESTION: What advice would you give youth about life in general?

ANSWER: As near as possible live according to the laws of God. And right now we need more than any other time to be well informed about what leading a Christian life actually means.

QUESTION: Why do you think you have lived so long, Rev. Taylor?

ANSWER: I think it's because I have tried to live a sober life...and I've tried to live by the Golden Rule...I've lived one day at a time.

Rev. Taylor was married to the late Florence P. Pinckney Taylor for several years. To them was born James Julian Taylor Jr. of St. Auburn, N.Y., Elaine Taylor Brown of Charlotte, and the late Muzetta J. Taylor.

There are three grands: Wilmot H. Taylor and Sandra Taylor both of Queens, N.Y., Dudley Brown of Charlotte, and one great grandson of New York, Johnathan Taylor.

Rev. Taylor lives with his daughter, Mrs. Brown, her husband, Clyde Brown, and their son, Dudley. His private and dedicated nurse is Betty W. Taylor.

Some of Rev. Taylor's most recent honors include being named "Man of the Year" at the Greater Bethel AME Church last year.

This year, the Sunday School Department of the church gave him a surprise birthday party at the church. He received more than 50 cards and gifts.

"Every Sunday my father takes an active part in the church and Sunday School," Mrs. Brown conveyed. "He attends the Gethsemane Hot Lunch Program and is a member of the ministerial staff at Bethel."

By preaching the Word of God for more than 50 years, Rev. Taylor has touched many lives. He has pastored at the Good Will AME Church in Mt. Pleasant, the Trinity AME Church, St. Phillip AME Church, and the Olive Branch AME Church, all in South Carolina.

His wisdom is not so much complicated as it is poignant. He is one man of God who doesn't mind standing up to profess his belief in God's laws.

City Offices To Close Easter Monday

City government will be closed Monday, April 8, in observance of Easter.

The Sanitation Division will observe the Easter holiday. During the holiday week, backyard refuse collection will be provided on Tuesday and Thursday for residences regularly served on Monday and Thursday; and on Wednesday and Friday for residences regularly served on Tuesday and Friday. There will be NO curbside trash or leaf collection that week.

The City-County Animal Shelter will be closed on April 8. Only emergency cases will be handled by calling 334-9146.

Recreation centers operated by the Charlotte Parks and recreation Department will be closed Monday, April 8. Revolution Golf Course will observe regular hours of 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Buses operated by the Charlotte Transit System will operate on their regular schedules.

There will be no meeting of the Charlotte City Council on April 8. The next regularly scheduled business meeting of City Council will be Monday, April 22, at 3 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 600 East Trade Street.

Job Interviewing

One of life's most intimidating experiences is the job interview.

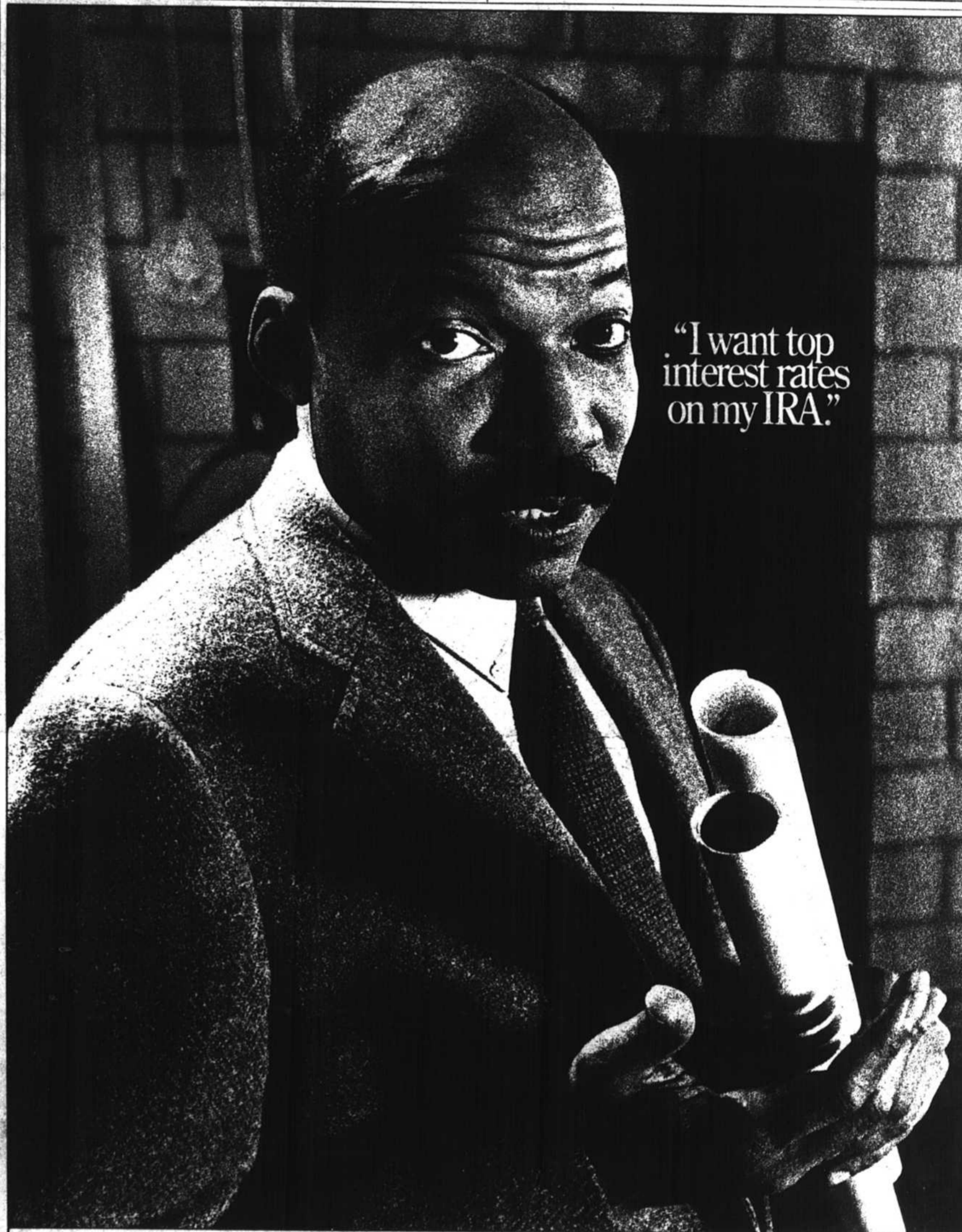
WomanReach will offer a one-session seminar called "Assertive Job Interviewing Techniques," on April 10, Wednesday, from 4:30 - 6 p.m. facilitated by Marie Morgan Boone.

For more information and to register, call a WomanReach peer counselor, Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., at 334-3514.

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