State's Teachers Meet Here

Black Methodists Dictate Merger Plans E CAROLINIAN

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Police Seek Worson In Herring Slaving

'Bill' Bowser Is Fired

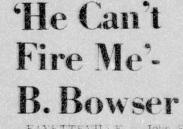
Murder Warrant Awaits City's Weldon Watson

Police Department's Investigative Division have a warrant, drawn against Weldon Van Watson, 25, whose last known Division. address was 706 Jamaica Drive.

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This information was provided early Wednesday by Major Robert E. Goodwin, head of the

some as "Crow," is being sought in the fatal stabbing early Saturday morning, March



FAYETTEVILLE - John F Murray, executive director of Cumberland Community Action Program, who resigned Thursday (effective April 1) after firing Depety Director Bill Bowser, as the result of a racial split within the antipoverty organization, said his



FROM RALEIGH'S OFFICIAL

POLICE FILE

Mrs. Clara Mae King, 32,

505 Bragg Street, told Officer

L. R. Womack at 5:36 p.m.

Sunday, that she and hen hus-

an argument and he cut her on

the lower right thigh. She re-

that she would sign an assault

with a deadly weapon warrant

against Mr. King, but when she

got to the magistrate's office,

she refused and would give no

further information. A witness

was listed as Miss Martha Ann

warrants as Mrs. King and her

husband were both arrested.

King was charged also with

disorderly conduct and resist-

Apparently the cop signed two

King, 1310 S. East Street.

portedly informed the officer

BY ROLAND BLACK MEMPHIS - James Earl Ray may be behind bars, but he remains a bone of contention both in the Negro community and outside it. His admission of guilt in the

WILLIAM E. HERRING

Ray's New

Plea Leads

To Unrest

Luther King, Jr., did not close the case. Far from it. There is now more doubt than ever about just what was behind Dr. King's assassination. Ray Limself kept the pot boil-

slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin

ing in the slaving case by appearing to have second thoughts about his plea of guilty.

According to Judge W. Preston Battle, Jr., who sentenced him to 99 years in prison, Ray says he plans to seek a review of his plea.

Under Tennessee law, Judge Battle retains jurisdiction in SAYS MATE CUT HER the case over a 30-day review period, After 30 days, the plea and sentence become final. Conceivably, Ray might withdraw his guilty plea and go on band, James King, Jr., 34, had trial. If so, he would be taking his chances of being executed for first-degree murder. Judging from press reports,

Ray now regrets that he admitted killing Dr. King. By pleading guilty, he kept umself from being executed for first-degree murder and pre-

ented a trial is, which evidence

of a conspiracy could have been

ing arrest. The woman suffered "a three or four inch gash or the right thigh." STRUCK AND KICKED James Henry Knight, 206 Selwyn Alley, reported to Officer J. D. Hedrick at 3;57

p.m. Saturday, that he was "going to play horseshoes with Johnny Byrd," 24, 1409 New Bern Avenue, but when they got into the backyard, Byrd started hitting him with his fists and kicking him with his feet. Byrd was lated cited to District Court on an assault

(See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)

Atlanta Is ATLANTA, Ga. - Bishop F. D. Jordan, who heads the commission of the A. M. E. Church that participated in the 9-de-

nominational merger, told a

luncheon audience last week

that the three Methodist bodies were not making the terms

of merger, but were anxious to know what the whites could The prelate began by telling the audience, composed of 250 delegates that attended the eight annual session of the Consultation on Church Union, that he wanted the 6 white churches to realize that the Negro Methodists withdrew from the Methodist communion due to the fact they wanted to be first class Christians and that in

had to be first-class citizens. Bishop Jordan told the audience that the three Negro Methodist bodies were ready and willing to merge, but let it be understood that equality of purpose, based on the tenets of the Christian religion, were the terms.

order for them to be such they

"We do not think our responsibility in COCU is to draw 2 plan of black participation in the united church. The initiative belongs to the white church. We are concerned with what comes out of their minds, rather than acquiescence," he told the gathering.

Bishop Jordan said the black churches are in COCU because (See METHODISTS, P. 11)

Princeton Asks Black Coeds Now

PRINCETON, N. J. - Wanting young black women to be among the first group of coeds at Princeton University, admissions officers here have alerted organizations and individuals across the countr who are in a position to make black students aware of this possibility.

Princeton's Board of Trustees approved "in principle" the University's undertaking to education of women at the undergraduate level in January. Since then, high-level Administration committee, chaired by President Robert F. Goheen has been studying means of implementing the Trustees' de-

cision. Their recommendations (See PRINCETON U. P. 2)



TAKES HOUSE SEAT IN LONDON - London: Britain's first Negro peer. Lord Constantine, leaves his home March 26 with his wife to take his seat in the House of Lords. The famous West Indies cricketer has lived in London for several years, and is a prominent member of the Race Relations Board and a governor of the British Broadcasting Company.

Johnston's Officials Hea **NAACP** Grievances

grievances were among many cited here last week by officials of the Johnston County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as local

government officials listened. The major protests cited by the NAACP officials, and approcimately 400 black citizens, the South Campus School in Smithfield, were the recent bombings of Negro homes in the

county and the withdrawal of Education Edition

The CAROLINIAN, this week, is printing its annual Education Edition. Inside are 24 pages of photographs and stories about high schools and colleges. It is the hope of the newspaper that high school seniors may be able to make up their minds as to which colleges or universities to apply to for admission with the factual knowledge contained in this edition. The photographs of eigteen high school graduating classes in the Carolinas also

ried. Thursday through Menday will average much below nor-mal Daxtime highs are expect-ed to average near 50 degrees in the North Carolina mounVolunteers In Service To America (VISTA) workers from Johnston's anti-poverty pro-

gram. The moderator of the complaint session was Theodore Nixon, principal of the Forest Hill High School, near here. Mr. Nixon noted that all sections of the county were represented at the meeting.

Although NAACP leaders had invited the Mayor of Smithfield, County Opmmissioners, and Town Commissioners to the session, those responding included J. Dobbin Bailey, County Commissioner, and County Commissioners Frank Holding and Norman Denning. Also appearing were Mayor John Dail, and Town Commis-(See JOHNSTON NAACP, P. 11)



HONORED POSTHUMOUS-LY - Washington: The Medal of Honor was awarded posthumously March 26 to Marine Sgt. Rodney M. Davis, of Macon, Ga., who threw himself on a hand grenade to save his companions in Vietnam on September 6, 1967. The medal was presented to Davis' widow, Mrs. Judy P. Davis, of Macon, by Vice President Agnew. (UPI).

SWEEPSTAKES

proper numbers, present same to The CARCHINTAN office and receive amounts listed above from the SWEEPSTAKES Feature.

Patterson Wins Sweepstakes

third cash prize in last week's another \$5 in value. CAROLINIAN Sweepstakes Promotion,

He bought his groceries at the National Food Market, E. Martin Street, and received dicket number 6003, which was worth \$5 when he presented it at the offices of this newspaper.

This week, another 510 has

To be valid this week, tickets must be orange in color and

dated March 22, 1969. Ticket number 3880, first prize, is worth \$50; number 4630, second, worth \$15; and

(See SWEFPSTAKES, P. 2)



Problems Of Black Educators To Be Discussed By NCTA This Week

The North Carolina Teachers Association will hold its 88th Annual State Convention at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium on Thursday and Friday, March 27-28. The two-day conference will focus its attention on many major problems facing educators in North Carolina, such as: The demotion and dismissal of Negro Administrators, Supervisors and Teachers; The Merger of the two professional teacher's organizations in North Carolina; increased wages for educators; sanctions, strikes and other work-stoppage approaches; other legislative goals, and education in

The Thursday evening session at 7:05-8:05 p.m. will hear city. a concert by the Elizabeth City State College Choir, At the 8:15 p.m. First General As-



\$100,000 IN SUIT-Little Rock, Ark.: Carter Doze, a former inmate at Arkansas' Cummins Prison Farm, gainst the State of Arkansas March 25 for the loss of his left eye, which he says was put out by a trusty guard at the prison during a beating in 1964. (UPI).

sembly, Dr. Wyatt T. Walker, Assistant to the Governor of New York, Pastor of the Cana Baptist Church in New York

Powell May Run for

of possible Negro candidates for mayor has risen still further with Rep. Adam Clayton Powell's announcement that he might run for mayor of this

The Democratic Congressman from New York said he would launch a mayoral drive if he can get \$1-million in campaign funds.

He said he has already been pledged \$525,000 if he makes the race and is having discussions with a financial group about the balance he would need

to reach \$1 - million. Political leadership in New York City would be nothing new to Rep. Powell, who was elected to the local City Coun-

cil in 1941. "Even if I don't run, I will make public my own blueprint for New York by April 1," he declared, adding that he would not resign his House seat if he runs but would if he won

the mayoral election. In talking of running for mayor, Powell joins a list of announced and prospective Black candidates.

Texas State Representative Curtis M. Graves is another possible mayoral candidate.

The Black legislator is befiled a claim for \$100,000 a- ing talked up as a candidate for mayor of Houston. He had not announced his candidacy, but is "seriously" considering the idea of running. In Atlanta, attorney Maynard

(See POWPIT WAY P. 2)



FACES "OBSCENE" POEMS RAP - AIbuquerque, N. M. - University of New Mexico English instructor Lionel Williams speaks March 25 before a freshman class. Williams was the center of controversy last week when the New Mexico legislature learned he was distributing "obscene" poems in his classes. The legislature called for his dismissal and cut funds from the school's budget to probe the situation. No action has yet yeen taken on the dismissal proposal. (UPI).

and Past Assistant to Dr. Martin Luther King, will deliver the keynote address. Major business of the As-

sembly will be conducted on Friday morning at the 10:45 a.m. session. At 5:30 p.m., on the 28th, Father James Woodruff, Urban Missioner, Episcopal Diocess of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will be the featured

One of the most unique features of the two day confab will be the 7:15-8:15 p.m. presentation of "Mr. G's Swing School For 1969." A production from The Hillside High School in Durham, this Swing School will interweave song and

(See NCTA MEET, P. 2) Economic

North Carolina Economic Development Corporation, a nonprofit, non-political organization, recently incorporated in minority businessman, annouced this week the general function and purpose of the organi-

Samuel L. Hamtin, Chairman of the Corporation outlined the following as the organization's

1. To help establish commuity leadership capabilities among businessmen, 2. To encourage community leaders to sponsor feasibility and economic studies of their communities.; 3. To assist communities in meeting their needs through public works.; 4, To establish dialogue between those who have prodems and needs and those who have the answers

Two Foes **Of Poverty**

local anti-poverty program has been taken over by white politicans who have long opposed the program's presence in the community.

According to state Senator Willaim D. (Billy) Brown, 37, the whites took over the program because "We could see that the money was being wasteed and that it was all being spent on Negroes, when there

and solutions.; 5. To bring a-(See NC ECONOMIC P 2)

Ouachita Parish Multi-Purpose Community Action program accused the Black people who have run the program since its establishment in 1966 of thefficiency, indolence, corruption, and

Take Over

The new leaders of the

(See TWO FOES P 2) . Negro New Counsel For Nat'l Council Of Churches

torney Percy St. Clair Miller sel of the National Council of Churches, effective March 31, it was announced last week by R. H. Edwin Espy, the NCC's general secretary.

As house attorney he will be responsible for legal services affecting all aspects of the coursell's work and for deciding what matters require the attention of the NCC's General Counsel -- the firm of Breed, Abbott and Morgan.

He will review or draft lesses, deeds, contracts, penhas been appointed House Coun- sion for other benefits plans, advise on copyright matters, federal, state and local labor laws, letters having legal Implications, tax matters another corporation concerns.

Formerly an attorney in the real estate department of the Grand Union Company, Mr. Mtler received his law degree from St. John's University Law School, His B. A. degree came from the City College of New

the inside (See ME RO NAMED P. 4)

rap. Knight's mouth was cut on

WEATHER REPORT

in the North Carolina mountains, and mostly in the 50s elsewhere. Lows at night will be in the upper 20s in the mountains, and the 30s elsewhere. It will inwarmer Thursday and Friday but will turn colder Saturday and containe quite cold during the remainer of the period. Precipitation will total less than one-fourth of an inch occurring as scattered showers on Sainrairy.

Kinlau Patterson, 324 E. Har- been added to the first prime, gett Street, this city, won the while the second prize climbs

5126, third, \$2,50.

Patronize businesses which