

Who Will Speak For Muhammad?

Leader's Demise Is Explored



When the word reached Raleigh Tuesday that the Muslim leader, Elijah Muhammad, had died in a Chicago hospital, following an extended illness, and a sound truck here was sending forth loud exhortations, inviting people to attend a live broadcast, through closed circuit television, featuring the religious leader, some of the interested persons inquired from THE CAROLINIAN, "Who will speak for the dead religious leader?"

This sent a CAROLINIAN representative on a research mission and a probing journey. The investigation revealed that there were many who began to think about who would take over the vast empire, reported to be about \$88 billion, ere the leader answered the call of the grim reaper.

There were many who gathered to analyze the pronouncement of Cassius Clay, world heavyweight boxing champion, who, as one of Muhammad's acclaimed followers, now responds to the name of Muhammad Ali, that he had a guilty conscience and from now on, all the money he made fighting, he would donate to worthy causes such as black-supported colleges and other institutions that were having trouble financing their operations.

Those of that school of thought might feel that they are looking in the right direction when it was announced (See MUHAMMAD, P. 2)

R-WCA, Solons In City Meet

BY MISS J. E. HICKS
President Ralph Campbell must have been somewhat satisfied with the attendance of the Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association as it convened with the North Carolina members of the General Assembly, for quite a number of interested citizens gathered at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, located on Darby Drive.

In preparation for the meeting, President Campbell had written on the chalk board a list of issues as follows: high utility rates, utility commis-

(See R-WCA MEETS, P. 2)



ESCAPED PRISONER HANDCUFFED — Washington — A prisoner who escaped from the maximum security section of Lorton Reformatory on Christmas Day, Earl Coleman (R), stands handcuffed next to an FBI agent after his capture early Feb. 24. Coleman and another man were arrested after a 3-hour battle. (UPI)



HELD FOR MURDER — New Orleans — Clifford McGraw and Valerie Manchester are being held without bond in New Orleans Parish Prison, Feb. 25, in connection with the murder of an Erie, Pa., bridegroom, Gregory Kress, and the attempted murder of his new wife, Janet Robie Kress, Feb. 21. The Kresses were on their honeymoon in New Orleans. (UPI)

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD DIES AT AGE OF 77 — Chicago — Elijah Muhammad, spiritual leader of the Nation of Islam, better known as the Black Muslims, died Feb. 25 in Chicago after suffering congestive heart failure more than 3 weeks ago. He was 77. Muhammad entered the hospital for what the sect said was a routine checkup near the end of January, but he suffered a heart attack the day before he was scheduled to be released. (UPI)

Mrs. Cofield Is Named Dinner Co-Chairperson



MRS ELIZABETH COFIELD

A Raleigh woman with a distinguished record in education, politics, and the civil rights movement, and a Winston-Salem realtor, who led the 1972 Wallace Campaign in

much of North Carolina have been named by State Democratic Party Chairman James R. Sugg as co-chairman for the pending Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner scheduled for Raleigh's Royal Villa Motel Saturday night.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bias Cofield and C. J. Hyatt will share the dais with the Chairman, North Carolina House speaker Jimmy Green, as he welcome the keynote for the annual fund-raising affair, Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia.

In announcing the appointments, Sugg paid tribute to what he termed "years of distinguished service to the Democratic Party and the people of North Carolina" by both Mrs. Cofield and Hyatt. (See MRS. COFIELD, P. 2)

Church Body Will Cite Newspaper

P. R. Jervay, editor and publisher of THE CAROLINIAN, was informed early this week that the newspaper has been chosen to receive the Richard Shelton Communications Award. The awards program is sponsored jointly by the North Carolina Council of Churches and the Shelby Presbyterian Church of Shelby.

This coveted award is named for the late Richard Shelton, a deacon in that church and former editor of the Shelby Daily Star. (See CHURCH BODY, P. 2)

Emancipation Observance

GREENVILLE — the annual Emancipation Observance celebrated by the Pitt County Branch of the NAACP, ended at Phillips Church of Christ Sunday morning, when Rev. J. Williams, pastor and chairman of the Legal Redress Committee, admonished the audience that too many blacks felt like the children of Israel felt when Moses had them at the entrance of the Promised Land and they became content with the privileges they had enjoyed.

The Rev. Williams told them that black Americans should not become so enchanted with the little progress they had enjoyed as the result of a long fight by the NAACP for full citizenship rights. The preacher followed a pattern set by Alexander Barnes, director, public relations, State Conference of NAACP Branches, at the annual dinner, held at Holiday Inn, Saturday night.

Barnes told the dinner guests that blacks were split into too many directions as to how freedom could be achieved — have too many self-appointed leaders, who were looking for acclaim and too many people who wanted to go back to the "good old days," where segregation was the mode; discrimination the code and "uncle Tomism" the vogue.

The observance began Wednesday when seminars were held. (See BIG SUCCESS, P. 2)

Food Stamps A Giveaway

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HIGHWAY COP'S ATTACK

"Bloody Sunday" Bout

Greenville Residents Complain

GREENVILLE — Eastern North Carolina is a seething pot while Golden Frinks in prison, SCLC's Abernathy threatening to throw the spotlight of justice on the trial of Miss JoAnne Little and the Pitt County Branch, NAACP, up in arms against W. G. Basnight, white highway patrolman, whose alleged acts of brutality against three blacks, in December, were upheld by a local court.

D. D. Garrett, president, Pitt County Branch, NAACP, related to THE CAROLINIAN Sunday how the community had become alarmed over the arrest and conviction of three blacks, who were alleged victims of Basnight's wrath.

Evidence presented at what was described as a "kangaroo" court, presided over by Judge Phillips, was a running picture of the officer's attitude. A transcript of the trial, taken by the NAACP and sent to Governor James Holshouser, Kelly M. Alexander, Sr., Charles McLean and THE CAROLINIAN, alleges that the rights of three blacks were wantonly violated by both the arresting officer and the trial judge.

The transcript reveals how (See COP'S ATTACK, P. 2)



RALEIGH'S "WOMAN OF YEAR" CITED — Soror Wanda P. Poole, right, presents plaque to Dr. Louise M. Latham, Raleigh's 1974 "Woman of the Year" at First Baptist Church last Sunday. (See story.)

Ceremony At Church Honors Miss Latham

Omicron Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, began its finer Womanhood Week activities with an Impressive Rededication ceremony which was held February 23, in the lovely cafeteria of the Manson Rest Home, Raleigh. Rededication committee members were Sorors Ura Jones, chairperson, Harriet Butler, Bertha Wilson, Addie Stroud, Kathryn Shepard, Augusta Gray and Lillian Simmons. On Sunday, February 23, the

Carl Braden Dies In Ky. At Age 60

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Carl Braden, long-time activist in people's movements in the South, died suddenly of a heart attack Feb. 18 at his home here. He was 60. During his 45 years in the movement, he was twice charged with sedition against the state of Kentucky, and (See CARL BRADEN, P. 2)

Appreciation Checks Won By 2 Local Men

Two local men were the lucky ones in last week's CAROLINIAN Appreciation Money Feature, sponsored by this newspaper and participating merchants, found on the back page of the front section of THE CAROLINIAN each week.

Lawrence Lester 2604 Firelight Road, saw his name in the advertisement paid for by Heilig-Levine Furniture Store of Raleigh, located at the corner of S. Wilmington and E. Hargett Streets. He received a (See APPRECIATION, P. 2)

BEATEN ON STREET

Walter Hill, 62, 916 E. Davie Street, told Officers G. D. Feeny and H. D. Pollard at 6:33 p.m. Monday of this week, that he was walking in the 500 block of E. Davie Street, when he was "attacked by one or two persons." Mr. Hill, who was unable to identify his assailants, suffered two cuts on his upper lip, seven cuts on the top of his head, two cuts on the forehead and his right ear was cut in half, according to the general offense report. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)

E. Butz Against Welfare?

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz came under sharp criticism for labeling food stamps a welfare program. "Sixty-four percent of our budget this year is welfare (food stamps)," Butz told a Senate Agriculture Committee hearing. "Frankly, I'm concerned about that. I'm fearful that when the inevitable drive for economy comes, you can't cut this back."

Questioned by two food stamp advocates, Sens. George McGovern, D-S.C., and Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn., Butz defended his position despite strong accusations.

Sen. McGovern sparked the crisp exchanges when he accused Butz of sabotaging the food stamp program and blamed him for the negative image the program enjoys at the Agriculture Department.

"Mr. Secretary, your administration daily violates not only the law as passed by Congress, but even your own regulations," said McGovern.

"It is my own judgment that the program is not working as well as it could because administrators at the state and local level know you don't want it to work," the South Dakota lawmaker said.

Responding in angry tones, Butz declared: "I can't let you sit there and say that I have deliberately violated the law. I have sworn to uphold the law."

Unrelenting in his attack, Senator McGovern said: "Whether you like the food stamp law or not, it is your duty to see that this program works and it shouldn't take court suits all over the country to make you do it. If you don't like the food stamp program as written and you don't want to run it right, then I suggest you resign as Secretary of Agriculture." (See FOOD STAMPS, P. 2)

Rear Of Mac-T Is Destroyed

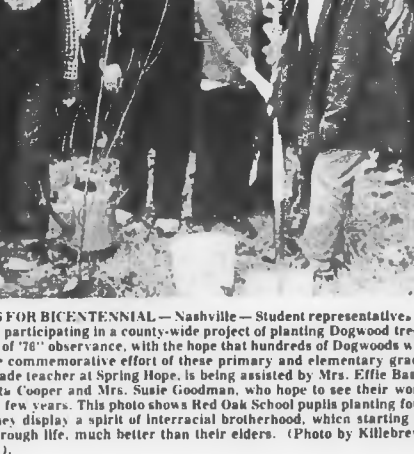
Fire damaged the rear portion of Mac-T Food Mart, located on the corner of East and Cabarrus Streets, Tuesday night around 8:15.

The cause of the blaze is still under investigation, according to District Fire Chief L. T. Frazier.

"The fire started in the rear of the store in the upstairs areas which, as the owner said, contained mostly junk and we contained it (the fire) mostly to the rear of the building," stated Chief Frazier.

David Benson, the manager of the store, said, "The rear of the building is a total loss, but the front is mostly damaged, from smoke and some water."

When Benson was asked how he thought the blaze started, the youthful proprietor replied, "no comment."



STUDENTS PLANT DOGWOODS FOR BICENTENNIAL — Nashville — Student representatives of 18 Nash County public schools are participating in a county-wide project of planting Dogwood trees as their "Bicentennial" or "Spirit of '76" observance, with the hope that hundreds of Dogwoods will be grown in 1976 as a result of the commemorative effort of these primary and elementary grade pupils. Mrs. Eula Bass, second grade teacher at Spring Hope, is being assisted by Mrs. Effie Bass, Mrs. Margaret Mills, Mrs. Alberta Cooper and Mrs. Susie Goodman, who hope to see their work blossoming over Nash County in a few years. This photo shows Red Oak School pupils planting four Dogwoods on their campus, as they display a spirit of interracial brotherhood, when starting in their youth, should carry them through life, much better than their elders. (Photo by Killbrew, courtesy Rocky Mount Telegram).

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