

Nation Of Islam Owes \$4.5 Million

Muhammad Heard In 17 US Cities

BY WILLIE WHITE, Staff Writer

Wallace D. Muhammad has brought change to the Nation of Islam and seems in full control of the Nation in spite of its deep financial troubles. He made the financial troubles public Sunday when he announced that the nation is \$4 1/2 million in debt.

Muhammad, chief minister of the Nation, and son of the late Elijah Muhammad, addressed his followers and visitors by closed circuit television Sunday in 17 cities. Several thousand Muslims and non-Muslims gathered at Raleigh's Municipal Auditorium to hear Muhammad's Savior's Day address.

Muhammad solemnly explained a multitude of changes which have been made since his father died about a year ago. Some of these changes were already apparent to outsiders. But it is not known how many people were aware of the deep financial troubles of the Nation until Muhammad made the disclosures. A half-million dollars and owed in back taxes.

"I know this is surprising to you. It really shocked me," Muhammad said. He said the previous picture of Muslim financial strength in America was necessary for "at least a show of business progress." But "no one knew the condition" of the many business ventures of the Nation of Islam because of the single-handed rule of the late Elijah Muhammad for the past 40-plus years, he said. His leadership was characterized by a secrecy which made Wallace Muhammad's disclosures dramatic in contrast.

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DR. O. B. BURSON

Burson Speaker Sunday

The Rev. Dr. O. B. J. Burson, pastor of the Holy Trinity Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N.Y., will be the guest speaker for the First Baptist Church of Raleigh on Sunday, March 7, at the 11 a.m. celebration of the church's 164th anniversary. Dr. Burson formerly served as a pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church in Henderson, Coley Springs Baptist Church in Warrenton and Shiloh Baptist Church in Kitrell. While serving these churches, he served two terms as moderator of the Original Shiloh Association, dean of Vance County Sunday School Institute and as a civil worker in the city of Henderson and adjacent counties. He served also for a period of time as Eastern Regional director of the NAACP.

Present positions of Dr. Burson's are special assistant to the Rev. Dr. J. H. Jackson, president of the 6 1/2 million members of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc. and he is chairman of the Convention Bureau to entertain annually 20 to 24 thousand messengers and delegates.

Dr. Burson has purchased (See DR. BURSON, P. 2)

Meet Held On Open Housing

BY PAT BRYANT
The Law and Finance Committee of the Raleigh City Council heard justification this week for the adoption of a local "open housing" ordinance, but declined to take action. The Council contended that the supporters had not brought evidence that housing discrimination exists in the city. Contending that housing discrimination exists in the city, Emerson Snipes said, "What we do see is just the tip of the iceberg. There is a lot that goes on which is not reported and in fact is real discrimination. These occurrences are leading to segregated or maintaining segregated housing patterns in our city." Snipes said that housing discrimination is covered by federal law. But he said its enforcement is "cumbersome" and contributes to discrimination. Spurgeon Cameron, president of Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME), said (See MEET HELD, P. 2)

Trial Of Dr. Page Underway

An East Martin Street dentist went on trial in Wake County Superior Court Monday for allegedly trying to collect state funds illegally. The dentist, Dr. Daylene Page of 15 E. Martin, is faced with state accusations that he submitted a claim of \$809 to the State Department of Human Resources for dental work on Mrs. Mary Louise Dunston. According to the state's contention, only part of the work was done. The state has produced three Chapel Hill professors who testified Monday against Page's claim for having done the work. Page began testifying Tuesday, according to a court spokesman.



Editor's Note: The CAROLINIAN is resuming its publication of the Crime Beat with this edition of the newspaper, following a temporary suspension of personal inquiries and telephone calls for its reinstatement. As was stated in the original copy of the issue regarding the column, persons wishing to keep their names out of The Crime Beat should not become involved with the Raleigh Police Department, thereby granting their names on the police blotter, from which all of the material for The Crime Beat is gathered.

MAN CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING, RAPE ATTEMPT
John Thomas Bailey, 35, of 1310 Pender, is being held in Wake County jail in lieu of a \$30,000 bail for charges of kidnapping with the intent to commit rape. He was alleged to have threatened and kidnapped Ms. Catherine M. Honery, 21, of 102 Polk, about 12:10 p.m. Tuesday at the 1310 Pender residence. She reported the incident, according to the police records, at 12:40 p.m. The police reports indicate that Bailey threatened to shoot the woman. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)

Howard Lee Says, "I Believe I Have An Equal Chance"

Former Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Nathaniel Lee announced here Wednesday, March 3, that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina. In launching his campaign, Lee said, "I am not running because some poll indicates that I will win. I'm running because I believe in my heart that I have an equal chance to win, and that the people of North Carolina will respond to a candidate who offers progressive ideas and a record of honest, responsible public service. "I have just finished a third

term as mayor of a medium-sized North Carolina community. I know what it's like to struggle in a single day with problems of water supply, decaying housing, drug abuse and public transportation. I believe that state government can and must concentrate on helping local government with these problems. I promise to keep reminding myself, legislators and others in Raleigh that government wasn't created by and for its officials. It was created by and for the people. "If you elect me to the Lieutenant Governor's office, you won't come in and find any

POTENTIAL OF CAUCUS CITED

National Black News Service

WASHINGTON — Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-N.Y.), the outgoing chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, said recently that the Caucus has the potential to make a significant impact in the current session of Congress. "With the variety of issues concerning minorities and the poor — the high unemployment rate, the need for better housing — Congress is looking more and more to the Black Caucus for solutions," Rangel said. "The Caucus will play a vital role in promoting legislation that will help solve those problems." The black lawmaker, who represents Harlem, East Harlem

and the Upper West Side, announced in January that he would not seek reelection as chairman of the 17-member caucus after serving two consecutive one-year terms. Rep. Yvonne Burk (D-Calif.) was elected chairperson for the 1976 Congressional Session. "I enjoyed my two years as Caucus chairman, and I feel the group accomplished a lot together," Rangel said. "But two years was (sic) enough. With all the work facing Congress, and in particular the concerns of the 19th District (his home district), the demands on my time were just too great."

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JUDGE'S WIFE KILLED

By Black State Church Group

Wesleyan College Probed



A TIME OF SADNESS — Detroit — People started lining up almost before daybreak Feb. 27 to attend the funeral service of Florence Ballard Chapman, the former member of the Supremes who died Feb. 22 of a heart attack. Diana Ross, former star of the Supremes, comforts Florence's three-year-old daughter, Lisa, during services at New Bethel Baptist Church. (UPI)

Grad Of St. Aug.'s Is Victim

ATLANTA, GA. — Mrs. Ruth LeFlore Ward was found dead by her husband, Judge Horace Ward, upon his return home from the Fulton County Courthouse on last Tuesday. She had been brutally attacked, sustaining approximately 25 stab wounds. On the day of her death, Mrs. Ward had put in a full day's work in the area office of the Atlanta Board of Education. Judge Ward is a Morehouse College alumnus, class of 1949. At the time of her death, Mrs. Ward was mourning the death of her father, John L. LeFlore, Sr., who died on Jan. 30, in Mobile, Ala. Mr. LeFlore was a member of the Alabama Legislature and a prominent civil rights leader in that state. (See JUDGE'S WIFE, P. 2)

Ministers Investigate NC College

The Black United Methodist Caucus of the North Carolina Conference met at Cokesbury Methodist Church Sunday and discussed investigations into the North Carolina Wesleyan College hiring of black staff and faculty and recruitment of black students. Rev. Samuel Townsen, minister of Galilean United Methodist Church in Laurinburg, made a report that upon a visit to the college in Edgecombe County, his committee found that the institution did not have black staff or faculty and possibly did not (See WESLEYAN, P. 2)

Mayors Ask Aid On Cities

National Black News Service WASHINGTON, D.C. — Detroit Mayor Coleman Young told a congressional committee that his city is in desperate financial condition and faces potential bankruptcy soon after its fiscal year starting July 1, unless state or federal aid is provided. "Detroit may find itself in the same situation as New York, and there will be others," Young testified before the Joint Economic Committee "Philadelphia will not be far behind, nor will Boston, San Francisco and some others." Young was joined by Mayors Moon Landrieu of New Orleans and Kenneth Gibson of Newark, and Gov. Hugh Carey of New York, in denouncing President Ford's recent veto of a public works bill that would have provided some 600,000 jobs. The three mayors spoke on behalf of the United States (See MAYORS ASK, P. 2)

Beauticians Announce Plans For Convention

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Announcement was made by Dr. Katie E. Whickam, president of the executive committee meeting in the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. last week, that the 57th annual convention of the organization would be held in Nassau, Bahamas, July 31 through Aug. 9, in the Shoreham American Hotel on the Atlantic Beach. Meeting with Dr. Whickam were the following: Mrs. Maude Gadsen, N.Y. City; Mrs. Ruth Valentine, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Aline Jefferson, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Lillian Snipes, Greensboro, N.C.; Mrs. Bertie Crosby, Houston, Tex., all vice presidents. Also, Mrs. Margaret Mitchell, Baltimore, recording secretary; Mrs. Josephine R. Thompson, Washington, D.C., financial secretary-treasurer; Ms. Margaret H. Miller, Anderson, S.C., finance committee; Mrs. Vernice H. Mark, historian and Mrs. Helen Dixon, chaplain. Also present were representatives of the departments of the organization. A record registration was (See BEAUTICIANS, P. 2)



NORTH CAROLINA MUSLIMS — Wallace D. Muhammed, chief minister of the Nation of Islam, (top picture) addressed North Carolina Muslims Sunday by closed-circuit television. In the bottom picture, a Muslim woman greets a visitor at the Raleigh Municipal Auditorium for the 4-hour telecast. (See story in col. and 2)

Housing Task Force Seeks Cash Workshop

Dr. Patrick Elliot, chairperson of the Raleigh Housing Task Force, appeared before the Raleigh City Council Tuesday requesting \$200 for a housing workshop to be held March 27 at Shaw University. The request was referred to the council's law and finance committee because the item did not appear on the agenda, as required by law. After the council meeting, Elliot said the total cost for the workshop was approximately \$500 and the difference would be borne by members of the task force. Members include Goals For Raleigh-Wake, Raleigh League of Women Voters, Wake County Opportunities Inc., Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME), Raleigh Interproject Council, Raleigh Housing Authority, the Raleigh Community Relations Committee, and several tenant organizations throughout the city. Elliot said that the workshop will feature national, state and local leaders in housing who will address themselves to areas of interest to local people. Workshop participants throughout the city will be able to get the most accurate information concerning areas of interest in three workshops: housing bond referendum, housing counseling and housing rehabilitation," he said. Discussions on a proposed housing bond referendum have been taking place for more than a year in the council's law and finance committee. Elliot (See WORKSHOP, P. 2)

Staff Of RCRC Is Retained

Raleigh Community Relations Commission (RCRC) voted to retain its top staff at its Feb. 25 meeting. Immediately after this action, the resignations of two of its commissioners, James Burt and J. C. Knowles, were announced. The two were involved for some time in an effort to oust the RCRC executive director, Malcolm Huslander, and Beverly Mitchell, associate director. Commissioners began the meeting with general statements on accusations that both Huslander and Mitchell were unresponsive to the legitimate (See RCRC STAFF, P. 2)



CAREFREE — Carissa (seated) and Catandra McCullers are shown playing and relaxing at their home on Westbridge Court, not worrying about cross-burnings and racial strife. See feature, page 5. (Staff Photo By Willie White).

Appreciation Money SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK CARALEIGH FURNITURE CO. "For The Best In Good, Reliable Furniture"