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Wake Campaign Gains Momentum

Ministers For Jackson

BY RON CORNWALL
Staff Writer
The Raleigh Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance this week endorsed the candidacy of the Rev. Jesse Jackson for president of the United States.

In making this endorsement, Rev. Luther Coppedge, president of the alliance, said, "Our ministerial alliance stands firmly behind the Rev. Jackson as he proceeds to the Democratic National Convention.

"Never before have we had the opportunity to greatly influence the makeup of the party platform," said Rev. Coppedge.

The Rev. John W. Fleming, a member of the Wake County Jesse Jackson Campaign Committee, said of the Ministerial Alliance endorsement, "This endorsement, involvement and commitment from the

area ministers is very encouraging. Our goal is to spread the word in each church and community throughout this country."

The Ministerial Alliance, established in 1935, consists of more than 50 ministers from the Raleigh area who meet weekly to promote good relationships between

the churches and the community and to improve the spiritual, economic and political conditions within these communities.

Brad Thompson, co-chairman of the Wake County Jesse Jackson Campaign Committee, said, "This is critical... We need everyone's involvement."

"Our goal is to carry Wake County, show very well statewide, and send Rev. Jackson to the Democratic National Convention with enough delegates to negotiate the interests of our people," said Thompson.

Rev. Fleming voiced the same objective for the local campaign of Rev. Jackson winning Wake County. "If we all work hard between now and May 8, Jackson could conceivably carry Wake County," said Rev. Fleming.

"We are very pleased," stated Bruce Lightner, chairman of the Jackson Fourth Congressional District Jesse Jackson Campaign Committee. (See MINISTERS, P. 2)



RALEIGH MINISTERS JOIN HANDS ON JACKSON SUPPORT—The Rev. Luther Coppedge, second from left, president of the Raleigh Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, is pictured above as he completed the reading of the alliance's endorsement of Rev. Jesse Jackson for president of the United States. Pictured with Rev. Coppedge are Rev. Leon White, left, a director of the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice; the Rev. John W. Fleming, second from right, member of the Wake County Jesse Jackson Campaign Committee, who addressed the Monday meeting of the alliance; and Bruce Lightner, right, chairman of the Fourth Congressional District Jesse Jackson Campaign Committee.

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Car Parked At River

Man Missing From Home



White Against Penalty

Church Offers Reward

A retired state employee has been missing from his Southeast Raleigh home since Feb. 14, according to police reports.

Robert Lane, 62, of 216 S. Swain St., was last seen by his cousin Dorothy Lane at her home at 902 E. Martin St., Police Capt. R.N. Carroll said Wednesday. Ms. Lane reported him missing to police.

Lane's car was found Feb. 24 parked near the Neuse River bridge on Poole Road. "We have no reason to suspect any foul play," Carroll said. "We are still investigating."

Carroll said helicopters and foot patrols were dispatched to look for Lane along the river. When officials at the Falls Lake Reservoir lower the depth of the river, police plan to send boats down the eastern part of the river in an effort to locate Lane.

Rescue teams already have dredged the river near where Lane's car was found, Carroll said. "He might have fallen into the water, we are just not sure."

Lane was a retired employee of the N.C. State Department and a member of the Davie Street Presbyterian Church. The church is offering a \$500 reward for any information leading to Lane's discovery if foul play is not involved, said member F.J. Carnage, a Raleigh attorney.

In related events: A Raleigh woman was robbed of an undisclosed amount of money at her home Friday by a man whom police nabbed moments after the crime, according to reports.

Carla Benita Hagins, 31, of 1441 Sawyer Road, was robbed by a man who pushed in her door and demanded money between 8 and 8:30 a.m., police said.

Joseph Norris, 29, whose address police did not know, was arrested and charged with robbery. He was being held in jail. (See REWARD, P. 2)



SHAKING HANDS—Sen. Gary Hart shakes hands with people on their way to work at a Chicago Transit Authority train station on Chicago's far south side. All eyes were on Illinois as voters went to the polls in one of the most important presidential primaries to date.

Rev. White Says He May Run For U.S. Senate Seat

After successfully completing a 50-mile memorial march for James Hutchins and on behalf of other death row inmates, the Rev. Leon White declared that wonderful things happen on the road to Damascus. He was making reference to a sign he received to organize a Christian political campaign to abolish the

death penalty in North Carolina.

Rev. White, along with five others, began the march at dawn on Friday, March 16, following Hutchins' execution. The marchers arrived in Henderson on the following day at 4 p.m. They held a rally on behalf of James Vereen, who was sentenced to death

in Vance County recently.

"The campaign must begin now," Rev. White said, declaring that justice-loving people, both black and white, must come together and make some hard decisions about Gov. James Hunt and Jesse Helms, who both support the death penalty. (See SENATE, P. 2)

Hannon Says His Campaign Gains Daily Momentum

Dr. Robert L. Hannon, the only black candidate for governor of North Carolina, said that his campaign is gaining momentum every day. He based his remarks on the fact that a large number of friends are helping him with different chores as volunteers in addition to the reactions that he is receiving from across the state as a result of personal visits and communication by mail, newspaper and television exposure.

At present, Hannon is tabling his effort to raise \$100,000 because it takes too much of his time from traveling and campaigning

across the state. "I will just borrow the money needed and try to raise funds to pay it back after the election is over," he said.

During March, Hannon and his campaign manager, E.L. Raiford, and advisory committee will spend much of their time visiting and communicating with voters in new or unvisited counties.

As to polls and reports showing him at the bottom of the ladder, Hannon said, "That's a lot of hogwash and we are not going to let it worry us. One thing it does is to cause us to work and campaign even harder."

Dr. Hannon noted that he

is very much encouraged about his growing popularity among white voters, especially women and voters from ages 35 and under. This has resulted from his appearances at gubernatorial forums sponsored mainly by women's groups, the YDC and college Democrats. "I hope this popularity will show up at the polls behind the curtains," he said.

Unlike most politicians who hire outside pollsters, Hannon, based on his academic training in political science and his study of other pollsters' guidelines, will conduct his

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One Resident Here Claims Appreciation Prize Money

A single winner was declared in last week's Appreciation Money Feature, sponsored by The CAROLINIAN and participating businesses.

Ms. Christine Young, 911 E. Edenton St., was awarded a \$10 check after spotting her name hidden in an ad sponsored by Ideal Cleaners. Two other CAROLINIAN readers were eligible for \$10 checks but forfeited the checks after failing to report to The CAROLINIAN business office, 518 E. Martin St., before noon on Monday following publication.

Each reader of The CAROLINIAN is a potential winner in the feature. All he

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This Week's Appreciation Money
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FLETCHER'S SEAFOOD

"FRESH FROM THE SEA GOODNESS"

Campbell Foundation Created To Help Students

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
The Ralph Campbell, Sr., Scholarship Foundation which will provide financial aid to high school students wishing to pursue higher education has been created, a spokesman for the fund announced Tuesday.

The foundation is trying to raise more than \$20,000 in scholarship funds. "The criteria for selection will be based on leadership potential, academic achievement, financial need and service to the community," said Harold Webb, director of the N.C. Personnel Office, who along with William Windley is chairman for the foundation.

Webb also named 11 people to the foundation's board of directors. They are Ralph Campbell, Jr., an employee of the N.C. Department of Revenue; Clifton Benson, a Raleigh businessman; Dr. George C. Debnam, a local physician; George Foxwell, Sr., a retired Wake County school principal; Webb, J.J. Sanson, chairman of the board of Mechanics and Farmers Bank; Windley, president of the Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association; Smedes York, former Raleigh mayor; Thelma Lennon of the N.C. Department of Public Instruction; and Lawrence Allen, an administrator of the foundation. (See CAMPBELL, P. 2)

Jackson 3rd In Ill. With 75% Of Black Vote

BY JOHN HINTON
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The Rev. Jesse Jackson, fresh from his unprecedented victory in the South Carolina caucuses, gathered 75 percent of the black vote in the Illinois Democratic primary to finish third in that race.

Jackson won 189,539 votes or 21 percent. Former Vice President Walter Mondale won the primary with 390,224 votes or 42 percent.

while Gary Hart, D-Colo., took second with 313,390 votes or 34 percent.

"I am delighted," Jackson told reporters in Chicago this week. "People have made a major statement about my candidacy. I am proud of the way Chicago responded to my campaign."

The delegate count before next Tuesday's new Democratic Primary stands at 557 delegates committed to

Mondale, 330 for Hart and 79 committed to Jackson. There are 268 uncommitted delegates.

Bruce Lightner, Jackson's campaign manager for the Fourth Congressional District, said the Illinois primary was significant because Jackson received 13 percent of the vote outside of Chicago's black districts. "This clearly shows that as time

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CHEERS OF SUPPORTERS—Chicago, Ill.—Holding his daughter, Jacqueline, 8, Rev. Jesse Jackson acknowledges the cheers of supporters after coming in third in the Illinois primary March 20. Jackson said the Democratic presidential race is still a three-way contest and that he's in it to stay. (UPI)

Southgate, Biltmore Have Highest Black Vote Totals

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
The communities of Kingwood Forest and Southgate have more blacks registered to vote than any other predominantly black neighborhood in Raleigh, according to statistics from the Wake County Board of Elections.

As of Feb. 29, 2,251 blacks were registered to vote in the 22nd precinct, which encompasses two neighborhoods. Kingwood Forest and Southgate are made mainly of middle-class blacks.

Biltmore Hills, a predominantly black community off Garner Road, comes in second among predominantly black communities in Southeast Raleigh with a high number of blacks registered. The neighborhood has 1,786 blacks registered to vote in 35 precincts. These are also middle-class black neighborhoods.

Experts say that middle-class blacks are more likely to vote because they moved up the economic ladder by participating in

(See SOUTHGATE, P. 2)

Byers, 1st Black Head Of Mixed School Dies

James Estes Byers, the first black principal of an integrated school in Wake County, died Saturday. Byers, 70, of 311 Sherrybrook Drive, was principal of West Cary Junior High School for seven years. He retired from the school in 1972 to work as director of Head Start, a program for poor preschool children.

A funeral will be held Thursday, March 22, at 2 p.m. at Martin Street

Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Carolina Biblical Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Ms. Amelia Dodd Byers, and a brother, Walter G. Byers of Charlotte.

Byers graduated from Shaw University and later obtained his master's degree and professional diploma from Teacher's College of Columbia University.

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BROWN ASHFORD



MS. COHEN MS. WILLIAMS

BY JOHN HINTON
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Question: Are middle-class blacks responsible for pulling up poorer blacks?

George Brown, 20, a junior at N.C. State University: "Yes, they are responsible. Because middle-class blacks had opportunities to succeed. Most come from the lower class. They should support their own kind."

Richard Ashford, 20, a sophomore at NCSU from Goldsboro: "Yes, they should. Some people have the advantages like some other people do. They should give these opportunities to other people."

Wanda Cohen, 18, freshman at State from Atlanta, Ga.: "Yes, because middle-class black citizens know what it was like when they were not financially stable. They had to work hard for what they got."

Deborah Williams, 19, a sophomore at N.C. State from Wilson: "Yes, in a way. If they have the resources to help the poor, they should. If that's the way it was, then they could always help the poor people. It's no fun being poor. Middle-class blacks know that because most of them were poor themselves."

WEATHER

Fair skies will prevail across most of North Carolina through Friday with a chance of spring showers on Saturday and Sunday. Highs are expected to be in the 60s with some 50s in the mountains and near 70s along the coast. Overnight lows should range from the 30s to 40s. A weak low pressure system from Georgia has been responsible for the rain and cloudy conditions of the past few days.



MURDERER WEDS—Houston, Texas—Convicted murderer Richard James Wilkerson, 19, right, and Erlene Renee Malveaux, 18, left, were married March 19 by county At-Law Judge Don Hendrix, the same day Wilkerson was requesting a new trial in the slaying of four at the Malibu Grand Prix gameroom. (UPI)