

County Last In Percentage

# Wake 1st In State Jobs

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports  
Wake County has more blacks working in state government than any other county in the Triangle area, but it has the lowest percentage of blacks employed by the state of the three counties surveyed.

Statistics from the Department of Administration taken March 13 showed there were 3,956 blacks working for the state in Wake County which only makes up about 20 percent of the total work force in the county. Experts say Wake has these numbers of blacks

employed by the state because the county features the capital of Raleigh and N.C. State University.

Orange County featuring the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill comes in second, with 2,377 blacks employed by the state. They make up 31.6 percent of the state work force, the highest among the three counties. Durham County is third with 624

blacks, which makes up 53 percent of the work force in the county employed by the state. A survey of the job categories reveals that Wake (See WAKE, P. 2)



AT THE TEMPLE—Albany, N.Y.—Presidential candidate Jesse Jackson capped a full day of campaigning in upstate New York on March 27 by speaking at the Wilborn Temple in Albany. In the background is a painted image of Christ. (UPI)

## D.C. Mayor Barry Aids Jesse Jackson In Race

Mayor Marion Barry of Washington, D.C., co-chairperson of the Jesse Jackson for President Campaign, will keynote the "Salute to North Carolina Black Legislators" banquet on Friday, March 30, at the Sheraton-Crabtree Hotel. The banquet is sponsored by the Coalition for Progressive Legislation.

Mayor Barry is also scheduled to speak at St. Augustine's College at 10 a.m. and at Shaw University at 11:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend these events.

"Over the past two years there has been a 300 percent increase in the number of blacks who have been elected as a part of the General Assembly. This increase was due primarily to the 1981 redistricting. (See JACKSON, P. 2)



MARION BARRY

## Cofield Criticized For Siding With Developers

Wake County Board of Commissioners' senior and lone black member, Elizabeth Cofield, this week became the center of controversy following revelation that a fundraiser set for Thursday will be sponsored by developers and businessmen.

In response to criticism that she has close ties to developers which have been leveled at her from her opponent in the May 8 Democratic primary, G. Herbert Stout, Ms. Cofield indicated that she did not mind having people in her corner who are developers, and said the developers have done an excellent job in helping Wake County grow in an orderly fashion.

Ms. Cofield said one cannot say she was recruited by any special interest group, but that she has been obligated to all of the citizens of Wake County.

The fundraiser is to take place at the North Ridge Country Club. Ms. Cofield is seeking her fourth term representing District Four (Southwest and Central Raleigh).

Ms. Cofield said she is not sure that Stout is familiar enough with the growth and development and the issues as they pertain to Wake County.

Stout, claiming "The line is drawn," noted the developers have made a choice that is interesting; they want to make this a campaign issue—uncontrolled growth versus planned growth.

Ms. Cofield stated that she expects members of the Progress for Raleigh-Wake

County Through Orderly Development, a group that promotes developers' interests, to attend the fundraiser next week.

A spokesman for PROD stated that members of the group would attend the fundraiser although it is not being sponsored by the developers' group.

## Spaulding Seeks To Make History

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports  
State Rep. Kenneth B. Spaulding of Durham is attempting to make history.

Spaulding is running for the Second Congressional District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives and if he defeats incumbent I.T. "Tim" Valentine, he will become the first black congressman from North Carolina since 1901.

"I would hope that our state would seize the opportunity and have a reflection delegation in Washington," Spaulding said in an interview recently.

In 1982, H.M. "Mickey" Michaux, Jr., lost to Valentine in a racially divided election. Michaux, a Durham attorney, needed only 5,878 votes to win the runoff for the Democratic nomination. Valentine, of Nashville, went on to defeat John W. Marin of Durham in the November election.

Now, political observers view the Spaulding campaign as a definite threat to Valentine. The 10 Second District counties are experiencing an increase of black voter registration which experts say will probably help Spaulding.

"I am working very hard in the black community and



REP. KENNETH B. SPAULDING

white community," Spaulding told The CAROLINIAN. "I don't take any vote for granted."

Spaulding said he hopes race will not be a factor in the campaign. Valentine has also told reporters that race should not be a factor in the voting. Currently, there are 13,000 more blacks registered to vote than there were two years ago in the district with the largest black population in the state.

Spaulding said people should vote for him because of his record in the N.C. General Assembly. He said (See SPAULDING, P. 2)

## NAACP

### Starts Fund Drive

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, announced recently the start of an emergency fund-raising drive to put more than one-half million dollars into the association's general operating fund.

Hooks said, in making the announcement, that "Like Chrysler and Continental of some time ago, the NAACP is facing a serious short-term financial problem and must raise money to maintain its national civil rights thrusts."

He said, "We are not going out of business. Our long-term strength and effectiveness have not been threatened. We are trying, in the climate of cutbacks created by the Reagan administration, to take some very necessary steps to strengthen the association's short-term financial position."

Hooks said cash flow problems have been a part of the civil rights organization's 75-year history and that "this is not the first time we have had to make such an appeal."

He said, "We are calling on our friends and supporters to advance the time of their contributions to us and to increase them, if at all possible."

The fund-raising effort, Hooks said, was part of the association's overall attempt to strengthen its internal administrative processes.

"We are also tightening

## Bentsen Speaks In City April 7

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (D-Texas) will be the guest speaker at the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh on Saturday, April 7, the North Carolina Democratic Party has announced.

A leading member of the Senate Finance Committee, Sen. Bentsen is frequently named as a possible choice for vice president on the 1984 Democratic ticket. He is also chairman of the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee.

"We are looking forward to having Sen. Bentsen visit North Carolina," said Democratic Party Chairman David Price.

## Appreciation Prize Money Claimed By One Resident

The CAROLINIAN awarded one winner in last week's Appreciation Money Feature, sponsored by this newspaper and participating businesses.

The winner for the week was Earnest Blount, 605 Rosemont Ave. He was given a \$10 check.

Blount was declared a winner after he reported that he saw his name in an ad appearing on the newspaper's Appreciation Page, always the back page of the Thursday edition of The CAROLINIAN's front section.

Blount spotted his name hidden in an ad sponsored

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### Neuse River Is Scene As

## Black Man's Body Found

## NAACP Hails Dismissal

### Remains Believed Lane's

Police say the body of a black man found in the Neuse River Tuesday is probably that of Robert Lane of Raleigh who has been missing since Feb. 14.

Investigators in the boats spotted the partially decomposed body in the river about two miles east of the Poole Road bridge after a month-long search. The remains were sent to N.C. Medical Examiner's office in Chapel Hill for identification and to determine the cause of death.

"We don't suspect any foul play," Police Lt. B.W. Peoples said in an interview Wednesday. "We are not sure about the cause of death."

Police believe the remains are those of Lane, 62, of 216 S. Swain St., who was last seen by Dorothy Lane at her home, 902 E. Martin St.

Lane's car was found Feb. (See BODY FOUND, P. 2)



WAIVING EXTRADITION—San Diego, Calif.—Sylvester Alexander, one of five Tennessee state prisoners who escaped Feb. 18 and went on a wide-ranging crime spree, appears in San Diego Municipal Court March 26, waiving extradition. Judge Robert Thaxton said Tennessee authorities would pick up Alexander within 10 days for return to Fort Pillow State Prison. (UPI)

## Hooks Issues Statement As Geter Is Exonerated

NEW YORK, N.Y. — NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks recently issued the following statement upon learning that the Dallas, Texas, prosecutors had dismissed armed robbery charges against Lenell Geter:

"The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People" hails the March 21 announcement by Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade of the dismissal of armed robbery

charges against Lenell Geter. This is another example of the longtime victorious legal work of the NAACP. Once again the 75-year-old organization has come to the aid of a victim of gross miscarriage of justice.

The defense of Geter by the association required considerable legal research

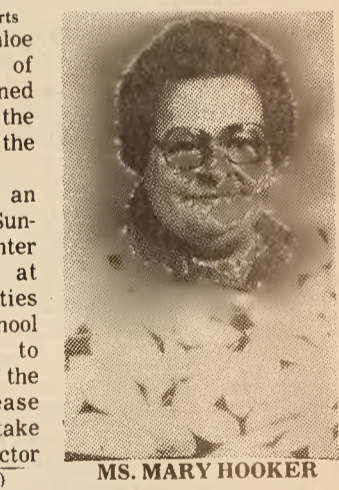
and expense. The NAACP succeeded in winning Geter's freedom through the diligence of our assistant general council, George E. Hairston, and the help of the Dallas NAACP office.

"We note that Anthony Williams, another black E-Systems engineer also wrongfully charged by the (See HOOKS, P. 2)

## Mary Hooker Dies Of Spinal Meningitis

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports  
The death of an Enloe High School teacher of spinal meningitis spanned concern this week that the disease might spread in the school.

Mary H. Hooker, 50, an English teacher, died Sunday at Wake Medical Center after she became ill at school Friday, authorities said. Students at the school carried home letters to parents alerting them of the symptoms of the disease and warning them to take their children to the doctor (See MENINGITIS, P. 2)



MS. MARY HOOKER

## Inquiring Reporter

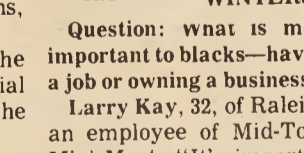
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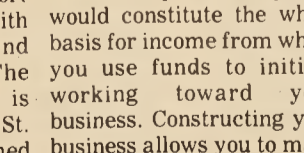
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Question: What is more important to blacks—having a job or owning a business?  
Larry Kay, 32, of Raleigh, an employee of Mid-Town Mini Mart: "It's important to have a job initially that would constitute the whole basis for income from which you use funds to initiate working toward your business. Constructing your business allows you to make more money and control the money which you have."

John Winters, III, 19, Raleigh: "I would prefer to own my own business. It shows more leadership than working under somebody. It shows more responsibility. It gives you the potential for leadership."  
Sherry Cochrane, 21, Raleigh, manager trainee at Whitney's in Crabtree Valley Mall: "I prefer ownership. I would feel comfortable with my own business rather than working for somebody for (See INQUIRING, P. 2)



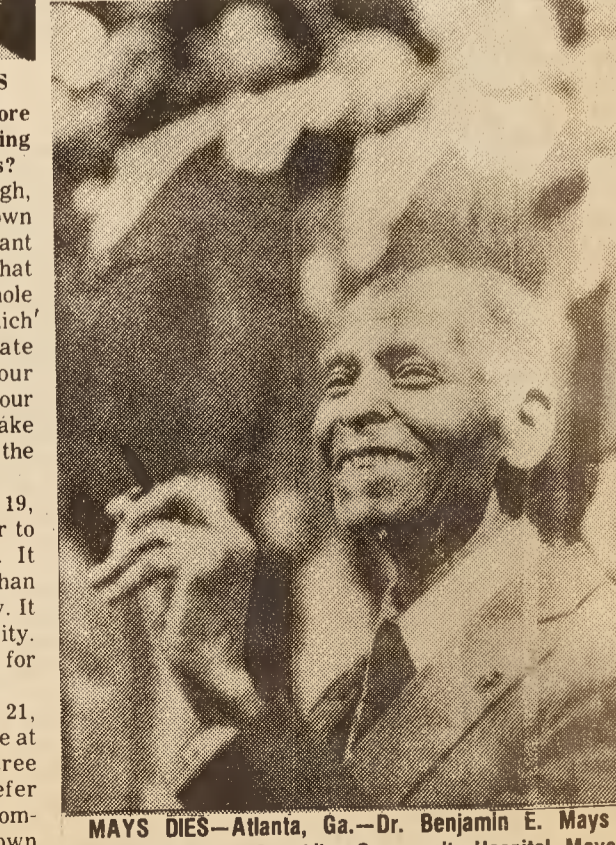
NICK OF TIME—Nipsey Russell, left, poet laureate of comedy, enjoys a laugh with Spencer Hayward, second from left, and fashion model Iman and award-winning journalist Tony Brown at an NAACP membership drive.

This Week's Appreciation Money

## SPOTLIGHT

FLETCHER'S SEAFOOD

"FRESH FROM THE SEA GOODNESS"



MAYS DIES—Atlanta, Ga.—Dr. Benjamin E. Mays died March 28 in Hugh Spaulding Community Hospital. Mays, 88, was president emeritus of Morehouse College and the Atlanta Board of Education. (UPI)