

### Governor's Role Questioned

# Federal, State Policy Angers Workers

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On Jan. 18, the local community will be taking part in activities which will celebrate the birthday of leading civil rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr.

According to Bruce Lightner, co-chairman of the Raleigh-Wake Martin Luther King Celebration Committee, there will be a prayer breakfast at 7 a.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, and the speaker will be Dr. Grady Davis.

Dr. Davis, pastor of Union Baptist Church in Durham, will speak on "The Dream Re-Lived." Others participating in the prayer breakfast include Ms. Betty Hargrove, William R. Windley, Rev. Mahan Siler, Rev.

G.A. Jones, Rev. Morris Hudgings, Ms. Sonia Barnes, Father Martin Carter, the Rev. W.W. Finlator and the Rev. Clifton Buckham.

Following the prayer breakfast, a memorial march will follow, leaving the grounds of the Capitol Building and proceeding to the Civic Center. Following the march will be a noon observance featuring Bishop John Hurst Adams of Washington, D.C.

The Rt. Rev. Adams is the presiding bishop of the Washington, D.C. AME Church conference. Also featured in the noonday observance will be greetings from local and state dignitaries, including Raleigh City Council member Ralph Campbell, the Hon. James G. Martin and the Hon. Robert Jordan, and Rep. David

Price.

Also featured on the program will be Wake County Schools Superintendent Robert E. Bridges and N.C. House member Dan T. Blue, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Children's Choir, as well as the Rev. Gregory Edmond. This noon-hour observance will be aired on "Open/NET," and can be seen from 8-10 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 19, on cable channels 4 in Chapel Hill, 9 in Durham and 13 in Raleigh.

At first, it appeared that the governor would not appear at the celebration, but in a recent decision, Martin, who is at the beginning of a reelection campaign, changed his mind.

Lightner said, "We have agreed to

allow the governor to be on the program out of respect for the office of governor, not the individual holding it." He pointed out that the governor had changed his mind about appear-

feature outstanding groups and community leaders. Among those who will be participating will be Bro. James Thomas, well-known gospel personality and gospel announcer on

In announcing the national celebrations, Coretta Scott King, president and chief executive officer of the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change, said, "Both the symbolic tapping of the Liberty Bell and the ringing of the Independence Bell in Philadelphia Jan. 18 will initiate a ringing of replica liberty bells and other bells across the land and in other parts of the world. This will be a unique tribute to Dr. King and a call for his holiday to be a universal day of peace without war or acts of violence."

The national theme for King Week '88 is "Living the Dream: Let Freedom Ring."

The third national holiday, Jan. 18, begins with a wreath-laying ceremony at Dr. King's crypt, followed by the traditional ecumenical service (See FEDERAL, P. 2)

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ing at "the last moment," and added, "If the governor can defend his position on the King holiday, and can do an admirable job, he should be commended. Personally, I don't think he can."

At the noon observance, Martin will bring greetings from the governor's office and Lt. Gov. Jordan will bring greetings from the state of North Carolina.

The evening celebration will

WLE radio; Raleigh Mayor Avery Upchurch; the Hope of Freedom Choir, First Cosmopolitan All Male Choir, Capitol City Five, and the Mighty Golden Bells.

King Week 1988 began nationally Jan. 8 and runs through Jan. 18 with special programs and celebrations in Atlanta, other major U.S. cities and around the world, marking the 59th birthday anniversary and third national holiday in honor of Dr. King.

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### Bizarre Confession

## Blackman Receives Life

### Convicted For Murder Of Student

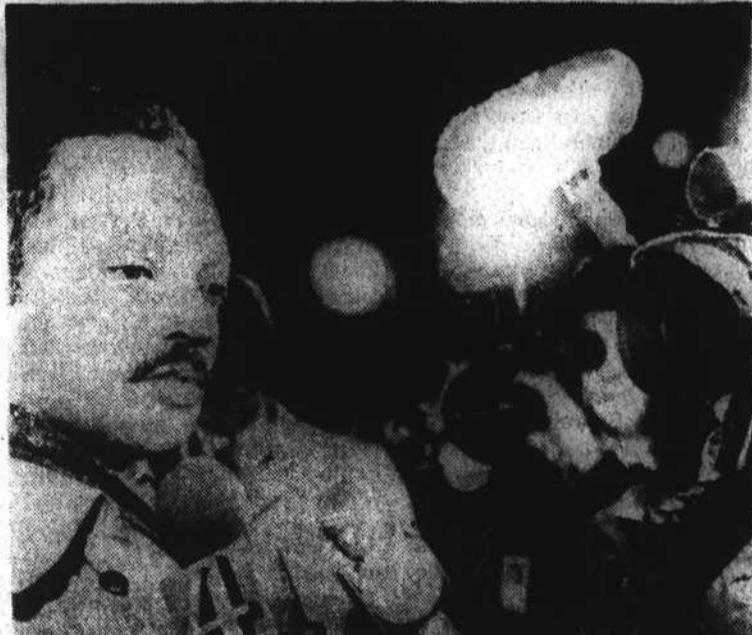
A mental patient pleaded guilty to second-degree murder Thursday in the 1979 slaying of a female St. Augustine's College student in her dormitory bathroom.

James A. Blackman, who gave police a bizarre, often rambling confession to the killing in 1983, was sentenced to life in prison by Wake Superior Court Judge Henry V. Barnette, Jr. of Raleigh as part of a plea bargain agreement. Barnette also ordered that Blackman continue to undergo psychiatric treatment at Central Prison, where he is being held.

The woman, Helena Payne, was stabbed in the neck in the early morning hours of Sept. 28, 1979, as she entered a bathroom stall in her dormitory. She died about a month later.

Under the arrangement, Blackman will be allowed to appeal an earlier ruling allowing his confession to be introduced at the trial. Defense attorney Thomas C. Manning had sought to have the statements suppressed on the ground that Blackman, 34, a drifter who had been committed to Dorothea Dix Hospital on numerous occasions, was not competent to understand his rights when questioned by police.

Manning said in an interview that if the N.C. Court of Appeals reversed the Aug. 21 ruling by Superior Court Judge Wiley F. Bowen of Dunn, the charge against Blackman would be (See CONVICTED, P. 2)



FACING ALLEGATIONS—Concord, N.H.—Presidential candidate Jesse Jackson holds a news conference answering reporters questions about an earlier report on pain-killer drug addiction. Rev. Jackson is on a 2-day campaign swing through the first primary state. This news conference took place shortly before he opened his Concord, n.h. campaign office. (UPI)

## PACE Endorses Malone, Stout As "Impeccable"

The Wake County Political Action Committee for Education, the political arm of the Wake County Association of Classroom Teachers, announced last week the endorsement of Vernon Malone and Herb Stout, two incumbent county commissioners. In making the announcement, Linda Liles, chairperson of

PACE, said, "These two county commissioners have demonstrated a high level of commitment and advocacy for our public schools, and Mr. Malone and Mr. Stout deserve to be the consensus candidates of all citizens of Wake County."

Both incumbents were elected four years ago, and Wake PACE worked actively for their election at that time. Malone and Stout have a record of advocating quality educational programs and appropriate facilities.

Ms. Liles said, "With the challenges facing the Wake County Schools, including the need for new and renovated facilities, attracting teachers, and meeting the educational needs of all children, the Wake County Board of Commissioners will be in desperate need of experienced, informed commissioners. Malone and Stout know what it takes to meet those challenges."

The recommendation was based on the incumbents' records, interviews, and continuing commitments to the public schools. Malone and Stout were interviewed by the PACE Steering Committee that consists of 30 classroom teachers. Then the recommendation was ratified by the 150-member Wake ACT Representative Assembly.

Ms. Liles said that Wake PACE only makes early endorsements in unusual situations when incumbents (See VERNON MALONE, P. 2)

### Mr. Howell Is Remarkable

BY DR. ALBERT E. JABS  
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Eugene Howell is the grand old man of the Shaw University campus. He has walked this earth for 87 years and he is still active and alive in his walking, talking, and demeanor. On these cold winter mornings Howell will dutifully come to work as he has for 62 years.

He has seen a lot of water go over the dam and in his fourscore years he is a walking repository of stories, perspectives, and reminiscences about Shaw University. Howell is a gentleman of the first rank and for many of the students and professors could easily pass for a distinguished professor emeritus.

Howell will proudly point out that all seven of his children have gone on to higher education, of whom three (See MR. HOWELL, P. 2)



GEORGE L. FOXWELL

## Dr. Bridges Recalls Career Of Foxwell

Wake County Public Schools Superintendent Robert E. Bridges last week reflected on his personal experiences with the late George L. Foxwell, a longtime Wake County school administrator.

"George Foxwell was one of the earliest true models for me in the business of school administration. His confidence, his assertiveness, and his preparation were his standout characteristics. He was a solid leader in the Raleigh City Schools and in the Wake County Public School System for nearly 25 years. I personally will greatly miss this truly inspirational leader and mentor."

Foxwell, a native of Chowan County near Edenton, was an assistant principal and principal with the school system since 1963, first serving as assistant principal at Ligon (at that time a high school) and then principal of Carnegie Middle School. He was previously a teacher and coach at Ligon. He retired from the Wake County Public School System in 1982. His total educational career spanned 33 years.

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## King Celebration Reawakens "Dream" For Many Citizens

During the first paid state holiday to honor Martin Luther King, Jr., on Monday, Jan. 18, some state employees will be working and this angers many black state workers.

These state workers who are reporting for work are voluntarily reporting to make up time lost due to the snow and ice.

After a hard-fought battle, the 1987 General Assembly approved a paid holiday honoring King on the third Monday in January.

But this year's observance falls 11 days after a winter storm hit North Carolina and shut down much of state government.

State personnel officials said that most of the 19,225 state workers in Wake County who are subject to the State Personnel Act, as well as many of their counterparts statewide, missed some work on Jan. 7 and all of Jan. 8.

The Office of State Personnel last week distributed a memo to agency heads reminding them that rank-and-file workers must make up lost time.

The letter—dated Monday and written by Richard V. Lee, state personnel director—didn't specifically mention the King holiday, but said that lost time could be made up on holidays.

Gov. James G. Martin had opposed the King holiday because other individuals had not been honored by similar holidays.

Tim R. Pittman, a spokesman for Martin, said the personnel office memo was not an attempt by the administration to encourage state employees to work Monday.

But state workers who called THE CAROLINIAN about the issue said it was a "cheap shot." One worker, who requested anonymity said, "They are trying to do this so they do not have to recognize or respect Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. She added that many black workers in state government will opt to make up the time

later in the year or on Saturday. She said, "A lot of white workers will work on Monday. I feel the policy is made up for their benefit, the whites'."

Personnel officials said that state workers who are subject to the federal Fair Labor Standards Act—generally those below mid-level positions—cannot work more than 40 hours a week without being paid overtime. They said the King holiday offered an opportunity to make up lost time because it created a four-day work week, allowing workers to make up a lost day without overtime.

While nobody could say how many rank-and-file state employees would turn up for work Monday, some officials said the number could be sizeable. Several administrators said they had received a number of requests from employees wanting to work.

According to Gwen A. Canady, chief deputy of the office, the state auditor's office probably will have at least 25 employees working Monday.

Officials at the state personnel office, the N.C. Department of Transportation and the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development said they expected to have a number of employees working Monday.

According to the letter sent to state workers, "Time can be made up on non-workdays, weekends or holidays. However, time worked on a holiday must be voluntary on the part of the employee. The Holiday Premium Pay Policy does not apply when the employee volunteers to work on a holiday."

It also adds, "Time can be made up before or after normal work hours or by using no more than 30 minutes of the lunch hour. There is no time limit on an employee's opportunity to make up time."

The North Carolina General Assembly Legislative Services Office, with Margaret Webb, in an of-

ficial statement said the Legislature honors King.

"In one of the first acts of the 1987 General Assembly, the North Carolina legislature honored the memory of civil rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr., by making the



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NC Governor

third Monday in January a paid holiday for state employees. Jan. 19, 1988 marks the first such celebration of the King holiday.

"The 1983 General Assembly had put Rev. King's birthday, Jan. 15, on a list of legal public holidays. Legal public holidays are ones observed by the state but not necessarily given as time off with pay to state employees. Congress then made the third Monday in January a holiday for federal employees. The 1987 law brought North Carolina into line with federal policy.

(See CELEBRATION, P. 2)

### Bastion Of Racism

## Forsyth Marchers Return

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports  
And News Dispatches

On Jan. 16, the Rev. Hosea Williams, civil rights veteran and field general of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and organizer and leader of the famed January 1967 Forsyth County march, returned to this town renowned for its predominantly white population.

In a letter from the Forsyth County, Ga. Brotherhood and Sisterhood Movement Against Fear and Intimidation, it was stated, "We... in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1987 birthday, encourage every American to join us in appropriately observing Dr. King's birthday this January."

"And in keeping with Dr. King's movement philosophy—'Ain't Goin'

to Let Nobody Turn Us Around,' Saturday, Jan. 16, we will return to Forsyth County, known as America's bastion of racism—to complete the 1987 aborted Brotherhood March Against Fear and Intimidation."

According to the statement, "One year ago in appropriately observing Dr. King's birthday we attempted this nonviolent brotherhood march, but it was broken up when we were so brutally attacked by hate-filled racist terrorists of Forsyth County, thereby establishing without a shadow of doubt that Forsyth County is America's haven of racial bigotry."

It went on to say, "Therefore, even though we are returning to Forsyth to complete that unfinished brotherhood march against fear and intimidation in keeping Dr. King's true legacy

alive, we will launch a nonviolent campaign to redeem the soul of our sisters and brothers in Forsyth County, thereby ridding Forsyth County of its South African apartheid-like government. This is a must, even though we realize the life-threatening dangers in ridding Forsyth of its 75 years of racial terrorism. But to allow it to stand unchallenged 20 years after Dr. King gave his life to rid America of racism is a betrayal of Dr. King's true legacy and allows his 'dream' to become a nightmare."

Cash Michaels of WLE said last year's march showed "that if the powers that be felt that violence was everything in terms of intimidating freedom-loving people, our 20,000-plus march through Forsyth (See FORSYTH, P. 2)



AIDS WORKSHOP—The youth group of First Baptist Church on Wilmington Street has been tackling the difficult topic of AIDS. Through workshops they have sponsored, they and the public have looked at such questions as how AIDS is contracted, what is AIDS, and what can be done to protect people from this deadly virus. The youth group has sponsored

workshops that were open to the public on the topic AIDS. Discussions have included AIDS and related areas such as sharing drug paraphernalia and engaging in sexual intercourse. These topics have been discussed from a religious and Biblical point of view. More workshops and other means of making information available to citizens of the community are being planned.