

MERIT BADGE DAY

The response to "Boy Scout Merit Badge Day" held at Carolina Power and Light Co.'s Harris Visitors Center in November of 1967, was so great that a second Merit Badge Day has been scheduled for Saturday, March 26.

Boy Scout troops in the 19-county Oconeechee Council and neighboring areas are again invited to take part in the special workshops and activities to be offered during the day-long event.

ESC FINDS JOBS

In February, 10,616 North Carolinians found jobs through the 78 Job Service Centers and six branch offices operated by the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina.

Statewide totals released show that employers listed 29,716 job openings with the agency during February, and ESC staff filled 12,821 of those openings.

Figures released for individual Job Service centers show the greatest number of placements was made in Raleigh with 534, Winston-Salem with 447, Charlotte with 357, Chapel Hill with 322, and Gastonia with 293.

Greensboro placed the greatest number of individuals, 94, in jobs paying more than \$15,000 per year, followed by Raleigh with 92, Charlotte with 81, Winston-Salem with 71, and Salisbury with 49.

In February, the greatest number of jobs listed by employers with ESC local offices was Raleigh with 1,397, Winston-Salem with 616, Durham with 792, Greensboro with 738, and Charlotte with 734.

MINISTER RECEIVES DEATH THREATS

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—A clergyman who is a leading anti-apartheid activist said Friday he received two death threats in the past week and that his house and office were stoned.

The Rev. Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, said he received a call on his private telephone line from a man who said, "We are going to kill you." Boesak said a stone was thrown through a window of his office near Cape Town while he was at a meeting there Thursday night. His children called 15 minutes later from the family home nearby to say a brick had been thrown through a front window, Boesak said.

Boesak, Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other church leaders have pledged to lead opposition to the white-led government's recent crackdown on black and anti-apartheid organizations and activists.

EFFECTS OF RACIAL ATTACK CONTINUE

NEWTON, N.J.—A 59-year-old black woman who authorities say was the victim of a racial attack last month has not regained her memory and her husband is showing the strain of the incident, a support coalition said.

The restless nights and nightmares that have haunted the woman, Hildegarde Smith, have lessened but things have worsened for her husband, Richard, who has a heart condition.

"Richard is essentially a 24-hour nurse for Hildegarde," said the Rev. William J. Sadler, interim pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. That combined with trying to accept the incident have led to a couple of flare-ups of his heart condition, said Sadler of Sylvester Fletcher, one of 150 blacks in this Sussex County town of 3,000 people.

ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

An interagency task force that has been exploring alternatives to incarceration will conduct a public discussion of the issue on April 7 in Raleigh.

The task force, an ad hoc committee representing the Division of Adult Probation and Parole in the Department of Correction and the Division of Victim and Justice Services of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, has been meeting since 1985 to discuss various alternatives to incarceration. The panel also serves as a link between two programs with similar interests.

The focus of the April 7 meeting will be on existing alternative programs such as the community penalties program, the electronic house arrest program, and intensive probation. That meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the conference room of the Pre-Release and After Care Center, 3905 Industrial Drive, Building E, in Raleigh.

Dead Heat For The Lead

Jesse Jackson Moves To Front

BY HOWARD BARNETT
Staff Writer

The Rev. Jesse Jackson moved into a dead heat for the lead in the Democratic presidential nomination with his second-place showing in the Illinois primary Tuesday, but many viewers of the major media may not be aware of it.

The "teasers" on major television

network coverage and headlines in newspapers proclaimed Paul Simon's "impressive" victory in his and Jackson's home state, flashing vote totals which showed Simon with about 43 percent of the popular vote to Jackson's 31 and 17 percent for Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, the erstwhile Democratic

"frontrunner" who staked a major amount of money and prestige on taking at least a second-place finish in the sixth most-populous state in the nation.

The real story, however, was not that Simon had won in his home state. It was expected that he would win Illinois—and no other state—in the

campaign. The significant aspect of the race in terms of the overall Democratic race was that Dukakis, who had hoped to slow Jackson's momentum, did not win a single convention delegate, while Jackson picked up between 40 and 45.

Just exactly what that meant in terms of the overall race, however,

depended largely on who you were watching. CBS, which had actually called the race closer than it turned out to be (41 percent to 37 percent, Simon/Jackson), still showed Dukakis with a commanding 40-vote lead in the delegate count, while Cable News Network's official count showed the contest neck-and-neck.

CBS estimates showed Dukakis with a whopping 565 delegates to Jackson's 530 and 460 for Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore, who made a big splash with his all-or-nothing effort in the South on Super Tuesday but was (See JESSE JACKSON, P. 2)

Black Press Is Still Advocate Of Liberties

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.
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An Analysis

Come March, the month we set aside to commemorate the black press, the things done—and not quite done—the annual question is raised: Is there a need for the black press? You mean now, 135 years after the Emancipation Proclamation? And after the adoption of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States—34 years after Brown, and more than 20 years after the passage of some of the most significant and sweeping civil rights legislation in the history of this country?

Really, is the black press still needed?

Like a noxious weed in a fertile and pristine garden, the question sprouts—unneded, uninvited, intrusive and obtrusive. It is sometimes asked subtly, or abrasively, in contemplative fashion or barely restrained rage. It is never asked carelessly or with an air of indifference.

So each year it is answered with a chorus of resounding editorial "yeas." A joker or two might play the devil's advocate and say "no." But they are jumped and pummeled quickly into submission. Yet, the question comes up and, to change metaphors, like a Sisyphian stone has to be pushed laboriously to the top of the mountain of public opinion each year, only to have it roll (See BLACK PRESS, P. 2)

Judges Bench

TASK FORCE REPORT ON DRUGS

The Raleigh City Council has proclaimed illegal drugs the number one objective in police news and public service announcements. Ralph Campbell, Jr., a member of the City Council, drove through the East Raleigh section to find what he said were "pushers on the corner, waiting to make a sale."

It's this reality that colors Campbell's reaction to a report from the council's Substance Abuse Task Force. After more than a year of observation, the group recommended a community survey to measure the public awareness of drug abuse, coupled with a variety of education and public service campaigns.

"There are hot spots in the city where drugs are openly sold, and I was hoping the task force would work with the media and police department to try to identify those areas," Campbell said. Council members Geoffrey Elting and Anne S. Franklin are reserving judgment on the task force's plan until they get additional information on what funds are needed from the city.

STUDENTS SUSPENDED FOR WEARING CONFEDERATE FLAG

Last week, Chewing Junior High School confronted students and parents concerning the issue of recent racial violence within the school. A Durham Superior Court judge denied a parent's request Tuesday for a temporary restraining order to (See JUDGES' BENCH, P. 3)

Discipline Is Key To Classroom

BY R.P. CORNWALL CHUNN
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Educating black students in the public school system can be accomplished, according to some retired educators interviewed recently.

"They did learn when I was working with them," said Ms. Maye Ligon, a former teacher at Washington and Ligon high schools.

"We had some brilliant students. They were on the honor roll. Our students are out in their fields now, doctors, lawyers, politicians, very smart students," she said.

Another former teacher, Ms. Catherine Turner, remembers her years of teaching throughout North Carolina "from the mountains to the seashore."

"I taught for 40 years. There is not'ng wrong with that black child's mind. A child is a child, regardless of color," Ms. Turner said.

"When I taught I had around 70 children in the beginners' class. We were expected to teach those children something. We had the parents behind us. The kids wanted to learn. They were bad. They did little ugly things, but you could spank them. Even the slowest child could learn and he did learn," she said.

"There was love at home. The teachers loved the kids, the kids loved the teachers, the parents loved the teachers, the teachers loved the parents. Now the kids hate the teachers, the teachers don't like the kids nor parents."

A retired Wake County principal, W.W. Hurdle, does not believe black children are impossible to educate, nor are they academically inferior.

"It's a matter of proper teaching and proper motivation as any other group. You have to understand kids in order to teach them. Many of our schools are not taking that into consideration today.

"There are many problems, backgrounds, tools [needed]. They haven't been properly motivated before they left home to learn. They haven't always been properly motivated before they left home to learn. They haven't always had the tools that you need to work with. They were shortchanged even before my time. I was shortchanged when I went to school," said the former principal of Lucille Hunter School and Jeffrey's Grove Elementary School. (See TEACHERS, P. 2)

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Beyond The Classroom

Blacks Lag In Schools

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Educators Cite Problem

Attainment Drops After Integration

Some blacks say North Carolina's school systems are to blame for disparities between the academic achievement of black and white students, but others argue that the problems extend beyond the classroom.

Charles Holland, a member of the Wake County Board of Education, said low teacher expectations hurt the academic performance of black children.

"Some of our teachers are taking a short cut," Holland said. "Rather than challenging our students and working hard with them, teachers push them into the lower-achieving classes."

But Walter Faribault, Jr., vice chairman of the Orange County School Board, said teachers could not be held solely responsible.

"It is fairly easy to point a finger at faculty," he said. "But what if the faculty gives instruction to go home and do 10 problems and they go home and do none?"

Black educators, leaders and parents charge that school systems have failed to educate and challenge black students, but others say low family income and a variety of other social ills have led to the poor performance of black students.

"It is easy to blame somebody else," Gladys Graves, president of (See BLACKS, P. 2)



ON THE BOARD—Acter John Amos, of "Roots" fame, poses with Dr. Gregory T. Headen, president of Shaw Divinity School, and Dr. Oscar McLaughlin, pastor of St. Francis AME Zion Church, Port Chester, N.Y., in front of the new Shaw Divinity School Chapel at the school's new campus at Rush Street, Boone Trail and Hilltop Drive, near Old Garner Road. Amos is a member of the Board of Associates for the school.

Divinity School Holds 55th Founder's Event

Dr. Lawrence N. Jones, long time Dean of the Howard University Divinity School and supporter of the Shaw Divinity School will deliver the Founder's Day Address at the Convocation of the Fifty-Fifth

Founder's Day Observance, Shaw Divinity School, to be held at 11:00 A.M., Monday, March 21, 1988, at the new Shaw Divinity School Chapel at Hilltop Drive and Rush Street, near Old Garner Road.

In announcing Dr. Jones appearance at historic Shaw Divinity School, Dr. Gregory T. Headen stated, "Dr. Jones's presence on campus is further confirmation of the Divinity School's commitment to quality and excellence," adding that "only the best is our continuing theme."

Headen said that Dr. Jones, considered the Dean of Deans among black theologians, is a long time friend of Shaw Divinity School, and is well known in the State. He said that the Shaw Divinity School is indeed (See DIVINITY, P. 2)

Appreciation Feature Has Three Winners

There were three winners in last week's Appreciation Money Feature, sponsored by The CAROLINIAN and participating businesses. The winners who found their names hidden on the Appreciation Page this week were Ms. Robin Everett, 700 Barksdale; Ms. Yvonne Moore, 4006 Garner Road; and Terry Lanier, Rt. 2, Raleigh.

After coming into The CAROLINIAN office at 818 E. Martin St. and properly identifying themselves, winners were awarded \$10 checks. (See APPRECIATION, P. 3)



CHIEFS OF MISSION—These three African chiefs of mission stand in line to be greeted by residents from the area recently. From left are the ambassador from the Ivory Coast, the ambassador of Mali and the chief of mission of Lesotho. (Photo by Taib Calloway)

African Chiefs Of Mission Visit Raleigh

BY MARGARET ROSE MURRAY
Special To The CAROLINIAN

It was a beautiful day, both physically and psychologically, that brought more than 12 African ambassadors, ministers and counselors from the countries of Benin, Comoros, Congo, Gabon, the Ivory Coast, Lesotho, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Rwanda, Seychelles and Zaire, to Raleigh on Friday, March 11. They were here to pay a visit to the predominantly black schools of higher learning, St. Augustine's College and Shaw University. They also conducted a state visit with Fourth District Rep. David Price at his office.

The sponsoring group, the International Visitors Council, and its coordinator, Forrest Rogers, as well as five escorts and interpreters, were pleased with the reception given the visitors.

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