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## Residents Take Active Role Group Plans Community Action

BY YVONNE CONWELL  
Staff Writer  
One of the most potentially instrumental organizations in Southeast Raleigh plans to build for residents a solid platform for participation in the economic development and growth of the community.

Southeast Raleigh Community Development Corp. and elected 38 persons who represented a broad cross-section of the community to its board of directors.

The purpose of the organization is to ensure that residents of Southeast Raleigh are active participants in the economic development and growth of their own community. The board's charge was to legalize the organization, raise money to stabilize it and to determine how the community's goals will be achieved.

The corporation has been active since its formation. It has incor-

porated as a private, non-profit, tax-exempt, resident-controlled organization; received a \$45,000 grant from the N.C. General Assembly; hired a part-time staff and established an office in downtown Raleigh.

The corporation's part-time acting director, Patricia Funderburk, whose primary responsibilities include stabilizing the organization and raising money to sustain its operation for the next two years, said, "It has been mind-boggling to discover the amount of resources and money that are available to do the kinds of pro-

jects our community needs to do for itself.

"Other communities around the country similar to ours with a lot less than we have are successfully implementing exciting projects that are meeting the real needs. The one thing they have going for them is that the community is unified. That's what we are working toward here and I see it happening more and more every day," she added.

Members of the community have been sponsored by the corporation to attend numerous training workshops and conferences throughout the state.

"Our people need to be educated about economic strategies and how to use them to improve our community," comments Sterling Goodwin, owner of Charleston Seafood Restaurant and chairman of the corporation's interim board of directors. "It's time we stop looking for someone else to save us. We have to take control of our own destiny. Southeast Raleigh is blessed with many intelligent people who can do anything we need done for ourselves. We plan to work with city and other

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ROBERT WOODSON

## Southeast Raleigh Citizens Hit Bank On Minority Lending Record; Call For Reinvestment Before Expansion

BY YVONNE CONWELL  
Staff Writer  
A group of citizens concerned with the economic, housing and overall condition of Southeast Raleigh took aim at a local lending institution Monday and questioned its lending record in minority neighborhoods in Raleigh.

Most of the citizens, who represented Southeast Raleigh, met with F. Guy Walker, president and chief executive officer of Raleigh Federal Savings Bank and several of his top executives to discuss the bank's lending record in low- and moderate-income and minority neighborhoods.

The group talked about the desperate need for affordable housing and the bank's lack of lending in minority communities. They also proposed a program that would give Raleigh Federal a leading role in contributing to the development of Southeast Raleigh and other low- to moderate-income communities.

Participating in the group's proposed program, according to some local spokespersons, would give Raleigh Federal an opportunity to meet its Community Reinvestment Act obligations. The federal act requires all federally regulated lending institutions to help meet the credit needs of all parts of a community in which they do business.

The savings and loan's latest annual report states that the bank is trying to expand to "the resort area of the Sandhills."

Rev. David Dolby, vice president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and a member of the community delegation, said, "We feel that Raleigh Federal needs to meet its CRA obligations in its home territory in Raleigh before it moves out into more lucrative markets."

The group questioned the bank's proposed acquisition of two savings

and loans, one in Sanford and one in Rocky Mount.

Fisher McMillian, representing a resident organization, Operation HELP, in Sanford, who also attended the meeting, said, "First Federal, the savings and loan that Raleigh

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## Attacks And Threats

# Lawyers Fight For Client's Life

## Drug Ring Kingpins Exposed

Attorneys Alvaader Frazier and Harry Kresky of the International Peoples Law Institution and Michael Warren plan to file a motion in federal court to save the life of their client, Adam Abdul-Hakeem (formerly Larry Davis) by asking for his removal from the Rikers Island Corrections Facility.

Abdul-Hakeem's attorneys requested that he be placed in federal custody in order to stop what they called the brutal physical and emotional attacks he has suffered since being placed at Rikers Island in January.

Dr. Lenora Fulani, national chairperson of the New Alliance Party and leader of the Coalition to Free Adam Abdul-Hakeem, issued a statement that was read by Barbara Taylor, principal and founder of the independent Barbara Taylor School in Harlem.

His incarceration, his attorneys say, has been marked by continued attacks and threats on his life that began almost three years ago after he exposed the 44th Precinct's police drug-running operation in the Bronx as well as the 34th Precinct in upper

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SAVE OUR CHILDREN—Project designed to raise awareness of rural African-Americans about issues related to infant mortality, recently received a grant of \$5,000. Committee members include Elazer Barnette, Gail Carrington, Brenda Watson, Edgar Farmer, William Walker. Lillie Jones serves as project director and Brenda Allen serves as advisor.

## Save The Children Project Helps Decrease Infant Mortality Rate

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports  
The North Carolina Child Advocacy Institute reveals that the quality of life for North Carolina's 1.6 million children has dropped in the past year and suggests that public policy can help influence most factors that determine the welfare of these children and families.

Moreover, the infant mortality rate remains high for the state and despite medical facilities and affluence, even higher in the Triangle.

Every year across the country, tens of thousands of infants die needlessly because their mothers did not receive adequate prenatal care. This leaves the infant mortality rate in the United States the highest of any industrialized country.

Save Our Children, a project designed to raise the awareness of rural African-Americans, recently received a \$5,000 grant to continue targeting males and females ages 13 through senior citizen on issues of nutrition, prenatal development and human reproduction to decrease infant mortality.

Deeper Life Outreach Ministries of the First Congregational United Church of Christ will use these funds to conduct short-term training in five rural eastern North Carolina communities.

The Save Our Children Project Committee will host numerous seminars and workshops. Committee members include Lillie Jones, project director; Brenda Allen, advisor;

Gail Carrington, Edgar Farmer and William Walker.

Many of these workshops hosted by the committee will focus their attention on raising the awareness of rural teens and adults about issues related to nutrition, prenatal development and human reproduction to decrease infant mortality.

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## Coveted State Title

# Mothers' March Glows With Pride

BY ALLIE M. PEEBLES

Ms. Minnie Flagg, the mother representing Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church, was crowned queen of the Raleigh-Apex Branch NAACP on Sunday, May 21, at Martin Street Baptist Church. The occasion was the Mothers' March, an annual event held prior to the North Carolina State Conference of Branches' Mothers' March. Ms. Flagg will compete with other branches' queens for the coveted state title. Ms. Flagg was crowned by Ms. Luna Belle Hill of Martin Street Church.

On Saturday, May 27, at 3 p.m. in the Raleigh Civic and Convention Center, the winner will be crowned. She will receive an all-expense-paid trip to California to attend the NAACP's Image Awards program to be held in December 1989. Of course, there will be other prizes in store, and the queen will reign at all activities held during the year.

J.D. Lewis, director of minority affairs for WRAL-TV 5, was master of ceremonies. There was an air of excitement as each candidate was introduced. Ms. Ruth T. Carter represented Cokesbury United Methodist Church, where she is active in many phases, including Sunday School. A licensed practical nurse, Ms. Carter is part owner of Carter Associates. She and her husband Henry have three children.

Ms. Carolyn Beckwith represented First Baptist Church on Wilmington Street. She is also very active in church work as well as being a full-time homemaker. She is married to Levi A. Beckwith and they have four children.

Ms. Sandra Baker, first runner-up, represented Martin Street Baptist Church. She is employed at AT&T in Raleigh. She enjoys cooking, singing, and traveling. She is a member of the church's Gospel Choir. She stated that one of the highlights of her life was the visit to the Bahamas that she and her husband James made on their 30th wedding anniversary. They

have four children.

Ms. Sarah H. Morgan was the mother from First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, and she made her contribution, but because of a death in the family, she was unable to attend on Sunday. She is retired, but she has never stopped working. She is a precinct worker and she can be counted on to drive elderly and han-

diapped voters to the polls on Election Day. She is active in her church and has been crowned NAACP queen in the past. Ms. Morgan is a life member of the NAACP.

Ms. Fannie Byrd represented St. Mary's AME Church of Apex, where she sings in the Gospel Choir. She is

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## Campbell Scholarships Awarded To Two Graduating Wake Co. Students

The Ralph Campbell, Sr. Scholarship Foundation awarded \$1,000 scholarships to two deserving Wake County high school graduating seniors recently.

The winners of the 1988 awards were Shalon Brenee Ruffin of Garner Senior High School and Angela Lenore Stanback, also of Garner Senior High.

According to Dr. Harold H. Webb, chairman of the foundation's board of directors, the scholarships were awarded on the basis of scholarship, demonstrated need and community/school involvement. Since 1985 the two scholarships awarded in 1989 bring the total number awarded by the Campbell Scholarship Fund to 111. The previous winners have maintained excellent records of scholastic achievement.

Ms. Ruffin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie T. Johnson of Garner. While enrolled at Garner Senior High, Shalon par-

ticipated in the Beta Club, Senior Service Club, Junior Civitans, Junior Engineering Technical Society and the Women's Tennis

Team. Shalon is graduating in the top six percent of her class and plans to major in poultry science.

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SHALON RUFFIN



ANGELA STANBACK

## NEWS BRIEFS

### CEO NAMED

The Charlotte-Trident, S.C. Chamber of Commerce announced last week that Jerry A. Brown has been named president and chief executive officer for that chamber, effective July 1. Brown is currently vice president of economic development for the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, a position he has held since February 1988.

### POULTRY WORKERS SCREENED

Fourteen workers from Purdue Poultry processing plants in nor-

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## Ligon School Counselor Assists Wake Recruiting

The Wake County Public School System's Office of Student Services chose Ms. Shirley D. Hinton, chairman of the Guidance Department at Ligon Gifted and Talented Middle School, to represent the system at the JHS Counselors Seminar held May 18-20 at the prestigious St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H. The seminar was attended by counselors from middle and junior high schools from many parts of the country and had as its purpose to acquaint the counselors with St. Paul's as a possible option for high school for gifted students.

Ms. Hinton was met on Thursday afternoon at the Manchester, N.H. airport by Peter Cheney, director of admissions, and escorted to Scudder Guest House for a welcoming reception, meeting members of St. Paul's admissions and recruiting departments along with counselors from Texas, Illinois, Tennessee and many other states.

On Friday morning, the counselors were accompanied by students to breakfast at the Upper Building.

Students, counselors and staff and faculty members then attended chapel at 8 a.m. for service. The re-

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SHIRLEY D. HINTON