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## "Redlining Black Faces?"

# Group Says Bank Failing Credit Needs

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports  
Officials of the Raleigh Federal Savings Bank are planning to schedule a meeting with minority business people and non-profit development organizations to see that the credit needs of all segments of the Raleigh community are being met by the city's financial institutions.

The meeting is a result of a comment filed by the Raleigh Community

Reinvestment Committee. This committee is composed of a group of community organizations, clergy, and minority business leaders, who want to ensure that the financial needs are being focused on fairly.

The comment asked that Raleigh Federal's application to acquire two other savings and loans be denied by the federal government. The committee concluded that Raleigh Federal had failed to meet the credit needs of

Wake County's low- and moderate-income people and the substantial African-American community.

The committee's conclusions included the fact that Raleigh Federal made just 16 loans in low-income neighborhoods over the past five years; that race was a factor regardless of income; that the institution participated in very few federal, state and local programs targeted toward low- and moderate-income

people; has not contacted community leaders about community credit needs; that there are no minorities on the bank's board of directors; and that the bank has no low-cost checking product, which effectively excludes most low-income persons from participating in the bank's checking programs.

Before the comment was filed, the committee initiated discussions with the bank about their activities on

three separate occasions, proposing programs they believed would assure that past problems would be corrected.

"We asked that our second and third meetings with the bank be held at an appropriate church in the predominantly minority quadrant of the city. Raleigh Federal insisted upon meeting at the bank's corporate offices," states Rev. W.B. Lewis, pastor of First Cosmopolitan Church

in Raleigh and a member of the committee.

At the third meeting, Raleigh Federal proposed a Community Reinvestment Act program.

"However," states Rev. David Dolby, vice president of the Raleigh-Wake Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and also a member of the CRA Committee, "Raleigh Federal made it clear that they are unwilling to move on several (See RALEIGH FEDERAL, P. 2)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### FmHA BORROWERS

Approximately 400 farmers in North Carolina and 150 farmers in South Carolina have been notified by the Farmers Home Administration that they are behind in their loan payments and are being offered an opportunity to restructure their debts. These farmers have 45 days from the day they receive the notice to return most of the forms including a plan to reorganize their FmHA debt.

### GROUNDBREAKING

The Wake County Habitat for Humanity will hold a dedication and groundbreaking for their latest project to help a low-income family realize the dream of home ownership. GE Mortgage Insurance Companies, sponsor of the Habitat home being dedicated, will host the event. Rep. David Price (D-N.C.); Gregory Barmore, GEMICO president; and Rick Beech, Habitat director, will participate in the ceremony at 3 p.m. Sept. 17 at 2744 Centennial Drive, Worshale Forest subdivision at Rose Lane and Poole Road.

### I CAN COPE

The American Cancer Society is again sponsoring the "I Can Cope" program, designed to assist cancer patients and their family members with "Learning the Art of Living With Cancer." The lectures will be held on six successive Thursday nights, from Sept. 21 to Oct. 26 at the Garner Road YMCA from 7-9 p.m.

### DUTY IN EGYPT

Members of the 82nd Airborne Division's 505th Parachute Infantry (See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)

## Nationwide Strategy

# FBI Denies "Stalking" Blacks

## Observers Question Tactics

WINSTON-SALEM—The federal probe of alleged political corruption here may be part of a nationwide strategy by the U.S. government to harass black elected officials, some residents say.

"Winston-Salem and Greensboro may simply be on a long list of questionable FBI tactics," says a "statement of concern" issued last month by the local chapter of the NAACP. The statement said the group was worried about "a pattern of investigation of black elected officials and political activists by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other governmental agencies."

Rashed Bey, president of a black cultural organization called Awakening Giant, said he and others have distributed 500 copies of a newspaper article headlined, "FBI Stalks Black Leaders." The article accuses the FBI and the Internal Revenue Service of scheming to entrap black officials throughout the nation.

In Winston-Salem, the officials under investigation were Alderman Vivian H. Burke, Patrick T. Hairston and Larry W. Womble. Ms. Burke and Womble are running for reelection. And, although Hairston is not seeking another term on the board, he had not yet announced his plans when the federal investigation began.

The main target of the investigation is Rodney J. Sumler, a political consultant in Winston-Salem and the vice president of the local NAACP.

The Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley, a board member of the NAACP, said last week that the probe appears to be a "fishing expedition" (See BLACK OFFICIALS, P. 2)



ON THE SCENE—Larry "Doc" Jones, Norman Days and while the weather was sunny and warm one day last week. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

## Legislature Expands Medicaid To Benefit Poor Women And Children

As part of its effort to reduce the state's alarming infant mortality rate and improve infant and child health, the General Assembly has invested \$22.3 million over the next two years to enhance health care for some of the state's poorer women and young children.

The \$22 million investment of North Carolina tax dollars will bring down from Washington approximately \$56 million in federal funds over the next two years.

Infant mortality is strongly linked to access to prenatal care. National studies have shown that with every dollar spent in prenatal care comes a \$3 savings in long-term health-care costs from reduced neonatal inten-

sive care and treatment for mentally retarded children.

Most of the money appropriated by North Carolina's Legislature will be used to extend Medicaid coverage for maternity care for more low-income women and their infant children, as well as to include low-income children from ages 4-7 who had not been included before.

Part of the money will go to improve the reimbursement rate for physicians who provide prenatal and delivery services for Medicaid patients and to begin a public education campaign aimed at pregnant women who might not be seeking appropriate prenatal care.

At 12.5 babies per 1,000 born, North

Carolina has the fifth-highest infant death rate in a nation with one of the highest infant death rates in the world, particularly among industrialized nations.

In 1986, Congress gave the states the option to expand Medicaid programs to new groups of poor women during pregnancy in an effort to bring down the nation's infant mortality rate. The states were also allowed to extend Medicaid benefits to additional low-income children.

In North Carolina, the General Assembly has again expanded the Medicaid program to include an additional 6,700 women and 7,200 infants each year. Pregnant women and infants under age one whose family incomes are below 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines will now be allowed Medicaid benefits.

This means that, as of 1990, a pregnant woman will qualify for Medicaid if her three-person family income is \$15,090 or less per year, 50 percent higher than the current threshold of \$10,060.

More doctors providing more and (See MEDICAID, P. 2)

## National Medical Association

# Physicians Chart Historic Course

By DR. GEORGE C. DEBNAM  
Special To The CAROLINIAN

At its organizational meeting in Atlanta, Ga., in 1895, the National Medical Association became established at a dark time in American history, and for blacks in particular.

As for black doctors, hospitals denied their patients admission and doctors had few privileges. Black doctors operated on kitchen tables and in back rooms under the most adverse conditions for themselves and their patients.

The late, great Dr. Charles V. Roman of Dallas, Texas would have been very proud if he had revisited his offspring on July 15 of this year.

Orlando, Fla. was the site of the NMA's annual convention and scientific assembly.

Some 4,000 physicians and their families gathered at the Marriott World Center to discuss the current medical problems, especially how they affect minorities.

The NMA represents 16,000 black physicians practicing medicine in the United States and its outlying ter-

ritories such as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Dr. Charles Johnson, a professor of endocrinology and internal medicine at Duke Medical Center, was elected president-elect of the NMA and will take office at its 95th annual convention in Las Vegas, Nev. in August of 1990.

The new chairperson of the board of trustees was Dr. Yvonne Harris Veal. Dr. Veal is the first woman chairperson of the Board of Trustees. She is a native of Ahoskie.

The executive director of the NMA

is William Garrett, formerly of Durham. He was assisted by his wife, the former Mercedes Nickens of Winston.

Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, secretary of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C., was the keynote speaker for the occasion. He was given the NMA's Scroll of Merit. The same award was given to Shirley M. Malcolm, Ph.D., head of the Directorate for Education and Human Resources Programs of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Claudia R. Baquet, chief of the Special Populations Studies Branch, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control of the National Cancer Institute, and Ms. Linda Bass, director, Minority Health Programs, Office of Cancer Communications, also received NMA's certificates of appreciation.

Among the North Carolinians who were present at the convention were:

Dr. and Mrs. Fred McQueen, Hamlet, president of the ONSMS; Dr. and Mrs. Eric Buffong, Jacksonville; Dr. and Mrs. John Daniel, Durham; Dr. George Brothers, Jr., Durham; Dr. Elaine Hart Brothers, Durham; Dr. Andrew Best, Greenville; Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Dawson, Durham; Dr. Lacy A. Colson, Raleigh; Dr. and Mrs. George Debnam, Raleigh; Dr. and Mrs. Gary L. Gaines, Jacksonville; Dr. and Mrs. James P. Green, Hendersonville; Dr. Charles Johnson, Durham; Dr. Percy E. Jones, Greensboro; Dr. and Mrs. Otis B. Michael, Asheville; Dr. Jesse F. Williams, Fayetteville; Dr. and Mrs. Wayland McKenzie, Greensboro; Dr. and Mrs. James Dixon, Greensboro; Dr. Edward Treadwell, Greenville; Dr. Leslie Walton, Chapel Hill; Dr. and Mrs. Emery Rand, Charlotte; Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Pulin, Charlotte; Dr. and Mrs. Onye Akwari, Durham; Dr. Barry Wynn, Charlotte; and Dr. Michelle Wynne of Charlotte.

Also, Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Strayhorn, Chapel Hill; Dr. and Mrs. Neil Cathcart, Henderson; Dr. Charles Cook, Raleigh; Dr. T. Foster, Charlotte; Dr. and Mrs. McArthur Newell, Greensboro; Dr. Pete Brewington, Greensboro; Dr. and Mrs. Flotilla Watkins, Greensboro; Dr. and Mrs. (See MEDICAL SOCIETY, P. 2)



MEDICAL ASSEMBLY—Shown from left, Dr. Yvonne Harris Veal, chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the National Medical Association; Dr. Charles Johnson, president-elect of the NMA; and Dr. Vivian Pinn-Wiggins, president of the association, during the annual convention and scientific assembly in Orlando, Fla. last month.

## Wake Opportunities, Inc. Joins D.C. Celebration Of 25 Years of Community Aid

BY TRACEY HALL  
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Wake County Opportunities, Inc., celebrated its 25th anniversary this month in Washington, D.C.

Dorothy Allen-Freeman, who has acted as director of WCOI since 1969, says that the main purpose for this United Way member agency is to "eliminate poverty in the midst of

plenty in this nation of plenty by opening to everyone the opportunity for education and training, the opportunity to work, and the opportunity to live in decency and dignity."

Wake County Opportunities, Inc. was established by the Wake County Board of Commissioners in 1965 as the local community action agency after the 88th Congress of the United States enacted the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. The main objectives of the program were to mobilize the resources of the county to combat poverty, promote or improve in any of its various aspects the general welfare of low-income Wake County residents, and to assist in eradicating conditions detrimental to the general welfare of Wake County low-income residents.

The current budget of WCOI is approximately \$2.5 million. With the help of this budget, the program is able to assist socioeconomically disadvantaged families or individuals in locating and subsequently renting or owning a home that is within their budget.

In addition, the program is designed to provide emergency assistance to those families experiencing crisis situations. This crisis includes food (See DOROTHY FREEMAN, P. 2)



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