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At the 1936 Berlin Olympics, the U.S. Track and Field Team shattered all falsehoods about black athletes. The great Jesse Owens set the longjump record at 26.5 inches, defeating German ath-

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Higher Salaries Attract Top Teachers

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What will it take to attract and retain adequate numbers of qualified professionals to teach children in the Southeast?

One answer is for teachers to earn salaries that are competitive with the earnings opportunities of college graduates in other occupations.

For the sixth year in a row, a study conducted by the Southeastern Educational Improvement Laboratory (SEIL) has found that despite numerous salary increases, teachers in the Southeast still earn

\$9,350 less than other college-educated workers in the region. This average income difference may be a strong disincentive for attracting many competent persons in the teaching profession. It also may encourage talented teachers to leave the teaching profession for other careers.

The study, prepared by Joseph Haenn, SEIL program manager, and Ronald Bird, economist, compares the average earnings of teachers to the average earnings of college graduates in full-time, salaried, non-teaching occupations in the six states

served by SEIL: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina.

The average teacher salary in the Southeast during the 1988-89 school year was \$25,900, according to the findings. The average college graduate working in other occupations earned \$35,300, approximately 35 percent more than earned by the average teacher.

The study shows, too, that teachers with increased experience reap few rewards. Salaries of teachers who are 20-29 years old trail those of other college-educated workers in that age

group by \$5,500. This difference increases two-and threefold for the next two age categories, respectively. By the time teachers are in the preretirement (50 to 59-year-old) age group, they earn an average of almost \$13,000 less per year than other southeastern college-educated workers in that age category.

One argument used to justify the lower salaries is that most teachers work only 10-months per year. However, when adjusting other college-educated workers' salaries to show a 10-month period, the average teacher still earns considerably less.

How can talented individuals be drawn to the teaching profession with such discouraging salaries?

Policymakers must take the lead in improving the quantity and quality of available teachers by providing earnings, at all stages of a teaching career, that are competitive with those in other occupations.

Also, during a regional conference a panel of three offered advice on ways to attract high-quality teachers to small, rural schools.

Here are a number of ideas to help small schools anywhere win in the teacher recruiting game. They of-

fered the following advice:

Get the active support of the local superintendent.

Commit a management plan to paper, describing responsibilities for making the program work.

Work to achieve the support of the local school board.

Develop a task force of parents, teachers, ministers, and school people to work on the project.

Take the message into the classroom. Convince students that they can "sell" the school and district

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Adams-Terry Realty

TWO ROBBERS ESCAPE POLICE

Business Hit Twice By Suspect

Police are seeking suspects in two armed robberies at the same business who escaped with an undisclosed amount of money.

On June 18 at approximately 11:30 a.m., two men entered Adams-Terry Realty at 1310 Hillsborough St. The robbers forced the victims to hand over money, and then fled. The two men were last seen running west.

One of the men again entered the business at 10:29 a.m. on July 5, according to police reports. Police said the man indicated he had a gun and again robbed the business. He was last seen getting into a small brown vehicle, described as a hatchback, operated by a black male, who was not seen clearly by witnesses.

One suspect, seen at the robbery, was described as a black male, approximately 27 years, old 6'3" to 6'4" tall, weighing 160 pounds. He had a dark complexion and short black hair. He wore a burgundy and navy-striped polo shirt and dark pants.

The second suspect was described as a black male, approximately 27 years old, 5'11" to six feet tall and weighing 180 pounds. He had a medium complexion, short black hair and a thin mustache. He wore blue jeans and a white tee-shirt with gray letters at the second robbery.

Anyone having information about the armed robberies is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 834-HELP or Det. D.L. Harrell of the police department's Armed Robbery Unit at 890-3555. Callers need not give their names or testify in court, and informants could receive up to \$1,000 in cash.

In other news: A bill that would set tougher penalties for many drug-related crimes remained in the House Judiciary Committee last week despite a plea for quick action from Lt. Gov. James C. Gardner.

Rep. H.M. "Mickey" Michaux, Jr., D-Durham, objected to mandatory two-year prison terms without parole

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NAACP Seeks To Form Coalitions To Solve Black Male Predicament

Kelly M. Alexander, Jr., president of the North Carolina State Conference of Branches of the NAACP, last week announced that his organization had submitted a grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation to support a February statewide conference titled "Black Males in Jeopardy."

The conference will bring together for the first time students, politicians, counselors, health care professionals, civil rights activists, criminal justice professionals, educators, the business community and others interested in the plight of the African-American male in North Carolina for



TURNING POINT—This innovative volunteer program comes as an aid to the community as it focuses on mothers and babies. Turning Point For Mothers and Babies of Southeast Raleigh staff members: seated, Dante Butler Haywood, director; Sheila White Coble, coordinator; and

Patricia Owens Taylor, secretary. Standing: Jacqueline Briley-Pinkney Wake Department of Health and Adonna Matthews, health educator, Wake department of Health, speaker. (See story on this page)

Martin Street Church Celebrates 121 Years Preaching The Gospel

BY ALLIE M. PEEBLES

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On July 7-8, there was an air of excitement in and around Martin Street Baptist Church as members celebrated the 121st anniversary of one of Raleigh's oldest churches.

The members took time to memorialize the early saints and say thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Anderson, Ms. Betsy Anderson, Edmund Hill, Leonard Morgan, Weldon Redrie, Edward Smith and Eaton Williams, who came together in 1869 to form the Baptist Interest Group. This was the name that these Southeast Raleigh residents chose as a forerunner of Martin Street Church.

In 1870, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson gave the land so that the church could be built. The first church was built across the street from the present site, and it was facing State Street.

The original site is now called the Anderson Building, and it is used as an education wing of the church.

Rev. Thomas Edwards served as Martin Street's first pastor. Other 19th century pastors were Rev. Robert Shepard and Rev. Samuel Sanders.

In 1909, the land was purchased for the present church under the leadership of Rev. C.C. Clark. Other 20th century pastors were the reverends Auphy Price, W.S. Wyche, William T. Coleman, Charles Mayes, Elias Wimberley, C.C. Staton, Vernon T. Williams, Paul H. Johnson and David C. Forbes.

In recalling the rich history and tradition of this church, Deacon James Clarke named Ms. Hazel Nelson Logan chairman of the observance and some 50 persons headed the call for volunteers. An appeal was

made for memorabilia dating back to the time the church was founded. These items served as a means of educating the youth of the church about lifestyles and customs. They were on display, thereby ensuring an appreciation of the early struggles and accomplishments of this small group of founders.

A fashion show was held, where members from toddlers to seniors were presenting the latest fashions for church, business, or play. Ms. Carolyn Mack Collier served as coordinator.

Wrapping up the Saturday activities was the family cookout on the church's parking lot. The members brought food, and it was indeed an hour of fellowship. Prior to the meal, some members went to the

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Turning Point Aids Pregnant Women As Community Project

Program To Combat High Rate Of Infant Deaths In Raleigh

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Raleigh-Wake Section, in collaboration with the Wake Area Health Education Center, has developed a program designed to help pregnant women in Southeast Raleigh.

"Turning Point" is a support/education program for pregnant women and their families in the Southeast Raleigh community. Volunteers from the community are trained on information that will be helpful to families expecting a child such as: the importance of prenatal care; the role of social support during and after pregnancy; how health behaviors of the mother affect the unborn child; family communication skills; parenting skills; self-esteem building skills; and community resources.

Once volunteers are trained they are matched with a pregnant woman and her family. The volunteer will spend 1-3 hours each week with the pregnant woman and her family, and remain in contact as needed until the child is two years old. The volunteer will provide support and information on a friendly, one-to-one level with the preg-

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nant woman and her family. The National Council of Negro Women feels this support and information will make a difference in the outcome of pregnancy, and improve the quality of life for the child and the family. The life of the volunteer will be enriched through this sharing and interaction.

Improving pregnancy outcomes along with improving a family's emotional preparation for parenthood are important strategies in the development of healthy babies. North Carolina has the highest infant mortality rate in the country.

"Turning Points" has set its goal to combat the rate of infant deaths in this city by being a positive support system, with volunteers from the community itself.

If you are interested in being a part of this program, by being a volunteer, recommending a pregnant mom and her family, or contributing to the program, contact Dante Haywood, director, or Sheila White Coble, coordinator, at 836-8980. The offices are located at Shaw University's Messerve Hall, 118 East South St., P.O. Box 14358, Raleigh 27611.

Greensboro Atty. Nominated For Top NAACP Citation

The North Carolina State Conference of Branches, NAACP, recently nominated a former Raleigh attorney to receive one of the organization's highest awards during its 81st annual convention.

Executive director of the North Carolina State Conference of Branches, Mary Peeler, last week announced that Romallus O. Murphy of Greensboro has been selected by the national NAACP to receive the William Robert Ming Advocacy Award at the convention being held in Los Angeles, Calif.

Herbert H. Henderson, interim general counsel for the NAACP, said the coveted annual award is presented each year to "a lawyer who has best exemplified the spirit and contributions of the late Mr. Ming, who unselfishly endeavored to carryout the policies and programs of the NAACP, and who has done so without regard to financial remuneration for the legal efforts on behalf of the NAACP."

Kelly M. Alexander, Jr., president of the N.C. NAACP, said, (See ROMALLUS MURPHY, P. 2)



KELLY M. ALEXANDER, JR.

the express purpose of forming local coalitions to find solutions to the problems confronting black males. A follow-up conference is planned for 1992 along with an annual report on the status of the black male in North Carolina.

A 1986 special edition of the Crisis, the national NAACP magazine, defined the problem.

1. Unemployment among working-age men hovers at the 40 percent mark.

2. By age 20 nearly 32 percent of black males have become dropouts.

3. Blacks comprise approximately six percent of the total U.S. population, while making up nearly 40 percent of the nation's prison population.

4. The 1980 U.S. Census reported the life expectancy of blacks as 61 years, in comparison to 68 years for white males.

5. The homicide rate for black males, 24-44, is a startling 125.2 per 100,000. The homicide rate for whites in the same age range is 14.2 per 100,000.

Speaking before his departure for Los Angeles to attend the NAACP national convention, Alexander said, "Talk is cheap. It is incumbent upon us as black people to find solutions to the problems facing our community. The key to salvation is doing something. Our conference will develop a

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