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N. C. Working Poor Struggle For Decent Way Of Life



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From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Candidates for the upcoming election, especially for the Wake Board of Education for District 4 and the City Council, District C, are looking at records of commitment and sensitivity to concerns of the community.

Harriet Bryant Webster, retired educator, for District 4 in Southeast Raleigh, which is presently represented by Dr. Charles V. Holland, a two-term incumbent seeking reelection this fall.

Dr. Khalif D. Ramadan aims for the District 3 seat in North Raleigh. Ramadan, 40, is an educational consultant who lost a bid for the District 4 seat in 1987.

Ms. Webster, 54, said having served the system as a teacher, classroom management specialist and administrator for 32 years, she feels "strongly I have a service to render to the citizens of Wake County." Her knowledge of the schools and the desire to serve are two favorable assets, according to those working in her campaign.

Ms. Webster said she will "be an advocate for children; be accessible to parents and educators and will have time to serve on the Board of Education."

Dr. Holland said he plans to focus on the importance of position and not on his opponent. "I am working hard to make sure my district has equal representation. Presently I am soliciting support to have a new high school in Southeast Raleigh," he said. "Some accomplishments I have made during my six years have been: (1) Improvements of the schools media centers throughout the district. (2) A greater number of African-American principals at the middle school level. (3) Dental insurance for our teachers. (4) Duty free lunch for our teachers. (5) 10 percent supplement for teacher salaries. (6) Martin Luther King Holiday."

(AP) A U.S. Census Bureau report that says few North Carolinians live in poverty is inaccurate because many working poor do not earn enough to live decently, experts say.

The study ranked North Carolina 38th in the nation for median household income during 1990, saying that half the state's families had annual earnings of \$27,045 or more and half earned less.

But it ranked the state 24th for the percent of residents who lived below the poverty line last year, annual earnings of \$6,652 for a person living

alone or \$13,359 for a family of four. Gordon Chamberlin, director of the North Carolina Poverty Project, said the state has a large number of working poor who do not earn enough to live decently, but who make too much to be officially classified as impoverished.

He said the government's definition of poverty is unrealistic and suggested \$20,000 for a family of four would be more accurate.

"If you were to make it that rather than \$13,000, you would find a tremendous number of people in

North Carolina," Chamberlin told the Greensboro News & Record. "We always have low unemployment in North Carolina combined with very low pay."

The report said 12.6 percent of the state's residents live in poverty, compared to a nationwide poverty rate of 13.5 percent and a regional rate in the South of 15.8 percent.

The bureau's rankings were based on a nationwide survey of 60,000 households, not 1990 census questionnaires. Economic data from the questionnaires won't be ready

until mid-1992. Michael Simmons, an economics professor at North Carolina A&T State University, said such industries as textiles and poultry processing have the reputation of paying "right above the poverty line."

"People in North Carolina aren't terribly poor, but they aren't well off," said Morgan Jones, a business professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "There's just a bunch of folks above the poverty line but with low incomes."

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Note Passed To Teller

Woman Robs Bank

Bandit Gets Undisclosed Amount Of Cash

Raleigh police are looking for a woman that robbed a bank July 16.

Police report that a black female entered the First Citizens Bank at 619 North Person Street, at 3:23 p.m. The woman passed the bank teller a note, demanding money, and escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash. She was last seen running west on Peace Street toward Blount Street.

The robber is described as being 19 to 23-years-old, 5 feet, 2 inches to 5 feet, 4 inches tall, and weighing 120 to 130 pounds. She has a smooth complexion and large eyes. At the time of the robbery, she wore a black shirt, dark slacks or jeans, a dark ball cap and sunglasses and carried a black athletic bag.

Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to call Police Investigations at 890-3555 or Crime Stoppers at 834-HELP. The North Carolina Bankers' Association offers a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to an arrest in the case.

In other news: A Boone lawyer and his management firm has been indicted on charges that they embezzled more than \$1 million from welfare benefit plans in 37 states.

The indictment against Calvin Banks Finger, 64, and American Institute of Management Services Inc. of Winston-Salem was handed down by a federal grand jury Tuesday in U.S. Middle District Court in Greensboro.

U. S. Attorney Robert H. Edmunds Jr. said the indictments charged Mr. Finger with embezzling \$1.2 million from more than 1,300 welfare benefit plans during the period January 1987 through November 1989. During the period, Mr. Edmunds said Mr. Finger was president and chief

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COMMUNITY FORUM—In a climate of increased local and national attention on police abuse, Raleigh's first forum attracted various organizations from across the county in a spirit of African-American unity. Recently, members of the Raleigh City Council and Police Affairs

Committee received a draft proposal for the creation of a civilian complaint review board delivered by Cash Michaels. Pictured above, area residents and Mike Whitaker. (Staff photo by James Giles)

Residents Petition City For A Solution On MLK Blvd.

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Residents along the newly constructed Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard are petitioning the City of Raleigh to listen to a solution to solve serious parking problems.

The 38 families living in the 1800-1900 blocks of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard said we are "formally petitioning the Raleigh City Council to restore on-street parking in front of our homes."

The Committee of the Concerned of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, said "our homes have become prisons, rather than the castles they should be. Our beautiful Capitol City will remain progressive as long as we remember that boulevards should link our neighborhoods, not destroy them."

The residents complain that after widening the street, they have been forced to park on the lawns or around the corner on side streets. "Several of our vehicles have been vandalized, set on fire, and abused. It has become dangerous for residents to walk from their vehicles parked on side streets to their homes. Our 'community watch' program has become ineffective. At the present time there are no places to park for visiting family, friends, community and church meetings held in our homes."

The committee has written to Rep. David Price, U.S. Senators Terry Sanford and Jesse Helms, Gov. James Martin and the City of Raleigh. Beatrice Lewis, chairperson of the committee, said Gov. Martin's reply was prompt and that "I am pleased to report that the Raleigh City Council agreed on Sept. 17 to address the problem."

City Manager D. E. Benton, Jr. in a memo to Mayor Pro Tem Ralph Campbell said he had reviewed the plans through the older section of the road, formerly Eastern Boulevard, from Peyton Street west to its dead end. "Most of the houses have a front yard set back from the right-of-way of 30 to 35 feet. The City Code minimum front yard set back is 30 feet for this residential district. "If the street were widened, it would require additional right-of-way from the private property owners and would involve further alterations to their front yards and driveways. There would be a significant number of houses with less than 30 feet of set

back. "We could undertake further design work on an option for additional street width, but any alteration would: not allow all houses to have on-street parking; could require additional right-of-way and driveway reductions; could eliminate the vegetated median," Benton said. The committee submitted the following petition to the City of Raleigh: "We petition the city to listen to a solution we have worked out and to follow through by implementing it. In

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fact, it is our belief that this solution can be used as a model for areas of the City through which thoroughfares are being built, and will be built. We further believe that to carry out this solution on a wide scale will contribute to Raleigh becoming a model city.

"We petition for side street parking. It will cut down on parking on lawns and will eliminate the extra expense that would be incurred from building additional driveways, such a savings would benefit both the residents of the area and the city.

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blackness is not perceived as antithetical to success, to virtuousness, to goodness, it would be easier for them to strive," said Rutgers University anthropologist Signithia Fordam. She is writing a

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WEBSTER HOLLAND



ROBERTS

NEWS BRIEFS District Court Judge

Governor Jim Martin has appointed William C. Lawton of Raleigh as a district court judge in the 10th Judicial District, which is composed of Wake County. He will serve until the November 1992 election. Lawton earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering at N.C. State University and earned his law degree at Georgetown University in 1972. A lawyer, he worked as a part-time hearing officer for the N.C. Office of State Personnel for four years.

Employee Of The Year

Central Prison Programs Director Richard Thomas "Dick" Hanley of Raleigh has been named the North Carolina Department of Correction Employee of the Year. "It is fitting that Dick Hanley be the first person in this department to be recognized as the Employee of the Year," said state Correction Secretary Aaron Johnson. "He takes joy in life and shares that joy with his fellow employees and inmates. He is a caring, hard working man." Secretary Johnson presented Hanley with a certificate of recognition.

Neighborhood Outreach

Thanks to a grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, pregnant women in Wake County will soon be getting some extra support. The Reynolds Foundation is funding a pilot project called The Neighborhood Outreach Workers Project through the Wake County Department of Health. The project is designed to match community women with pregnant women who are having trouble getting the prenatal care they need. The Neighborhood Outreach Workers will provide education, emotional support and transportation to their clients. Outreach Workers will also help clients to receive whatever services they need in the areas of housing, benefits, emergency assistance and so on. Matches between Outreach Workers and

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(AP) A long-held belief that a black person can't be successful without acting white is holding back many black youngsters' school performance, a psychiatrist says.

Tamala Evans has firsthand experience with the dilemma. The 17-year-old student at Lathrup High School in Southfield in Detroit, gets good grades, and that doesn't suit some of her classmates.

"They say I act white because I study a lot and because of the way I speak. They say I speak properly," Evans said. "They're caught up in being cool and hanging out, but I have to be the best that I can be, no matter what those people say."

"There's some twisted thinking that comes with self-hatred," said Alvin Poussaint, a black psychiatrist at Harvard Medical School and consultant on "The Cosby Show."

"That is, there is some association that black is bad and dumb and that white is smart," he told the Detroit Free Press. "And there's also some feeling that in order to achieve, that somehow you have to adopt white styles."

Self-hatred rooted in slavery and lack of education in black history for youth leads to peer pressure against

doing well in school, said Jawanza Kunjufu, educator and author of "To Be Popular or Smart: The Black Peer Group."

Urban black students often are under more pressure to drop out than do well, he said, and the result is an unbroken cycle of failure and poverty.

Durham.

"If young people knew their glorious African history, they would see excellence as a hallmark of black civilization, their heritage," she said.

"If we could just get the situation changed so that African-American students could be both African-American and successful, so that