

# Officials Seek Conference On Ham's Charge

## Mayor And School Officials Want To Clear Up Question Of Alleged Immorality Of Students.

Formal request was to be made today by Mayor Wearn to Dr. M. F. Ham, evangelist, for a conference to discuss "purported remarks made by the minister from his tabernacle pulpit that high school boys and girls here patronize houses of ill fame.

In an effort to get at the bottom of the charges reported to have been made by the evangelist, Mayor Wearn announced yesterday that a committee of officials, including himself, H. P. Harding, city school superintendent, Frank H. Kennedy, vice-chairman of the school board, and Dr. E. H. Garinger, principal of Central high school, will seek an audience with Dr. Ham.

Today Mr. Wearn said that he is trying to arrange the conference for 4 P. M. Saturday and will ask Dr. Ham in a letter to meet the committee at that time.

Rawleigh Treadway, secretary to Dr. Ham, said that the evangelist had no statement to make, that any information would have to come from the mayor. When informed that Mayor Wearn had announced plans of communicating with Dr. Ham regarding a conference, Mr. Treadway said that no such communication had been received.

Mr. Wearn said that the statement of the evangelist purported to have been made in a sermon Sunday night, October 28, was written down and called to his attention by a substantial Charlotte citizen.

The conference, the mayor pointed out is for the purpose of learning from Dr. Ham the facts, so that if the situation complained about actually exists, steps can be taken to eliminate it. Information as to names and places, so charged, will be sought, the mayor said.

"If Dr. Ham cannot prove these statements, then we feel that this serious charge against the youth of our city should be retracted," he added.