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The tongue is but three inches long, yet it
can kill a man six feet high.
—Japanese Proverb

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LOCAL URBAN RENEWAL HURTS BLACK BUSINESS

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Although few may have noticed, there is an equation of success for prime time television shows. Take a sprinkle of sex, a big dash of violence and a bit of racism. Mix the above with morbid humor and serve to a bored audience seeking to escape the realities of life. This recipe appears to be working well, maybe too well, when news headlines read like last night's t. v. guide. The next time you laugh at a good time or find out whats happening in fantasy and, remember its just outside your door where fantasy ends and reality begins. As we settle back in our easy chairs preparing for another evening of entertainment, ask yourself a question: Are blacks portrayed in a positive image in the movies and on television?



PHYLLIS FARMER, 24, Dental Hygienist, Durham, N. C. — "No, although there are some positive aspects to how blacks are portrayed in television, they are largely hidden and one has to be black to understand why these images are negative. I'd like to see blacks doing their own thing and not always silly and ignorant as we are usually portrayed. If we do have to be portrayed as middle class or poor at least let it be from a down home perspective."



DEBORAH JOHNSON, 20, Duke University - South Boston, Virginia — "I don't think blacks are particularly portrayed in a positive attitude on television because most are situation comedies which portray them as very ignorant, very loud and uncouth people. One show I dislike perpetuates all the negative stereotypes blacks have had to portray in the past on film and television. For example the shiftless male figure with no constant job and always into hair-brained schemes which waste money rather than utilize it in a positive way."



MICHAEL JOHNSON, 26, Customer Engineer - Alexandria, Virginia — "Blacks are making more movies and better movies. We're now getting our chance in television. As far as portraying images is concerned, you have to portray what the man is paying for."

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SLAVE CABIN,
ARTIFACTS ON
EXHIBIT AT
PITTSBORO
MUSEUM**
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Alcohol Program Lily White In North Carolina

RALEIGH (CCNS) — Are you black, unemployed, and looking for a job? Now hear this!
The unaware who, for any reason, happen into suite 1100 of the Albermarle Building in Raleigh might leave thinking that blacks are not hired in the Alcohol and Drug Services Section of the N. C. Department of Human Resources. If one did reach that conclusion, one would not be totally incorrect.
The section develops policy and programs for \$22 million in federal and state funds for treatment of alcoholism.

The section employs in its Raleigh office, one clerk, part-time black woman while all of its professional staffers and the other three clerical workers are white.
Dr. R. J. Blackley, acting Section head, says the lack of blacks in the section is the result of past discrimination and failure of blacks to qualify for professional jobs. A medical doctor, Blackley says, "I would like to say whoever is qualified gets the job" when a job is vacant. According to Blackley, the last vacant position was for a grantsman to write and obtain
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Rev. Ben Chavis Charges Carter Admin. 'Lacks Commitment'

Nationwide Appeal By Prelate

OXFORD (CCNS) — Rev. Benjamin Chavis, Wilmington 10 defendant, issued a statement calling on people of conscience throughout the nation to speak out for the freedom of the Wilmington 10. Saying the Wilmington 10 case, "Exposes the lack of commitment by the Carter Administration to protect human rights of all Americans," Rev. Chavis called for nationwide demonstrations September 17 at Democratic Party headquarters around the country. Serving 34 years in prison and limited in his access to press, Chavis' statement was released by his sister Miss Francine Chavis.

The September 17 demonstrations are being coordinated by the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression across the U. S. Similar demonstrations are also planned in several other countries in Europe and in Australia, according to the Alliance, of which Rev. Chavis is

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vice-chairman and treasurer. Ms. Anne Mitchell, state coordinator of the North Carolina branch of the National Alliance, stated that the 12 noon Saturday demonstration will be held in Raleigh in front of the Hilton Inn on Hillsborough Street. She explained, "The demonstrations will be held at Democratic Party headquarters to enable us by our presence to call upon that Party to urge Governor Hunt and President Carter to act immediately to free the
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Charlotte 3 Appeal Is Slated

CHARLOTTE (CCNS) — The appeal of the Charlotte 3 defendants, convicted in 1972 of the burning in 1968 of the Lazy B Riding Stable, is set to be heard October 5 by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal in Richmond, Virginia, according to chief defense attorney for the defendants James Ferguson of Charlotte. Two of the three defendants have been out on bail since June of 1976: Dr. James Grant, Jr., and T. J. Reddy. The third defendant, Charles Parker, was paroled earlier in the same year.

The appeal before the Fourth Circuit Court is based on the failure of the prosecution to disclose evidence vital to the defense during the trial. Many consider the three civil rights workers victims of a frame-up by the authorities, most graphically exposed by The Charlotte Observer reporters who disclosed U. S. Justice Departments pay-offs to the only witnesses who testified in the trial against them.

On December 28, 1976, Grant and Reddy were ordered back to jail by U. S. District Judge Woodrow Wilson Jones, after Judge James McMillan, who had in June approved their release pending appeal, disqualified himself from the case after pressures from the State. Their imprisonment was thwarted when defense attorneys immediately appealed Jones' decision to Judge J. Braxton Craven of the Fourth Circuit, and thousands of letters, telegrams and telephone calls were made to Craven behalf of the three. Craven heard the appeal on December 31, 1976, over-ruled Jones and ordered that Grant and Reddy remain free until their appeal was decided.

Earlier this summer, Judge Craven died of a heart
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CLARENCE BROWN has announced his candidacy for Durham City Council. In his formal statement, he emphasized that Durham needs "individuals who can place the general welfare of the city above personal and special interests."

Fayetteville Housing Authority Finds Going Rough This Summer

FAYETTEVILLE (CCNS) — The Fayetteville Housing Authority has found the going rough this summer. First, HUD paid them a well publicized visit. When the smoke cleared, a series of things had happened: the Director suddenly resigned, the Authority was instructed to pay tenants overcharges totalling around \$300,000. For over two years there has been a storm of protests charging disrespect to tenants, failure to keep housing in good repair, and charging more rent than the amount authorized by HUD.

The chairman of the Housing Authority Board of Directors, Dr. W. T. Holland, is a black minister. The Board has five members, known as Commissioners, who serve staggered terms. Each is appointed by the Mayor of Fayetteville. The Authority operates eight Housing Projects, plus a Section "8" Program with HUD, sharing the rent on 395 units of individual housing down a chance to purchase about one hundred houses



HANGING ON — Much like James Pridgen hangs on to his grocery business this loaf of bread seems to hang on to his hands as he tries to package it. Pridgen has been forced to move two times in eight years because of the Durham Redevelopment Commission. His last move put him miles from his old customers, and business is a drag. (CCNS).

Pridgen Is Victim Of Change

(CCNS) — James Pridgen, 69 years old, is struggling to do what appears to be the impossible: Build a retail grocery business on Durham's North Mangum Street, a location in which the last tenant, also a retail grocer, folded due to lack of customers.

Pridgen has been a grocer since 1946. His Quality Food Market, once on Pettigrew Street, was one of the 106 black businesses located in Durham's Hayti section. But like most of the other businesses, Quality Food Market was forced to make way for urban renewal in 1969.

Quality had a "good and moving business," recalls James Pridgen. He continued saying, "If I could have stayed on Pettigrew Street, I could have sat down and crossed my legs."

After moving from Pettigrew Street, Quality Food Market had a "fair" business for almost eight years in what was called a temporary location on Fayetteville Street, three blocks from the Pettigrew location, until the Durham Redevelopment Commission informed Pridgen that again he'd have to move. The Fayetteville Street site was to be demolished. The elderly Pridgen was shown North Mangum Street site by Redevelopment officials.

A spacious building, just a little more rent than the Fayetteville St. location, the
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NCCU Grad Named Ass't Housing Administrator In Abilene, Tex.

Miss Elmira Mangum of Durham, the daughter of Mrs. Blanche Mangum, 1500 Green Street has become the Assistant Housing Administrator of the City of Abilene, Texas. Ms. Mangum is one of the two highest ranking blacks in the City Government, according to Assistant City Manager, John Hatchel. Ms. Mangum is part of the City's Planning and Community Development Department. Just returning from a Public Housing Conference in Dallas, Texas, she is preparing paperwork for the City's public housing project. She will also aid in the ad-

ministration of the city Rehabilitation Program and existing Housing Programs. Prior to accepting this position Ms. Mangum has spent the last two years studying as a fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. There she graduated with honors, and received two Masters degrees; a Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning and a Master of Arts in Public Policy and Administration. While studying at the University of Wisconsin, Ms. Mangum was chairperson of the Departmental Minority Caucus and Minority Recruitment Committee.

Ms. Mangum's outstanding academic abilities go back to her elementary education at Walltown Elementary School, where she received an award for having the highest average in the school. She was the recipient of honor awards at Hillside High School where she received a scholarship to North Carolina Central University. She was a 1974 Magna Cum Laude graduate from the Department of Geography at NCCU, where she received much of her inspiration. There she earned several awards and memberships in the International Geographical Honor Society-Gamma Theta Upsilon and the National Black Honor Society-Alpha Kappa Mu.

Active in political

MS. ELMIRA MANGUM affairs on the grass-roots level, Ms. Mangum became one of the very few blacks to serve as a Congressional Intern in the United States House of Representatives for Congressman Ike Andrews in 1974.



CONGRATULATIONS FROM N. C. GOVERNOR — Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. congratulates Mrs. Maria M. Larkins on her 82nd birthday. Left to right - Mrs. Catherine L. Larkins, daughter-in-law; Dr. John R. Larkins, son (Special Assistant to Governor Hunt), Mrs. Larkins of New York City and Governor Hunt.