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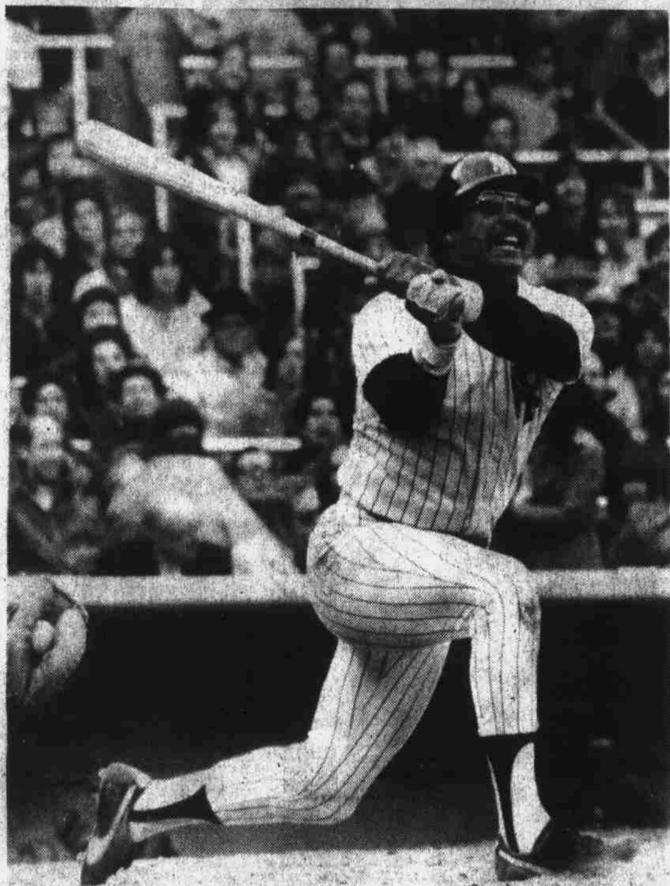
Big men become big by doing what they
don't want to do when they don't want to
do it.
—Anonymous

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"I COULDN'T REALLY BELIEVE IT" - These were the words of Reggie Jackson about the 450 foot smash off Charley Hough in the eighth inning as he set a new record for home runs in a World Series by one player. Reggie's total was five as the Yankees won the Series four games to two.

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WIDESPREAD N.C., VA. SEARCH FOR JOAN LITTLE CONTINUES

"They Are Trying To R'road Me"

CLAIMED BEFORE DISAPPEARANCE

RALEIGH - In many places around this capitol city, streams of cars were bumper to bumper going to and coming from the North Carolina State Fairgrounds on Saturday, the opening day of the fair, and Carter Stadium for the N. C. State University-UNC football game.

It was around 6:30 that evening when officials at the North Carolina Correction Center for Women discovered that Joan Little was missing.

The search for Joan Little continues since her alleged escape. So far, there have been only rumors of indirect contact with Joan who became famous internationally during her 1975 murder trial where she was acquitted in the death of Clarence Allgood.

The search has centered around the Raleigh and Lumberton (NC) area and Norfolk, Virginia but so far, no one has even reported seeing Ms. Little.

Her former attorney, Jerry Paul, who successfully defended Ms. Little in the 1975 murder trial, has taken an active interest in the search saying that she was depressed and frustrated by repeated attempts of prison officials to "railroad" her. He suggests that Ms. Little's life might be in danger from a person or persons who may accompany her.

Miss Little was discovered missing, Captain McLamb said, following a 6 p.m. lock-up at the prison. She was serving a seven-to-ten year sentence for breaking and entering and larceny. Currently being considered for parole for a third time, Ms. Little claimed a few days before her disappearance that "again, they are trying to railroad me". Prison officials have denied allegations of harassment and insist that Ms. Little was treated like any other inmate.

So far, there has been only the word of prison officials that Joan Little escaped. Neither have eye witnesses have come forth nor has she been reported seen since. There are no clues that have

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THE OFFICIAL OPENING of the N. C. School of the Arts exhibit at the North Carolina Mutual Podium Display Center was held last week. W. J. Kennedy, III, NCM president and chief executive officer (right) greets (from left): Mrs. Mary Semans, member of the School of the Arts Foundation; Ralph Hunt, Durham City Councilman and executive vice president of the Durham Business and Professional Chain; and Raymond J. Mulligan, president of Liggett, Inc. The Podium Display Center is located on the first floor of the NCM Home Office Building in an area that is covered but not enclosed. The center is available for exhibits with educational and informational significance by business, educational, religious, and civic organizations.

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Luncheon Honors Col. Mills

By KELVIN A. BELL

"There are times when we have to mold and act, rather than be passive and react . . . These are times when we must ourselves become change agents for society." This was the way that Colonel Mary L. Mills of the United States Public Health Service, opened her address before a crowd of more than 200 persons who had gathered for a North Carolina Nurses Association luncheon in her honor, Wednesday at Raleigh's Royal Villa.

Miss Mills, R. N., C. N. M., D. Sc., L.L.D., spoke of the significance of health care in America and its history. She spoke of the Federal role in health; barriers to health care;

existing models of legislative enacted health care systems and, the use of the political system to influence health care, saying that in "today's world the reality is that high quality health care for all people, regardless of race, creed, place of residence or income, will become available only when people demand it and organize to achieve it . . ."

"Nothing short of a revolution in the behavior of the public would effect changes in attitudes from those of apathy, indifference, and lethargy, to one of concern, responsibility, and involvement which will shock us into conscious concern," she continued.

Colonel Mills concluded her address by saying that

"nurses will continue to come and go, however limited their individual strength, small their contribution, or short their life span, their efforts are not in vain, because, like runners in some of the remote lands in which I have lived and worked, who played significant and indispensable roles in helping to get messages from one place to another, they too handed on the torch, and so the torch of life is passed on to succeeding generations."

Final Rites Held For Dr. I.R. Boone

KINSTON - Representatives from church, state and fraternal orders, led by Bishop H. B. Shaw, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons, N. C. Jurisdiction, told family and friends of Dr. R. Irving Boone, 74, recited at his funeral, held at the First Baptist Church, 2 p.m. Thursday that the fallen servant of so many people, lived for people.

Dr. Boone died in Lenoir Memorial Hospital at 9:07 Monday where he was taken after he suffered an attack at the Kinston Holiday Inn, October 13. He had just finished moderating a panel of ministers, sponsored by the Church Work Committee, State Conference of NAACP Branches, when he slumped over. First aid was administered on the scene and ambulance attendants worked feverishly to keep him alive until they reached the hospital.

Upon arriving he was taken to intensive care, where he remained until he died. It is to be remembered that he has been hospitalized on other occasions. Due to his health he resigned as associate professor of sociology at Elizabeth City State University, where he had served in many capacities for a number of years and decided to give full time

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NOTABLES CHAT - Mrs. Helen Miller, Chairman, Department of Nursing at North Carolina Central University (left) chats with Mrs. Rebecca H. Taylor, President of the North Carolina Nurses Association, and Colonel Mary Mills of the U. S. Public Health Service, following the Keynote Session of the 75th Anniversary Convention on Monday. (Photo by Kelvin Bell).

Chapel Hill Tenants Buck Rent Raise

CHAPEL HILL (CCNS) - Board members of the Chapel Hill Housing Authority voted to raise the rent ceiling on its public housing units to \$150 a month in a compromise move. Staff members of the Authority, along with Executive Director Al Stevenson, proposed a ceiling of \$180 per month, but tenants objected and some said that they would move into private housing first. The increase, if approved by the U. S. Department of Housing, and Urban Development, becomes effective July 1, 1978.

The current ceiling on rent for the low rent projects is \$100 per month. Sixty-seven of the authority's 200 tenants would be affected by the action, according to Ms. Mary Doblestein, coordinator of housing services. Ms. Doblestein said an increase was necessary to prevent losing some or all of the authority's subsidy from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Ms. Doblestein and Stevenson explained to board members and to more than fifty tenants that HUD requires rent to be at least twenty per cent of the income reported for the project's tenants. Last August, they reported that HUD officials, told them that the 19.52 per cent rent to income ratio was not satisfactory. At that time a proposed 25 per cent increase was adopted by the authority but HUD officials later told them that the 19.52 could be rounded off to twenty per cent. Anticipating higher income for tenants in the form of raises the next year Ms. Doblestein, questioned by tenant Board member, Mrs. Birdine Edwards, Ms. Doblestein said that the smallest increase that could be accepted without endangering cut off of the funds was an increase of \$150. At first Ms. Doblestein said that figure was with certainty the lowest possible and again cross examined by Mrs. Edwards, she admitted that rent ceiling was a calculated guess.

Ms. Edward argued that the 62 families that would be affected by the increase might move elsewhere to private apartments which included amenities such as

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Hooks Invites Help From Allies On Plans to Correct Race Bias

NEW YORK—Addressing much of his comments at the news conference on Wednesday, October 12, to the Bakke affirmative action case that was being argued that day before the Supreme Court, Benjamin L. Hooks expressed his disappointment over wide-spread attacks on programs to correct racial bias. He therefore invited the NAACP's "traditional allies" to suggest alternative programs, if what civil rights advocates were doing is wrong.

Speaking to reporters in the NAACP National Office, he said:

"We have a bottom line position. That is, it bothers us in these days that all over the country well-meaning friends, so-called, are wringing their hands and admitting that there has been

past discrimination. They admit that the effects of that discrimination are still with us and say piously that it must be changed.

"But their intention alludes us. So we call on in the name of simple justice, if you recognize there has been discrimination, if you admit that the vestiges of those discriminatory practices exist in our nation today, then it becomes necessary that something be done to eliminate them. And we have begun to wonder who our friends are, when every plan that we propose and move forward with is attacked.

"If there is a wrong and it must be corrected, there must be a way to do it. So we would call upon our traditional allies who now seem to be marching to the tune of a different drummer to show

us how we can do it better, if what we are doing in the way of affirmative action programs is wrong."

Hooks noted that UCLA had been in existence for fifty years before graduating its first black doctor. The institution, he said, was at least guilty of "de facto segregation." Thus as a state university, it became imperative that the Davis School adopt an affirmative action program.

He also noted that 36 white students with lower grade point averages than Bakke were admitted to Davis. Yet the admission of these students is not in question.

"What this nation seems to be saying to us is, it's all right for Bakke to have been passed over by white males; but not by a single black or minority person," he declared.

NAACP DEMANDS SENATE DELAY ACTION ON RETIREMENT BILL

NEW YORK—NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks this week deplored the "unprecedented haste" in which Congress has been moving to amend the nation's mandatory age retirement law. He called for the Senate to postpone action for at least a year to permit "proper examination and study of the impact of these revisions."

He especially noted the adverse effects that changes to the Age Discrimination in Employment Act would have on efforts to implement affirmative action programs to provide minorities and women with job opportunities and also on teen-age employment. Hooks' comments were made at a news conference on Wednesday.

He contrasted the speedy action on this bill to Congress' inability to adopt a meaningful program to end the nation's critical youth

unemployment problem and to adopt full employment legislation.

He noted that the House had already voted to raise the mandatory retirement age in private industry from 65 to 70 and had removed the 70-year-old limit for federal workers. The Senate is presently considering this bill.

"We recognize that elderly people have special needs, and we are concerned about them," he said. "We also understand that they represent a rapidly growing constituency who need special attention. But these revisions are being taken without proper study."

Hooks explained that, although the NAACP's initial "reaction is unfavorable to the bill, we are not asking that it be defeated." The NAACP is only now concerned that a proper study be on its potential impact.



DISCUSSION WITH NIGERIAN LEADER

President Carter, Vice President Mondale, and United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young hold one of several discussions with his Excellency Lieutenant General Olusegun Obasanjo, head of state and commander-in-chief of the Federal

Republic of Nigeria. General Obasanjo met over a two-day period with the President to discuss various issues. The President will visit Nigeria in November, the first state visit of a U. S. President to black nations of Africa.

In his welcoming remarks, the President hailed Nigeria as "a nation of great pride and also a growing leadership, not only among the nations of Africa, but throughout the developing world and indeed throughout all nations on earth."