

**JOAN LITTLE**

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 been revealed to the press, or, McLamb said, any particular area of concentration in the search.

Sgt. Brahms at the Norfolk police department said Monday evening to a reporter that attempts were being made to negotiate with a Norfolk group for Joan's surrender. However, a call back to the department the following day got only a response that Sgt. Brahms was obviously "guessing or out of his head."

Attorney Jerry Paul indicated to news reporters Monday that he thought that Joan was in the Norfolk area with an unspecified group. Ms. Little has been visited periodically for almost two years at the prison by the Norfolk based Prison Solidarity Support Group and members of Workers World Party, also based in Norfolk. After Joan failed to respond to Paul's pleas in the news to call him, send a telegram, or communicate with him to let him know she was safe, Paul expressed doubts about her safety.

John Long of the Prisoners Solidarity Committee said Tuesday that law enforcement officers had stopped him three times that afternoon and had also stopped and questioned several other members of his organization. The Norfolk Police Department denied his accounts. Long, a frequent visitor to the prison, said that he has neither seen nor heard from Ms. Little since her disappearance.

Some of Paul's apprehension apparently is centered around the shooting of 23-year-old Stephen Perkins for which Vemal Muhammad (Smith) has been indicted - a man known as Ms. Little's boyfriend. Perkins said that he was making some repairs at a house owned by Raleigh dentist Dr. D. P. Lane, Ms. Little's employer. The house was to have been occupied by Ms. Little upon parole. Perkins said that he opened the door to Muhammad, who he had known as Joan's boyfriend. According to Perkins, Muhammad said that he had to get some things out of a drawer, and "suddenly, he just started shooting me". Perkins, an employee of a Raleigh clothing store, said he didn't know of any reason for the shooting. Perkins said that it was only after he had recovered from six shots in the hospital and Muhammad's unfriendly visits to his job site, that a warrant for assault and battery with intent to kill, was signed against Muhammad.

At the time of Ms. Little's disappearance, Walter Kautsky, Assistant Director of Prisons, said that Ms. Little was being questioned about an alleged forgery of \$200 from her roommate. Kautsky said that Mary Locklear had Ms. Little to cash a \$200 check for her but Joan did not return with the money. Perkins says that he met Ms. Little at a restaurant on South Wilmington Street in Raleigh, accompanied by Ms. Locklear, on September 12. According to Perkins, the three discussed Perkins' cashing a check for Ms. Locklear. He said, later that afternoon, Ms. Little brought him the check, which he cashed in his savings account two days later. He said his bank would give only \$100 from the check because the check had to clear before the remainder could be paid. Perkins said he was threatened by police and said he told police officers that the check was endorsed when Ms. Little brought it to him. Perkins said he thought Ms. Locklear received the money, but had no direct knowledge of it.

Raleigh Attorney David Best, hired most recently by Ms. Little to secure her parole, said that Ms. Little was frustrated and depressed shortly before her disappearance. He said that she talked with him on Friday evening. Best was present at the last press visit Ms. Little had before she disappeared and advised her not to talk about pressure prison officials were putting on her "because it might prejudice her case".

So far there have been no arrangements for Ms. Little to return to prison although Paul said he would make arrangements or do whatever Ms. Little wanted done as soon as she contacted him. James Grant, a spokesperson for the N. C. Prisoners Union, commented that if Paul and best are going to talk in terms of getting her to surrender, which may or may not be a

**DR. DOONE**

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 to the pastorate of First Baptist Church. Finding that this was too much of a strain, one year to the day of his death, he resigned that position.

Dr. Boone was public relations director for the Prince Hall Masons and was best known for his preparing and producing of the Masonic Journal, official publication of the organization. He served as Grand Chaplain of the IBPOE of W for a number of years. He was also a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

He married the former Miss Vivian Edwards of Siler City, in 1936. They were the parents of one daughter, Carolyn (Lewis).

In addition to his wife and daughter, survivors are Irving and Donna Lewis, grandchildren and one sister, Beulah.

He attended Waters Normal, Shaw University, Lincoln University, Columbia University, Union Theological Seminary, N. C. Central and the University of North Carolina. He began preaching in 1938 in Rockingham and followed through pastorates in Wilmington, Ahsokie and Kinston. He received the bachelor's degree from Shaw and also his Ph.D. His master's degree was earned at N. C. Central.

Dr. Boone was buried in Murfreesboro, where he was born, in the family plot as he requested, along side his father and mother.

good idea at this point, I think they need to be concerned about safeguarding her well-being in terms of her life, but also as to whether or not she is going to be faced with more time and charges if, in fact, she does surrender."

**RENT RAISE**

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 swimming pools, game rooms, etc. "Suppose the 62 families move out of the projects, then what would happen?" Mrs. Edwards directed to Stevenson.

The young black executive director, quipped "we have people on the waiting list who would move right in."

The stormy session reached a peak when tenants were allowed to comment on the proposed increase. "We can't afford to pay \$150 or \$180 for rent," said one middle aged woman. "If we did," she continued, "we wouldn't be in the projects. They are going to be selling liquor and dope and everything else trying to get that \$150," another woman said.

Complaining about the increase another tenant said, "you could go out to the Old Well, Broadmoor or many of the other apartments with dishwashers and everything for \$150." [According to reports from Broadmoor the lowest rent is \$160]

Not all of the board members were in agreement for a substantial increase. The matter had been studied by Board's Social Services Committee and Finance Committee, but neither had a recommendation.

Board member George Autry hesitated saying "it's too big a jump from \$100 to \$180 for people to budget for." He pushed for a retreat from the \$180 to a lesser amount.

So stormy was the session that at one time Carolee Craig, an employee of the town's Human Services Department attempted to explain the increase to the tenants, who she said were "confused" but was confronted by a host of "we know what's going on". Ms. Craig said that lower income

**Black Caucus Meets in Jacksonville**

The North Carolina Black Democratic Leadership Caucus has unanimously endorsed the proposed constitutional amendment that would give the people of North Carolina the right to reject or re-elect a governor.

Meeting in Jacksonville Saturday, October 8, the caucus also unanimously endorsed the highway and clean water bond issue and all the other constitutional amendments on the November 8 ballot.

The caucus is chaired by state Senator Clarence Lightner of Raleigh. Vice Chairman is Dr. Lavonta Allison of Durham. The caucus has over 500 members and is composed of black leaders from across the state.

A resolution adopted by the caucus says that "whereas the Democratic Party of North Carolina has always sought to improve the

tenants should not worry about the increase. The increase would be made according to income so that no one would be paying more than 25% of their income. Currently, she said, "people paying \$90 for example because it is 25% of their income of \$4,000 are paying almost the same thing of a family making \$13,000 or more". Raising the ceiling would allow the people making more money to pay 25% of their income as well.

administration of our state government to make it more efficient, effective and responsive to the needs of the citizens of North Carolina... the North Carolina Black Democratic Leadership Caucus endorses all seven issues, encourages all voters to vote for them and commits the organization to work for their passage November 8 in order to bring the benefits of good government to all the citizens of our state."

**RAGLAND NAMED FmHA STATE DIRECTOR FOR VIRGINIA**

WASHINGTON - The appointment of Edward A. Ragland of Milford, Va., as state director of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) for Virginia has been announced by Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland. Ragland, 60, becomes the second black to be named

as an FmHA state director. The first was Lowell A. Pannell, appointed last month as director for California, Hawaii and Pacific island territories. Ragland will be respon-

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