

Ku Klux Klan Intimidates Forsyth Couple

LEWISVILLE — Revival of the Ku Klux Klan means more than just a newspaper headline of a Klan march in a distant city to Mr. and Mrs. James Stowe, a black family that recently moved in to the western Forsyth County Community of Lewisville.

On two occasions, more than twenty hooded and robed persons, reportedly carrying guns and clubs, marched on the couple's home, which is located in a predominately white neighborhood. A cross was burned on the family's lawn March 5 and then on March 10 a cross was burned in the yard of a reputed klansman who lives in the Stowe's neighborhood. On March 10. On both occasions whites clad in sheets, marched in front of the home, unhooded on the second occasion. State law forbids making one's face and carrying arms.

Forsyth County Deputy S.G. Hampton watched the second cross burning. "At this time, approximately twenty to thirty white males dressed in Klan attire marched from behind the Transou (reputed klansman) to the Stowe residence, stated Hampton's report.

"The subjects were marching and chanting 'White Power' and several of the subjects were armed with rifles, shotguns and clubs," said Hampton. On the second march, James Stowe was away from his home and Mrs. Stowe fled the residence. Since then the couple has moved out of their home, but sources say only temporarily.

Sherriff Manley Lancaster has ordered increased patrols in the neighborhood.

U.S. Attorney H.M. "Mickey" Michaux said the Justice Department

would not get involved in the case until called in.

"The states has the laws to deal with this situation," said the former legislator. "There's a law that prohibits people from walking around armed with masks 'to the terror of the populace'."

Meanwhile the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has launched a probe into the cross-burning and related incidents outside the Stowe home. Investigators are trying to determine if the Fair Housing Act of 1968 has been violated.

James Lassiter, director of fair housing and equal opportunity for HUD's Greensboro office, said that the act prohibits anyone from intimidating persons from buying or occupying a home because of race.

The complaint, remarked Lassiter, has been forwarded to the

HUD investigations unit at the Atlanta regional office.

The Klan marches and intimidation of the Stowe's follows by a few weeks a Klan exhibit in a Winston-Salem library. That exhibit was protested by blacks and whites.

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as the College representative in the charges filed with the NLRB. The immediate supervisors of the persons for whom the NEA filed the discrimination charges are Dr. Evangeline Darty, vice president of student affairs, and Dr. R. Timothy McDonald, vice president for academic affairs.

Federal investigators will soon be on the Barber-Scotia campus to begin their probe of the charges.

Rev. James Barnett Expects Pardon For Ten, Three Within Forty-Five Days

RALEIGH — A march from Charlotte to Raleigh by an activist minister to discuss the Charlotte Three case with aides of Governor Hunt ended in an announcement by Rev. James Barnett that he expects Hunt to act on the case within 30 to 45 days. Barnett's optimism was not shared by all of the people that went along with him to talk with Hunt's assistant Benjamin Ruffin and Jack Cozort, a legal aide. Ruffin, a former Durham activist, and Cozort a lawyer, did not back up Barnett's optimism that Hunt would act within 30-45 days, but said in a reasonable length of time.

The Charlotte Three were convicted in 1972 of burning a riding stable in 1968. Well-known poet

and author T.J. Reddy, Dr. James Grant, and chemist, and Charlie Parker, all activists were sentenced to 25, 20, and 10 years, respectively, by Charlotte Judge Frank Snapp. Their sentences were the longest ever received in North Carolina for burning an unoccupied building. The two witnesses against them were known felons who, unknown to the jury, were paid \$4000 each by the U.S. Justice Department for their testimony.

After meeting with Hunt's aides for more than an hour, the delegation's spokesman, Rev. Barnett said he had "concluded that within 30 to 45 days the Charlotte Three would be released."

Sources said that Ruffin urged the delegation to say positive things about the

meeting to the news media. Barnett's statement to the media, somewhat conciliatory, emphasized Reddy and Grant's achievements. They are the only imprisoned Charlotte Three. Charlie Parker has been paroled.

"If the prisons are made to rehabilitate people, then surely there is no ground to say that these young men have not been rehabilitated," said Barnett.

"Mr. T.J. Reddy is now working on his second book which should be published pretty soon. He is working with the arts and sciences. Mr. Grant has been offered a job teaching chemistry at one of the Universities in Charlotte.

"We feel that these two men, beyond a shadow of a doubt, if they were in prison to be rehabilitated, are definitely rehabilitated, but something should be done pretty soon," Barnett continued.

When questioned by newsmen about commitments to the delegation, Ben Ruffin said "I haven't promised anything. We had a conference, and we are always glad to sit down with people to talk about issues and concerns we have."

Pardon requests by Charlotte Three Attorney James Ferguson have been before Hunt for more than 13 months. Hunt's claim that he didn't have enough information to make a decision dissolved last Thursday. Responding to questions at a weekly press conference, Hunt said it took a long time to collect all of the needed information.

"Some of it was reflected in the New York Times article that you are aware of," Hunt continued. "We did some looking into some of these things ourselves." The New York Times article published unproven allegations that Jim Grant was in Wilmington at the time of the burning of Mike's grocery and may have been involved. The Wilmington Ten were convicted and served several years in prison for that burning. The sources cited by the article's three authors were unnamed.

Along the way to meet with Hunt, Rev. Barnett's statements were scathing attacks upon Hunt's administration in which he promised demonstrations and civil disobedience against if the Charlotte Three were not released within thirty days.

"If we can't get some-

thing positive in thirty days after we go in to see Ben Ruffin, we have got to get us some cardboard and put us up a city right out here and call it the "Ten and Three City" and sit here until Governor Hunt calls and tells us something," said Barnett at a rally on the State Capitol grounds.

At the press conference, when quizzed about what steps he would take if Hunt did not act to free Reddy and Grant, Barnett refused to tell his next move. But Golden Frinks said his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, stands ready to bring tents to set up an opposition government on the capitol grounds. Frinks has camped out on the state capitol several times pressing for black demands, and one time for Robeson County native Americans.

Focusing on Ruffin and Hunt would produce little results, said Rev. Leon White to the capitol rally. "The system must be destroyed," said White. "The system has not, the system can not, and the system will not be destroyed," said White, a United Church of Christ Minister.

White and several others refused to meet with Ruffin and Cozort to discuss the Charlotte Three case, saying revolution is the only answer to end the repression and oppression of blacks.

Rallies were held for Barnett at several cities along his route including Concord, Greensboro, and Durham. At Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church, about fifty blacks attended the rally, heard speeches, and some showed up the next morning to walk with Barnett to Raleigh.

One of the speakers at Russell Memorial was Rev. L.H. Wheelchel the church's pastor. He claimed that the Charlotte Three and Wilmington Ten cases will be used by Governor Hunt to get black votes in 1980.

Barnett's march and the rallies were sponsored by several civil rights groups.

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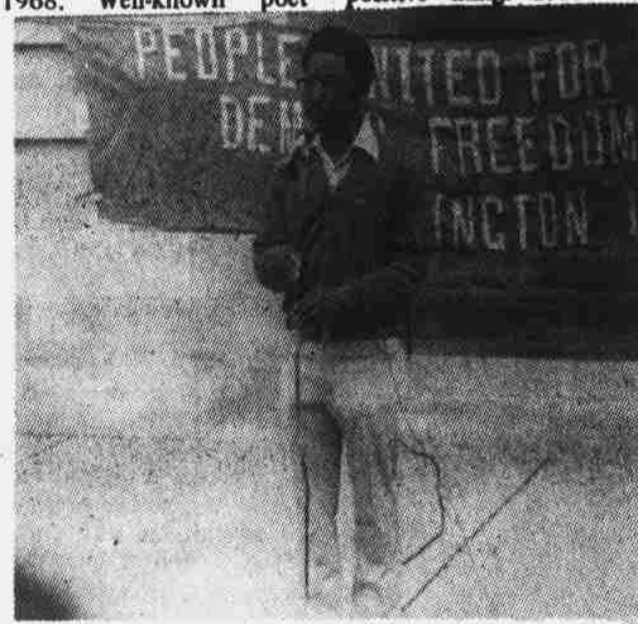
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City government meetings scheduled during the next two weeks include:

MONDAY, APRIL 2	7:30 p.m., City Council
TUESDAY, APRIL 3	10:00 a.m., Truck Route Subcommittee 4:00 p.m., Durham CETA Advisory Council 7:30 p.m., Durham Relations Commission
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4	9:30 a.m., City Council's Community Service Committee
THURSDAY, APRIL 5	10:00 a.m., Community Concerns Committee 2:15 p.m., City Council's Finance Committee 7:30 p.m., Crest Street Task Force/Policy Committee
FRIDAY, APRIL 6	8:30 a.m., Subdivision Review Board
MONDAY, APRIL 9	2:15 p.m., City Council's Public Work Committee 4:30 p.m., Recreation Advisory Committee
TUESDAY, APRIL 10	11:00 a.m., Board of Adjustment 4:00 p.m., Youth Committee of the Durham CETA Advisory Council
THURSDAY, APRIL 12	10:00 a.m., City Council's Committee-of-the-Whole 4:30 p.m., Public Activities Committee of the Human Relations Commission 7:30 p.m., Crest Street Task Force/Policy Committee
FRIDAY, APRIL 13	8:30 a.m., Subdivision Review Board

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