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What is best for people is what they do for themselves.
—Benjamin Franklin

Every man is the painter and the sculptor of his own life.
—John Chrysostom

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Asks "No More Klan-Nazi Juries"

Greensboro 8 Defense Sends Mayor Letter

GREENSBORO — The Greensboro 8 Defense Committee has sent letters to Mayor Jim Melvin and District Attorney Schlosser concerning the jury selection process in the coming trials of the Greensboro 8.

The Greensboro 8 are six young black men and two black women charged in relation to a firebombing incident in Greensboro after the 'not guilty' verdict in the Klan-Nazi murder trial on November 17, 1980. This first trial is scheduled for February 23. Ms. Willena Cannon faces charges of conspiracy to firebomb and accessory before the fact.

In the letter the Committee demands that the juries of the Greensboro 8 not be selected in the same way as the notorious Klan-Nazi jury was selected. Schlosser is alleged to have collaborated with the Klan lawyers in a political screening process, picking a jury of what have been termed by the Greensboro 8 Defense Committee, "reactionaries in order to get the murderers acquitted."

The Defense Committee contends "In the effort to find such a jury, the government Klan-promoters dismissed all of the hundreds of black potential jurors and more than a thousand whites. Anyone who failed to sympathize openly with

the Klan-Nazi defendants was excluded. They attempted to fan racism by having people scapegoat the all-white jury for the verdict, thus making it appear, falsely, a black vs. white issue.

"The political screening process in the Klan-Nazi trial was so thorough and the jurors and alternates so similar in their racist, reactionary views," the Defense Committee continues, "they formed a kind of social club, along with the defense lawyers. . . Five people were gunned down on the street and killed in cold blood, another paralyzed for life. The confessed murderers, shown on TV doing the killings, bragged all over the state about what they did and promised more. But this group of jurors laughed or slept their way through the months' long trial. The acquittal verdict had been assured through the jury selection process."

Spokesman for the Greensboro 8 Defense Committee and mother of one of the defendants, Mrs. Leila Mae Jenkins, said, "We know District Attorney Schlosser and Mayor Melvin would love to seal our verdicts — Guilty! — in the same way. We demand that no Jim Melvin supporters, no Klan, Nazi, FBI or police agents or sympathizers on our juries."



The Greensboro 8

The Greensboro 8 are six black men and two black women arrested and charged with fire bombing, attempted fire bombing and conspiracy to fire bomb after the "Not Guilty" verdict freed six Klansmen and Nazis charged with murdering five Communist Workers Party members on November 3, 1979 in Greensboro. Left to right: Williams Lamont Jenkins, Paul Eary, Ms. Mary Miller, Ms. Willena Cannon, Willie Young and Bruce Evans. Not pictured, Vernon Wall and David Ford.



Pick Hillside Musician For U.S. Wind Band

Daryl P. Spellman, Durham Hillside High School student, has been accepted for membership in the United States Collegiate Wind Band, a highly selective musical organization which will make a concert tour of England and seven European countries next July and August. His parents are Dr. Davesene Wiggins Spellman of Durham and Charles G. Spellman of Washington, D.C. He plays drums in the Hillside High School Band, conducted by C.A. Egerton, Jr.

The invitation to tour with the United States Collegiate Wind Band was received from Prof. Al G. Wright, director of Bands at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, and conductor of nine previous United States Collegiate Wind Band Tours since they were started in 1971.

The USCWB will travel for three weeks, July 13 through August 5, in England, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Holland and Switzerland. Concerts will be performed in the cities of London, Paris, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Lugano, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Munich, Amsterdam, Montreux, Cologne and Heidelberg.

The group will assemble in New York City for rehearsals prior to their departure from Kennedy Airport on July 13. While there, the USCWB will play invitational concerts at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts and in the Plaza of the Americas at Rockefeller Center.

Acceptance for membership in this highly talented group of college and high school musicians is considered a musical honor of national importance. The members of the one hundred piece Wind Bands are chosen from all over the United States

once each year. Students from all fifty of the United States and seven Canadian Provinces have participated in past USCWB tours.

The previous nine European concert tours made by the USCWB were received with great critical acclaim. Standing ovations were the rule rather than the exception whenever they played. The United States Collegiate Wind Bands annually receive more requests for concerts from European city officials than can possibly be accepted.

In addition to performing concerts in the Wind Band, members will visit musical shrines, museums and places of musical interest including Richard Wagner's house in Lucerne, Wolfgang Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg and Ludwig von Beethoven's house in Bonn. They will also attend selected concerts and performances in various British and European concert halls and opera houses.

Melvin Waddy Promoted At Philip Morris

NEW YORK — Melvin B. Waddy has been appointed manager, headquarters services operations at Philip Morris Incorporated, it was announced by Robert J. Romano, director, headquarters services.

Waddy was previously manager, staff services. He joined Philip Morris in 1969 as an administrative assistant and was named supervisor, office services two years later. He was appointed manager, staff services in 1973.

A native of New York City, Waddy attended North Carolina Central University in Durham.

NBIPP-NC Holds Core Meeting At Union Baptist

Trellie L. Jeffers, The National Black Independent Party of North Carolina (NBIPP-NC) held a core meeting at Union Baptist Church on North Roxboro Street, Saturday.

The purpose of the core meeting was to organize a steering committee to develop plans for a Durham Chapter of the organization.

Ms. Barbara Arnwine, N.C. State co-convenor for NBIPP, spoke briefly to the group on the progress the organization has made throughout the state. She said that local chapters are now being organized all over the state and that broad interest in

a black independent party is now gathering momentum.

When questioned by the group on the type of candidates that NBIPP would support, Ms. Arnwine said that NBIPP would support progressive candidates and when no such candidates were seeking a given office, the organization would run its own.

"Candidates tend to change with the times; they change from liberal to conservative according to what will get them elected. NBIPP will always remain progressive," said Ms. Arnwine.

Ms. Anita Bryant, regional co-convenor of

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State Rep. Kenneth Spaulding Introduces Voting Bill

State Representative Kenneth B. Spaulding (D-Durham) has introduced legislation in the N.C. House of Representatives which will keep thousands of registered voters across North Carolina from being removed from the voter registration rolls in their respective counties.

Spaulding's bill was sparked by an opinion given by a North Carolina Deputy Attorney General in an interpretation of the present voting law to the Wake County Board of Elections. The Attorney General's opinion is that voters who have not voted within a four-year period starting from the most recent presidential election should be removed from the list of qualified voters. Spaulding disagreed with the Attorney General's opinion because he (Spaulding) believes that this would hurt black voter registration.

Rep. Spaulding's bill proposes that "The County Board of Elections shall not remove from the per-

manent registration records the name of any person who voted, according to the poll or other record of voting, in either one of the two most recent successive presidential elections or in any other election conducted in the period between the two presidential elections." Rep. Spaulding's bill will clarify the law and prohibit the local Board of Elections from permanently removing qualified voters from the voting rolls.

"We ought to be trying to keep as many legally registered voters on the books," he said, "instead of removing them in a short period of time because they fail to vote. A duly qualified voter should never be deprived of his or her constitutional right to vote."

Rep. Spaulding said that his bill will benefit and protect thousands of registered voters who otherwise could be removed from the voter registration books under the pre-

sent law. Statistics show that many black voters vote only in presidential elections and not in elections held between presidential elections. The present state law would cause these voters to be removed from the rolls if they missed one presidential election and did not vote within the four-year period after the presidential election. Spaulding's bill is designed to protect such voters by keeping them on the books.

Rep. Spaulding said, "It would be unfair for a person who only votes in a presidential election and is forced to miss the chance to vote in a presidential election because of sickness or some other reason to be taken off the books."

This legislation would extend the period of time from one presidential election to two successive presidential elections and therefore could extend the period of time from the present four years to eight years.

Durham Committee Holds Installation of '81 Officers

The Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People held its installation services for new officers for 1981, Saturday, February 8, at Saint Joseph's AME Church.

Judge W.G. Pearson read the oath of office which he said included a new clause that binds officers to greater service and dedication to the people of the Durham community.

Newly installed chairman of the Committee, Willie Lovett, told the members, "We, as leaders, have a responsibility to carry on the great traditions of leaders before us. We should make sure that there is a greater contribution of leadership after we have served our terms."

Lovett said that there will be difficulties ahead because of the change in national leadership. "We need to reach out to the community. We need to reach a point where the

community feels that belonging to the Durham Committee is the in thing," Lovett said.

The Civic Sub-Committee presented a resolution to former chairman J.J. "Babe" Henderson, who was named Chairman Emeritus of the organization last December.

In acknowledging the resolution, Henderson told the group, "We don't know what the future will bring, but whatever comes will depend on the hearts and minds of the people."

Henderson called upon blacks to go back during Black History Month and read "our history." "If we read our history, we will see that man originated in Africa. We will see that when the slaves were brought over here, that they were brought for their skills and creativity as well as their muscles. We owe it to ourselves to emphasize in this community that we

are somebody and that this somebody has got to be reckoned with," said Henderson.

Members of the executive committee of the Durham Committee are elected for a two-year term; chairmen and co-chairmen of the ten sub-committees are elected for one-year terms.

The organization meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

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Sworn In

Greensboro lawyer Walter Johnson was sworn in Friday as the first black chairman of the state Parole Commission. Governor Jim Hunt spoke at the swearing-in ceremony, which was held in the House Chambers of the Capitol building. Secretary of State Thad Eure administered the oath to Johnson.