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Missing 1
Murderer(s) Still Not Found

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Words Of Wisdom

The chain of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.
—Samuel Johnson
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It is falling in love with our own mistaken ideas that makes fools and beggars of half mankind.
—Edward Young

Dr. Blue Resigns V-Chancellor Post



DR. BLUE

Dr. James F. Blue reportedly resigned his position at North Carolina Central University this week as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, but will retain the position of professor of physical education.

Reports are that Blue's resignation stemmed from a problem NCCU has had with its methods of book-keeping and reporting of financial aid. "I think it

would be improper for me to make any comment at this point," Dr. Blue said Wednesday. Ninety per cent of NCCU students receive some form of financial aid. Student leaders, upset over the resignation of the popular administrator, have met this week with Chancellor Albert N. Whiting and Board of Trustees Chairman William A. Clement. Both Dr. Whiting and

Clement were unavailable for comment Wednesday due to an all-day trustees meeting at the school. If Blue's resignation stands, he will be the second high administrative officer to vacate a post of NCCU this year. Dr. Dallas Simmons, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, resigned this spring to take the post of president of St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia.

Rep. Spaulding To Vote Against Gasoline Tax

By Trelle L. Jeffers

State Rep. Kenneth B. Spaulding said Wednesday, June 17, "After listening to the views of the citizens of Durham, and after reviewing in depth the information made available to the North Carolina General Assembly, I will vote against the proposed gasoline tax increase."

A gasoline tax increase has been proposed by Gov. James Hunt as a means of increasing the N.C. highway funds.

Rep. Spaulding said that the proposed gasoline tax increase has been billed as a question of "good roads", but he believes that it is a question of "good government".

"The central issue is whether the taxpayers of this state are going to be forced into paying an increase in taxes for the direct and immediate benefit of a state department which has carried on practices of waste and inefficiency," said Spaulding.

He cited "bidrigging and inadequate productivity" as evidence of "the loss of millions and millions of tax dollars", and said that if he approved the highway tax bill, he would be setting a dangerous precedent of rewarding acknowledged waste, inefficiency and alleged corruption in state government.

"North Carolina has demanded fiscal responsibility and good government, and has never rewarded inefficiency, waste, or corruption," said the legislator.

The Fiscal Research Division of the North Carolina General Assembly estimates that for 1981-82, the Department of Transportation will receive \$552.1 million, and for 1982-83, it will receive \$552.3 million in state and federal funds, according to Rep. Spaulding.

"The Department of Transportation will be operating with a biennial budget of \$1.1 million without a tax increase. It should be required to live within its present budget," Spaulding said.

He said the Department of Transportation should maximize efficiency and productivity and should clean up all the unfinished problem of bidrigging.

"I feel that Rep. Paul Pulley's transportation efficiency plan is an excellent and constructive step toward rectifying serious problems presently within the Department of Transportation," said Rep. Spaulding.

He said that he feels that the people of his district, Durham County, are completely right and correct in demanding fiscal responsibility with their tax dollars, he will therefore vote against the proposed gasoline tax increase.



Miss Battle Presented Texaco Scholarship

Joseph J. Kelly, Texaco Public Affairs Coordinator presents to Hillside High School honor graduate, Miss Kimberly Jo Battle, an Achievement Scholarship Certificate, at an Award Luncheon held at a local restaurant last Wednesday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Battle of 1636 Marion Avenue, Durham. The award can be applied toward the cost of four years of undergraduate work at any recognized U.S. college or university selected by the recipient. Miss Battle will enter Princeton University this fall. She plans a pre-law major.



Study

Classification Changes

Changes in the Dewey Decimal Classification System were the subject of a workshop sponsored recently by the North Carolina Central University School of Library Science. Participants in the program, which brought 55 librarians from throughout the southeastern United States to the NCCU campus, were, from left: Dr. Desretta McAllister of the School of Library Science; Dr. John Comaromi, chief of the Decimal Classification Division of the Library of Congress; Dean Annette Phinazee of the School of Library Science; and Mrs. Melba Adams, assistant chief of the Decimal Classification Division of the Library of Congress. Mrs. Adams is a 1950 graduate of the NCCU School of Library Science.

Social, Political Turning Point Anticipated

First NBIPP-NC Convention Gets Under Way

By Donald Alderman

The first annual convention of the National Black Independent Political Party-North Carolina gets under way this weekend in Rocky Mount and black community leaders, elated about the historic event, say the convention could mark the turning point in the black community's social and political direction.

The NBIPP-NC says the convention purpose is to seek ways of effective community organizing and institution building. The group contends that blacks have lost control of many of their institutions and the black community is not adequately organized to address the many problems it faces. Electoral politics, the group's third area of interest, will be discussed but efforts toward effecting it will be minor since a sufficient power base has not been established yet.

The group expects capacity crowds in Ebenezer Baptist Church each day of the three-day event.

"We're a grass roots, people's party. Our method will be to assist communities in identifying and solving their problems," said Mrs. Teverious Williams of the Durham Chapter, while explaining the group's intentions. "Blacks must work together to address their problems," she said.

She said the convention seems to be promising as "a large group of very positive people" is expected to attend, several making addresses. "I think we will be able to come out of the convention with some type of plan and guidelines that

will help solve some of the social and political problems of the black community," Mrs. Williams

commented. David Hinds, convenor for the convention committee, said that pre-

convention response has been "very inspiring"; that speakers have confirmed their appointments, and the public, in general, has been very responsive. He said the NBIPP-NC held an organizing convention in January that was not highly publicized but attendance was very encouraging. He said the black community is "just ready to organize."

He said the party will not field any candidates in political elections "for quite some time, but the party will support and endorse certain candidates." Hinds said the party will be involved in getting the Voter Rights Act extended as well as mapping voter registration and education strategies.

Hinds said that there is a "great potential" for the convention to yield a platform that will significantly benefit the whole black community, making the community more organized, united and consistent in its effort to deal with many pressing issues and concerns.

The convention meets June 19-21.

June 16: Durham Bakes On Hottest Day of Year

By Elson Armstrong, Jr.

Talk about jumping from the frying pan into the fire or going from the sublime to the ridiculous, mother nature took only twenty-four hours to eclipse Durham's hottest story of the week with another record breaking scorcher on June 16.

The high at the Raleigh-Durham Airport was 98 which broke a record for the date which had stood since 1945.

Pedestrians walking along Durham's Fayetteville Street knew that the thermometer was heading for unreasonable levels when they were wiping perspiration from their brows as early as 8:30 a.m. As hot as the 98° reading was at RDU it was even hotter in other parts of town.

A time sign showed that it was 100° on the Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard at 1 p.m.; on Parrish Street, it was 107° at 1:30 p.m., and persons unknown opened a fire hydrant which was quite tempting as the cool water gushed forth along the sizzling pavement.

This reporter even found that it was hotter than that. At 4 p.m., a check of my trusty back yard thermometer revealed that it was 113° in the shade!!! Thinking that the heat was causing yours truly to see mirages, I checked it again at 4:30 p.m., and it still registered 113°!

Well, whether it was 100° or 113°, it was hot enough in Durham and Raleigh to cause customers to place record-breaking demands on their electric companies.

The heat lingered into the night. Over 3,000 sweating fans made it to Durham Athletic Park to take in a Bulls double-header and the temperature never fell below 90°. Steve Lamar, the Bulls' radio broadcaster looked as if he had just emerged from a steam bath. His wife, used to the climate of the Bay Area of California, shook her head in disbelief when she was told that Durham was gripped by this type of heat through most of July and August last year.

The morning low of 80° on June 17 made it Durham's hottest night since July, 1969.

Other cities which suffered from the heat included Fayetteville with 101°, as did Rocky Mount, Atlantic Beach, 100°, Florence, S.C., 105° and Washington, D.C. 98°.

The weather service said that Durham's five-day siege of 100° heat should end by the weekend as a cool front headed for North Carolina. While he waited for the cooler air to arrive, a Durham resident said, "If you think it's brutal now, just wait until July and August!!!!"

No Tax Increase For County Residents

By Donald Alderman

Durham County's property tax remains at 87¢ per \$100 valuation for the coming fiscal year. The Durham County Board of Commissioners approved Monday night a \$78,555,500 spending package which allows no tax rate increase for this year.

County agencies and private organizations had

made requests that would have required a 20% increase in the tax rate had all requests been filled, the Commissioners noted.

Property taxes will raise an estimated 1.6 million more this year than last. Last year, \$20.8 million was collected on property valued at \$2.7 billion. This year, \$22.4 million is expected to be gathered on property valued at \$2.7

billion, according to the two budgets.

Inclusive in the \$78.5 million budget are \$2,750,000 in federal revenue-sharing funds, and \$31.4 million in state and federal inter-governmental revenue funds.

The commissioners, as usual, trimmed budget requests here and there, but all in all, request changes

were said to be minor.

A partial county budget breakdown follows:

—Durham City Schools were allotted almost \$4.5 million;

—Durham County Schools were granted about \$8.7 million;

—Durham Technical Institute received almost \$1 million.

Several private agencies

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Bulletin

Rev. W. W. Easley, pastor of St. Joseph's AME Church, escaped serious injury when his car was hit Wednesday afternoon as he was returning to Durham from the funeral of Rev. C.E. Johnson in Sanford.

He was treated and released from a Sanford hospital and later Wednesday from Duke Hospital. He is reported "doing fine at home - just sore". His car appears to be a total loss.

For Good Fathers, Past and Present (1981)

Father, though our blood may not run in similar streams, you showered your wisdom upon my sun-baked soul.

You understood when others hurled a callous word against my sorrow.

You urged forgiveness and compassion for those whose smitten hearts turned their hatred upon others.

When despair clouded my midnight moons and sparkling days, you were a pillar on which to prop my broken spirit.

When childhood sickness came, you sat beside the bed with merry laughter that smashed the pain.

When I shrank from adolescent tasks, I learned from you that self-esteem requires my best.

When deceit smoldered my teenage paths, you taught that promises are sacred oaths, that honesty begins with deep commitment, that lies are treachery against one's self.

Today and everyday, I remember you, Father: the knowledge of my heritage; the stories you told of our ancestors who secretly raged against their chains. I remember your conviction that freedom would come to all mankind; that the character of men would rise above the stigma of caste and color.

Yes, I remember you, Father: your midnight rides to the doctor's office for a child choked on the plight of our Southern birth—

I remember your sincerity and sympathy, your demand for dignity and destiny, your love for humanity and honor.

Thus, on this Father's Day when falsehood hangs its drooping branches on your memory, I see your earnest smile as you quietly proclaim: "Nothing else for me, remember what I am or truly was or what I strove to be."