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Words Of Wisdom

The first thing education teaches you is to walk alone.

***** —Trader Horn

He who suffers, remembers. —Cicero

The lowest ebb is the turn of the tide. —Longfellow

SUSPECT ARRESTED IN ATLANTA SLAYING

By Trelle L. Jeffers
Wayne B. Williams, a freelance photographer, was arrested in Atlanta Sunday, June 21, for the murder of Nathaniel Cater, the most recent of the 28 blacks who have been found murdered in that city.

Cater's body, discovered on May 22, had been the sixth slain victim to be found floating in the Chatahoochee River.

Two days before Cater's body was found, plainclothesmen who had staked out the river said that they heard a splash from the river and saw Williams' car parked on the bridge. They had stopped Williams and questioned him, and apparently satisfied with his explanation, released him. Two days following the questioning, Cater's body surfaced, and Williams was placed under surveillance.

On June 3-4, Williams was brought in for extensive questioning, and several bags of materials were removed from his home in Northwest Atlanta for examination.

Williams was again released from police custody, and the American Civil Liberties Union, following his questioning, charged that his rights had been violated because leaks had occurred giving the press news

that he was a prime suspect in some of the murder cases.

The Fulton County police had contended that Williams had been brought in only for routine questioning, as had several other suspects, and that no charges had been filed against him. However, Williams remained under surveillance and a daily vigil, at the time of his arrest, had been kept outside his home.

Prior to his arrest, Williams had held news conferences to condemn the Fulton County Police Department and the FBI for the manner in which they had handled him, and he had filed a suit in federal court to seek an injunction to prohibit the police from connecting him with the slayings.

Some of the persons close to the investigation have reported that fibers on some of the murdered victims match some of those found in Williams' home on June 3.

Presently Williams is charged with only Cater's murder, and law officials say that they are continuing with the investigation of the other murders.

The Atlanta Task Force investigating these murders has reported that there may be several murderers responsible for the 28 deaths, most of whom are under twenty years old.

Racial Insults, Slurs, Beatings Said Of Roxboro St. Incident

By Donald Alderman

An arrest attempt last Wednesday night by Durham Public Safety Officers sparked a crowd response that resulted in four arrests, seven injuries and charges of police brutality.

The incident occurred at "The Spot" located at the corner of Roxboro and Dowd streets.

According to Officer K.V. Suttle's report, officers went to "The Spot" to investigate a loud music complaint. The owner, Athynso Thorpe, was advised to decrease the music's volume in compliance with a city ordinance. Thorpe refused. He was warned of an ar-

rest. Thorpe refused to lower the volume of music again. An arrest attempt was made and a fight developed, Suttle wrote.

Police reports say the crowd responded angrily when officers attempted to arrest Thorpe, throwing bottles and bricks at passing motorists.

Thorpe refutes police reports saying, "They are a pack of lies." He said the music was lowered as Officer P.J. Martin had requested. He said Martin became angry when members of the crowd questioned his handling of the situation, along with Officer Paul Rodriguez, the other attending officer at the time.

Thorpe said he and members of the crowd repeatedly questioned the arrest attempt because the music had been turned down. He said Martin then called for additional help and Rodriguez began not allowing people to come upon "The Spot's" grounds.

About that time, Thorpe said, James McWhite, Jr., was walking along Dowd Street toward "The Spot." Rodriguez allegedly advised McWhite not to come upon "The Spot's" grounds and pushed him simultaneously. McWhite agreed, but questioned Rodriguez's shoving him.

Then, Thorpe said, Rodriguez knocked McWhite onto Dowd Street. Several officers had arrived by that time. Several officers reportedly gathered around McWhite with shotguns and billyjacks pointed inches from his head. Thorpe said Rodriguez screamed at McWhite saying, "Nigger, if you move, I'll blow your f---ing head off." McWhite was said to have been struck several times with billyjacks and gun butts. McWhite confirmed the reports.

The beating of McWhite was said to have infuriated the crowd and prompted the brick and bottle throwing incident.

Officer Rodriguez refused to make any comment when contacted and Officer Martin did not return a call.

McWhite was arrested and charged with resisting, obstructing and assaulting an officer. Thorpe was arrested and charged with resisting, obstructing and assaulting an officer and disorderly conduct.

Robert and Terri Smith were also arrested. They were charged with assault on a police officer, interfering with an officer, and resisting arrest.

Robert Smith said a cook-out was in progress at "The Spot" when officers first arrived. He said, "I'm the closest house to 'The Spot' and I couldn't hear any noise."

Smith said that he had never been to "The Spot" and did not know the owners before the incident. He said, while sitting on his porch, he became alarmed when Officer Rodriguez and others began beating McWhite, using abusive language and racial slurs.

"They were in the street beating the man and I asked them 'why are you doing this, go easy on the man,'" said Smith. Suddenly, he said, an officer hit him across the head with a billyjack. "Then several officers began

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Flee Tear Gas

Students and church-goers flee a barrage of police tear gas at the Regina Mundi Cathedral in Soweto, South Africa last Tuesday after violence erupted during a commemorative service on the fifth anniversary of the bloody Soweto riots. Police fired rubber bullets and tear gas and used short rubber whips to disperse crowds of blacks outside the cathedral.

Individualism Condemned At NBIPP-NC Convention

By Trelle L. Jeffers

National figures speaking at the North Carolina State convention of the National Black Independent Political Party (NBIPP) in Rocky Mount, June 19-21, condemned American individualism and praised collective leadership as a means for blacks to gain political power and economic stability.

Speaking at the first meeting of the conven-

tion, Friday, June 19, Dr. John W. Fleming, director of Church Relations at Shaw University, told the group, "The first principle is the emancipation from the Horatio Alger myth — the myth of rugged individualism — and paid our resources collectively."

Dr. Fleming said that blacks are the only group that thinks that it will gain opportunities as individuals.

"Every other political group in this country that has made gains has done so by collectively organizing," said Dr. Fleming. "Collectivism is necessary for self-determination."

Ron Daniels, the national co-convenor for NBIPP, told the group that the movement of the 1960's failed because blacks did not have "group power."

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tunes," said Daniels.

He said that there are blacks who now live off the energies of those who go into the communities and work; black organizers are responsible for significant gains in the black community.

"In 1981, we should live on the principle that we will not help people who don't work in black organizations," said Daniels.

Rev. Floyd B. McKissick, former head of Soul City, told the group that he favors collective leadership, but advised "not to cut yourself off from the Republican and Democratic parties... You must work inside the Republican and Democratic parties in order to bring about change."

Dr. Barbara Sizemore, associate professor of Black Studies at the University of Pittsburgh, speaking on Saturday, June 20, said, "If you organize the communities of North Carolina, the Democratic Party will consider you its equal and you will participate in the decision making process."

Rev. Benjamin Chavis, a member of the North Carolina Wilmington Ten, and a national figure said, "We don't need individual leadership; we need collective leadership."

He said, "We no longer believe that there is moral fiber left in the white leaders who lead. We must become involved in the decisions that affect us."

NBIPP held its first meeting in November, 1980, in Philadelphia, Pa., with 1500 people from 27 states, including 41 from North Carolina. Since that time, local chapters of the organization have been organizing across the nation. A national convention is scheduled this year for August 21-24 in Chicago, Illinois.

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DURHAM HIGH SCHOOL GETS NEW PRINCIPAL

By Trelle L. Jeffers

The Durham City Board of Education voted Monday night, June 22, at its regular meeting, to accept the recommendation of John Thompson as principal of Durham High School.

Thompson holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Livingstone College, Salisbury; the Master of Arts degree from North Carolina A&T State University, and the Ed.S. degree from Appalachian State University. The 37-year-old educator has been both assistant and acting principal of Reidsville Senior High School and is presently assistant principal of Southwest High School in Guilford County.

In making the recommendation, it was stated that "Mr. Thompson brings to us a wealth of experience, a record of high performance, and deep interest in young people. He is highly recommended by

his peers and supervisors."

Thompson will replace Earl Hedrick who will become an administrative assistant to Dr. Cleveland Hammond, superintendent of Durham City Schools.

The School Board also adopted a resolution to name the Hillside High School Gymnasium for the late Carl J. Easterling, a former coach at the school.

Before his untimely death last winter, Easterling had served both the Hillside High School and the Durham community as an inspiration to young, aspiring athletes, and many of his students have outstanding athletic and scholastic achievements.

In other matters, the School Board adopted a budget for a program for the educationally under-prepared. The program, which is financed under Title I of the federal Elementary and Second-

ary Education Act, presently provides educational support services for students who need additional skills development in reading and mathematics. Under the new budget, the system will lose three teachers and 24 aides because of federal budget cuts, resulting in the assignment of only one aide to each elementary school.

At Monday night's meeting, A.J. Howard Clement, III, chairman of the 15-member Middle School/Junior High Concept Committee, told the School Board that the middle school concept has been endorsed by the education task force of the Durham Chamber of Commerce and the Education Subcommittee of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People.

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Mixed Reactions Follow UNC Plan

By Donald Alderman

Reaction to the proposed desegregation settlement between the University of North Carolina and the Department of Education is mixed as several concerned, having digested the pact, have voiced their opinions.

The plan was approved unanimously last Saturday by the UNC Board of Governors.

Rev. Ben Chavis, of the United Church of Christ Commission on Racial Justice, said "the agreement doesn't go far enough to correct past and present imbalances that warranted the suit." The suit was filed in 1970 by

the old U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. It charged that UNC was in violation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act by maintaining a segregated system of higher learning schools for whites and inferior ones for blacks.

The NAACP Legal Defense Fund called the plan, "the worst civil rights sell-out ever... and a classic case of separate and unequal." The group says the plan is being studied to see what action will be taken next.

Indications are that the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and several civil rights lawyers will official-

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Old North State Installs New Bern Surgeon As Head

HAMPTON, VA. — Dr. Sidney F.C. Barnwell of New Bern, N.C., was installed Saturday night as president of the Old North State Medical Society, the nation's oldest state association of black physicians.

Dr. Barnwell has practiced surgery in New Bern for sixteen years. He is also assistant dean of the East Carolina University Medical School.

Dr. Sampson E. Harrell, a Durham physician, was elected to succeed Dr. Barnwell as president in two years. Dr. John T. Daniel, also of Durham, was elected treasurer to succeed the late Dr. W.T. Armstrong of Rocky Mount, N.C. Mrs. Lizzie Harrell, wife of Dr. Sampson Harrell was reelected president of the Old North State Medical Society's Auxiliary group.

The new president of the Old North State Society, whose members include physicians from throughout the state of North Carolina, was born in Guiana, South America. He is a graduate of Howard University and the Howard University Medical School.

He is a diplomat of the

American Board of Surgery and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is a member of the North Carolina Medical Association.

Dr. Barnwell has served as Chief of Surgery at Tuskegee (Ala.) Veterans Hospital and as Medical Examiner for Craven County, N.C. He is a member of the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

He is married to the former Ms. Mary Bailey of Washington, D.C., and they are the parents of three children; Renee,

Maria, and John.

In his inaugural speech, Dr. Barnwell told members of the Society that racism and racial intolerance still exist. He said black institutions and organizations still require preservation and support. "The Old North State Medical Society must champion the rights of black people," Barnwell said.

Dr. Daniel is a native of Rocky Point, N.C., and a graduate of Howard University's undergraduate and medical schools. He is married to the former Miss Sandra Wright. The couple are parents of three children. Dr. Daniel has practiced medicine in Durham for twelve years.

Dr. Harrell received his undergraduate training at North Carolina Central University and his medical degree from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. His wife is the former Miss Lizzie Johnson and they have one child.

The next meeting of the Old North State Medical Society will be held in Winston-Salem, N.C.



DR. BARNWELL



DR. HARRELL



MRS. HARRELL



DR. DANIEL

Mrs. Trelle Jeffers was the author of the poem "For Good Fathers, Past and Present (1981)" in last week's issue. Inadvertently her name was omitted. We regret this omission.