

Words Of Wisdom
To most men, experience is like the stern
lights of a ship, which illumine only the track it
has passed.
— Coleridge

Bad men excuse their faults, good men will
leave them.
— Ben Jonson



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THE TRUTH UNBIDDEN

PERSPECTIVE... QUESTION

What is your opinion
of Durham's recent city
election?

By Roy H. Harris



Ms. Cheryl Lloyd
Durham

I think the changes do denote that the people of the city are becoming more aware of the way government is being handled. It's positive. It means people must be interested and not complacent.



Ms. Patricia Ford
Chapel Hill

I'm glad as many people went to the polls as did. I was glad many young people turned out to vote. There seems to be a shift toward a more liberal platform.



Ms. Peggy Farrior
Durham

I feel we needed a change. If we don't have a change, we're not growing.



Garson McLeod
Durham

I was disappointed in the numbers that turned out, but very pleased with the results.

TO BE EQUAL

The New Federalism Flops

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Panel Gets Look At Budget Cut Effects

WASHINGTON — A Congressional panel got a long, hard look at the effects of federal budget cuts on welfare programs during a public hearing in Memphis, Tennessee last Monday.

A five-member panel headed by Rep. Harold Ford (D-TN) heard testimony on the impact of President Reagan's budget cuts on Medicaid, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and Title XX Social Services programs. The hearing was held jointly with the Oversight Subcommittee of the Committee on Ways and Means, headed by Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY), and the Health and Environment Subcommittee of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, chaired by Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA).

The Administration's budget proposals raise fundamental questions

about the role of government in assisting the least fortunate among us, and there is uncertainty about the effects of many program changes and budget cuts on the lives of millions of Americans," Ford said in his opening statement.

He added that the reductions, which took effect October 1, have torn gaping holes in the social safety net that Reagan promised to maintain. Most of those who will fall through the holes will be black Americans, Ford said.

During the hearing, Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander, a Republican, told the Congressmen that his state could not absorb further cuts. Alexander suggested that a one percent across-the-board reduction be made in the federal budget after determining spending limits for defense.

Other witnesses were health care providers,

program recipients and state officials from Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi. At times, the testimony was emotional with witnesses crying as they told of how their benefits had been slashed or terminated.

"The Administration is looking at the person with one leg and saying, 'You can keep your crutches but we're going to cut off your other leg,' said the mother of a handicapped child.

Dr. Sheldon Korones, director of the Memphis Newborn Center, told the panel that the cuts would mean the hospital would not be able to provide equipment and care necessary to a child's well-being.

Of approximately \$35 billion in budget cuts, Ford said \$25 billion represented cuts in federal funds for social programs that serve low- and middle-income people.

"We have seen reports

that some working AFDC recipients will have incomes no higher than those who do not work, and others may be financially better off if they quit their jobs and become completely dependent on welfare," Ford said.

He expressed his commitment to insure that the poor and needy in his district will continue to receive the assistance essential to their survival.

The subcommittees plan to hold a series of regional hearings throughout the country. Ford explained that they want to find out as much as possible about problems states may be having before Congress approves additional cuts.

"Hearings such as this one allow Members of Congress to understand the real impact of the President's budget cuts, and to go back to Congress and share with our colleagues.

Leroy McNeil Twice Denied Warrant Against Officer

By Donald Alderman

A Durham man who has accused an Alcoholic Beverage Control police officer with unprovoked assault has decided, upon advice, to wait until Public Safety detectives have completed investigation of the incident before pressing charges against the officer.

Public Safety detectives advised Leroy McNeill Tuesday against obtaining felony assault warrants against ABC Officer Ronald Allen until the city's Detective Bureau investigation is complete. The investigation is reportedly near completion.

The advice came after McNeill attempted, for a second time, to obtain a warrant against Officer Allen. The first attempt was unsuccessful because magistrates noted that an investigation is going on.

The assault charge stems from a raid of the McNeill home in Walltown on November 7 by Allen and two other ABC officers. McNeill alleges that Allen struck him in the head with a flashlight without reason. McNeill suffered a "cerebral contusion" or bruised brain, a fractured skull and loss of hearing in his left ear. He was treated at Duke Medical Center and released following a three-day hospitalization.

When McNeill tried for a second time Tuesday, a magistrate again told him that when a warrant is sought against a law officer, standard procedure is to wait until after an investigation has been completed before honoring the request.

However, Officer Allen was able to obtain two warrants against McNeill — one for assaulting a police officer and another for interfering with an officer.

After leaving the magistrate's office, a reporter, upon McNeill's request, asked an assistant district attorney the procedure for obtaining a warrant based on the law in North Carolina and whether the law makes any distinction between requests of law officers and other citizens.

Assistant District Attorney Richard Chaney said it is a magistrate's duty to issue a warrant based on probable cause and sworn testimony. He said the law makes no distinction between holders of the public trust or the general public. He said, however, that it is not uncommon for a magistrate to request additional evidence to support the sworn testimony before issuing a warrant.

Chaney then told the reporter that Judge J. Milton Read, Jr., is in charge of Durham County magistrates and that McNeill should confer with Judge Read.

After learning that a warrant was denied McNeill because an investigation is underway, Judge Read called an unidentified magistrate to clear the matter. Judge Read reiterated statements from a memorandum dated August 4, 1981 in which the lawful procedures for issuing warrants are

clearly stated. The memorandum was sent to magistrates in early August because in July, two women were denied warrants against Public Safety officers, sparking protest throughout the Durham community.

"...a warrant for arrest is based upon a showing of probable cause supported by oath or affirmation. . . . The status of a complainant or potential defendant has nothing to do with

the matter, Reid told McNeill to attempt again.

When McNeill arrived at the magistrate's office, an unidentified detective was already talking to a magistrate on the telephone. The detective then talked to McNeill's mother, Mrs. Janet McNeill. After the conversation, the McNeills decided to wait until after the investigation before seeking a warrant.



For Outstanding Service

Outstanding Service Awards were presented to Mr. James A. Carter, Mrs. E.S. Bynum and John Caldwell by Scarborough and Hargrett, Inc., for outstanding dedication, service and support to the funeral service profession. The awards were presented at an employee's banquet held last Saturday.



J.A. CARTER receives award from Scarborough & Hargrett Inc. "Skeptic" Scarborough, III.

Gains Of Blacks In Danger Balsa Conference Told

CHAPEL HILL — The Chapel Hill Chapter of the N.C. Black Law Students Association (BALSA) sponsored a conference here Saturday dealing with issues facing black law students.

Representatives were present from the several law schools in North Carolina and from the southeast region of BALSA. The purpose of the organization is the create awareness of issues concerning black law students and to emphasize legal equality.

During a forum, "The Second Reconstruction: Will Blacks Lose the Legal Gains of the Sixties?" N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Charles Beeton, H.M. "Mickey" Michaux, former U.S. Attorney for the N.C. Middle District, and Floyd B. McKissick, founder of Soul City,

agreed that gains made by blacks in the past twenty years could be in danger as a result of the new wave of conservatism sweeping the country.

Beeton emphasized the potential losses for blacks as a result of cutbacks by the Reagan administration and criticized attempts by some congressional factions to limit the authority of the federal courts on issues of school prayer, abortion and desegregation. He said Supreme Court rulings on these issues would be nullified without a constitutional amendment.

Michaux denounced the Reagan administration's approach in renewing the Voting Rights Act as undermining everything that has been gained. He said blacks thought a light was at the end of the tunnel in the 1970's, "but it wasn't the light of day, it was a freight train bearing down on us."

McKissick said people should read what is not written into laws.

"Those who have control intend to keep it — if they keep people from voting, they will continue to control. He urged the black law students to concern themselves with politics and economics along with their pursuits in law.

All of the speakers agreed that blacks need to pull their resources together to elect candidates responsive to their needs. Michaux said that in Durham, 98% of the black population votes together. "We need political power more desperately than any group in society," he said.

A&T Gets \$300,000

Exxon Announces \$1.8 Million Grant To Six Black Engineering Schools

NEW YORK — The Exxon Education Foundation announced last week that it would award \$1.8 million in grants to the engineering schools of six traditionally black colleges. Each school will receive \$100,000 per year for three years to support faculty development in engineering. The awards, which will begin in 1982, were announced at the annual meeting of the Black Engineering College Development Committee in New York.

Recipient institutions for the Exxon grants are: Howard University, Washington, D.C.; North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Greensboro; Prairie View Agricultural College, Prairie View, Texas; Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Tennessee State University, Nashville; and Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

The \$1.8 million program is a complement to the \$15 million Exxon centennial program which was announced in September for support of engineering education in 66 colleges and universities throughout the U.S. These grants were limited to specific

departments within institutions for support to doctoral study fellowships and junior faculty support. Under the newly announced \$1.8 million program, each school will deter-

mine exactly how its grant is to be spent. The six recipient institutions will be able to apply the grants for faculty development to all ranks and departments of engineering. Applica-

tions, for example, might include increase in some salaries, support of faculty research, support for scholarly leaves of absence, or creation of new faculty positions.

Commenting on the grants to the six institutions, Howard C. Kauffmann, president of the Exxon Corporation, said, "Our investment is both a recognition of the singular contribution these institutions have made over many decades and a vote of confidence in their future."

Exxon has supported minority science and engineering programs across the country over a period of many years. The \$1.8 million announced last Tuesday, is above and beyond other programs already announced.



Noted Poet

Ms. Gwendolyn Brooks enacts selections from her works during Thursday seminar last week at Alfonso Elder Student Union, NCCU. Photo by Kelvin A. Bell

It's "Big
Saturday"
For
N.C. Central
Eagles
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