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Words Of Wisdom
The world is not going to charge you with your failures until you quit trying.

It is a great mistake to follow the exception instead of the rule.

Taxis Replace Buses, Fares Double



ACCUSED KILLER, Wayne Williams, leaves Atlanta jail to face arraignment linking him with additional murders.

19 Additional Murders Linked to Williams

By Trelle L. Jeffers
ATLANTA — Last week, Judge Clarence Cooper ruled that the prosecution in the Atlanta murder trial of the slain and missing children and adults could introduce evidence to link suspect Wayne Williams to ten additional murders. Williams went on trial on December 28, 1981 for the murders of Jimmy Lee Payne and Nathaniel Cater, the last two murder victims in Atlanta's now 29 missing and murdered children and adults. (John Harold Porter, a victim of stab wounds was recently added to the list.)

The purpose stated for the introduction of these additional victims is to establish a pattern in which the murders of Payne and Cater can be included, according to sources. At least two of the 29 victims are expected to be linked to Williams during the trial.

Another new element also introduced last week stemmed from the testimony of an unidentified fifteen-year-old black youth who testified that Williams paid him \$2 and drove him to a wooded area and sexually fondled him.

The youth said that when Williams got out of the car to go to the trunk of his car that he "got out of the car and ran." Under direct cross examination by the defense attorney, Alvin Binder, the youth stuck firmly to his story, saying "I dream about it at night," and that "I get sick each time I think about it."

A Clark College graduate also testified that he had met Williams for a songwriting audition, and that Williams had immediately inquired as to whether or

not he was gay. With the homosexual element introduced, the prosecution is expected to attempt to establish that some type of homosexual ritual is a possible motive in the two-year bizarre murder cases. This speculation is also based on the fact that an expert last week testified that one of the victims had two stab wounds surrounded by five pricks which he said indicated "some type of ritual"; however, the ritual element has not yet been explored in the case.

When the trial resumes, the defense is expected to attack the credibility of some of the witnesses called to testify against Williams. One has been an admitted dope addict and another

Citizens Criticize Council

Blacks have played major roles in all facets of America life throughout history, and the military is no exception.

In recognition of those contributions, *The Carolina Times* will publish a three-installment special section on Blacks in the Military, February 13, 20 and 27.

Entitled "Our Blood Runs Deep", the section will highlight black military accomplishments virtually from the dawn of history until immediately following World War II. The series is written by Ms. Lois Whaley.

Readers are encouraged to collect and preserve all three sections which will contain information not otherwise readily available.

Williams at three funerals of victims, in the presence of six of the victims, some shortly before they disappeared, and at the location where one of the victims was found. Williams has said that he "knew none of the victims, their families or their associates." Last week, Williams' defense team was joined by former district attorney, James Kitchens from Crystal Springs, Mississippi.

Citizens Criticize Council

By Donald Alderman
Gathering her heavy coat about her against a bone-chilling wind while she waited for a bus, Ms. Joe Ann Lassiter, who is disabled and lives on a fixed income, hunched her shoulders and let her answer explode: "It's a big mistake. If they're going to use taxis as buses, then the cost should be the same, especially for those of us who can't afford the increase."

Ms. Lassiter, 43, is but one of more than 500 night bus riders who must now either pay double to ride a night, stay at home, or make some other adjustment after city night bus service ends February 15.

In response to a public outcry, particularly from senior citizens, the Durham City Council approved a contract that will have taxicabs, now to be called "taxibuses", riding the two — north-south, east-west — former bus routes from 7 p.m. until midnight, Monday through Saturday, except on holidays.

Though the council praised their move as an example of the American spirit of ingenuity, Ms. Lassiter had another opinion. "If I had my health, I'd walk," she said, "that was popular at one time."

Ms. Kathy Jones, 25, who uses the bus at night to travel to and from work, said she can afford the increase, but that Duke Power should pay the increased fare for senior citizens and others on fixed incomes.

This sentiment surfaced at Monday night's council meeting as well.

Dr. Lavonia Allison, chairman of the political committee, Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, suggested while commenting on the change that Duke Power or the city consider setting up a fund for senior citizens and others who may be unable to meet the extra cost of transportation.

Councilman Carroll Pledger, chairman of the transit study subcommittee that examined alternatives to night transit service, said Duke Power was not asked to pay the increase, and city property taxes could not be used unless a referendum was held.

Councilman Ralph Hunt clarified the issue by noting that property taxes make up about fifty per cent of the city revenues, indicating that other funds could be used if a willingness existed.

"I think the chances of that happening are very slim," Hunt said Tuesday. "There probably is very little support for subsidies on the council."

Robert Markham, of Citizens Roundtable, still disgruntled with the council's decision that approved the end of night bus service, said the city's plans for downtown development should be a mass transit, not less.

Citizens Roundtable and senior citizens groups have maintained that the council's decision to end the service is preposterous and untenable.

A consortium of taxi lawyers and NAACP. (Continued On Page 3)

New Welfare Reporting Regulations Tough On Clients

By Donald Marable
The compassion of a country can be judged by how well it takes care of its most needy. President Reagan recently outlined in a State of the Union address, a plan for turning \$47 billion in federal social programs over to the states. The plan outlines a proposed swap of the Medicaid program of the states, in exchange for forty social programs which include food stamps and the basic social program, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), now being a responsibility of the government.

Dan Hudgins, Durham County Director of Social Services, sees the additional burden being placed on Durham to exceed \$6.1 million. Presently the federal responsibility for AFDC and Food Stamps is \$12.1 million, while the Medicaid responsibility of North Carolina is \$6 million. During the month of December, a total of 216 AFDC cases were terminated and 148 cases were reduced for a savings of \$33,736. The changes included redefining age of dependent children, changes in reserve, deeming of stepparent's income, change in method of computing disregard, and the 150% rule.

The change having the most impact was deter-

mining of stepparent's income, and the one with the least impact was the change in a recipient's reserve. Ms. Carolyn Millard, eligibility supervisor, said, "Everything that we have built up in the past will be lost. I've been with social services for fifteen years, and I've never had to work with anything like this. I really hate administering something like this."

Another change taking place in the AFDC program will require a recipient to complete a monthly report effective March 1. The recipient must report all monies or contributions received and other information about the family situation. If the report is not completed and returned by the deadline date, the recipient's AFDC and Medicaid will be stopped.

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Hayti and Downtown Should Develop Together

By Donald Alderman
Black councilmen and other leaders of the black community are in favor of the Durham Civic Center, the proposed \$50 million hotel, civic center and office building complex, and they are working to ensure that blacks and other minorities are involved in the plans.

"The complex probably will be financed by a bond issue which may increase the taxes of all citizens, so blacks should have a representative share of all revenues generated by the construction of the complex," said Councilman Chester Jenkins.

This sentiment was expressed soon after the Downtown Development

Corporation unveiled plans for the center last month. Conditional approval has been given which ranges from minority contractors to employment after completion if city and county voters approve the \$17 million proposition.

Both Councilmen Ralph Hunt and Maceo Sloan, representing minority interest in particular, have said downtown development is needed and minority participation is essential.

Along with this assertion is development of another section of downtown called Hayti — 54 acres of urban renewal property once the home of 600 black families and over 100

black businesses. Most concerned with the development of downtown say civic center and Hayti development should move along together.

"There are other important projects that should not be sacrificed to accomplish civic center development," Jenkins said. Some have said there is an intent to develop Hayti in conjunction with downtown. I see that as a positive sign."

Other groups also want Hayti to be developed as well as areas inside the downtown loop.

The Hayti Development Corporation presented plans for the

Civic Center Analysis

By Milton Jordan
The Durham City Council appears ready to ask local taxpayers to take a \$17 million gamble.

If the gamble pays off, as hoped, Durham gets a revitalized downtown, and taxpayers get a brighter future for their city. But if the gamble — a civic center, hotel, office building complex downtown in "the loop" — flops, Durhamites wind up with a big debt and little else.

"I wouldn't actually call it a gamble," said Peter Saitta, director of the downtown Development Corporation that has nursed the proposed project to this stage.

"It's more like a calculated risk, but a risk that is based upon hard, solid data, plus the experience of other com-

munities in this state who have taken similar ventures and have seen them pay off handsomely."

Explaining the deal is simple. Durham's downtown needs the new life the proposed project might bring. Officials hope that by publicly financing the civic center, the key to having the developer privately finance the hotel and office building, that this new sparkling complex will attract more dynamic development downtown.

They calculate that the hoped for new taxes will pay off the \$17 million debt. But the expectation and the reality are worlds apart. City officials must convince voters to approve a bond referendum to pay for the civic center, and that prospect faces stiff opposition

from Durham's black community. The black community has thrown two arguments into the breach. One is that Hayti must live, or the civic center project must abort. The second is that in the event the bond referendum passes, black contractors and other business operators must have some assurances from city government they will get contracts, jobs and, most of all, a significant part of the money.

"I would hope that the black community will accept nothing less than assurances that the redevelopment of Hayti must go along with downtown development," said Ralph Hunt, a Durham City Councilman, who represents the predominantly black Ward Three. "And I have no problem with us setting some goals and quotas for minority business participation in this project. I think that people who do object to these goals are afraid that we might just meet them, and they will be cut out of some of the money."

Minority business set-asides by local governments, a concept that took birth several years ago at the federal government level, are notoriously unpopular with most major contractors, and have brewed raging controversy around the country. But while minority business set-asides might have a tough row to hoe before city council, the principle of Hayti's redevelopment has support. (Continued On Page 7)

Voting Rights Rally Scheduled Here Sunday, February 14

By Donald Alderman
The vast majority of North Carolinians support a ten-year extension of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 as passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and now before the U.S. Senate, despite the vehement opposition of the state's two senators.

This is what 26 political interest groups will be seeking to

demonstrate when they converge in Durham for a mass rally and leadership conference.

The rally, called "Voting Rights Sunday", will be held February 14 at White Rock Baptist Church (3 p.m.), according to the local NAACP chapter.

George Frazier, president, said the rally will signal other senators that North Carolina Senators

Jesse Helms' and John East's opposition to the measure does not represent the interest of most of the state's citizens.

"Blacks and whites will support this bill. It is a crucial measure to ensure that voting rights of all citizens are protected. We are hoping other senators will get this message," he said.

The Act, which expires August 6, 1982, has passed

ed the U.S. House. Civil rights leaders are pressuring senators to pass an identical version.

The center of most controversy is a provision that calls for election procedures to be ruled illegal if they are shown to result in discrimination. Many Republican senators want that clause changed so that the intent to discriminate would have

to be proved before election procedures could be ruled illegal. Civil rights advocates say proving intent is all but possible.

The rally will feature songs and supportive statements from supporters of the Act including Ms. Althea Simmons, the keynote speaker. Ms. Simmons is National NAACP Lobbyist and director of the organization's

Washington bureau.

The meeting will be the second of a series of rallies in support of the Act. After the first meeting in Raleigh, the groups issued a joint statement which declared: "The Voting Rights Act is the cornerstone of all civil rights legislation. If the Senate does not renew and strengthen its provision, the South and the nation will be pushed 100 years

backward in time."

Sixty-one senators have gone on record in support of the Act, but many would support the "ruled illegal" clause to be changed from result to intent.

Among the 26 groups are the League of Women Voters, N.C. Civil Liberties Union, NOW, Common Cause, state AFL-CIO, N.C. Association of Black Lawyers and NAACP.