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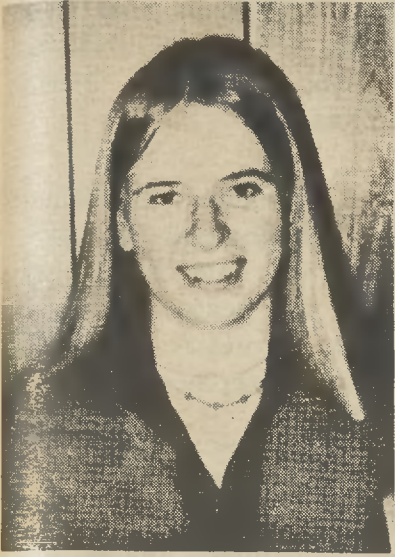
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Blankenship
...first female



Walker
...1 of 2 blacks

1 Female - 2 Blacks Named to Academy

by James Smith
Staff Writer

For the first time in the Fifth Congressional District, a young girl has been nominated for appointment to the U.S. Military Academy. Also, two blacks have been nominated.

Susan Dale Blankenship, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lee Blankenship of 1844 Turfwood Drive, Pfafftown, has been nominated for appointment to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and

West Point Academy.

Jerome Linward Walker, II, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome L. Walker of 2617 Raleigh Avenue, Winston-Salem, has been nominated for appointment to the Naval Academy.

Seven other persons have also been nominated for appointment to the U.S. Military Academy.

In a recent interview Miss Blankenship stated that she would eventually like to

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One of Five Pioneers

Black Lawyer Began In '32

by James Smith
Staff Writer

Beginning a law career is not the easiest thing on earth, especially if you happen to be young, black and the year is 1932.

But, somehow, H.O. Bright made it.

Bright, is one of the first five black lawyers to open a law office in Winston-Salem.

Bright recently said when he opened offices here, there were very few black lawyers in Winston-Salem and that "there weren't too many scattered over the state."

Over the years Bright said law has changed considerably. "For one thing, the procedures in court have definitely changed and new laws have been enacted by legislature

and the Board of Aldermen," he said.

Bright also feels that today's black lawyers start out with much more than he did when he finished college.

"Today the graduate has a much more broader aspect of legal work. The colleges and universities have better libraries and the schools offer more forums and symposiums than ever," he said.

Concerning blacks who need legal assistance, Bright felt that there is less trouble today than let's say--1932.

"And too, the rapport between white and black lawyers is better than ever. One main reason for this happened when black lawyers were admitted to the Forsyth County Bar Association,"

Lawyers Condemn Alleged Racist Attacks

by James Smith
Staff Writer

Recently, members of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers passed a resolution in support of Soul City and condemned the alleged racist attacks of Sen. Jesse Helms and a Raleigh newspaper for their harassment of the founder of Soul City.

At a press conference Monday, Charles E. Daye, president of the association revealed the resolution which stated in part: "We pledge to make our voices heard in exposing such schemes wherever they may be found, and to defend innocent Black leaders against all such schemes whenever, however, and wherever they may occur.

"We publicly condemn these and all such schemes of attempted character assassination through misuse of public office by elected officials, or through prejudicial or biased reporting by the news media.

The charges stem from a newspaper article published in the Raleigh News and Observer which stated that over the past year and the expenditure of millions of dollars, there was only one permanent building so far. After those articles, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., called for an investigation.

However, a General Accounting Audit to Soul City had cleared the founder, Floyd McKissick.

But, Sen. Helms wanted the Justice Department to do an investigation.

The black lawyers, led by Daye, accused the newspaper and Helms of trying to

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Voter Registration Campaign Is Slated

A voter registration campaign will be held Saturday (Feb. 14) from 9a.m. until noon in the lower auditorium of First Baptist Church on Highland Avenue.

Mrs. Velma Jackson, chairperson for the Political Awareness Committee at First Baptist Church, said the purpose of the campaign was two-fold.

She stated that since this is election year, people must become knowledgeable of certain facts and issues so they can vote intelligently.

"That's the reason for the Voter Registration Drive and Voter Educational Seminar," she said.

Four persons from the city will be on hand to discuss the

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H.O. Bright, one of city's first black lawyers to practice here.

stated Bright.

Before blacks were admitted to the local bar association, Bright said they (blacks) had their own local and state association.

Although not as active as he once was, he is still the oldest member of the Forsyth County Bar in active practice.

Bright took the North Carolina Bar Examination in 1931 and was admitted to practice in 1932 and practiced until 1943. For five years after that, he worked with the United States Veterans Bureau and later returned to Winston-Salem.

A native of Mount Vernon, Ohio, he attended school in Mayville, N.Y. He also attended New York Business School.

He is a graduate of Howard University and the Howard University Law School where

he received his LLB degree. At school he was half-mile
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