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Police Capture Murder Suspect

Shooting Incident Leaves

Two Dead - Two Wounded

by James Smith
Staff Writer

Preliminary hearing dates have been set for Aug. 12 and Aug. 17 for Ossie Lee Cunningham in connection with the deaths of his estranged wife and child and two other persons.

Cunningham is charged with two counts of murder in connection with the death of his estranged wife, Mrs. Lorraine Brown and his daughter, Melinda Burnett Cunningham of 4229 Carver Road.

He is also charged with assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill and assault with a deadly weapon.

He is being held in the Forsyth County Jail without privilege of bond.

Injured in the second shooting were Thomas Tracy Singletary, 38, of 570 Waterworks Drive and Jeanette Jones, 33, of 3541 Prospect Drive.

Officer S.L. Edwards was dispatched to the home of Mrs. Brown at 10:07 p.m. When he arrived, he found

Melinda Cunningham lying on the bathroom floor next to her mother. She had been shot one time in the center of the chest with an unknown weapon. She was dead when taken to Forsyth Memorial Hospital.

The officer also stated in his report that Mrs. Brown was found lying on her back in the bathroom at the rear of the house. She had been shot two times in the back, also by an unknown weapon. She was dead when taken to Forsyth Memorial Hospital.

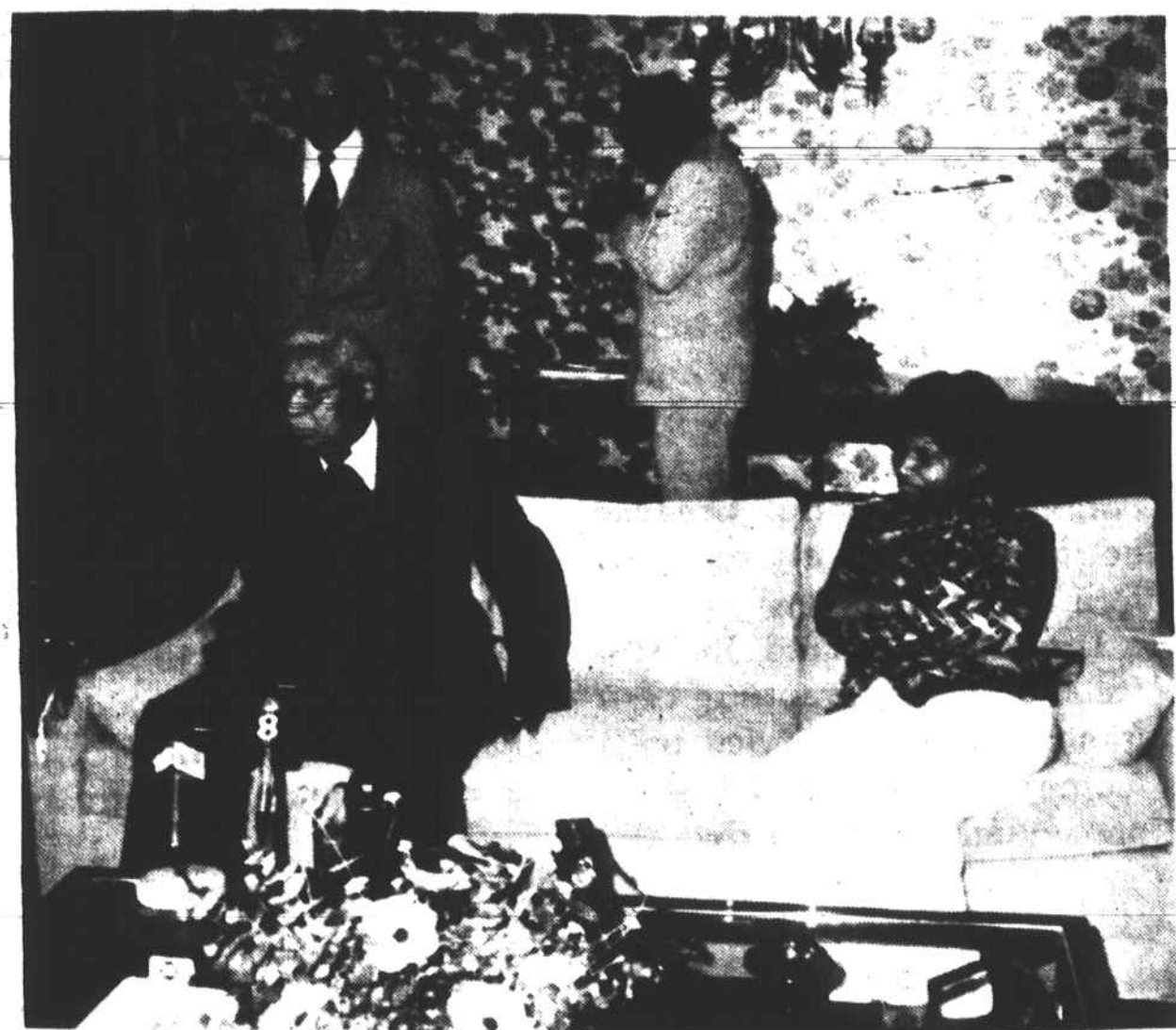
The officer also stated in his report that Mrs. Brown was found lying on her back in the bathroom at the rear of the house. She had been shot two

times in the back, also by an unknown weapon. The officer stated that when he found her, she was in an unconscious state.

The officers report stated that he went there in reference to a dispute about Mrs. Brown and her daughter in which Cunningham had come to the residence to pick up his daughters clothes and stated that Mrs. Brown was unfit to raise his daughter.

Officers later talked to Mrs. Clara Mackie, grandmother of Mrs. Brown who stated that Cunningham had run into the house screaming, but she didn't know what happened after that.

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Dr. Martin L. King, [left], Sr. in a visit here to speak on behalf of Mrs. Mazie Woodruff [right], democratic candidate for county commissioner.

Dr. King, Sr. — 'We're All God's Children'

by James Smith
Staff Writer

The world is full of hatred and that is something it could do without, is the feeling of Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. "I carry no ill will against any man--and I refuse to stoop low enough to hate any man," he said.

Dr. King, pastor emeritus of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., spoke Monday night at a fellowship dinner at the M.C. Benton, Jr. Convention Center. The dinner was sponsored by the Mazie S. Woodruff Campaign Committee. More than 800 persons attended the dinner.

Mrs. Woodruff is one of ten Democrats who is seeking three available seats for the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners.

In his ever-present sermonic-type voice, Dr. King told the large audience that "there ain't no need in being caught up on color, we've just got to

go ahead and be people."

He continued by stating that the world has placed emphasis on all the wrong things in

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NCCU Prof. Says Blacks May Lose All Land By 1987

by James Smith
Staff Writer

"By 1987, there will be no black-owned land in the South, if the trend of the past ten years continues for the next decade, said an associate professor of law at North Carolina Central University in Durham.

Mrs. Mildred B. Payton, organizer and director of the Student Committee on Land Loss of Blacks (SCLLB), said recently in an interview that too many of the blacks in this state are losing their land

for various reasons.

"Presently, there are such things as Urban Renewal, mortgage foreclosures and court orders which ends with the blacks "literally giving" away their property," she said.

The organization which she formed tries to act as liaisons between black landowners and they also hold seminars in various areas of the state to inform landowners of the legal aspects of land retention, increasing agricultural production, and developing other economic potentials of their

Panthers To Battle To Get Franchise

by Robert Eller
Staff Writer

The Black Panther Party has secured an attorney to help in their battle to have a franchise

granted to the Ambulance Service here.

According to Nelson Malloy, head of the Panthers party here, attorney Reita Penty of the Legal Aid Society and a member of the ambulance service's board of directors has drawn up a legal brief attacking the main points brought out by county commissioner David Drummond in his opposition to the services in franchisement.

Drummond, in casting the only negative vote on the question of granting the franchise at a July 6 commissioner's meeting, said to allow the Panthers to charge a fee would set a precedent for other services from outside to move to do the same.

According to Penty's brief which is taken from the county and state codes, no precedent

land.

Through a statistical survey, Mrs. Payton said that as of the present time, blacks own more land in Robeson County than any other county in the state.

According to her statistics, which were compiled by Dr. Lester Solomon and Earl Brown of Duke University, Robeson County blacks own 70,984 acres of land worth more than \$37,347,000. The

\$24,000.

Other counties in the more

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of a franchise to the ambulance service. The brief
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