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or not," she said, "because, if they hadn't been there, it wouldn't have happened. So I don't know if they're guilty or not."

When "questioned" further, she said, "Yes, I think they're guilty of murder."

Court: "... Do you have any opinion as to whether they might have violated the civil rights of the ..."

Ashburn: "I don't understand what that means. It seems obvious to me these people were guilty. I saw it on TV. I saw what happened and I couldn't understand why they were found not guilty."

Jack Thomas Johnson said he also saw television accounts of the shootout, but had a different opinion on what happened and who was responsible.

"Well, I've always been taught that communism was against the American way of life," Johnson said. "And I've heard of the Ku Klux Klan. I've never had any contact with them or anything like that, but I've heard that they always want to do what was right. But then, I've heard that things

like that had got out of hand at times, so I don't know. According to the papers, and what that I've heard and seen, I predict they were not guilty."

Johnson was excused from the potential pool of jurors but Thomas J. Keith, attorney for defendant Edward Dawson, a former police informant, said, "I'd like to have 12 more like him."

The government also had its favorites. Chief Prosecutor Daniel Bell wanted Willie McCormick Jr. as a juror.

Said McCormick of the Klan: "I don't like them period. I don't even like the word Ku Klux Klan."

The Nazis also got their share of criticism from the jury pool. Said Don Wyatt Johnson, a security guard at Globe Security Co. and a graduate student at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, concerning the Nazis: "My understanding is that they were similar to the Klan and they believed in a superior race. They believed that people (who) belonged to

their group, their organization, were superior to other people and they acted accordingly."

When questioned further on what he thinks of the Nazis, Johnson said: "... It's a group that I wouldn't join, simply because I don't believe in one group being supreme over another."

The three groups involved weren't the only ones who received criticism from potential jurors. The media got their share, too.

Said Johnson: "I don't trust newscasts all that much myself. I know how they get distorted ..."

The transcripts don't indicate the races of potential jurors, but one of the 19 who may be black was Audrey B. Farrow, an employee at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. Farrow graduated from predominantly black North Carolina Central University and said she was in school on Nov. 3, 1979.

Farrow was not excused from the jury pool after her initial questioning; instead, she was held for further questioning. And, as ex-

pected, the government wanted Farrow on the jury, but the defense didn't.

Neill A. Jennings Jr., attorney for defendant Jerry Paul Smith, asked if Farrow may have known Matt Sinclair or Edward Boyd, both black newsmen from Durham and government witnesses, because she was black and went to school in Durham and they were black and worked in Durham.

Several members of the jury pool asked to be excused.

James L. Moser wanted to be excused because he knows the family of defendant Virgil Griffin.

"Oh, I know his parents pretty good," Moser said. "Oh, we been knowing the parents for a long time. They live all around up in there. I used to live around Winston and out in Rural Hall and King, all around there."

Sarah L. Cooper wanted to be excused because she said people who live near her or in her community were involved in the trial, though she didn't say to

what degree they were involved.

Others may have wanted to serve on the jury but were excused because they read the newspapers, listen to the radio, watch television and discuss news events with other people.

James Conner Kennedy III, a graduate of Emory University in Atlanta and an employee of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., was excused because, based on his knowledge of the trial, the court felt, he had already formed an opinion as to guilt or innocence.

Kennedy said he discussed the case with some of his friends and "we were embarrassed that a situation like this would come, and just ... bring up the fact that people from the South were racist -- and that's what it seemed to point to, you know -- that we were racist and we were always against blacks and that we were violent people ..."

Only portions of the transcript have been released with additions made as the court reporter types them. To date, 912 pages have been filed.

Fair Housing Week observed From Page A10

ordinance that has obtained HUD's official recognition, they must go directly to that agency in reporting complaints. Some of them can only do as HUD would do, investigate and then conference, conciliate or persuade the people to change. But some localities have stronger ordinances than HUD's Fair Housing Bill. If an area has no such ordinance, then they would report to HUD and they will permit the individual to

file a complaint and go through the same process.

Chronicle: During the Reagan administration, new housing projects for low-income families are non-existent and existing projects are being sold to private buyers. Does this mean that HUD is getting out of the housing business?

Fulton: This administration has determined that we can no longer afford to pro-

vide the varied types and volume that has been produced in the past. We now have new types of program. These programs will enable a locality to utilize the existing housing stock. We are now advocating rehabilitation of housing as opposed to new construction.

Under the new program, housing will be provided to a person through a voucher program. Direct assistance will be given to the applicant. They in turn will go

on the free and open market and obtain housing. Frankly, this gives the person or family a broader and open range of choices for housing. Under the old programs, wherever the project was located, that's where the person had to live.

Chronicle: Is this a better program?

Fulton: It's a bit early to tell. It has only been conducted on a pilot effort and not fully adopted but it has been looked at carefully

and evaluated.

Chronicle: What progress has HUD made as far as changing the segregated housing patterns?

Fulton: The tradition has been that you can tell where the black people live in any community and that's usually on the east side of town. Since 1968, there has been a significant change upon where new assisted housing did and did not go. HUD has worked hard to change these patterns and neighborhoods. But where a person lives is a very sensitive issue with most people.

Lately HUD has formed community groups composed of citizens, the local governments and HUD to form partnerships. Together, we are working to achieve fair housing. The government can't do it all. It takes people working together.

Crime From Page A2

- Five sheets were taken.
- 500 block, Claremont Avenue Meat was taken.
- 1600 block, Liberty Street Gas was taken.

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For The Record

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off its best" called the Greater Winston Kiwanis Club the Winston-Salem Greater Kiwanis Club.

Also, Kiwanis member Larry Upshaw was incorrectly referred to as Lionel Upshaw.

The Chronicle regrets these errors and encourages readers to call Executive Editor Allen Johnson at 722-8624 when they occur.

Fire Prevention From Page A2

power mowers must not be refueled while running. Shut it down and wait for hot parts to cool to the touch. Gasoline should be stored only in approved, red safety containers -- and even then store only the minimum you need, and never store it in your apartment or home.

• Any flammable liquid should be used outdoors whenever possible. If you must use it indoors, open the windows (yes even in winter) to prevent the build-up of explosive, and possibly toxic, vapors.

• A final note: Would you carry 14 sticks of dynamite in your car? Many people do the equivalent by carrying an extra gallon of gasoline in the trunk. Don't do it. Even the best safety can is less impact-resistant than your gas tank and more prone to explode in a rear-end collision.

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own communities.

"The economic highway of power has few entry lanes for black folk," Graves said. "Most black businesses, like most black folk, are struggling and the success stories are few. But we can do it all, if we put our minds to it."

Graves told his audience to "stay black and in the black, pool your resources and utilize what you have to get what you need." He also advised black businessmen to battle myths that portray black firms as inferior, unprofessional and disrespectful to their clients.

Entertainment at the luncheon included a performance by singer Archie Bell, formerly of Archie Bell and the Drells, and a silent fashion show directed by Chandra Vaughn.

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