

# Letters To The Editor

## ECU Holds Black Arts Festival

GREENVILLE — Gospel music, jazz, African dance, films and an art show will highlight East Carolina University's annual Black Arts Festival Feb. 19-25.

The Festival is sponsored by the ECU Student Union and is coordinated by the campus Minority Arts Committee.

A free gospel music concert featuring the Revelation Singers of Goldsboro will open the festival Sunday at 5 p.m. in the Mendenhall Student Center Theatre.

The Singers, a dynamic group of young performers, have toured extensively throughout the eastern U. S. and have recorded an album, "Revelation Plea."

Jazz pianist Mary Lou Williams will appear in the Student Center Theatre Monday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. Generally regarded as one of the best female jazz pianists currently touring, Miss Williams has been featured with some of the legendary big bands. She is currently Artist-in-Residence at Duke University.

On Tuesday, the festival will emphasize the African heritage, with an African Foods and Dance Workshop in the Mendenhall Center Multi-Purpose Room. Various African dishes will be available for sampling and several African dances will be demonstrated and taught.

A Black Experience Film Festival is set for Wednesday, consisting of two features: "Bingo Long" and "Save the Children." The films will be shown at 7 and 9 p.m. in the Mendenhall Theatre.

Concluding the Festival week will be a special coffeehouse show Thursday and Friday evenings in the Student Center. Throughout the week, a Black Arts Exhibition will be on display in the Mendenhall Gallery, featuring works by Bobby Simmons and Ron Williams.

Advance tickets for some festival events can be purchased at the campus Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center. Admission to the coffeehouse and the Food and Dance Workshop is fifty cents, payable at the door.

## Minutes of Vanceboro Alderman Meeting February 6, 1978

The Vanceboro Board of Aldermen held their regular meeting on February 6, 1978 at 8:00 pm. in the Town Hall. Those present were: Mayor Jimmie Morris, Abe Cleve, Aldermen A.F. Whitley, Daphne Cleve, Tony Chesson and Kathleen Carawon

Mayor Morris called meeting to order. Prayer was led by Alderman Chesson. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Morris reported to the board that James and Clayton Wright had entered into a law suit against the town and town policeman for the sum of \$100,000. After a brief discussion Alderman Abe Cleve entered motion to turn the matter over to town attorney and let him take care of it. This motion was seconded by Alderman Whitley and carried.

Alderwoman Cleve entered motion to adopt a resolution accepting a state grant in the amount of \$6,201 for wastewater treatment plant and state grants totaling \$19,822 for extending water lines. After a discussion in which Mayor Morris pointed out that this project would be of no cost to the town, Alderwoman Carawon seconded motion and the resolution was unanimously carried.

Alderman Abe Cleve entered motion to purchase a model M-200 17 cu. yd. garbage compaction body for \$9027 from Simpson Equip. Co. and a truck for \$14,354 from Bright Chevrolet. This motion was seconded by Alderman Chesson and carried.

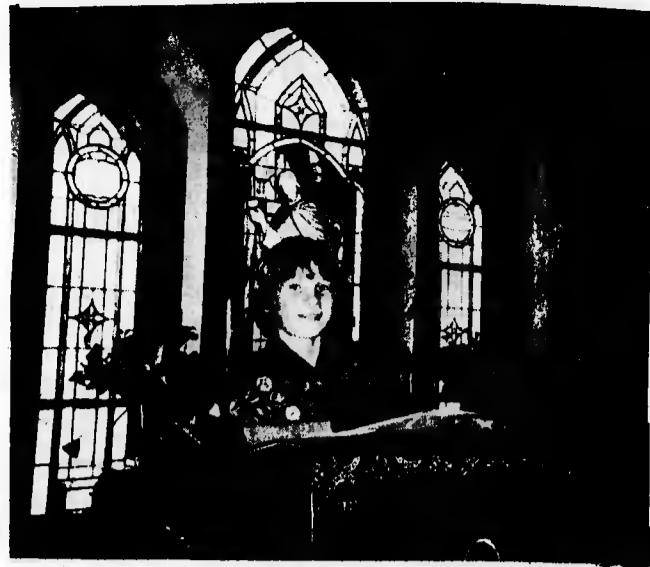
Alderman Chesson reported to the board that the section of Mill Road around the cemetery was not properly lighted and that there was much activity late at night in the area due to this. After a discussion Alderman Abe Cleve entered motion for clerk to check into the matter and see if anything could be done. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Carawon and carried.

After a discussion on the fringe benefits, holidays and sick leave of town employees it was decided to study the matter and bring it up later.

Alderman Cleve entered motion to adopt an ordinance authorizing police to carry a concealed weapon when off duty in the jurisdiction where assigned so long as he is not consuming or under the influence of intoxicating liquor. This motion was seconded by Alderwoman Carawon and carried.

Police Commissioner Whitley gave the monthly report for the Police Dept. reporting a total of 1677 miles patrolled at a cost of \$233.37.

There being no further business Mayor Morris adjourned meeting.



Stacy Lee speaks on the topic, "On my Honor . . . a Guide for Life," at the Scout Sunday Ceremony held at the Vanceboro United Methodist Church, February 12.

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