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KAB AWARD — Mrs. Mattie Coney (right), executive director, Citizens Forum, Inc., Indianapolis, Ind. is presented a "Women for Beautification" award by Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson (center) and Reuben L. Perin, chairman of the board of directors of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. The presentation was made at a luncheon in New York in connection with KAB's 15th annual meeting. The award consisted of a framed art glass (seen in picture) and a library of litter-prevention films.

Dr. Dowdy Becomes First Negro To Head Nat'l Education Assn.

A&T President To Assume Top NEA Post in '70

GREENSBORO — Five administrators of A&T State University have been elected to commissions of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

At the annual meeting in Washington, D. C., Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, president of A&T, was elected secretary of the Council of Presidents, a group composed of the chief executives from 99 major state universities and land-grant institutions in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Dr. Dowdy will serve one year as secretary of the group, then become the first Negro ever to serve as president of the body.

Elected to the executive committee of the Council of Academic Deans was Dr. Glenn F. Rankin, dean of academic affairs at A&T. He was also named a delegate to the Senate of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

Dr. Arthur F. Jackson, dean of A&T's School of Arts and Sciences, was re-elected secretary of the Commission of Arts and Sciences and Dr. Howard Robinson, director of the Institute for Research and Human Resources, was appointed to the executive committee of the Council of Research Administrators.

New Dimension Against Poverty Opens in Philly

PHILADELPHIA — A new dimension in the fight against poverty and hopelessness in Philadelphia's Spring Garden area was achieved today with the formal opening of a 103-room, privately-financed neighborhood center offering residents health and dental care service, a swimming pool, cafeteria and budding "micro-industrial park."

The Spring Garden Community Services Center is the first comprehensive inner-city facility in the nation established without government sponsorship. It was created by a small group of concerned business executives and professionals working hand-in-hand with inner-city residents for almost two years.

The center, a former Dominican Convent & Guild, now houses a family-oriented health program operated by the De-

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Last Rites Held for Principal Of Highland High School Nov. 24

Funeral services for Harry Lee Bryant, principal of Highland Junior High School, were held Sunday, November 24, at Saint Mark A.M.E. Zion Church. The eulogy was delivered by Rev. J. A. Smith, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Interment followed in Beechwood Cemetery. Bryant, 49, died November 24, at Lincoln Hospital after an extended illness.

He was born in Mocksville, and attended the public schools of that city. Further pursuing his education, he entered Fayetteville State Teachers College, and received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. From North Carolina College, he obtained a bachelor of arts and a master of arts degree.

Prior to serving as principal



BRYANT
of Highland Junior High, he had served as principal of Lakeview Elementary School, and assistant principal of Mer-

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Suicide of Man and Mysterious Death Young Girl Mar Weekend Funerals For Tragic Victims Held Nov. 26-27

Funeral services for Michael Gary Butler, 20, were held at St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church here Wednesday, November 27, at 3:15 p.m. The eulogy was delivered by the pastor, Rev. L. A. Miller.

According to Dr. D. R. Perry, Butler's death was by suicide. He took his own life, Saturday at his home, 127 Dunstan Street.

Butler's body was found around 3:00 p.m., lying across a bed in his home, with a gunshot wound in his chest, Saturday. A 12 gauge shotgun was found nearby and a suicide note, Dr. Perry stated.

Mrs. Butler stated her husband had been depressed for the past several days because of bills and losing his job.

Earlier Saturday when he attempted to take his life she called in a neighbor to help her prevent him from doing so.

In addition to his wife, Butler is survived by one son, Michael Gary Butler, Jr., one brother, Thomas Butler, four sisters, Misses JoAnne, Barbara, Brenda and Ruby Butler. One half brother, James King, and one half sister, Patricia King, also survive along with several other relatives.

Last rites for Miss Lavern (Peaches) Baker, 15, whose bo-

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MISS BAKER



BUTLER

A&T Dean Gets New Position As President of Lincoln Univ.

JEFERSON CITY, Mo. — The director of the Division of Humanities and chairman of the English Department at A&T State University last Friday was named president of City, Mo.

He is Dr. Walter C. Daniel, who is also a former director of the federally-sponsored 13-College Curriculum Program at A&T.

Dr. Daniel's appointment to the presidency of Lincoln, now half black and half white, was announced by the Board of Curators of the University.

Dr. Daniel will succeed Dr. Earl E. Dawson, who is retiring next June.

A native of Detroit, Mich., Dr. Daniel holds the B. A. degree from Johnson C. Smith

Author Lomax Blasts "White Only" in Bible

GREENSBORO — Will the Negro church be the next target of the black power militants? Negro author Louis Lomax hinted this action in an address last Sunday at A&T State University.

"I am sick and tired of seeing only pictures of persons with blonde hair and blue eyes, even in the Bible," said Lomax. Perhaps it is time for us to save the black church if they can't give us a religion we can relate to."

Lomax said he has just returned from a trip to the Holy Land. "From what I saw there," he said, "it is not possible for all persons to come out with blonde hair and blue eyes."

Lomax also said that white Americans must begin responding to non-violent protest, if violence is to end in this nation.

"America simply does not respond to the Judeo-Christian ethic," he said.

The author of the best-selling book, *The Negro Revolt*, said, "America is not ready to get down to the nitty-gritty business of overhauling the system to give freedom and justice to all."

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University, the master of science degree from the State University of South Dakota and the doctor of philosophy degree from Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

Dr. Daniel has served in various capacities at A&T since 1964. He has also taught at St. Augustine's College, Raleigh; North Carolina College; Bowling Green State University; and Mount Vernon Junior High School, Los Angeles.

Dr. Daniel's writings have appeared in newspapers, magazines, and scholarly journals throughout the nation, including "Saturday Review," the College Language Association Journal," and the Greensboro

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Negro Church May Become Next Target Black Militants



OMEGA'S 1968 HONOREES—Fayetteville's graduate and undergraduate chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. named Dr. George Butler, (left) "Omega Citizen of the Year"; and Dr. Odell Uzell, (right) "Omega

Man of the Year." The action came at the fraternity's "National Achievement Week" program held recently. Dr. Butler was cited for his civic activities in the community and Dr. U-

zell was honored for his attainment in the field of education. Featured speaker at the program was Ellis J. Corbett national grand basileus of the fraternity.

Negro Doctor Performed First Successful Heart Operation

Book Brings to Light Story of Unsung Heroes

NEW YORK — Daniel Hale Williams: Negro Surgeon* by Helen Buckler, to be published by Pitman on December 20th, brings to light the true story of one of the great unsung Negro heroes of American history. Originally published in 1954 under the title "Doctor Dan," this long out-of-print book was ignored and neglected by the American reading public and Dr. Williams himself never received the recognition he deserved.

Why have so few people heard of Daniel Hale Williams? In 1893 he performed the world's first successful heart operation. Why is this not a well-known fact?

These are the facts and questions that stimulated Helen Buckler to spend 10 years in 14 states, with hundreds of people and government archives, documents, and records in order to unearth the life story of America's first Negro surgeon and the facts and circumstances of his history-making achievement.

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Durham Ushers Union Celebrates 43rd Anniversary

The Durham Interdenominational Ushers Union celebrated its 43rd Anniversary at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Sunday, September 24, at 3:00 p.m.

The anniversary sermon was preached by Dr. William H. Fuller, pastor of Mt. Zion with music being furnished by the Senior Choir.

In addition to the regular program officers for 1969 were elected as follows: Clyde Moore, Jr., president; J. H. Betts, first vice-president; Mrs. Minnie Ford, second vice-president; Mrs. Mae Willie Webb,

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PROMOTED TO STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR — (Quarry Heights, Panama Canal Zone)—Staff Sergeant Major Sterling Harris (center), son of Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Harris of Rougemont, has the insignia of his rank pinned on by Colonel W.

H. Rice (left), Secretary of joint staff of U. S. Southern Command, and Staff Sergeant Major M. A. Wolf, chief noncommissioned officer of the Office of Secretary Joint Staff. A native of Durham, Sergeant Harris attended North Carolina College

at Durham from 1948 to 1951. He is serving as administrative supervisor with the Office of Secretary Joint Staff. His wife, Lois, and their son, Kenneth, are residing at 1850 Cascade St. in Fayetteville, during his tour in the Panama Canal Zone.

Black Parents and Students Issue Statement on Walkout

Former KKK Head Charged With Murder

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — In the midst of a U.S. District Court trial for conspiracy in the 1966 firebombing death of Vernon H. Dahmer, an NAACP voter registration leader Sam H. Bowers, Jr., former Ku Klux Klan leader, was arrested here on a charge of murder, Nov. 18.

Bowers was arrested during a lunch break in the Federal Court hearing for 16 men accused of conspiracy in the civil rights leader's death. He was taken to the Forrest County jail.

He was one of 13 men indicted on arson charged in the Dahmer murder and stood trial earlier this year, but a mistrial was declared when the jury could not reach verdict.

HILLSBOROUGH — This statement is being issued by concerned Black parents and students who attend Orange County High School. It is intended to clarify the real issues involved at the school.

A clear understanding of Monday morning's walk-out is necessary in order to understand the over-all situation at the high school. First of all, the walk-out by approximately sixty students was not a revolt; it was not a boycott, or anything of that sort. The walkout has one purpose; to try to get black students together to discuss their common problems.

The walk-out was necessary because the students were unable to hold a meaningful meeting within the school. School officials insisted that white students be included in any meeting at the school; the black students felt they needed a meeting of their own in order to fully discuss their grievances and possible solutions. Night meetings off school premises are not practical because of transportation problems.

If the walk-out had been meant as a "revolt," the students would not have come back to classes. But in fact, the students involved held their meeting at about 8:20 a.m. and returned in time for fourth period classes, which begin at 11:20 a.m. It was then, and only then, that they were told that they were expelled.

The grievances which the black students wanted to discuss all center around the question of what it means to be a black student at Orange County High School.

The over-all problem is a lack of faith in the school's principal and the way the school is being run. Specific grievances are as follows:

Representation on Student Council. First of all, there are about 12 black students on the 50-member Student Council. Since black students make up about 42 percent of the student body, there should be greater black representation on this body. Because the black

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Steel, Carter Requested to Attend Session

NEW YORK — In accordance with a recommendation of the Legal Committee of the NAACP which met here all day November 18, Lewis M. Steel, dismissed from the NAACP legal staff October 14, and Robert L. Carter, general counsel, who resigned October 28 in protest against the Steel dismissal, have been invited to appear before a recessed meeting of the NAACP National Board, December 9.

Matthew Perry, an attorney of Columbia, S. C., member of the National Board and vice president for legal services, will begin at once on the committee's recommendation with the title of Special Counsel "to supervise legal matters for which the Association is responsible, with authority to secure and designate such lawyers as may be necessary for this purpose."

The committee recommended that the chairman designate a subcommittee of the legal committee to "secure the services of a General Counsel for the Association."

The legal committee, whose chairman is William R. Ming, Chicago attorney and former faculty member at the University of Chicago law school, recommended to Bishop Stephen G. Spottswood, Board chairman, that Robert L. Carter and Lewis Steel be invited to that meeting of the Board as they may see fit to make.

The committee's recommendation for holding the recessed meeting of the Board, December 9, was accepted by Bishop

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