

# I'LL TELL YOU WHY

by Barry C. Lillie

Two men were arrested on charges of first degree murder for the shooting death of a police investigator. The Durham Police Department was shocked. Chief Jon P. Kindice viewed the shooting as quite unfair. Needless to say, the loss of a life reflects an image far beyond the realm of fairness. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of investigator Larry D. Bullock, the victim of the shooting.

Many thoughts plagued my mind concerning the unfortunate incident. They are not concerning the actual shooting but rather the causes of such responses from the accused slayer.

Upon interviewing many persons in this city of Durham who have been surprised by the arrival of the Durham Vice Squad, they shared the following experiences:

1. entered upon with immediately trained weapons which,
2. incite tremendous fear and terror. More than often,
3. are physically struck with force and subjected to
4. degrading, and offensively four remarks.

In recognition of these facts we are still evading the primal origin of the evil, which I believe to be the "No-Knock" law. This law equips the police with the prerogative of unannounced forcible entry. You and I have heard the drug out antiquated debates of this issue at great length yet the essence remained just that..... debate. How long it will be before another policeman or citizen is the victim of "No-Knock" is yet to be seen.

Lets flip the coin to another important perspective. "No-Knock" is now symbolic of all the statutes and laws of the land. Have we as citizens forgotten that our government is based on the theory of serving the people? No? Then explain why there are NO-KNOCKS that

repress the most fundamental of all guaranteed human rights...the right to pursue happiness.

How have we let the industrial culture of the country superceed our social culture with such a gigantic margin of crypt-dusted statutes that deny each of us the simple pleasures of "doing our own thing" behind our own home's doors?

Certainly marijuana is illegal today. This is no excuse, however, for a police division to know where every joint smoker hides in and on the other hand have no idea whatsoever as to who has committed five or more of Durham's unsolved murders. Some priorities seem a little juggled around.

Make no mistake by assuming that the Durham police department is my target. To this do is to ignore the remaining cities and states of this country, that come face to face with similar tragedies, as officer Bullock's death, and cannot rationalize the why? "Why" is because the social order of this country today manufactures coldness and repression and hatred in more abundance than does the Oreo factory with cookies. The ink of my pen is no more dark at this moment as my heart towards the death of Officer Bullock and for the future of the gentlemen accused. Yet, they are not to blame. We are to blame until we base our own existence and laws on love and God and the interest of those to be governed.

This has been a very painful article for me to write because of its disillusioning effect on the reader towards society; nevertheless, let's accept the painful truth and move to rectify our values, that those involved in the tragedy may be enshrined as heroes of our awakening. A man did it years ago, that we may rehabilitate our ways.... Jesus, lest we forget.

## Ebenezer Sr. Missionaries Hold Meeting

The Senior Missionaries of Ebenezer met at 5 p.m. with a call to worship by Mrs. Celia Upchurch, the president. After the regular opening, it was decided that the members visit Mrs. Louella Kelley, whose father is very sick, in order to carry sunshine, and prayers instead of discussing the regular lesson.

The visit was welcomed by Mrs. Kelley and a donation was given to her from the Missionary Society. Mesdames Emma Dudley, Marina Fischer, Martha Stanley, Lonnie Jones, Nannie Jordan, Lydia McClain, and Lula Wilson accompanied Mrs. Celia Upchurch.

Mrs. Louise Smith is incapacitated at her home 312 Wayne Circle after an accident Saturday morning. We are praying for her recovery.

Ulester Adams is a patient at Duke Hospital.

## RENDERING COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship, Inc., Sorority, a group of young ladies from Durham College, accepted as one of their community projects, painting the Harriet Tubman Y. W. C. A. Hall.

Dressed in work clothes these young ladies representing different cities in North Carolina came and worked cheerfully all day, helping us to get the space ready.

Ms. Barbara Jones is the president of this group, and the building and grounds committee of the Y. W. C. A. are grateful to this group for their help.



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## Five Outstanding Black Students Awarded \$1000 Scholarships By Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.

LOUISVILLE, KY. - Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. has announced that it will sponsor five \$1,000 scholarships this spring as part of the National Achievement Scholarship Program which recognizes outstanding black high school seniors throughout the U.S.

Of the 55,000 candidates who apply by taking the National Merit Scholarship Test each year, only 298 are awarded National Achievement \$1,000 Scholarships.

The 1976 winners sponsored by Brown & Williamson are Eric L. Denson, of Louisville; Randall L. Johnson of Lexington, Ky.; Renita S. Melvin of Newport News, Va.; Eric W. Miller of Greensboro; and Barbareta A. Welch of Goldsboro.

Selection is based on the students' academic and extracurricular records, test scores, and the recommendations of high

school principals as evaluated by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Brown & Williamson plays no part in naming the recipients.

Denson, who attends Ballard High School in Louisville, plans to enroll at the University of Missouri at Columbia to prepare for a career in journalism and telecommunications. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Costel D. Denson.

A senior at Lexington's Bryan Station High School, Johnson will enroll at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N. H., and major in political science. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Johnson.

Miss Melvin is a senior at Warwick High School in Newport News. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Melvin, she will attend the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla., and major in sociology.

A student at Grimslev High School in Greensboro, Miller

will study chemistry at Harvard University. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Isaac H. Miller.

Miss Welch attends Goldsboro High School East, and will enter the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

this fall. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Welch, she will major in biology/pre-med.

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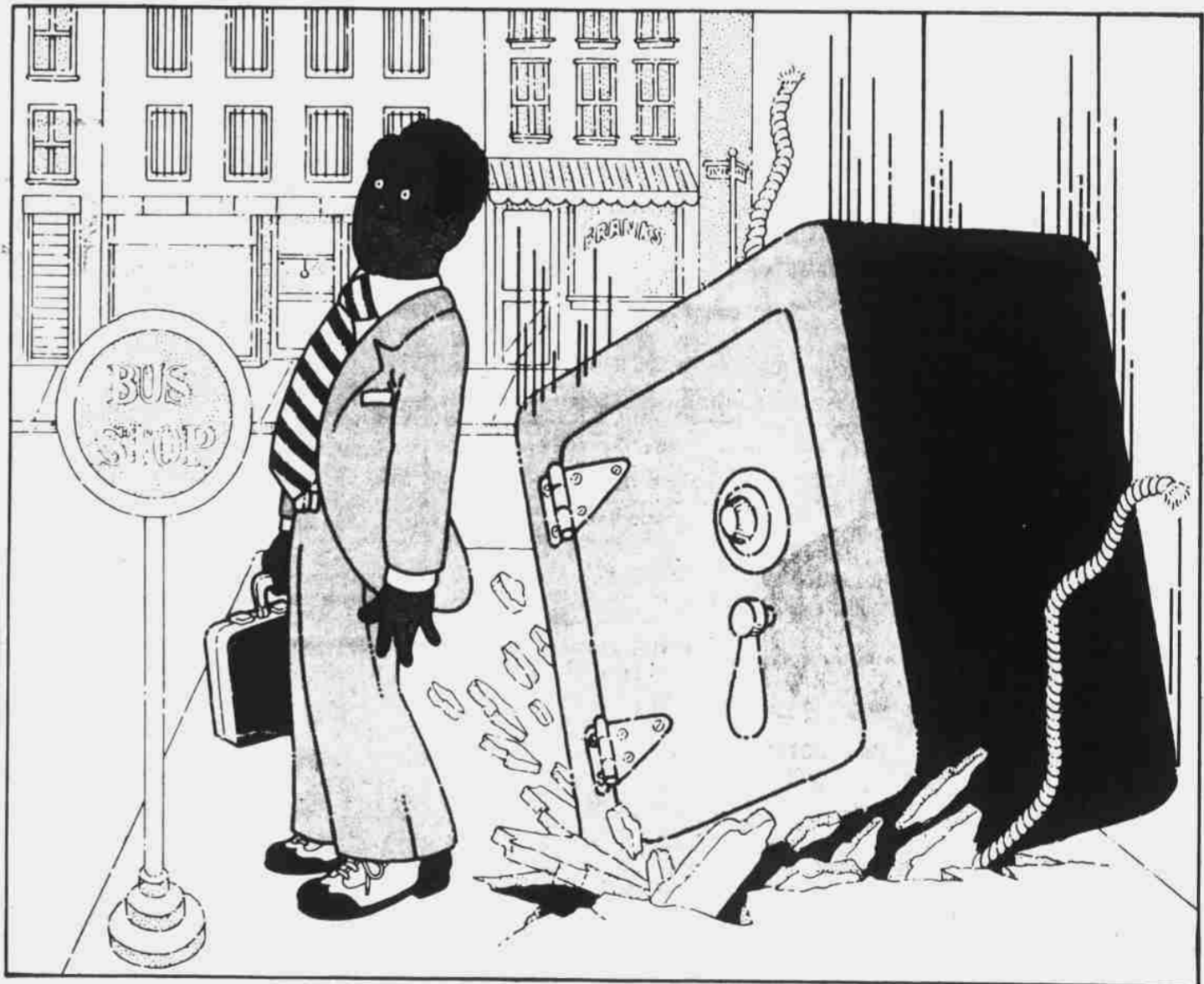
The Floral Club of Ebenezer Baptist Church met in the Chapel, Sunday, May 4th at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Marina Fischer led the devotions. The meeting was opened for business and the planning for the 25th anniversary of the club was discussed, which is to be held June 13th at 6 p.m. The famous Christians will present a musical program, with other singing groups.

Present were Mesdames

Addie Barbee, Marina Fischer, Lonnie Jones, Nonnie Hamilton, Lydia McClain, Odell Keith, Ethel McNeil, Louise Dalrympe, Martha Stanley, May Mayor and Flora Foushee.

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