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#### POST CONVICTION HEARING WILMINGTON 10 Burgaw, N.C. Monday, May 9,

Civil rights groups, legal organizations, religious bodies, community - at - large, are asked to go to Burgaw Monday to show their support for justice on behalf of the Wilmington 10.

May 1-7 **Be Kind To Animals** Week

## Gov. Hunt Appoints Two To Influential Positions



LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER - Mother and daughter exchange congratulation for receiving "Teacher of the Year" awards. Mrs. Doris M. Haynes, left, reading reacher at Y. E. Smith Elementary School was presented the Durham Kiwanis Club's outstanding teacher award for 1977 at a luncheon recently. Here, she shakes hands with her daughter, Dr. Sonja S. foreign policy in Southern H. Stone, who was selected the teacher of the year Africa from the period of the for 1976-77 by the Black Ink, campus newspaper at complete control of coloniathe University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. Dr. Stone is the director of the Afro-American Studies Curriculum at the University.

#### **Outdated Landlord Laws** Receive Hearing Tuesday

RALEIGH - Two additions to North Carolina's outdated landlord-tenant laws received a hearing in the North Carolina Legislature Tuesday. The laws would require that security deposits be placed in trust accounts and that minimum standards of habitability be implied in leases between landlords and tenants.

The hearings were before the Judiciary I Committee of the House and Judiciary II of the Senate. Backed by property managers and legal aide attorneys, both bills are expected to reach House and Senate floors soon.

One provision of the security deposit, if lease provisions are violated, is opposed by the state's legal \* aide societies. Greensboro legal aide attorney Robert Paine said that the current practice in Greensboro would not be changed by the security denosit bill. "L a n d lords in Greensboro have lease provisions specifying any kind of breach as a cause

for forfeiture of the security deposit." He said in many instances, "small picture nails in walls are used by landlords to keep from returning deposits.'

The current law has no provision to require landlords to maintain property up to minimum standards set by local housing codes. The law, in theory, puts the burden of maintaining rental property upon the tenants rather than upon the land-

This method of property management began in feudal England before the 11th century in which serfs were given leaseholds of land which did not include the building upon the land. Such is the state of the law with urban tenants in North Carolina today. Unless leases specify that a landlord is to make repairs, which few do, the tenant cannot get the state's courts to enforce a duty of the landlord to repair the apartment or unit. [Continued On Page 5]

### Community-City Clash **Over Unkept Promises**

ASHEVILLE - At a meeting of the Valley Street Community Action organization Gene Raney, council-man, and Logan Delaney, director of the city's community action led participation program were sharply questioned about unkept promises and the eventual fate of the mostly-black community, now threatened by urban renewal.

The meeting, organized by Bob Smith, a local community organizer, revolved around the tearing down of rental property, the displacement of the citizens who resided there and the widening of Valley Street, the main throughfare through black community.

According to plans by the highway department Valley Street would be widened to include six lanes of traffic with limited access, and many homes along the street would be destroyed to make way for the road.

Focusing on promises to upgrade the area that were made by the city and still remain to be carried out, Bob Smith pointed out that, "Every time it's the same old story. The city gives us the run around, they pick our community to run a six lane road through, and can't get around to cutting down the weeds on those vacant lots and removing the houses that

need to be torn down." [Continued On Page 3]

#### So. Africans **Are Seeking** A Change

Bill Sutherland, a former official of the Tanzanian Government and now a consultant and lecturer for the American Friends Service Committee said to a group at North Carolina Central University (NCCU) in Durham last week that recent announcements of rent increases in Soweto, South Africa, are political. Sutherland said that although he did not have first hand knowledge of the internal developments within South Africa, he believed the rent increases are "aimed at forcing Sowetoans to the Bantustan or the 'homeland.' "

The South African Student Organization (SASO) reportedly called for demonstrations Wednesday, April 27 in which three students were killed as police fired shotguns into demonstra-

Sutherland lectured on the development of the U. list governments through changes under the Kissinger reign as Secretary of State.

National Security Memo No. 39, he said, was a "tilt toward the white regimes" of Southern Africa because "black liberation efforts were thought not to have a change." Following the coup-d'etat in Portugal and the overthrow of colonial rule in Angola and Guinea Bissau, U. S. foreign policy had to be re-assessed. "Kissinger did not know what had [Continued On Page 14]



LEADING THE PARADE - Bull City Elks Lodge No. 317 and Salome Temple No. 704 were hosts this week for the 57th Annual State Association of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World. Leading the Antler Guard State Parade on Sunday afternoon were (front seat) Grand Secretary Carl O Dickerson, (I-r, rear seat) O. C. Johnson, State Security Guard; Dr. J. E. Jones, State Medical Director, and J. Thomas Walker, local Exalted Ruler. [Other photos and stories of the six day meet are on inside pages of this issue.] (Photo by Kevin Bell)

## N. C. Human Relations Commission Role Uncertain

RALEIGH - Governor James Hunt has designated all of the staff members of the N. C. Human Relations Commission exempt from the Personnel Act - a move which press aide Gary Pearce says will make the staff an extension of the Governor's staff. Pearce also said that Hunt intends to give newlyappointed Director Ben Ruffin power to hire and fire his staff in order to implement the agency's goals. His first day on the job, Ruffin said that he does not plan to ask for resignations of any of

Most of the Commission's staffers have been in very fixed positions for the past several years. All except two hold the same position that they held when whey entered the Commission. For the professional staff there are only three positions: two supervisors and the executive director. Field workers

Exactly what Commission's role will be is not yet certain. Interviewed after his appointment Ruffin the nine member staff em-

handle complaint investiga-

to the people of the state to get a program for Commission activities. However, Governor James Hunt, at the prodding of black politicans, campaigned last fall saying he wanted the Commission to investigate discriminatory hiring practices of state government.

If Ruffin does go to the people for a mandate, the process of program develop-ment would not be completed for approval by the legislature before the next session. - CCNS.

## John Winters And Jim Richardson Get Posts

RALEIGH - Governor James Hunt appointed two black North Carolinians to influencial positions last week. Raleigh real estate broker and construction contractor John W. Winters was appointed to a term on the N. C. Utilities Commission and Jim Richardson of Charlotte to a term as Chairman of the N. C. Social Services Commis-

Winters is now serving a second term in the N. C. Senate. If confirmed by the Senate, Winters will begin his duties July 1, 1977. Questioned about the reasons for accepting the nomination, Winters said, "As a commissioner there has to be a creditbility established by the Commission. Very few people have any confidence the commission." Winters had been under consideration by President Carter to an ambassadorship in the Caribbean.

Richardson is the postmaster of Mount Holly, and is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University. Richardson's top priority, he says, is North Carolina that are uned eligible for Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC)." Richardson says many black families break up because males are unable "to take care of their families on the jobs they have either through unemployment or underemployment and have a tendency to sometimes leave families." Preventive measures he advocates will "in the long run lessen the welfare roles and give people self-esteem to be able to [Continued On Page 3]



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Vendetta Kills

#### Program At **Piedment College**

CHARLOTTE - A federally-funded program designed to interest first offen-"making males in the state of ders in education and job training has been dropped by Central P i e d m o n t Community College as of June 30 of this year.

Harold Parks, Director of the Program, stated that the program is being dropped because of a "personal ven-detta" waged by Mecklenburg District Attorney Peter Gilchrist III against T. J. Reddy, a counselor in the program.

Reddy, a poet, artist and political activist, is one of the Charlotte 3 who claim they were framed on a politically [Continued On Page 5]

#### School Suspensions And Expulsions—Parents Recommend Alternatives

[Editor's Note: This report is the second in a series of reports on expulsions and suspensions in the Chapel Hill - Carrboro School sys-tem. There are some differences in the socio-economic makeup of Chapel Hill, but the facts revealed by a study financed by the U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare suggests that sus-pension-expulsion problem is as much a problem in every community of the state and nation as it is in Chapel Hill.]

CHAPEL HILL - Hoover Byrd, a 16 year old black youth found a coat that he said was near a trash can at Chapel Hill Senior High School. Assuming the coat was discarded by its owner, Hoover said he wore the coat until a white youth "walked up and demanded the coat. Before I could give the coat he went to the principal's office and told Dr. Rush that I had the coat."

Assistant Principal R. D. Smith and Principal Dr. Findley Rush found Hoover and told him to accompany them to the office. Hoover refused and was suspended. Smith said that he conferred with Hoover's mother, an employee of the Town of Chapel Hill, told her of Hoover's offense, the theft of the coat, and expelled him from school for the rest of the

school year. Witnesses, at an informal hearing, according to Smith, were the white youth who claimed Hoover stole his coat, Dr. Rush and Smith, all who saw Hoover with the coat but no witnesses who saw him take

Hoover was no stranger to Smith or Rush. He had been to the office before - "one or two times for teacher complaints, a couple times for class cutting, altogether about followed in all cases. of susfive times."

Asked why he did not accompany Rush to the office. "Well when they tell you to go with them to office they have their minds made up. They are not fair anyway."

pensions and expulsions. There is no kid that won't get a fair trial. That is my reason for being here. If you check it, any person in this community will take notice of that."

It appears that all people

Smith says "due process is in the small university town, particularly its black citizens, do not agree. Student suspensions and expulsions have been such an issue with many parents that an organization called "Parents for Educational Progress" has met with Rush and Smith and has presented

implement a data collection system which would document facts of each suspension, assess teacher and administrator training needs, and laternatives to suspensions.

Dr. Rush said the proposal is now being studied by

detailed recommendations to a school discipline committee. appointed by him, to review the recommendations. Rush is a member of the committee that includes teachers, students and administrators, Rush will decide what recommendations, if any, will be adopted. "My observations as principal will be based on what the committee recommends," Rush said when he refused to give comments concerning the proposals.

PEP has recommended that a committee of five people, appointed by the School Board, evaluate the performance of teachers and principals every six months. A grievance committee has been asked to be revitalized. PEP suggests an equal number of blacks and whites on the committee made up of "teachers, parents, students, community leaders, and school administrators." A recommendation that no student be suspended unless the "student is a threat to self and others" was also made.

The recommendations are based on data and analysis provided PEP by Community Opportunities for Educational Directions Project (Co-ED). Fifty-eight per cent of students suspended at Chapel Hill Senior High during the fall semester, the CO-ED project found, were suspended for fighting. "Profanity, theft, and destructive of property destruction of property re-present eight per cent each as reasons for suspension."

Only one white student was suspended out of a total of thirteen. While members of

the PEP committee indicate racism is a factor, R. D.



DEMONSTRATORS INVADE CITY HALL - About forty or fifty demonstrators, including AFSCME officials, gathered on the first floor of City Hall in Atlanta, Georgia. The strikers then rushed up to the second floor and invaded the office of Mayor Maynard Jackson. The demonstrators ignored orders to leave and when police pushed them out, fists flew. Police said they arrested several demonstrators, two of them officials of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union. (UPI).