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Look well into thyself; there is a source
which will always spring up if thou wilt
always search there. —Marcus Aurelius

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IN MURDER CASES

Paul And Frinks Join On Death Penalty Against KKK

SMITHFIELD (CCNS) — Civil rights attorney Jerry Paul has been retained in the state's first death penalty case since a revised capital punishment law went into effect June 1st. A previous law was declared unconstitutional last July by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Paul will represent David Ezra Stewart, 25 of Benson, who is charged along with Henry Smith, 29, also of Benson with the slaying of Dennis Wilbert Allen, a Four Oaks policeman, and Lenwood "Big Boy" Johnson a truck driver.

As he left his first conference with his client, Paul said that he took the case because District Attorney John Twisdale, of the 11th Judicial district is seeking the death penalty, and he [Paul] wants to prevent Ku Klux Klan influence in the case.

"We can't let the Klan railroad somebody into jail or into the gas chamber," Paul said. He continued "we are going to see to it that none of that happens, and that the Klan has no influence in this case."

Accompanying Paul as he left the Johnston County Jail was Golden Frinks, Southern Christian Leadership Conference Program Director. Paul and Frinks said they were working together on the case to develop a political defense. The two have not worked together on civil rights cases since they severed relations before the Joan Little murder trial, in which Paul won an acquittal.

Frinks said that he would begin establishing a local chapter of the SCLC in Benson, where Smith and Stewart lived.

Paul was retained by Stewart's mother, Mrs. Annie Mae Steele, of 406 N. Hall St., Benson. He replaced state appointed attorney James Narron of

Benson. Another man, Henry Smith, 29, also charged with the murders, is represented by state appointed attorney Donald Parker of Smithfield.

Bond was denied both men on June 15 by Judge Elton C. Pridgon of Smithfield. The attorneys made no arguments for bond.

District attorney John

Twisdale has refused to discuss the case with the press since the indictments, except to say that he will seek the death penalty.

So far the press has not reported any eyewitnesses to the murders. Clues to the case have been equally slim.

Dennis Allen, a rookie policeman, radioed to his dispatcher around 1:17 a.m. on June 3 that he was stopping a "suspicious" automobile on interstate 95 north of Four Oaks. When he did not respond to radio calls the Four Oaks dispatcher sent a Johnston County deputy to check on him. He was found face down, one-quarter mile north of Benson, shot several times in the chest region.

A short time later, a 1964 Chevrolet owned by Lenwood "Big Boy" Johnson was found in flames a few miles from the policeman's body on Highway 210. Except for one digit, the license tag on Johnson's car matched the tag number called in by Allen before he indicated he was going to stop the car.

To add to the suspense, Johnson could not be found for questioning by law enforcement investigators. Interrogation of people at the 8 Days Inn Motel where Johnson resided turned up that he had left the motel around 12:30 a.m. on June 3 with three young black men. The manager, who said that she was watering flowers at the time, said she got a good look at one of the men but not the other two.

Another man, questioned several times by the police, was not arrested.

Parents and neighbors
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Pardon for 10 Requested; Lawyer Supports March

RALEIGH (CCNS) — Wilmington 10 defense attorney James Ferguson has voiced support for a march on the state Capitol to pressure Governor James Hunt to pardon the Wilmington 10. The comment was made at a press conference following the presentation of a petition for pardon of the Wilmington 10 to the Governor.

Ferguson announced support for a march organized by Golden Frinks saying, "I think that you have to look at the ways the people express their outrage at an unjust conviction. Some will express that through marches, some will express that through private conferences with the governor, others will express that through public statements, and working with groups and others. We expect that there will be people, all segments of the black community expressing their concerns for the Wilmington 10 and the implications that it has for black

people in the state of North Carolina. For those who choose to march, that's their way of expressing that concern, others have their ways of expressing it and I think they are all important in bringing to light the real concerns of the black community in this matter."

Ferguson's petition for pardon summarized how Rev. Ben Chavis, Connie Tindall, Marvin Patrick, William Earl Vereen, Jerry Jacobs, Reginald Epps, James McCoy, Joe Wright, Wayne Moore and Anne Shephard Turner were framed in a racially motivated trial through perjured testimony of state witnesses.

Judge George Fountain refused to grant a new trial for the Wilmington 10 at the conclusion of a post conviction hearing last May. The state's witnesses against the Wilmington 10 admitted that their testimony was false, induced by promises from

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Citizens Place Urban Renewal On The Spot

ASHEVILLE (CCNS) — City officials and executives of the Community Development component of Asheville city government were roundly castigated by about forty citizens of Asheville's East End at Tuesday night's community meeting.

The citizens were present attempting to find out more about the urban renewal that has been earmarked for the East End and what would be the fate of their homes.

Many of the people at the meeting were home owners and had lived in the East End all of their lives. Most had all their savings in their homes and could not easily move out and into another area.

Bob Smith, a community worker, and a resident of the East End, demanded that Logan Delaney, Executive Director of Community Development for the city of Asheville, "stop your double talk and tell us why you are so anxious to get us to sign that piece of paper." The paper referred to is an agreement between the city and the residents to allow the city to take over the neighborhood under the guise of improving the situation.

To this, Delaney replied "I don't know why you're doing this to me. I haven't done anything to you."

Smith then made reference to the ten year urban renewal plan that had been adopted by the city and remarked that, even though the plan was in its third year of existence, they were scarcely beginning the first year of improvements. "Mr. Delaney, we know that we

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CROWD AT LYON PARK



FIRST CALVARY GOSPEL CHOIR

THE DURHAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT — sponsored its first Sunday Gospel Concert of this year's Concert in the Park Series Sunday evening, June 19 at Lyon Park - Cornell and Halley Street.

Otis Stroud, Amalgamated Transit Union Head Fired

CHAPEL HILL (CCNS) — Otis Stroud, a black man in his middle 40's, has driven city buses in three North Carolina cities for nearly eleven years. Three years ago he was hired by the Town of Chapel Hill and called upon to train new drivers for the institution of public transportation in that town.

Stroud, president of Local 1565 of the Amalgamated Transit Union which represents employees in both the Transportation and Sanitation Departments of Chapel Hill, has been active organizing the union and in his driving. "I noted changes were needed on routes and talked with management to get changes made and routes extended to better serve our city." In three years of driving the G-route in Chapel Hill, management agreed that there had been no complaints from passengers about service on that route. On June 7, 1977, Otis Stroud was fired by the Town of Chapel Hill.

A city hearing to consider the June 7 firing by the management of the Chapel Hill Transportation Department lasted seven hours. Held on June 14, the five-person Personnel Appeals Committee heard testimony from both management and Stroud and his supporters. From this, they will decide to either recommend Stroud's reinstatement or uphold his termination. The advisory board's recommendation will go to Chapel Hill City Manager Kurt Jenne who has final say in the matter.

Management cited Stroud with three violations and thus "failure to comply with departmental policy" in a three-month period which, they hold, warrants his termination. Bill Callahan, John Bartuzowitz and

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NEW GENERATION



THE JORDANAIRES

Lovett, New Durham Demo Party Chairman

BY ELVA DEJARMON

Willie Lovett, an IBM employee, was elected Durham County Democratic Party Chairman at the convention held June 18 at Rogers-Herr Junior High School.

With 345.8 votes, Lovett outdistanced John Niblock who received 137.2 votes. Lovett was the choice of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People. Niblock represented the white liberal Durham Voters Alliance.

Rev. Jerry Hooper, a leader of the Concerned Christians for Good Government was elected second vice president of the party. Other party winners included Mrs. Virginia Ghiradelli, first vice president; Mrs. Della Michaux, third vice chairman; and Mrs. Paulette Robinson,

secretary. William Sheffield, a lawyer, was elected treasurer of the party.

The coalition of blacks, concerned Christians and other unattached whites and blacks swept the elective posts after agreement for certain resolutions which were indicated as support for the anti-liquor and anti-pornography bills now being debated.

State Democratic Executive Committee members elected were Lovett (ex officio), Mrs. Chris Green, Mrs. Eula Miller, W. Gerry Hancock, A. J. H. Clement, III, the outgoing party chairman; Dr. Lavonia Allison, a former party chairman; Larry Hinton and John Wheeler, Chairman of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People.

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CD Housing Rehab. Program And Street Assessment Policy Challenged

As citizens who have been directly affected by the Community Development (CD) loan and grant program, we are here today [Friday, June 17] to present the Redevelopment Commission with its last paycheck and a suitcase to "pack its bags." "We are calling upon the Community Development Department of the city to support our demand that the City Council not renew its contract with the Redevelopment Commission for CD rehabilitation work," stated Ruby Jean Waller. The Commission's performance in administering the housing program has been known for its constant delays and slowness, its administrative problems, and its frequently unsatisfactory rehabilitation work. Moses Richardson stated that "the city's original three year goal pro-

jected 400 houses to be rehabilitated by June of 1977. To date, the Redevelopment Commission has closed out only 14 loans and 155 grants!" The group noted Dan Pearson's evaluation of the Redevelopment Commission's recent work states a "positive improvement" with an average of 4.8 grant closed out per month and 1 loan closed out since January of 1977. Barbara Harris commented that "this poor performance is robbing low and moderate income people of Durham from benefits due them under the Community Development program and the City Council cannot ignore the Commission's record by renewing the contract."

Following the action at the Redevelopment Commission the group moved on to the City Hall and Dan

Pearson's office to demand a recommendation from his Office to the City Council to stop the policy of assessing for street improvements under the CD program. Molly Lewis stated that "those of us who rent our homes are facing rent hikes because landlords pass on assessment costs on their tenants and for those of us that own our homes we can't afford to pay the assessments!" She added, "who is being helped by this CD money, the low-income citizens of Durham or the city's administration?" Mrs. Delores Freeman and Mrs. Joyce Bass delivered some dust and beans to Mr. Pearson's office stating "this is what we had to eat before our streets were improved and this is what we will have to eat now because we can't afford to buy anything but beans!"



THE CHECK



THE DUST



THE BEANS