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Words of Wisdom

Live one day at a time. Live by the yard is hard; by the inch—it's a cinch.  
—Ann Landers

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## Where Is Melissa?



Three-year-old Melissa Amis is somewhere!

Durham police combed some 300 acres in northeastern Durham for two days this week in search of the little girl. They found a stained sheet in a field behind DaVinci Street, and Melissa's umbrella about a block and a half from her home on Hinson Drive - but no Melissa.

The child was reported missing on Sunday morning by Adolphus Prince, who told police he prepared her breakfast shortly after 8 o'clock and dressed her. While he was taking a bath, Melissa dis-

appeared. She lives with her mother, Mrs. Jean Amis who is a nurse at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. Mrs. Amis was at work at the time of Melissa's disappearance.

Police spokesman said Tuesday they suspect foul play in the case. They maintained that same suspicion on Wednesday with no new developments, and are now asking ALL citizens of Durham to help in the search. Lt. Richard Morris of the Investigations Division asks that citizens all over the city please check their property - in trash cans, under houses, in thickets,

## Durham Police Ask Help In Search

abandoned cars and buildings, in ditches, drain pipes - everywhere and anywhere there is the remotest possibility the little girl might be.

Melissa is reported to be a gregarious/little person - she likes other people and has an outgoing personality.

The Carolina Times is asking our readers to study Melissa's picture, cooperate with police in the search and report immediately any findings or information which may lead to location of the little girl.

## THE PEOPLE SPEAK

[PCNS] PUBLIC OPINION COLUMN

Throughout many parts of the world education is considered a luxury available only to the rich and influential. Public education is an unheard of privilege while young and old alike toil daily only to survive. In the pre-Civil War United States, it was a crime, sometimes punishable by death, to teach a slave how to read. Local private and public learning institutions spend millions of dollars annually to teach students about the world in which they live. Is it worth it? Are our schools really able to prepare our youth for the world of today?



**BOBBY E. BAILEY, 21, senior, NCCU, Raleigh, N. C.** - I've been thinking of leaving Central even though this is my last year. It's like a big high school, a lot of incompetent faculty and very little competition. In my opinion, liberal arts degrees are on the way out. Students need a more specialized curriculum. I would recommend NCCU to a certain kind of student, but not high achievers. I don't regret the Central experience, it has enlightened me as to the plight of black institutions of higher education. The main problem is they just can't compete economically or socially with the approach and innovations of white institutions.



**REGINA SATTERFIELD, 16, Junior, Hillside High School, Durham** - Yes, things we learn in school will be needed when we get out such as geometry, math, and reading. English is necessary in order to talk to people and writing down ideas. If you want to go to college you'll need the basic courses taught in high school. Students need to have more time in their classes and have fewer classes.



**ELEANOR MASSEY, 10, C. C. Spaulding, 5th grade - Durham, N. C.** - Yes, I know more about life and history than when I first began school. When I grow up I'll know more about people around the world and be able to make better friends. Things could be better but our teachers don't always listen. Students could pay more attention and listen

to their teachers and parents could teach us things at home.



**SUSAN HELMS, 15 - Chewning Junior High** - It's all right but it could be better. Student discipline is pretty good and nobody really gets out of hand. It would help if there was more student participation in the making of rules. A lot of students get suspended without ever having their opinion heard. The administration needs to listen more.

**YEVONNE HARRISON, 15, Chewning Junior High** - No, it doesn't. I think it's because kids don't really care or listen and get into too much trouble. Some students take advantage of loose situations and nobody does anything to stop them. It's hard to learn like that. It's mostly a discipline problem, the kids don't care the teachers don't care and a lot of the parents don't even care what's happening.

## Governor James Hunt Commends NCCU For "Rocking The Boat"

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## Two PCJ Members Are Found Guilty In Nash

On Tuesday, November 1, Waldo James and Paul Bermanzohn, two leading members of the People's Coalition for Justice (PCJ), were tried and convicted in Nash County District Court in Nashville on charges of threatening an officer and trespassing.

James, charged with threatening an officer, received a suspended sentence of sixty days and two years probation plus a \$50 fine and court costs.

Bermanzohn, charged with trespassing, received a thirty day suspended sentence and one year probation plus a \$25 fine and court costs.

The People's Coalition for Justice has been leading a struggle in Whitakers, protesting the April murder of Charlie Lee, a black agricultural worker, by Joe Judge, a wealthy white shop keeper.

Joe Judge's September 19th murder trial lasted about fifteen minutes. The trial of the two PCJ members lasted over three hours. Joe Judge stood trial in the Nash County Superior Court in Nashville for murder. In spite of a written confession, Judge was given a ten-year suspended sentence with three years probation. He had plea bargained for a suspended sentence in exchange for a \$25,000 settlement to the widow's estate. The two PCJ members received a combined probation of three years for misdemeanor charges.

About ten pickets carried signs outside the Nash County Courthouse last Tuesday morning protesting what they called a "frame-up." Placards carried by the pickets read, "We Must Have Justice!", "Support the People's Coalition for Justice!!! Whitakers, N.C.", "Justice for the Rich, jail for the poor." The rally included chanting and leafleting to Nashville residents.

Waldo James and Paul

Bermanzohn were charged in connection with incidents that allegedly took place on September 16, 1977 - the night before the PCJ staged a "People's Trial of Joe Judge." According to Bermanzohn, "for several days before the 'Peoples' Trial,' police in Whitakers had been harassing motorists by stopping cars and giving out tickets, as well as following PCJ members around town as we were distributing leaflets." Bermanzohn claimed that "the police were trying to frighten people out of coming to the People's Trial."

On the evening of September 16, James is reported to have inquired at the Whitakers Police Station after he saw his father's truck had been stopped by an officer. He is alleged to have threatened Officer J. E. Bunn after Officer Bunn told Waldo James to leave the police station, which he did. Bermanzohn was arrested after a group gathered around the Whitakers Police Station.

At the trial in Nashville, on Tuesday, November 1, testimony about the Peoples Trial of September 17 and the PCJ was not allowed by the Judge, Ben Neville, himself a resident of Whitakers. Several times Judge Neville interrupted testimony which prevented defense witnesses from describing the circumstances which they believed led up to the arrests. The defense attorney, Frank Balance of Warrenton, presented several witnesses who testified that James did not threaten Officer Bunn as charged. In fact, witnesses testified that James said nothing to Officer Bunn. Witnesses also testified that Bermanzohn was moving away from the sidewalk in front of the Whitakers Police Station when Officer Bunn arrested him for trespassing. Despite the testimony of the defense witnesses, Judge Neville found the two PCJ members [Continued On Page 18]

North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., commended North Carolina Central University's leadership for not accepting the advice, "Don't rock the boat," during the university's 67 years of existence.

Speaking at NCCU's Founder's Day observance on November 4, Hunt told the audience, "You have rocked the boat!" He drew a round of applause when he continued, "And I want to tell you, you've got a boat-rocking governor now."

Hunt said the university had faced severe problems during its history and held to its belief that "every person has a right to . . . the best education possible."

"I want to commend you for the very real way in which you honor your founder, Dr. James Shepard, every year at this Founder's Day," Hunt said. He praised the university for asking its student leaders to conduct the ceremonies honoring Dr. Shepard.

"I speak for five and a half million North Carolinians in saying to the leaders of this university, 'Thank you for all that you have done for us,'" Hunt said.

"Our universities today face the problem of dealing with a lot of students who have not been adequately prepared by our public schools. That is not the fault of the students, it is the fault of us, the people of North Carolina, and we must change it," the 39-year old governor said.

He said it was unfair for universities to have to offer remedial work before beginning teaching material at the college level.

"What improves higher

education - what improves North Carolina Central University - benefits the entire state of North Carolina and so much of the nation," Hunt remarked.

He told of his administration's activities to improve health services to young children and of his own involvement in the reading programs he campaigned for in 1976.

He said he went weekly to a Raleigh school where he works as a volunteer with children who have reading problems, two at a time. "I sit with them at one of those tiny little desks and I hug them up close to me and we work with reading - syllables and the sounds."

"Half of our time is teaching reading, and half is loving, and I don't know which is needed most," Hunt said, drawing a fervent round of applause and more than a few "Amen's" from the audience.

"We are all linked together as human beings, as citizens, and as we bend down to help that child who has not learned to read, who has not had adequate health care, we lift up our state and our nation."

"We are concerned about bread, about the economy and opportunities for jobs, but perhaps most of all, we should be concerned about being humane and about the kinds of communities we have," Hunt said.

He quoted from Senator Hubert Humphrey's recent address to Congress: "I am optimistic about America. . . History is on our side. It is not a question of whether we can pile up more wealth, it is a question of whether we can live together."



"A TOUCH OF ELEGANCE" is the theme for the Twentieth Annual Coronation of "Miss Saint Augustine's College" for 1977-78 to take place on Friday, November 18, at 8 p.m. in the Emery Building. Miss Talitha Karen Heard, a 21 year old senior, majoring in physical education will be officially crowned by the outgoing queen Second Lieutenant Carolyn E. Floyd, "Miss Saint Augustine's College" 1976-77. Attendants to the queen are Vicky Renee Jeffries, a freshman Business Education major from Raleigh; Janet Preston, a sophomore sociology major from Sumter, South Carolina; Coeran Taylor, a junior psychology major from Sumter, South Carolina; Marilyn Ward, a senior psychology major from Baltimore, Maryland.



CASTING U. S. VOTE - U. S. Ambassador Andrew Young votes during security council debate on South Africa. The U. S., Britain and France vetoed three African resolutions imposing tough sanctions against the Pretoria government but they agreed for the first time to support an arms embargo against the white regime. (UPI).

## Appeal Is Urged On Minority Injunction

WASHINGTON-The U.S. Department of Justice must initiate immediate action to stay a Federal Court ruling which could devastate the minority enterprise effort in this country, according to Dr. Berkeley G. Burrell, President of the National Business League.

The ruling, delivered by U.S. District Court Judge A. Andrew Hauk, last week, imposed a permanent, nationwide injunction against enforcement of the minority business set-aside provision under the recently enacted Public Works Program. Judge Hauk, who defined the provision as a "quota system", ruled that it was "invidious and unconstitutional", and violated the equal protection clause of the Fifth Amendment.

Burrell, tenth President of the nation's oldest and largest minority business organization, termed the Court's action "devastating" and added: "This decision cannot and must not be allowed to stand. The ruling in this case will effectively deny the minority business community from equitable participation in America's

free enterprise system. We urge the Federal Government to appeal the Court's ruling without delay."

The case involves a suit filed by the Pacific Legal Foundation on behalf of several building contractors in the Los Angeles, California community. The suit challenged the Congressionally mandated provision that at least ten per cent, or \$400 million, of total expenditures under the public works project be expended with qualified minority firms.

Said Burrell: "The U.S. Congress has recognized the need to provide steps to assist the minority business community in overcoming the effects of historic discrimination in this nation's economic structure. [The] Court action is contrary to the intent of the Congress. The setting of targets, such as the ten per cent provision in the public works program, is a legitimate and necessary approach to rectifying the past, systematic exclusion of minorities in this country's free enterprise system."

While the full implications of the ruling cannot be [Continued On Page 18]



HONORARY DEGREE - Chancellor Albert N. Whiting (right) confers the degree of Doctor of Laws on Governor James B. Hunt. (Photo by Kelvin Bell).

## Benjamin Hooks Calls For Full Employment

The following is a statement by NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks on the unemployment rate for October that was released by the Department of Labor this week.

"The continuing rise in the unemployment rate for black workers is a troubling trend that requires immediate remedy from Congress and

the Carter Administration. The NAACP has repeatedly informed the Administration in meetings at the White House and through other forms of communication of our concerns over this crisis. Black unemployment now stands at 13.9 per cent, double that for whites.

"The fact that the national unemployment average is

now 7 per cent, that is, much lower for whites, demonstrates most forcefully the adverse effect that current economic and social policies are having on black communities. Furthermore, when we look at the horrendous joblessness among teenagers, which is nearly 40 per cent, then the extent of the social malaise that affects so many Ameri-

can communities will be realized.

"The only meaningful remedy has to be a commitment to a national full employment policy. We therefore call once more upon our national political leaders and lawmakers to begin taking seriously our demands for the enactment of the Hawkins-Humphrey Full Employment Bill."