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Words Of Wisdom

Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it
into small jobs.

—Henry Ford

Our grand business is not to see what lies
dimly at a distance, but what lies clearly at
hand.

—Carlyle

Serious Questions Haunt

Police Handling Of Chester Reams' Fatal 'Accident'

By Isaiah Singletary

Chester Reams spent the last day of his life rather routinely. He worked most of the day at North American Van Lines, caught a ride to a liquor store near his home, walked about a mile and a half home, changed clothes, and, about an hour later, visited a white woman who had checked into a local motel.

Later, Reams and the woman decided to take a walk along Guess Road. This last act cost him his life.

Reams, 37, was killed Monday night, May 3, as he walked along the 2400 block of Guess Road. According to a report filed by the Durham Public Safety Department, Reams was struck from behind by a car traveling south on Guess Road. He was knocked more than 80 feet from the point of impact, and was pronounced dead on arrival at Duke Hospital. The incident, that police are calling a "traffic accident", occurred about 10:25 p.m.

Police have arrested Robert B. Grimes, 19, who gave his address as 2901 Carver St., and charged him with involuntary manslaughter and felonious hit and run. He was released on a \$20,000 bond.

Police have said that this appears to be a routine hit and run case, despite comments by one witness — the white woman — that Reams could have been victim of a racial attack. Police officials also say that the woman, who gave her

name at the scene as Patricia Reams, has told two different stories, neither of which appears related to Reams' death. "We have nothing at this time to connect Grimes with either of these two incidents," a police spokesman said

Wednesday, "and I emphasize, at this time."

Police say the investigation continues.

However, The Carolina Times has learned a number of things that raise significant questions about both the charge, and the

handling of the case.

For example, Ms. Linda Littrell, a desk clerk at Econo-Travel Motor Hotel, 2337 Guess Road, said records show that a woman, who signed her name as "T. Nelson", checked into the motel and was given Room 33.

She signed the registry: "T. Nelson, for Chester Reams".

The record shows that she checked into the motel at 6:05 p.m.

Shortly after 6 p.m., according to Eugene Reams, 36, the dead (Continued on Page 6)



Chester Reams

City Council Likely To Approve Hayti Compromise Monday

By Donald Alderman

In an apparent about face, the Durham City Council appears ready to unanimously approve a compromise Hayti Redevelopment proposal that just two weeks ago seemed headed for defeat.

A poll of the council by The Carolina Times shows that eleven members, three of whom voted against the proposal the first time it came before the council's Finance Committee, are prepared to vote "yes" this time. One member, Ralph Hunt, refused to say how he plans to vote.

But indications are that Hunt will vote "yes" also, since in last week's Finance Committee meeting, he was quoted as saying he hoped the council would unanimously approve the proposal.

The proposal, worked out over the past two months by the city government administration, calls for an increased level of economic development in the area that was destroyed years ago in Durham's urban renewal program.

Hayti has often been called "the mecca of black economics in the South."

Late last year, the city proposed a Hayti redevelopment plan that principally featured housing, while the Hayti Development Corporation, a non-profit, black organization, put forth another plan designed, according to HDC, to return Hayti to its former prominence in the local black community.

The compromise proposal includes features

from both the city and the HDC concepts.

But when Durham City Manager Barry DelCastillo presented the compromise to the Finance Committee, opponents, led by Hunt, said the new concept wouldn't meet developers' standards. However, the committee sent the proposal to the council on a 4-3 vote. The council sent it back.

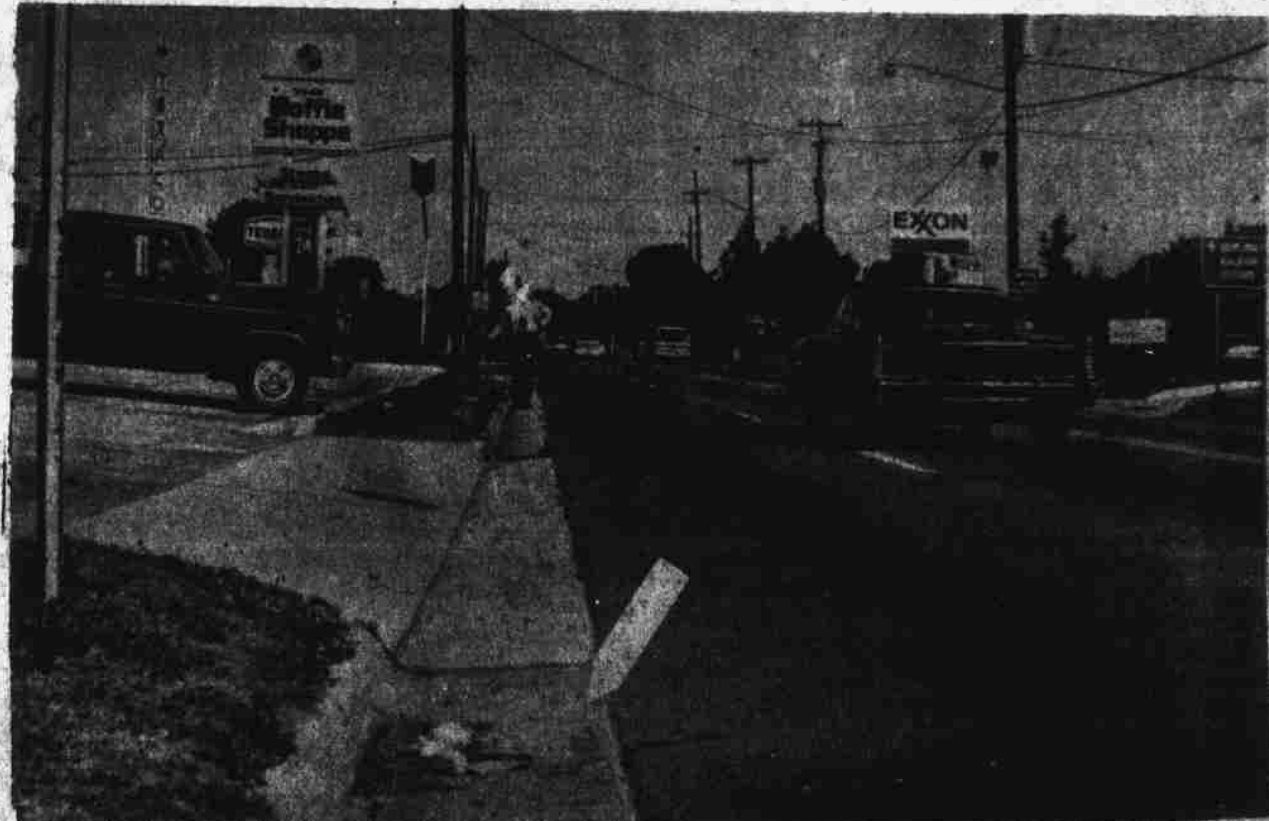
Since then, however, almost every opponent has changed his mind. "I've been persuaded that the compromise plan that the city and HDC together developed is as good as the city's original plan," said Councilman Tom Campbell, a former opponent, and has the added attraction of having more support from the black community.

Other councilmen who once opposed the proposal, but now support it, are Kim Griffin, Paul Vick and Barney West. They all said in telephone interviews this week that, barring contrary information, they'll support the proposal.

Councilmen who supported the proposal say they still do.

Most of the councilmen, added a mild disclaimer to their approval of the proposal saying, if developers won't invest in it, then the council would probably amend the proposal to insure some type of development.

"We'll look at anything if somebody has some money to spend down there," said Councilman Carrol Pledger. Said Councilman Kim Griffin, "If (Continued on Page 6)



SCENE OF REAMS' DEATH — Man in background points to the point of impact on Guess Road. Arrow in foreground points to place where Reams landed. Photo by Stan Mayfield

Mrs. Koontz To Keynote Leadership Confab In Greensboro May 14

GREENSBORO

The Greensboro Senior Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's (NANBPW) Clubs will present its annual Founder's Day Banquet and Leadership Conference May 14-15 at the Holiday Inn-Airport, Greensboro.

Keynoting the event on Friday will be Dr. Elizabeth D. Koontz, former Assistant Superintendent, N.C. Department of Public Instruction. Dr. Koontz, who retired in March after seven years with the State Department, is well known for her achievements in the field of education.

Dr. Koontz began her long career as a teacher after seven years in her home town of Salisbury. Her active teaching career led to her election as the first black president of the National Education Association (NEA) in 1968-69 after serving as the first black president of its largest body in 1965-66, the Association of Classroom Teachers.

In January, 1969, President Nixon appointed her as director of the U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau, the first black director and subsequent Deputy Assistant Secretary for Labor Employment Standards.

The theme for this year's conference is "Leadership — Changes and Choices for the 80's". Toastmaster for the Friday night banquet is the Honorable Henry Frye of Greensboro.

As a special tribute, the members of the Greensboro NANBPW will be honoring leaders throughout the state for achievements in the fields of religion, business, government, human service, education and media. According to club president, Connie Smith, honorees were selected on the basis



MRS. KOONTZ

of their outstanding achievements as leaders in their fields. "We want to recognize and pay tribute to outstanding leaders throughout the state for the legacy they leave our youth and the community at large. In the decade of the 80's our young people and our communities will need strong role models with strong leadership capabilities," says Smith.

Scheduled for Saturday morning, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., are three panel discussions led by various state and community leaders: Political Awareness, moderated by Larry Little, Alderman from Winston-Salem; Economic Development with Ms. Yolanda Leacraft, administrator of the Greensboro Commission on the Status of Women; and, Starting A Business, moderated by Lewis Myers, Assistant Secretary, State Department of Commerce.

For more information, contact committee chairman, Ms. Valerie Freeman at 379-7956.

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UDI Expands Industrial Park With Acquisition Of 50 Acres

UDI Industrial Park, acclaimed the most advanced industrial development site in the Raleigh-Durham area, acquired an additional fifty acres last week to increase its total acreage to 91. Financing involved the participation of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Mechanics and Farmers Bank and the Opportunity Funding Corporation in Washington, D.C.

The Park enters its third year of development since completing the infrastructure for 41 acres and there are two manufacturing plants in operation, employing approximately 100 persons. Northern Telecom, the second largest com-

pany in telecommunications, moved a division into the Park during the fall of 1981 to utilize the 33,000 square foot structure formerly occupied by Automatic Systems Developers.

Hydro Services and Supplies, Inc., a manufacturer of water purification systems and the extrusion of specialized plastic pipe which is related to the treatment of water, moved into a new 15,000 square foot facility in April, 1982.

According to Ed Stewart, executive director of UDI Community Development Corporation, two additional plants are projected to be constructed and in operation by the end of

1982. Stewart said, "The growth of the park is on a positive pattern because of its proximity to the Research Triangle Park. This growth has taken place in spite of the national economic decline, normal problems and attempts to hinder the project."

The UDI Industrial Park has received several grants from the federal government, most of which were used to extend sewer and water lines and to provide land improvements necessary for industrial usage.

These improvements are also expected to enhance the livability of surrounding areas such as promoting growth in Southeast Durham County (example: Century Oaks Apartments) and provide improved waste water systems for the residents in the area as that provided the county school system.

The additional acreage will be improved and developed to conform with the standards of the original Industrial Park tract. This means, water and sewer lines, paved street and gutters, gas

and underground electrical services.

The newly-acquired property will extend UDI's Park to Cornwallis Road permitting an exit that will reduce the distance to the Research Triangle Park from five to 2½ minutes. Stewart said this is extremely important in the development of UDI's Industrial Park. Because the main attraction is the close proximity to RTP, UDI's recruitment efforts are focused on those manufacturers that are suppliers to those research operations within the Research Triangle Park. Stewart said, "Job creation is our top priority through industrial development and to enhance our effort, I believe we must develop and maintain an image that is attractive to industry moving into North Carolina. We want to play a supplementary role to the Research Triangle Park."

"According to the feasibility study prepared by the Research Triangle Institute (Continued on Page 6)

Ted Parrish Named To State Post

RALEIGH — Ted Parrish, 48, of Chapel Hill, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Department of Human Resources for Intergovernmental Relations by Secretary Sarah T. Morrow.

Parrish, who has been serving as lead staff for Governor Hunt in his role as chairman of the Human Resources Committee for the National Governors' Association, assumes his new duties in mid-May.

In his new role, he will be responsible for establishing and maintaining a close working relationship between the various levels of government on human services issues.

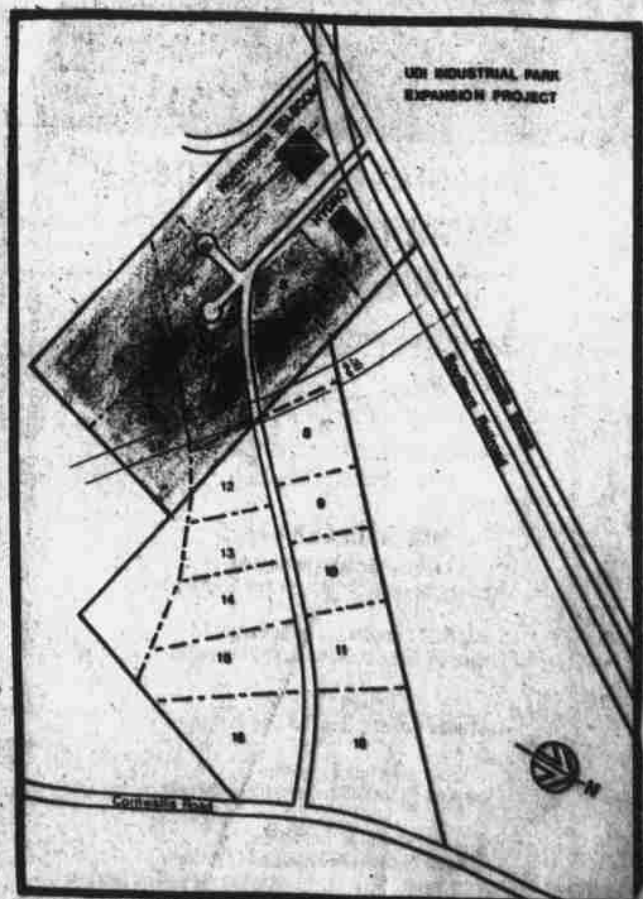
"I am delighted that Dr. Parrish has agreed to accept this position," Dr. Morrow said. "I feel that he will add tremendous insight and depth to the department."

Parrish received his A.B. in psychology in 1957 from Brown University, a masters of education and a masters of social work from Boston University and a doctorate in public

health education from UNC-Chapel Hill.

He has previously served as a policy advisor with the Department of Administration, as a public health officer with Healthco, Inc., a health center at Soul City; as director of the Division of Community Health Education at Tufts Delta Health Center, Mound Bayou, Mississippi; as director of a neighborhood center in Boston which created the South End Tenant's Development Corp., and as director of Youth Development and Offenders Program with United Planning Organization of Washington, D.C. He has also directed a vocational counseling training and employment center for school dropouts and worked with troubled youth in alternative programs.

He has received awards for outstanding social worker of the Eastern Chapter of Massachusetts and Global Community Health Fellowship. Parrish is married and the father of four.



UDI Expanded Acreage

Howard Fuller To Keynote

NBIPP To Sponsor "Salute To Malcolm X"

RALEIGH — On Saturday, May 15, the National Black Independent Political Party (NBIPP) will sponsor a "Salute To Malcolm X" celebration and rally from 1 to 5 p.m., at Chavis Park (corner of Lenoir & Chavis Way).

The keynote speaker will be Howard Fuller (Owusu Sadauki), founder of Malcolm X University; former N.C. activist, and now leader of the Ernst Lacey Coalition Against Police Brutality in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The event is being held in honor of Malcolm X's birthday which is May 19. There are several cultural and political activities scheduled for the enjoyment and participation of the entire family. Other events include

voter registration; a karate/self-defense demonstration; cultural presentation by the Paul Robeson Drama Guild. A special community speak-out on police brutality will also be held. A presentation of the civilian Police Review Board proposal recently submitted to the Raleigh City Council will be made.

Malcolm X was a powerful proponent of black self-determination who was assassinated in 1965. He has become a symbol of strong black advocacy.

Co-sponsors of this community celebration include the Raleigh Black United Front and the Triangle Association of Black Social Workers. The public is invited.