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Joann Little Speaks At Beulah Baptist

Rally Draws 400 Supporters

by Robert Eller
Staff Reporter



Supporters gather to participate in recent march in support of JoAnn Little. A meeting was held at Beulah Baptist Church.

"There is absolutely no chance for me to get a fair trial in Beauford County, it would be best to move it anywhere other than there." These were the words of Joanne Little in an interview Thursday night April 3. Miss Little was in Winston-Salem for a march and rally in support of her fight for justice.

Miss Little has been charged with murder in the stabbing death of Charles Alligood the 62-year-old jailer in Beauford County last August 27. Miss Little contends that she stabbed Alligood in self-defense as he tried to rape her in the jail. She was being held there on a charge of breaking and entering. Alligood's body was later discovered in the cell, his shoes in the hallway, his body naked from the waist down and clutching his trousers in his hand. Traces of sperm and semen were found on his leg.

More than 80 supporters marched from the Hall of Justice downtown to Beulah Baptist Church at Trade and 14th Street. They were escorted by a caravan of cars and a bus load of senior citizens. At the church, more than 400 persons gathered for the rally. They raised more than \$700 for Miss Little's defense fund. Other pledges and collections earlier in the day totaled more than \$350.

At the rally Jerry Paul of Durham, one of Miss Little's defense attorneys, estimated Miss Little's defense would cost around \$250,000. He defended the cost saying, "none of the attorneys in this case are accepting fees." The \$250,000 will go for work by research teams and other expenses.

Karen Galloway, another of Miss Little's attorney's told supporters at the rally that preliminary motions in the case will be heard in Beauford

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Shotgun Robbery Nets Undisclosed Cash

Three black men, one apparently carrying a sawed-off shotgun, walked into the Happy Hill Garden rental office at 920 Mock Street and took an undetermined amount of cash, according to police reports.

Mrs. Shirley Eaton, an employee of the housing authority said the three men walked in through the front door and hollered, "Freeze, this is a stick up." She said one suspect jumped over the counter and started banging

the keys on the cash register. She reported that the suspect demanded that she come over to the cash register and open it up.

According to the witness the cash register was cleaned out and the suspects checked the drawers behind the counter.

The three were said to have left through the front door and were last seen running behind the building towards Diggs elementary school. Last report the three had not been apprehended.

\$3 Million Is Requested For NCCU's Law School

by Special Correspondent

A state Senate subcommittee has recommended \$3 million for a law building at North Carolina Central University (NCCU) in Durham, according to reports received here.

The Senate appropriation subcommittee on education asked that the request be given top priority above both the proposed medical school at East Carolina University and the proposed Veterinary School at N.C. State in Raleigh.

NCCU is under threat of loss of accreditation by the American Bar Association (ABA) if it does not build a new building and improve its program. The accrediting council of the ABA is scheduled to review NCCU's program sometime this summer.

Poor facilities at NCCU are generally thought to be the reason so many blacks flunk the N.C. State Bar Exam; although there are some who feel the State Board of Examiners discriminate in its

grading procedures. There are some, too, who feel that the Bar Examination itself is culturally biased.

In 1973 for example, 60 out of 489 applicants, who took the bar exam failed. Twenty-three of the 60 failures came from

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Black Doctors Indicted

Two black doctors arrested here about two weeks ago have been indicted on charges of selling prescriptions for improper medical reasons.

The indictment is the result of a statewide crackdown on licensed physicians distributing legal drugs illegally.

Dr. Leroy L. Hall, 75, of 309 E. Seventh Street and Dr. James M. Jones, 50, of 1225 E. Fifth Street, were charged with sale and delivery of controlled substances. Sixteen doctors have been arrested throughout the state. The State Bureau of Investigation is in charge of the crackdown.

Petition Halts Closing Of Nursing Care Unit

by Gwen Dixon
Staff Reporter



Mrs. Mazie Woodruff

The Forsyth County Hospital Authority agreed to acquire a skilled-care license that would allow Reynolds Hospital to continue treatment of intermediate patients, according to Mazie Woodruff, chairperson of an ad hoc committee set up to halt closing of the nursing care unit at the hospital. Members of the black community showed up at the county commissioners meeting recently with petitions signed by

more than 1,000 persons in support of keeping the long-term nursing care unit open.

According to Woodruff, community people had worked hard to provide the excellent care that the patients are now receiving. "Now that we got it we do not want to let it go," she said.

A member of the hospital authority, Woodruff said the County Commissioners started a Community Health Task Force 18-months ago to take a look at the overall health care in Forsyth County. "It was instituted because people in the community wanted to know why Forsyth had a surplus of money and Reynolds was dying for lack of funds," she said in a recent interview.

The members on the Task Force consist of people already on the Health Planning Council. The function of the Community Health

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