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Ronald Barbee ...Attorney

Black Attorney Gets Post

The appointment of two special judges of the Superior Court were announced recently by Govern Jim Holshouser.

Named for four-year terms, they are Ronald Barbee of Greensboro and William Thomas (Bill) Graham of Winston-Salem. They will succeed Sammie J. Chess of High Point and Dennis J. Winner of Ashville, whose terms expired June 30.

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Racism, Not Busing Called Big City Problem

The resistance to busing now sweeping many northern communities is really a resistance against school integration, a University of Chicago sociologist said recently. Busing is not the real problem," said Dr. Edgar Epps, Marshall Fields professor of urban education at the university. "When busing was used to avoid integration, no one complained. In former years, we saw white children ride past black schools and the parents did not get upset."

Epps, the second summer lecturer at A&T State University, agreed that some desegregation has occurred in the big cities as a result of the crosstown busing, but he attributes this to a speeding up of a suburbanization process.

"Some middle-class whites were already leaving the central cities before there was any pressure for busing," he said.

Epps, one of the nation's foremost black sociologists,

said he would like to see this country move more toward cultural pluralism.

"By cultural pluralism, I mean a situation in which there are living within the same nation, people who have different cultural

Omega Psi Phi

backgrounds. It is a pluralism based on the democratic philosophy in which diversity is respected.."

In order to achieve this cultural pluralism, said Epps, the nation must begin to eliminate the AngloEuropean bias in the educational system.

"We must eliminate all materials in textbooks which give inaccurate information about minorities," he said, "and we must provide opportunities for multi-

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Aid Offered To Needy

The Psi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has made a committment to give help to local citizens, according to an article received here.

"Omega men still trying to determine who needs what," the article reads. Once this is done "then we will design programs and make other efforts to satisfy some of such needs."

However, the group does not promise to help everyone in every way but will give each request consideration. "We realize the fact that there is a wealth of talent and skill within our membership that could do a great deal to help solve some of the needs of the people in

Many people who are not familiar with the fraternity structure and functions feel that these organizations are Sec Needy Page 2



Staff members at center make life a little better many neigh borhood kids. Marcia Parrish, Mrs. Hughes and Robert Walker maintain the center.

Erwin Blasts Prison Dept. For 'Wasting Money'

By Robert Eller Staff Reporter

(Editor's note: This is the second of a three-part series of interviews held with North Carolina legislator, Richard C. Erwin. Erwin, a member of the House of Representatives, was extremely outspoken on the courts, the prisons and the death penalty.)

Forsyth county's first black state representative blasted the state prisons and called for the department to seperate rehabilitative services from custodial care.

"The department of Corrections is wasting state money," he charged. Erwin said the prison system needs to be divided into two divisions. "One for the people who desire to be rehabilitated and another that would act as custodian for those who do not desire some help."

In addition, Erwin said "the efforts that are being made now to rehabilitate

people are being done in an environment that is inconsistant with improvement." He feels that with two divisions those people with the desire for rehabilitation could be helped a lot easier.

Erwin cited Central Prison in Raleigh as an example of prison system problems being linked to the courts. "The problem that exists will continue until the judiciary becomes color blind." he warned. "In order

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ESR Center Keeps Kids Busy And Fed

A poster hangs in the Locust Community Center that states "Good grooming can make you Dyn-O-Mite".

The poster is an eye catcher. The Children in the picture have bright smiles and pretty clean teeth. That's the image the center attempts to project to its deprived youth.

The center is an outreach program for the young and old. During the summer months more activities are planned for the youngsters in an effort to keep them off the street.

The manager, Mrs. Sally Hughes, and Marcia Parrish, an assistant for the See Center Page 2

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