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Shopping Centers Say No To NAACP

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Murder Victim Is Stabbed 13 Times

A Winston-Salem man was found murdered in his apartment last week as a result of approximately 13 stab wounds received in a fight with an unknown assailant.

Police identified the murder victim as Otis Weeks, 30, of 1604-B North Patterson Avenue. Also injured in the assault was Barbara Attucks, 36, of the same address. She was hospitalized after receiving three stab wounds.

Police reports indicated that there were two children asleep in an adjoining bedroom during the attack, but were not awakened by the scuffle.

Describing the events for the police, Attucks said a man

she had never seen before came through the back door. She said he never spoke a word or in any way made clear that his purpose in being there was. According to Miss Attucks, the assailant started to stab her immediately. During the struggle she called Weeks. Weeks, answering her cry for help, took up the struggle with the assailant. Miss Attucks broke free, ran out of the apartment to call police for help.

Police say the investigation is continuing. The suspect is described as being approximately 5'7" to 5'9". He was last seen wearing overalls, a flowered shirt, red cap, and tennis shoes or soft bottom shoes.

by Rudy Anderson
Staff Writer

The emergency fund raising efforts of the NAACP have been blocked by the major shopping center areas in Winston-Salem, say representatives of the local chapter.

Rev. James McMillan, president of the local chapter, said that in each instance, NAACP representatives were told that they could not solicit funds of any kind on the property of the shopping center contacted. In some cases, he said, "we were not

allowed to take memberships or pass out literature."

Dr. F.W. Jackson, whose job it was to contact the shopping centers, said that because of the urgency of the drive he did not have time to look into the matter further. But he maintains he has seen countless individuals and groups soliciting funds or handing out literature for their particular causes at many different shopping centers "all over town." He said he was told by the various shopping center managers

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Fund Drive Falls Short

For the last two weeks, the local chapter of the NAACP has been moving frantically to collect a self-appointed goal of \$10,000 to send to the national headquarters in New York. At the NAACP Emergency Action Mass Meeting held last Sunday at St. James Baptist Church, reports showed they had only been able to gather upwards of \$5,000.

Rev. James McMillan, pastor of St. James and president of the local chapter here, said that the effort was continuing. He said that the local had received sums of \$100 or more from the prominent black churches in the city. Some small black businesses had contributed well. He noted that the funeral homes and the beautician groups had given their support.

The mass meeting started out as a trickle in the opening minutes with only about 50 people there. Their numbers swelled as the meeting went on and by the end of it, there were more than 250 people attending.

McMillan noted that this kind of activity was going on in every major city in the United States. He also said that the national chapter was contacted and told what the Winston-Salem chapter had raised so far. He said that they were happy to receive it along with other money and pledges from around the country.

The NAACP has to raise \$1.5 million dollars to appeal a judgement leveled at the organization by what they call a "racist" court in Mississippi. They have until September 25, 1976, to raise the money. If the old civil rights group is not able to raise the money, it could mark the end of this organization.

Black Landowners To Form Association

Black landowners from the 100 counties of North Carolina will meet in the Harrison Auditorium on the campus of A.&T. State University in Greensboro on Saturday, October 2, 1976 to organize the North Carolina Association of Black Landowners.

The free registration and coffee hour will be held from ten until eleven o'clock. The morning session beginning at eleven o'clock will include a statement of the seriousness of the problem of black land loss by Dr. Lester Salamon of Duke University Institute of Policy Science and Public Affairs who has discovered through statistical approach that if land continues to disappear from black people during the next decade has been the trend for the past ten years, there will be no black-owned lands in the south by 1987. Also address-

ing the group will be Mr. Joseph F. Brooks, Executive Director of the Emergency Land Fund, Atlanta, Ga.

For the first hour of the afternoon session, beginning at 2:30 p.m., landowners of the 100 counties of North Carolina will be divided into ten Districts and will caucus to select members to serve on the State Steering Committee, and state committees on Finance, Political Activity, Education, Ways & Means, Membership, Public Relations, Legal Research and Representation, Community Development and Social Planning, and Agriculture (including crops, livestock and forestry). State officers will be elected by the main body, and membership qualifications and dues will be decided.

The North Carolina organization will affiliate with the See LANDOWNERS, Page 24

Chimney Swifts have been mistaken for bats. Pictured above are Swifts.

Bats & Swifts- Case Of Mistaken Identity

by Rudy Anderson
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The day was dreary, wet and rather cool. All of a sudden there they were. Hundreds of them, thousands of them, blotting out the gray sky with their black bodies. Everyone was asking, "What are they? What are they?" Then someone yelled, "They're bats." The search was on.

With the able assistance of Dr. Peter Weigl, biology instructor at Wake Forest University, the Chronicle took a closer look at what a number of people thought were large

numbers of bats living in or near Moore Laboratory School.

What we found were chimney swifts. Apparently, there are thousands of them living in or near the school's boiler room chimney. The exact location was not discovered by our probe and they did not sweep out of the chimney like they had done before. According to the school custodian, "they must have known someone was looking for them."

However, there have been bats found at Moore. Mrs. Geneva Brown, principal at Moore says that the school See CASE OF, Page 2

