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Teen's Head Busted in Arrest



Staff Photo by Templeton

Joe James Duncan

By John W. Templeton
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A Derry Street teenager got a five-inch laceration on the forehead and other minor injuries in a scuffle with city police following the issuing of a traffic citation in the 1400 block of Trade Street Tuesday morning.

The youth, Joe James Duncan, 19, of 1471 Derry St. was charged with resisting arrest and assaulting a police officer in addition to the citation for defective equipment after being treated and released from Forsyth Memorial Hospital.

Duncan and several witnesses to the arrest charge that police choked him, scraped his face against the roadway and kned him in the back during the incident.

Police Sgt. J.G. Matthews of the traffic

division said he was conducting an investigation of the incident as required by police policy.

Officer R.S. Inscore, one arresting officer, said the scuffle resulted from Duncan's refusal to sign the citation and an attempt to run away from the officers. "We went out of our way not to hurt him," said Inscore.

The incident occurred while Inscore and Officers M.E. O'Brien and J.I. Daulton from the traffic division conducted a license check on Trade Street at about 10:15 a.m. Tuesday.

Mrs. Donna Goins of 2117 N. Trade said she had stopped for the checkpoint. "They were talking to him," she said. "Then they just grabbed him and started beating him. I didn't hear them read any rights or anything."

Edward Callands, 13, one of several youths playing nearby, said, "All the policemen jumped on him and kned him in the back."

According to the various accounts, Duncan and the officers went to the ground. Mrs. Goins said, "The one with his arm around his neck was the one beating his head against the ground."

Inscore said the gash happened inadvertently during the struggle on the street and the adjoining sidewalk. "When he skinned his head, I stuck my hand under to protect it and I skinned my hand."

The license check was conducted because of complaints from area residents about reckless driving by persons

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Racism Hampers Truckers

By Yvette McCullough
Staff Writer

The job of driving a truck looks glamorous to many people. The chance to see the country, good money, and the choice of working when you want to makes being an independent truck driver look attractive. However, James Segers, one of the first black independent truckers in Winston-Salem, says, if you're black, it's almost impossible now to make it in trucking.

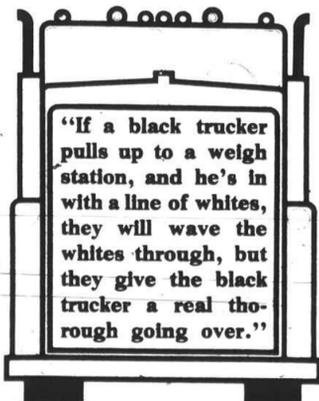
"It's getting harder everyday for blacks," Segers said. "With diesel fuel prices rising and the financial hardships blacks have, it's almost impossible to make it."

Although now he can choose when he wants to work, he finds that racial prejudice is still evident in the trucking industry.

"There is a lot of money involved in trucking and if you're black and don't know how to service your trucks you're in for a rough time," Segers said.

He said that shops charge blacks more to fix their trucks than whites. He said maintaining a truck costs a lot of money. A truck's oil change costs about \$100, a new set of tires \$3,000 and a new engine costs about \$12,000.

Segers said that blacks wanting to borrow money find it very hard to get any, unless they mortgage "everything they own." He also said that ICC regulations are more strictly enforced toward blacks than towards whites.



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"If a black trucker pulls up to a weigh station, and he's in with a line of whites, they will wave the whites through, but they give the black trucker a real thorough going over," he said. "The black trucker has to keep his truck in perfect condition."

"I know I haven't accomplished what I'm capable of by the restrictions put on me by being black," Segers continued. "I don't think a white man could have achieved what I have with all the things that have been put in my way."

Segers started in trucking about 14 years ago. He didn't become an independent trucker by choice by necessity. It all started when Segers first went to a local trucking firm and applied for a job. He was told he would have to take an aptitude test which he did.

"I had one of the highest scores on the test," Segers said. "However they told me they were looking for a man with two years of experience."

Segers later found out that the firm had hired whites

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Staff Photo by McCullough

Tandy Kiser, the son of former slaves will be celebrating his 101st birthday, August 24. Kiser was born in Yadkin County and spent most of his life working on various farms. He farmed the R.J. Reynolds Plantation for 18 years until Reynolds died.

Salvation Army Boots Boosters

By John W. Templeton
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The Salvation Army Boys Club has "disassociated" itself from the Tiny Indians Booster Club in a dispute over a debt for football equipment for the club's Tiny Indians midget football program.

Boosters club officers, parents who have borne the brunt of support for the program, say the army's action prevents them from making good the bill for \$1200 in supplies purchased for last season.

The split has come about during a two-month-old exchange of letters and phone calls between interested parties, and, of late, their lawyers.

Maj. Herbert Bergen, city commander of the Salvation Army, said, "We've got to have help, but we're not able to use debt."

Bergen said the army would be seeking other sources of revenue to fund the football program. "If it cannot be, then we'll have to reassess the program."

Douglas Joyner, president of the boosters, said the

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SPOTLIGHT

Everything Ashford and Simpson touch turns into gold, it seems. Read the story of their remarkable achievements in Spotlight, part of the all new Vibes, beginning on page 16.

Beaty, Kennedy Stay in House Race

By Yvette McCullough
Staff Writer

The newly formed Black Political Awareness League (BPAL) has voted to endorse Carl Russell for the Forsyth County seat in the N.C. House of Representatives, however two candidates who were also considered by the league told the Chronicle that they are still in the running.

Attorneys Annie Kennedy and James Beaty said that they were still candidates for the seat vacated by Rep. Judson Deramus, Jr., who resigned to be sworn in as a special superior court judge.

"I was a candidate before I ever knew about BPAL," said Attorney Kennedy. "I'm still a candidate and am seeking the seat and I do intend to run next year."

Beaty said he is still a candidate and that he's offering an alternative to

"My feelings are that until the Democratic Executive Committee votes, I am still an active candidate," Beaty said. "My candidacy is not out of disrespect to Mr. Russell, I think an alternative should be available for the black people."

David Wagner, a candidate also considered by BPAL said that he was no longer a candidate.

"I don't want to pursue it anymore," Wagner said. "I had gotten involved only at the request of some interested people with BPAL."

Wagner said that he plans to support BPAL.

Alderman Vivian Burke, chairman of the league, said in a prepared statement that the group endorsed Russell because he has the skills and leadership ability to represent all the citizens of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County.

"We urge the Democratic Executive

Committee to support BPAL's candidate," the statement read.

Russell told the Chronicle that he accepts the League's endorsement, although he wasn't actively seeking the seat.

"I was approached by some of the precinct people," Russell said. "BPAL carries some weight because only the precinct people were allowed to vote."

Russell said that the other candidates have a right to seek the seat if they choose to.

BPAL was formed last month because it was felt that blacks hadn't received their fair share from the Democratic Party. The group is composed of precinct chairmen, first vice-chairmen or representatives, and Baptist ministers' conference and associates working for the benefit of the community.

Russell is a local funeral director and former mayor pro-tem of the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen. He served 16 years on the board. In 1977 Russell ran an unsuccessful campaign for Mayor and lost to Wayne Corpening.

Beaty is the former law partner of Richard C. Erwin, and presently is in partnership with Billy Friende Jr. Beaty is a 1974 graduate of the University of North Carolina Law School. He is past secretary of the N.C. Association of Black Lawyers and presently the vice-president of the Association.

Kennedy was the second black woman in the state of North Carolina to pass the bar. She is in law practice with her husband and sons. She is a graduate of Spelman and received her law degree from the Howard University School of Law.



Doctoring

Deborah Bethea (right) examines Wanda Jones' blood pressure as part of the Patterson Avenue Y's cardiovascular education effort at Camp Civitan.

Creating Experts On Hypertension

A stethoscope hung from Deborah Bethea's ears as she expertly wrapped a pressure balloon around her "patient." Moments later, she looked at the nearby blood pressure scale and pronounced "that's a 120."

Bethea and a dozen other youth were learning about hypertension and its impact on the black community through a unique project operated by the Patterson Avenue YMCA through its Camp Civitan east of Winston-Salem.

Part of the process is actually learning to read blood pressure. "When you give the kids a chance to do something, they like it a lot more," said Dennis Holt, who instructs the hypertension class.

The young heart specialists were eager to show what they have learned. "The systolic pressure is when the heart is beating and the diastolic is when it's at rest," said Helen Jones.

"You get hypertension when the veins clog up and make it hard on the heart," she added. "There's a build-up of waste in the blood."

Another youth volunteered that one of four blacks have hypertension as opposed to one of six whites.

The hypertension teaching project was developed by YMCA health services director Emanuel Osei-Antwi, one of two black exercise physiologists in the

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