



Bruce "Smokey" Lindsay's (insert) family are (L to R) seated: Maternal grandparents; mother, Mrs. Jacquelin Lindsay and father, Mr. Bruce Lindsay. Standing are: Carl Swann, Germaine Swann, Avis Crockett, Joan Springs, Viola Lindsay, Tyrone Lindsay and Tomasue Crockett.

cut my grass and he wouldn't take my money. That was the best boy you'd ever want to see." Smokey also cut the grass of Mrs. Gladys Gaither. "He lived across the street and took care of my yard and anything that needed fixing around the house," Mrs. Gaither said. "I'm 85 years old and can't do a lot of things for myself. He was just like a grandchild." The details of Smokey's

death raise a number of disturbing questions, say his family. He was found face down in his apartment after being trapped by flames after the floor to the only exit in the upstairs dwelling collapsed. Smokey was dead of smoke inhalation by the time firemen reached him. The fire had started in the apartment beneath Smokey's, burned through the ceiling into his apart-

ment, then spread quickly through the rest of the building. Fire officials say that the intense heat and the fire's ability to spread so fast increase suspicions that the fire was set intentionally. Still, despite the fact that the persons responsible for such a crime can be charged with murder and that the state offers rewards of up to \$10,000 for information involving such crimes, few

clues have been found. "I just don't understand," said Mrs. Crockett. "Some kind of justice needs to be done. You can't get away with taking the lives of innocent people." Fire investigator J. C. Douglas says he is certain the fire was the result of arson, "but as far as who set the fire, I don't have any leads." Douglas said he is sympathetic to the feelings of

the Lindsay family, simply has run out of evidence. "There is only so much we can do," he said. "There just no motive for the incident that we can find in the neighborhood and they don't know anything." Persons with any information concerning the Sept. 29 fire at Buchanan Street should call fire investigator Douglas at 727-2492.

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was found guilty of assaulting Cecilia Walker, a black senior from East Orange, N.J. in Orange County District Court. Jones was granted a prayer for judgment continuance for six months, meaning that the defendant was found guilty of the crime but will not receive a criminal record.

In the incident involving the dormitory assault of the black female by two white females, university officials met with the students and their parents and the university housing department put the white students on probation and transferred them to another dormitory.

Such occurrences are evidence of a disturbing mood, said Black Student Movement President Canady.

"I think there is a mood, but I'm not quite sure why it is manifesting itself in this way now," Canady told the Chronicle.

Canady added that the general mood of anxiety in the country may be a factor. "These are frustrating times for everyone," he said.

"They just started happening," John Hinton, editor of Black Ink, UNC's black student newspaper, said of the incidents. "It was like a steamroller. Some of the incidents could be construed as minor disputes, but with black students, when the word 'nigger' comes up, it will provoke a fight. Black people do not appreciate being called niggers."

Hinton said he had hoped the university administration would have reprimanded the white students with more than just "a slap on the wrist."

In the days following the letter by Canady and Shepard, the Daily Tar Heel was filled with letters of response almost evenly divided among those who

felt that the incidents were the sign of troubled race relations on campus and those who felt that they were isolated incidents blown out of proportion.

"In the final analysis, it does not matter whether the recent incidents were racial or not," wrote Greensboro junior Teresa Artis on Dec. 4. "The important fact is that racial problems do exist at Carolina. These problems have not emerged just during the past few weeks."

"If this period of public attention is the time for the University community to grasp that fact, then we are all fools not to seize this chance. Problems exist in dorm rooms, in classes, in student organizations, between professors and students and simply in the lack of understanding and interaction between blacks and whites."

Countered white student Josh Kardon, in the same edition: "To blacks on campus, I urge you not to be misled by those who purport to be your leaders. Work for increased black enrollment, work for an increase in black faculty, work for a cessation of prejudice that exists on both sides of the color line—do not become entangled in a muddle of purposeless sensationalism."

In a Daily Tar Heel interview on Dec. 2, UNC Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III said his response to the incidents was "not a very happy one."

"There's a lot of feelings of insecurity, tension and alienation in society and for that climate to be reflected on this campus in a learning environment concerns me."

Fordham added that a letter listing the names and phone numbers of people students should contact about disciplinary problems would be distributed on campus.

Womble Attends City Congress

Alderman Larry W. Womble of Winston-Salem was in Detroit last week to work with local government leaders from around the country as the National League of Cities met for the 1981 Congress of Cities.

The League's annual meeting, attended by some 3,000 mayors, council members, commissioners and other municipal officials, focused this year on sorting out the roles and responsibilities of local government in the rapidly changing structure of federal, state and local relationships. A major concern at the meeting was identifying the resources that will be required to enable each level of government to carry out its proper functions.

NLC president William H. Hudnut, mayor of Indianapolis, led off the meeting with a speech pointing out

that gains must be made in matters such as home rule for cities in order to bring about the New Federalism goals espoused by president Reagan. Hudnut also said that higher levels of government should accompany the assignment of functions for local government.

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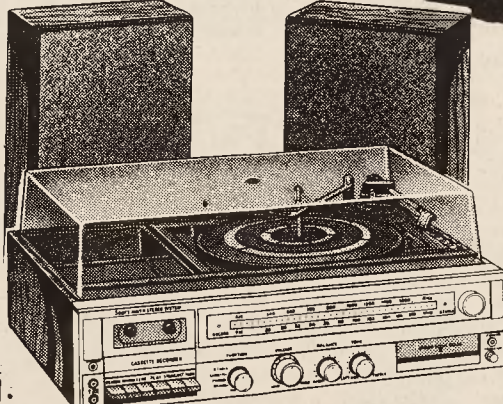
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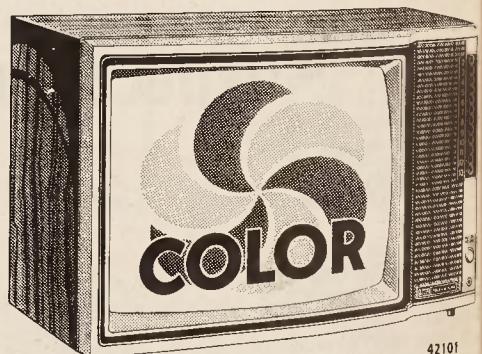
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