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Hometown: Winston-Salem
Hobbies: Reading, watching television and helping others
Describe yourself in one word: "Aggressive"
Favorite book: The Holy Bible
Favorite Movie: "Roots"
Person admires most: The Rev. War-nie C. Hay
Career Goal: "To continue to grow in my profession"

(photo by James Parker)

NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by John Slade

Iredell Officials Moving To Curb Violence

STATESVILLE -- Officials in Iredell County announced last week that steps are being taken to discourage racial violence that they say may be linked to the Ku Klux Klan.

Since November, officials said, more than 30 incidents of racially motivated violence have been reported in Iredell and neighboring Alexander County, including two shootings in the town of Troutman last month.

On July 6 and 7, shots were fired at the home of a black highway department worker and the home of

Joseph Walker, the town's police chief. No one was hurt.

Klan leaders have denied any role in the shootings. But the Rev. Charles Roman, the president of the Statesville chapter of the NAACP, said that Klan members are part of a "chain of such incidents plaguing Iredell County in recent months."

Said Joe Troutman, chairman of the Iredell county commissioners: "I hope the word will get out that this element is not welcome here. We're not going to stand for this intimidation."

March Not The Answer, Says Alexander

"I'll go if I have to," but voting, not marching, is the key to solving problems facing blacks, said Kelly Alexander Tuesday, Aug. 23, of the Aug. 27 March on Washington.

Alexander, who lives in Charlotte, is the acting chairman of the NAACP national board of directors.

Alexander said nothing can be solved by marching and called the demonstration scheduled for last Saturday "a mess-up from the general start."

The march, which drew an estimated 250,000 demonstrators, celebrated the 20th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Bluford Becomes The First Black Man In Space

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. -- Lt. Col. Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first black to fly in space Tuesday. His mission aboard the space shuttle Challenger came two months after Sally Ride became the first woman to fly in space.

Both milestones came sooner than they might have because of changes the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has made in the qualifications astronauts must have.

"In the past, the requirements to be an astronaut have included being a test pilot," said Bluford before the flight. "And, really, there are just very few blacks in that particular profession."

"It has only been with the development of the shuttle," he said, "where one doesn't have to be a pilot or test pilot to be an astronaut, which has opened up the opportunity for women and minorities."

Bluford attributes the absence of black astronauts to so few black test pilots when NASA began selecting astronauts in the 1950s. Racial discrimination has been an almost insurmountable obstacle to blacks' flying ambitions, he said.

Two more blacks have been assigned space flights next year, and a fourth is expected to be in space in 1985.

Bluford, 40, holds a doctorate in aerospace engineering and is a veteran of 144 Vietnam combat missions.

Crime Prevention

Robbers Victimize Store Clerks

The following "Crime Box Score" is designed to keep you abreast of criminal activity in your community during the past week and to protect your family and property from crime.

Armed Robbery

•2800 block, South Main Street
 Two black males entered the business and robbed the clerk; they were later stopped and charged with armed robbery.

•500 block, Northwest Boulevard

A black male held a straight razor on a convenience store employee, ordered him to take the money out of the cash register and escaped on foot. The suspect is described as a 5-9, 150- to 160-pound black male with a slender build and a thick moustache.

Strong-Armed Robbery

•100 block, West Fifth Street
 Three black males jumped on the complainant, assaulted him and took his wallet.

Storebreaking

- 1000 block, East 14th Street
 An organ was taken.
- 2800 block, Millbrook Avenue
 A Kenmore stove, an electric typewriter, a calculator, a Roto-rooter and a weedeater were taken.
- 3200 block, Old Greensboro Road
 Several cases of beer, wine and cigarettes were taken.
- 2200 block, N. Patterson Avenue
 Two stereo speakers and food items were taken.
- 500 block, Trade Street
 Clothing and money were taken.

Housebreakings

- 2600 block, Claremont Avenue
 A 19-inch color television was taken.
- 1600 block, Attucks Street
 Stereo equipment, speakers, a turntable, three cameras and a gold watch were taken.
- 500 block, East 15th Street

The suspect entered the residence. After the complainant walked in on the suspect, who was in his bedroom, the suspect put down the merchandise and walked out the front door.

Autobreakings

- 300 block, North Chestnut Street
 Three suits and two pairs of shoes were taken.
- 100 block, Wheeler Street
 Thirteen dozen eggs were taken.
- 2000 block, Trade Street
 A wallet and money were taken.

Larceny From Vehicle

- 1200 block, Hattie Avenue
 Four wheel covers were taken.
 - 4200 block, Patterson Avenue
 One hundred payroll checks were taken.
 - 1400 block, Woughtown Street
 Bed linen was taken.
 - 700 block, Ferrell Court
 Ladies' clothing was taken.
- Identifying Shoplifters**
 There is no such thing as a "typical shoplifter."
 Shoplifters are:

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Fire Prevention

Exit Signs Can Save Your Life

By THOMAS FLYNN
 Syndicated Columnist

They're so much a part of our environment that we hardly notice them. Yet, in a strange building, knowing where they are can be the difference between life and death.

No, we're not discussing ancient Chinese riddles. We're talking about exit signs, those illuminated guardians that can lead us to safety if fire strikes in a hotel, office building or store.

Careful travelers keep an eye out for exit signs wherever they go. In a hotel room or office, they know whether the nearest exit is to their right or left as they leave the door of their area.

You can do the same. Just train yourself to note the exit sign and its location as you already note the location of drinking fountains, vending machines and elevators.

When staying in a hotel, check out the exit more closely. If you can do this without setting off an alarm, open the exit door and follow the stairs to see where they emerge. They should let you off outside. In some municipalities, it's legal for a marked exit to terminate indoors at a lobby or service corridor. If you're not satisfied with the quality of the exits near your room, you're within your rights to request another room.

In most areas, the law requires that signs be lighted by

a power source independent of the building's fuses or circuit breakers -- in other words, the signs never go out unless all power has been lost. Some municipalities even require battery-equipped exit signs that will continue to glow even after power is cut off.

So, if you see an exit sign that isn't lighted, call the building or fire inspector's office and report it.

A related bit of the safety environment of which many people are unaware are emergency lights. They're those devices which look like automobile headlights mounted atop a big box. They're designed to store power in built-in batteries and shed light in the event of a power failure. Different codes set different minimum lifetimes for these units, from half an hour's emergency light to several hours worth.

Other clues to a fire-safe building are built-in fire extinguishers, fire hose reels and, in taller buildings, standpipes -- piping systems to which fire hoses can be attached on various floors.

All of these features, along with built-in sprinklers, smoke detectors and heat detectors, help make commercial structures more or less fire safe.

The wise individual considers building features like these when renting a hotel room, seeking space for a business or evaluating various offices as desirable places to work. Since building inspectors can't be everywhere,

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