

## Former NFL Star to Speak at Forum

New England Patriots and University of Virginia State star Ed Reynolds will speak at the Stop the Violence Forum at the Sims Center on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m.

"Ed Reynolds is very concerned about coming to the forum to help out with solutions on violence in the community," said Dell James, a friend of Reynolds. "While he was at the University of Virginia he was Academic All American.

The mission is to allow children and adults a chance to give two or three solutions, bases on information on which was given last year, and state the direction we should go this year to stop or slow the violence in the school and the city.

Refreshments will be provided by Chauncey Brown and Samuel Scott of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company.

Ben Piggott, of the Sims Recreation Center, will be the emcee for the program.

For more information call Piggott at 727-2837 or Bryant Corkle at North Hill Recreation Center, 661-0916.



Ed Reynolds

## Original Freedom Rider Found Dead

The local black community and freedom loving Americans lost a long time stalwart friend and supporter when Joseph Felmet was found dead at his home recently. The local branch of the NAACP lost also an Executive Committee Member and the chairman of its political action committee.

Felmet was a native of Asheville and a 1942 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in Journalism. He was a devoted member of the Socialist Party, but left the party when it became too warlike after Germany invaded Poland.

Felmet took up the cause of Civil Rights after spending eight months in a federal prison for refusing, as a conscientious objector, to fight in World War II.

He was later arrested and driven out of Broward County, Fla. in 1946 for supporting the rights of black bean pickers.

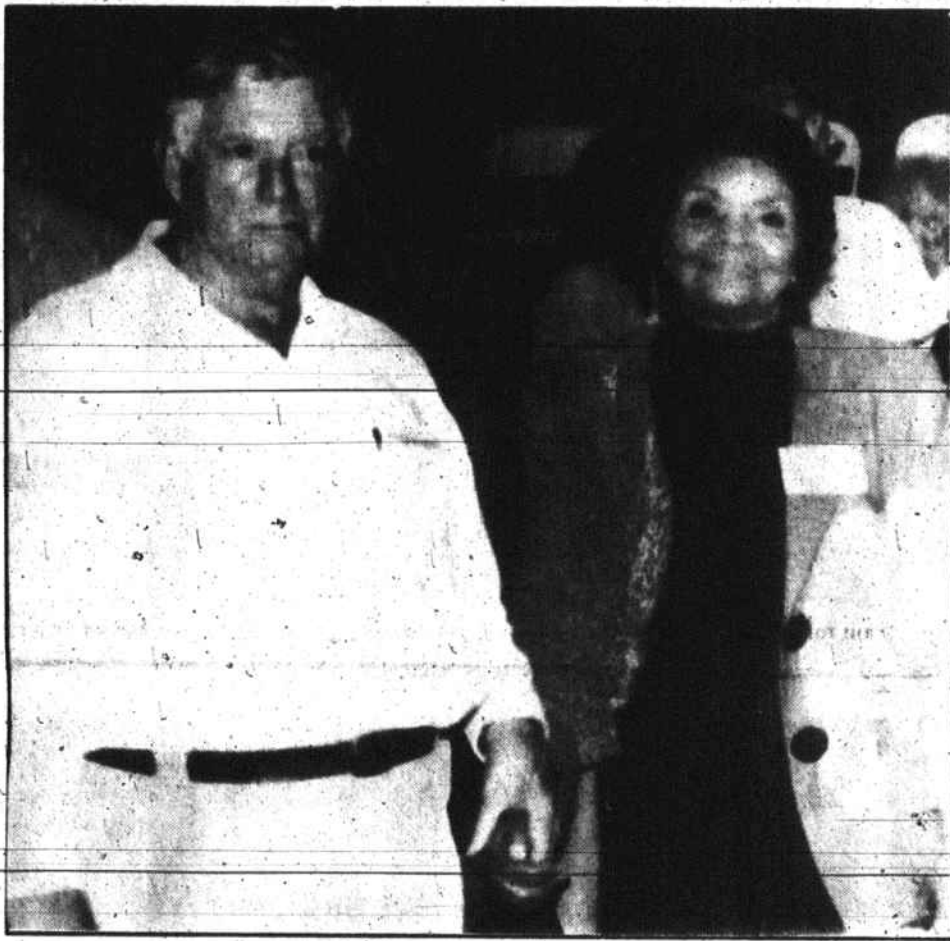
During April 9-23, 1947 Felmet with seven other white men and eight blacks took bus rides through 15 cities in the upper South to test a 1946 United Supreme Court decision won by Irene Morgan, now Irene Morgan Kirkadly, that outlawed segregation on interstate travel. Morgan has been arrested in Saluda, Va. on a trip from Hayes Store, Va. to Baltimore, Md.

The trips taken by the eighteen men were known as the "Journey of Reconciliation" the "First Freedom Rides." They were sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR).

During the two week travel through Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee, twenty-six tests were made. Arrests occurred on six occasions with a total of twelve men being arrested. Felmet was arrested in Chapel Hill and served 22 days on a road gang for his refusal to move from the rear to the front of the bus.

FOR decided to honor the survivors of the Journey of Reconciliation during the 30th anniversary of the March on Washington.

At the same time, FOR decided to work with the Bayard Rustin



Joseph Felmet with Irene Morgan Kirkadly whose 1944 arrest and 1946 U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawed interstate Jim Crow travel and inspired the first freedom rides.

Foundation to produce and shoot footage for a documentary entitled: "You Don't Have to Ride Jim Crow."

Felmet told C.B. Hauser one night at a NAACP Executive Committee Meeting about the plans of FOR, and said that he was going to ask FOR to invite him to the celebration since he was arrested in Oct. 19, 1947, in Mount Airy for refusing to ride Jim Crow on a trip from Winston-Salem to Charleston, W. Va. Hauser had known Felmet since the sixties when he was Public Relations Officer at Winston-Salem State and Felmet was with the Winston-Salem Journal.

FOR invited Hauser to the celebration and Hauser asked that Irene Morgan Kirkadly be invited. When it was known that FOR did not know of the whereabouts of Morgan, Hauser informed the representative that he knew of her address and that he would assist with getting her to the celebration. She was invited.

During the celebration at the 30th Anniversary of the March, with the march survivors seated on the

stage, Morgan was invited from the audience to join them. This was the first time that the riders have ever seen Morgan, the person who had inspired their rides 47 years ago. Then Hauser was introduced.

During and since the celebration, footage for the documentary has been shot in Mt. Airy and at the various locations where meetings and tests were conducted.

The documentary "You Don't Have to Ride Jim Crow" is scheduled to be shown next year during Black History Month.

Felmet believed strongly that minorities were entitled to all rights enjoyed by the majority, and will be remembered as one who made a great contribution to laying the foundation for the Civil Rights Movement and for making a significant contribution to ensuring human betterment.

It was Felmet's desire that no memorial service be held after his death, but that memorials may be made to War Resisters League, Nyack, N.Y. the Fellowship of Reconciliation of NYC, or the Unitarian Church of Winston-Salem.

## SECCA to Open New Exhibit Oct. 22

The Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA) will open the Southern Arts Federation/National Endowment for the Arts (SAF/NEA) exhibition on Oct. 22 in the Main, Potter, and Balcony Galleries. This exhibition of 30 southeastern artist highlights the diversity of artistic expression from across the region. East artist received a fellowship in painting, drawing and works on paper.

In addition to awarding each artist \$5,000, the SAF/NEA grant

provides financial support for an exhibition an catalog. SECCA is honored to host this year's exhibition, furthering the Center's mission to showcase art from the region, as well as bring nationally-known artists to the community.

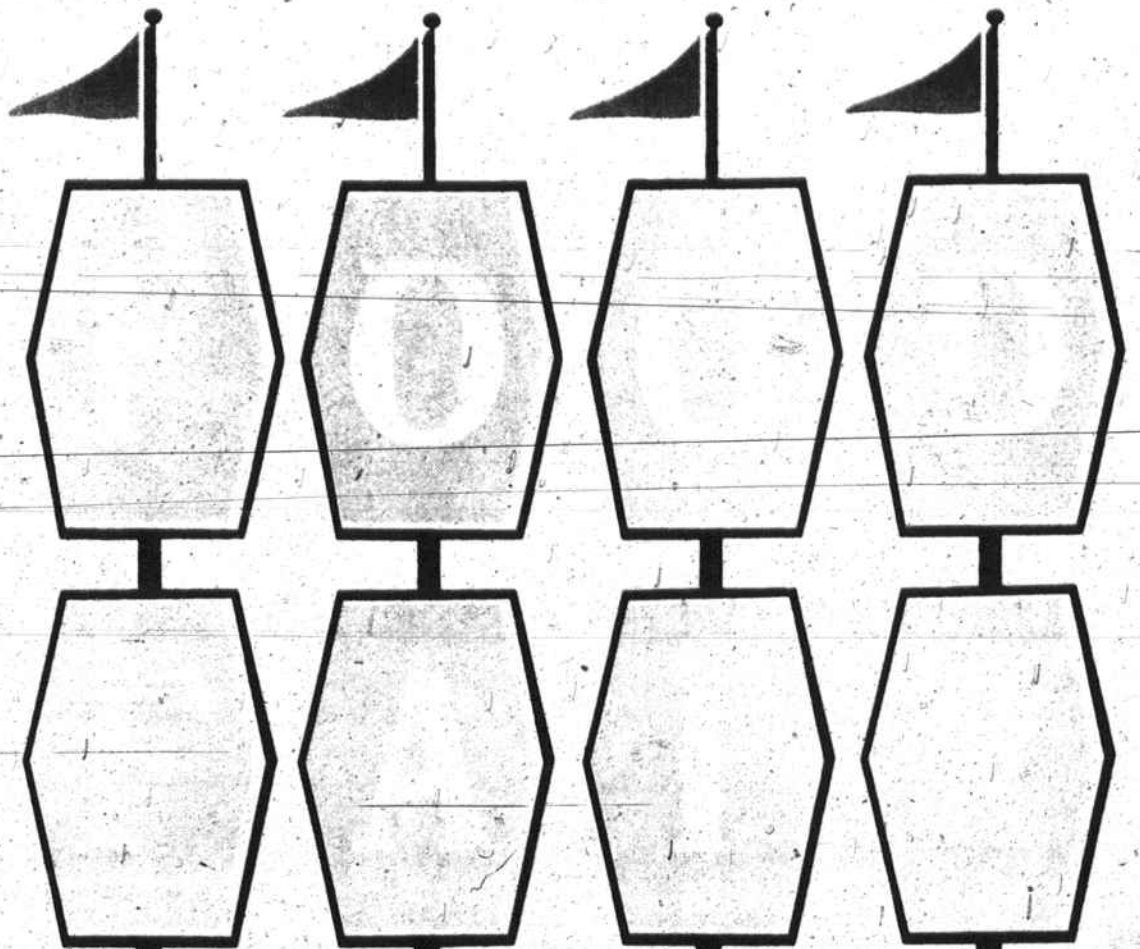
This exhibition will provide a great opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of contemporary paintings and works on paper including portraits, still-lives, landscapes, and abstractions.

The panelists for the selection

of the 30 fellowships from a pool of over 1,000 applicants were Micaela Amato, multimedia artist and professor at Pennsylvania State University, University Park; Michael Goodman, Atlanta, Ga.; book artist, Bruce Lineker, SECCA curator; Kay Miller, painter and professor at the University of Colorado, Boulder; and Bill Weege, printmaker and professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

The exhibition will remain on view through January 15.

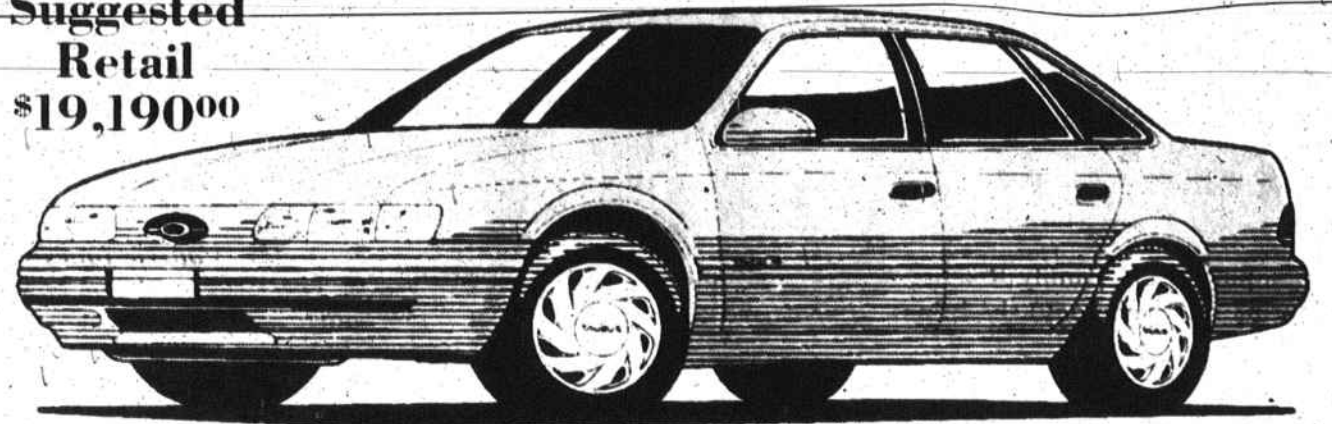
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