

Violent Crime Is Making Human Jungle Of Cities

By Hoyle Martin Sr.
Post Executive Editor

"Increasing violent crime is making a jungle of our cities and our suburbs, and blacks are four times as likely as whites to be mugged, raped and assaulted." This is part of the findings noted in an article

entitled "The Challenge of Crime." Written by Harry Fleishman, executive director of the National Alliance for Safer Cities and Race Relations Director of the American Jewish Community, New York City, the article points out that in 1949 a gallop survey showed

that only four percent of big city residents named crime as their city's worst problem but follow-up surveys show that by 1975 that concern had risen to 21 percent and surpassed unemployment and inflation. In fact, Mr. Fleishman comments that many law-abiding urban dwellers walk the streets

mentally and physically prepared to kill in defense of themselves. Other disturbing facts about crime as reported by Fleishman are: - 47 1/2 percent of all murder victims are black, yet blacks make up less than 12 percent of the nation's population;

- about 85 percent of all violent crimes are committed by people of one race against people of the same race; - in 1975 violent crime in the suburbs jumped 6.7 percent while in cities over 250,000 it went up only 2.8 percent; - two-thirds of all arrests for major crimes are committed

by people 21-years of age or younger; - youth between 16 and 19 years of age suffered 93 violent crimes per 1,000 and the elderly had 12 per 1,000 in 1974, however, fear of being victimized has caused many of the nation's 22 million elder-

ly to isolate themselves in self-imposed house arrest. - families with incomes below \$7,500 per year, suffer 45 violent crimes per 1,000 persons while the more wealthy with incomes over \$25,000 yearly have a rate of only 25 per 1,000.

- a 1970 Justice Department national jail census revealed that less than 11 percent of all jails had educational-rehabilitation program for inmates, and - the Joint Economic Committee of Congress estimates See "CRIME" On Page 8

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ATTRACTIVE LUGENIA THOMPSON

.....North Carolina National Bank Teller

Mrs. Lugenia Thompson Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Jeri Harvey
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This week, THE POST Beauty of the Week is Lugenia Thompson and she was recommended by a customer of the Morehead St. branch of North Carolina National Bank (NCNB) where she works as a teller. Her bright smile and sunny disposition were so impressive the customer felt a lot of people should know about her.

Born and reared in Charlotte, Lugenia attended West Charlotte High for three years but spent her senior year at Garinger and graduated in 1971.

Immediately after graduation she married Robert Thompson and they have two daughters, four year old Tamisha and Takeya, who is five. Robert is a truck driver for Observer Transportation.

For four years Lugenia worked as a grocery cashier and then applied for a job at NCNB, where she was hired and given a three week training period before becoming a teller.

Of her work at NCNB she says, "I had thought a lot about being a bank teller before I applied and I'm really glad I did it. The people I work with are very warm and kind. But especially, I enjoy meeting the public. You might say

I'm just a plain person who enjoys people."

She mentioned that on the day of the interview she was busy making preparations for a large family dinner the next day. "One of my biggest pleasures is having my family around me," she said. "My family and my church are very important to me. I married young and at first my husband and I were pretty wild, like a lot of young people, but now we've settled down and being married to a good man who cares about his family and seeing my children grow up in a home where God is gives me pleasure every day."

The Thompsons belong to Jerusalem Church of God and the pastor is Bishop Matthew Brown. Lugenia is an usher and a member of the Gospel Chorus. Outside of her job and church activities, she spends her spare time sewing for herself and the girls and she and her husband often have friends in for dinner and an evening of fellowship.

Lugenia's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Calloway. Her father, who is retired, babysits with Tamisha and Takeya in his kindergarten.

Talking to Lugenia makes it hard to be sad. Her good natured, friendly manner comes over so strong it brightens up the dreariest day.

N.C. Motorists Will

Pay More For Gasoline

According to a survey released Monday by the Carolina Motor Club, the holiday turkey won't be the only one

around getting it in the neck this Thanksgiving. Consider the plight of the poor North Carolina motorist, who will have to cough up over 3 cent more per gallon than what the national average price was last year for regular grade gasoline.

The Tar Heel motorist will be paying an average of 64.9 cents per gallon for regular. The national average last Thanksgiving for regular grade gas was computed at 61.5 cents per gallon.

In a spot check of 75 retail gasoline outlets scattered throughout the state, the club found the average prevailing price at full-service stations for premium gas will run 68.6 cents per gallon, an unleaded regular, 67.3 cents. Diesel fuel prices will average 56.7 cents per gallon.

TURTLE-TALK



...If a MAN could have HALF his wishes he would DOUBLE his TROUBLES.

In Observance Of Thanksgiving

Area Churches Will Hold Special Prayer Services

Bealer To Aid King Statue Drive

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

A drive to benefit the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Statue Foundation and, at the same time, keep the Queen City the clean city is being sponsored by Bealer Wholesale Distributors, in cooperation with the Reynolds Recycling Center.

Persons wishing to participate in this undertaking should bring all aluminum cans they can get their hands on to the Recycling Center, 3000 E. Independence Blvd. on Saturday, December 10. At that time they may make an on-the-spot contribution to the statue drive and receive a receipt for their tax-deductible gift. At the end of the day when all contributions have been totaled, that amount will be matched by the sponsors and a check presented, later in the week, to Rev. James Barnett, chairman of the fund drive.

Robert A. Barnett, assistant manager of Bealer Wholesale, distributor for Anheuser-Busch, Inc., said, "We were aware of the foundation's need for additional funds and we saw this as an opportunity to strengthen our civic ties with the community while aiding the ecology at the same time."

Posters will soon appear around the city advertising this venture and it is hoped that church, civic, fraternal, school, social and other groups and individuals will enlist this relatively painless means of bringing the statue drive to successful close.

A competition is being organized on the JCSU campus among groups of students and winners will be treated to a victory party by Bealer. See BEALER On Page 6

Hoyle Martin Named

Assistant Director Of CD

Hoyle Martin has been named assistant director of Charlotte's Community Development (CD) Department.

The appointment, which is effective immediately, was made by Community Development Director Vernon L. Sawyer. Martin replaces E.W. Waddell who retired in March, 1977 after serving 10 years with the department.

Martin, 47, will direct the Relocation and Economic Development Division and its 25 employees. He will plan and manage the CD manpower recruiting program developed to provide employment for residents of the Community Development target areas. He also will be responsible for the relocation of families and businesses, affirmative action



Rev. H.S. Diggs
...concerned for others



Rev. Robert Walton
...County Commissioner



Rev. George E. Battle
...Dynamic young minister

Many Will Distribute Food Baskets

By Jeri Harvey
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Thanksgiving Day for most Americans means families coming together, tables loaded with food, football games, parade watching, and the last breathing spell before getting down to serious preparations for Christmas.

It is also a time to pause and consider the blessings we have received over the past year.

As is always the custom, many local churches will hold special services on or before the holiday. Some congregations will combine for joint services and many will distribute food baskets to the needy or treat them to special dinners. In general, it is a time for gratitude and sharing.

A number of area ministers were contacted and asked to share their feelings about Thanksgiving. Collectively, they agreed that there is much for most of us to be grateful for, and that the best way to show gratitude for blessings received is to share those blessings with the less fortunate.

Here are some of the individual ways they expressed their views.

County commissioner Robert Walton, who is also pastor of St. Paul United Presbyterian Church said, "Thanksgiving Day is perhaps the second most important day in our year, with Christmas being most significant. Thanksgiving Day gives us, as individuals and a nation, an opportunity to pause to be thankful for the many, many blessings provided by God and his son, Jesus Christ."

"My greatest joy is being able to look around and see that I am helping someone." Those were the words of Rev. George E. Battle, the dynamic young minister of Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church.

"I feel this is the only way I can show God how grateful I am, by sharing my resources of strength with the weaker and neglected ones in my community," he added.

Rev. Lemar Foster, pastor of Second Calvary Baptist Church, said, "I look upon Thanksgiving as stemming from the principal of 'Going back a second time.' We ask for favors so often, but often fail to return a second time to offer thanks for the many blessings we receive from God and friends."

The pastor of Silver Mount Baptist Church in Pineville, Rev. Raymond Lee Jr., observed that, "Thanksgiving ought to be an every day expression of gratitude, not by words alone, but by our best attitudes, good actions and deeds; rendered each other from day See CHURCHES On Page 10

Blacks and The Energy Crisis

Editor's Note...This The Third In A Series About BLACKS AND THE ENERGY CRISIS

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At the very beginning President Carter's Energy Plan, which is projected to 1985, has a definite impact on Blacks and poor people with fixed incomes.

For home owners his plan offers a two hundred dollar tax break on the first \$800 spent on home insulation. If a homeowner spent \$2,200, a four hundred and ten dollar tax break would be allowed. Realistically this places an additional burden on low income homeowners and people with fixed incomes.

The President's Plan touches on coal conversion for industries...conversion from oil and natural gas; that they convert to coal burning. No one seems to mention the growing difficulty associated with the mining of coal, both from the technical and environmental standpoints. The environmentalists have maneuvered such prohibitive legislation on the books of some mining states that effective mining will incur exorbitant costs. Then, after it is mined, there are even stringent regulations as to how the coal can be burned in the plants. In order to keep from polluting the air, environmentalists have suggested plants use "scrubbers." Actually the cost of installing and maintaining scrubbers can eventually cost more than the plants themselves...

A danger lurks in the energy crisis for everybody...especially inner city people. We will definitely need more energy and more sources of energy. Where nuclear plants or electric generating plants could provide the answer, prevailing red tape would extend building time to fifteen years. There are 30 regulating agencies alone governing that many facets of nuclear plant building requirements.

Meanwhile the predictions are that the coming winter will be as severe as the last one. Next In The Series: The Raw Facts

selves...which makes for a losing proposition. Even at this, who would eventually pay for it all? The consumer of energy. And who would be even deeper behind the economic eight ball? Blacks and the poor.

The President suggest "solar energy" as an alternate source of inexpensive energy for warming, lighting and cooling the home. Again, for the poor and people of fixed incomes this can seem like a Logan's Run contraption. The plan would allow 40 percent on the first one thousand dollars spent by the homeowner on solar equipment and installations. How much equipment would a thousand dollars get? The plan further allows 25 percent tax credit on the next \$6,400. How do little people raise this kind of money in the first place?

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Conference On Criminal Justice Set

A two day conference on "Blacks and the Criminal Justice System" will be held on December 1 - 2 at Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C., according to Charles Cobb, executive director of the United Church of Christ's Commission For Racial Justice.

Keynote speakers for the affair will be Congressman John Conyers (D - Mich.) and Reginald Eaves, the first black Commissioner of Public Safety in Atlanta, Georgia.



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A college teacher for 12 years, Martin entered the field of administration as a director of the Charlotte Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. in 1968. From 1969-1972 he served as director of the Charlotte Concentrated Employment Program. He was coordinator of Extension and Continuing Education for UNC-C from 1972-76. For the past year he has been editor of THE CHARLOTTE POST and a lecturer in economics at UNC-C.

Martin and his wife, Rose, have four children. They attend Berean Seventh Day Adventist Church.