Council Of Negro Women Celebrate

The local chapter of the National Council of Negro Women celebrated the holiday season with a festive dinner party.

Mrs. Allean Conner and

Mrs. Margaret Carothers were co-hostesses to this

Highlights of the dinner party included the distribution of gifts to confined persons in the community and recognition of outgoing president and local NCNW founder, Mrs. Ophelia Gray for her outstanding efforts in council leader-ship. Mrs. June Chavis Davenport, present chair-person, presented Mrs. Graves a trophy from the local chapter.

Guests at the dinner party included: Mrs. Elaine Pugh, Mrs. Eliza-beth Dargan, Dr. Helen C. Othow and Mrs. Elizabeth

Local NCNW officers present were: Mary Harris, first vice president; Lucinda Satterwhite,

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California, study of more than 17,000 homicide cases

than 17,000 homicide cases in eight states revealed the following: "The data show a clear pattern of discrimination against suspects of either race whose victims are white," said Mr. Samuel Gross, an associate professor of law at the university.

ersity.
In Georgia, for example, ally 12, or 0.9 percent, of the cases involving black tetims, resulted in death

tences. But 67, or 8.7

cent of the cases studied alving white victims, stuced death sentences. In all, about two percent, 341 of the cases studied, sulted in death sen-

asked our community

eaders to give their

pinions about other Stan-ed findings listed below. 1. Murderers are more

likely to be sentenced to death if their victims are

Mr. Alfred Alexander, Chairman of the Political Action Committee of the NAACP, responded, "In terms of most cases when whites are murdered you do see blacks getting major

convictions, but there's not much done about black on

Mrs. Carrie Graves, Civil

Rights Leader, believes the first finding is true and that this country opens its arms to embrace everybody except blacks. "It frustrates me when I hear blacks who

want to overlook this fact.

We live in a country filled with racism which categor-izes people in classes especially of race. You can

look at the history of this country and see that blacks have borne all injustices.

Prisons are over crowded

black crime."

Stanford Study Links



Officers of the National Council of Negre Women look on as Founder Ophelin Gray at the home of Mrs. Allean is presented a trophy for outstanding

second vice president; Ruby Brown, recording secretary; Geraldine Tay-lor, financial secretary; Allean Conner, treasurer;

Pattern Of Discrimination

Shown In Death Penalties

Martha Reddick, parliamentarian, Ophelia Gray, history; and Rev. Minnie Conner, chaplain.

.If you are interested in

She has been sexually

harrassed and abused. She has to use herself as a wedge for her black man.

been abused so long that we have to help them cope and show them that someone

Att. Thomas Harvey ex-plained, "We tend to think

punishment. Our laws protect women a little more when they are injured."

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Zion Church, the name of

the pastor was incorrectly

referred to as Rev. J. T.

Williams, It should have been Rev. J. T. White. Also, in another advertise-

Also, in another adversing-ment, the church was re-ferred to as Wall's Me-morial AME Zion Baptist Church. The Post regrets

any inconvenience these mistakes may have

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joining the NCNW or learning more about the organization they will be meeting January 21 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

Racers Will Cap Kickoff

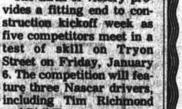
Week

The thrill of victory provides a fitting end to con-struction kickoff week as Street on Friday, January
6. The competition will feature three Nascar drivers,
including Tim Richmond
and Phil Parsons, who is a
contender for 1984 Rookie
of the Year. They will be
joined by Mayor Harvey
Gantt and the Mail Mascot.
The five racers will test She's still at the bottom of the economic, political and social ladder, and few blacks have gotten over the line. Our black men have The five racers will test their skill by maneuvering "bobcat" bulldozers on Tryon Street, from Third to

The time trials and race will begin at: 12:15 p.m. and conclude by 1 p.m.

Friday night, George Hamilton IV will perform at Spirit Square's Performance Place at 8:15. Patrons bringing their yellow Mall hard hats to the performance will receive. performance will receive a discount on their tickets. The Mall Mascot will be in

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that whenever the victim is a female our society should demand more severe

the lobby before the show and during intermission to greet everyone!

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rible that you have to murder someone. We (Alexan-der Funeral Home) come into a lot of instances in which a person is killed over a dime or because he looked at someone the

Graves' statement to a leath sentence when robbery or rape is committed was "I don't condone it (death sentence). Someone will have to find a punishment to measure the type of crime committed. The death penalty has not detered crime but has been used as an injustice to the black race as a whole. Too many black men who were not guilty were murdered by the state." To situation B. and C. she mentioned, "I don't think anyone has the right to take a life whether it's legal or illegal. Ven-geance is not ours. When we begin to reach out and help people like we do during Christmas time, a lot of these things will take care of themselves. The majority of people on death row are there because of passion crimes. We must make altuations where people of the peo

ple are more able to cope and reason. The whole sys-tem is screwed up, because the wrong people are in control of the correctional institutions." by young, black men who will eventually be electricuted because of this find-Att. Thomas Harvey, located at 1021 Beattles "It's much easier to give Ford Road, felt that the first finding is probably accurate, and he had no reason to disagree.

2. The data on the homicides showed that, in a death sentence, if the murderer commits other crimes like robbery or rape. There are always mitigating circumstances which cause the judge to give lighter sentences," general, a death sentence was unlikely except when declared Att. Harvey. For situation B. he pointed out, the murder was committed with another crime such as "For more than one fellony robbery or rape, B. when you've got to have greater punishment." He thinks the

more than one person was killed and C. when the murderer killed a stranger. "That's because robbery in a lot of instances leaves the person robbed feeling like they've been put before public array. Rape is something very personal which involves high emo-tions. You would have to ask a woman to get the gut feelings as to what they think about rape. I know-it's a bad feeling when it hits home or you. It's more serious than other crimes," expressed Alexander. His reaction to situation B. was 'I'm split on capital punnt when it comes to an eye for an eye. I'm for it,

voiced, "In my way of thinking a life is a life. Everyone is supposed to be equal. My life is precious too. There should be an equal justice system no matter who is killed." if it's justified when more than one person is murdered." For situation C, he said, "If he's killing any-one whether it's a stranger or not, it's not justifiable. Nothing should be that ter-

Mrs. Carrie Graves analyzed, "If the victim is a white woman yes, black woman no. Look at where the black woman is today.



