

Youngest President Ever At 32

Edward Carson Heads RCA

Officers Of Group Elected

Edward Carson, 2005 Milburne Road, made history last Thursday night when he was named president of the thirty-eight-year-old Raleigh Citizens Association which met at the YWCA, 554 E. Hargett St. The reason he made history? Carson, a 32 years of age, became the youngest person ever to head the organization.



EDWARD CARSON

Other RCA officers elected included the following: Vice president, Miss Louise M. Latham; recording secretary, Charles A. Hayward; corresponding secretary, Miss Jeannette E. Hicks; and treasurer, James J. Sansom, Jr. This slate of officers was nominated by a committee, appointed at the meeting by President Ralph Campbell, Sr. They were presented to the body by (See CARSON IS, P. 2)

Idea Of Retrain Blasted

WASHINGTON, D. C. - A \$3.2 million federal program to retrain black educators displaced by school desegregation serves only to "treat the symptoms of racial prejudice" and could better be used to develop meaningful programs in human relations, the president of the National Education Association has said. Responding to the Friday, Dec. 11, announcement of the program by the U. S. Office of Education, Helen Bain said she does not view a proposal to retrain teachers "who have been fired and demoted because of racial prejudice as the real answer." Announcement of the program by OE coincided with its re-

(See RETRAIN, P. 2)



ABANDONED BABY FINDS A HOME-Atlanta, Ga.: "Please help me find a home where I am wanted," reads the note left with this three-day-old baby found abandoned in an Atlanta phone booth Dec. 19. The child is getting special care at Grady Hospital as nurse Ellen Huff demonstrates. The hospital has been flooded with calls inquiring about adoption procedures for the infant. (UPI)

To Blind NC Workers' Demands Yule Boycott Brings An Answer

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Uses Pool Room Cue Stick Here, But

Murder Tries Fail

NEA Blasts Nations' Plans For Teachers-Says

Retraining Not Right

Attacks Dad, Son And Refuses To Pay Cost

A 34-year-old Raleigh man with a record "as long as your arm" became enraged in a Wilmington Street pool room last Monday and used a pool cue stick to batter the head of the white manager and the manager's son's hand.

Wilbert Lee Evans, 508 Montague Lane, was arrested and



WILBERT LEE EVANS

Conclave Of Sigmas Opens Sat.

WINSTON-SALEM-In carrying out the mandate of the theme of the 1970 Anniversary Conclave of the Phi Beta Sigmas Fraternity which convenes in the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Winston-Salem, N. C., from Dec. 26th through 30th, it was announced by Dr. Alvin J. McNeil, Dean of Prairie View A&M College and National President of the 57 year old national Black Greek lettered society, that Benjamin D. Brown, a mem-

(See CONCLAVE OF, P. 2)

charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Charles Pennell 39, the operator of Holding's Pool room, 309 1/2 E. Wilmington Street, ran into the street at 9:30 p.m. Monday, according to Officer C. J. Pearce, as the officer approached the scene. He pointed Evans out to the cop and stated that Evans had refused to pay after playing a game of pool. Pennell said when he asked for payment, Evans struck him with his fist, then with a cue stick. Pennell said Evans also struck his son, Charles Evans Pennell, across the hand with the cue stick, resulting in a three inch cut.

Pennell and his son were taken to Rex Hospital for treatment. The older man was admitted to the facility with a two inch head wound.

Evans' record began on Feb. 27, 1962 when he was charged with discharging firearms in the city limits, followed by charges of assault with a deadly weapon, engaging in affrays, breaking and entering, assault on an officer with a deadly weapon, disorderly conduct, breaking arrest, damage to property, assault and battery and gambling.

His last arrest this year was on Dec. 9, when he was charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

HUD Gives Temporary US Housing

WASHINGTON, D. C.-The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has provided temporary emergency housing during the past 15 months to more than 10,000 families made homeless by natural disasters.

Norman V. Watson, Acting Assistant Secretary for Renewal and Housing Management, reported that HUD's initial response of providing temporary housing for victims of Hurricanes Celia and Camille and the California fire disasters has been completed and that most HUD staff employees have been able to return to their regular program activities. However, staff assistance will be provided for 12 months after the disasters to help victims obtain permanent housing.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Camille, which hit four States-Mississippi, Louisiana, Virginia and West Virginia--in August, 1969, HUD furnished 5,285 housing units to families whose homes were damaged or destroyed. Mobile homes accounted for 5,043 of the housing units provided, public housing, 111; and HUD-owned existing housing, 131. Additional Camille aid offered by HUD (See HUD GIVES, P. 2)



ANGELA DAVIS EXTRADITED-New York: Black militant Angela Davis, who has exhausted all legal avenues of appeal in fighting extradition order, was taken from her cell early Dec. 22, under super-tight security, apparently in preparation for a flight to California, where she is wanted on murder conspiracy and kidnap charges. Police said Miss Davis was taken through a side door of the Women's House of Detention about 3:30 a.m. EST to a nine-car police escort. The escort managed to elude newsmen by splitting up and moving in different directions while apparently en route to Kennedy International Airport. (UPI)

Committee On Holiday Announced

WASHINGTON, D. C.-In a renewed effort to have Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, Jan. 15, designated as a national holiday, the formation of a 90 member citizen's committee was announced Thursday in Washington.

The group includes 7 U. S. Senators, 16 Congressmen, the Presidents of the National Council of Churches, United Auto Workers, State, County and Municipal Employees Union, and other representatives from government, labor, business, religion and the arts. Members of the committee (See COMMITTEE, P. 2)

Guilford Boycott Subsides

BY MILTON COLEMAN (SOBU NEWS SERVICE)

GREENSBORO-A five-year struggle by Black blind workers here to improve working conditions has subsided for the moment. Spearheaded by a recently called Black Christmas boy-

In Warren Consumers' Group Is Formed

WARRENTON-The formation of the Warren County Consumers' Cooperative, to be located on a five acre tract of land within the Town of Warrenton, was announced last week by Rev. A. A. Brown, chairman of the Planning Committee for said Cooperative, and one of the leaders in the recent school liberation movement in Warren County.

Rev. Brown stated that Black citizens who are now involved in an economic boycott of Warrenton merchants have decided that the time has arrived in Warren County when Black and poor people should begin to take positive steps toward total liberation by building their own economic institutions. The Cooperative group expects to begin operations with a food market within six to eight months, and then move into other areas of cooperative merchandising.

Rev. Brown also stated that he had been authorized by Mrs. A. S. Johnson of Warrenton, to announce the formation of the Warren County Students Legal Defense Fund. The fund is designed to assist those students recently arrested and charged (See CONSUMERS', P. 2)



"CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS FAMILY OF THE YEAR-1970"-Shown above are members of the Leatha Debnam Family, four of whom reside at 621 Quarry Street, this city. From left to right, front row, are: Emily May Debnam, Mrs. Naomi Chavis Debnam and Stephanie Lynne Debnam. Back row, from left, are the Rev. Leatha Debnam, Sr. and Leatha Debnam, Jr. Top to bottom on right side are Mrs. Gloria J. Debnam Pittman, Mrs. Shirley Debnam York and Malcolm Loren Debnam. (See story)

CAROLINIAN'S "Christian Christmas Family Of Year"

Rev., Mrs. Leatha Debnam, Sr. Dedicated And Faithful Parents

Editor's Note: This is the third successive Christmas that The CAROLINIAN has chosen its "Christian Christmas Family of the Year." The family chosen this year has been studied very carefully by CAROLINIAN managing editor, Charles R. Jones. Following is Jones' account of the life of this very deserving father, mother and six children.

Rev. and Mrs. Leatha Debnam are natives of Raleigh. Rev. Debnam is presently serving as pastor of the historic Tupper Memorial Church (known to many as Second Baptist) of Raleigh, to which he was called in September of 1964. He has also been employed as a city letter carrier at the Raleigh Post Office for the past 15 or more years.

Rev. Debnam was born on June 3, 1918, the first of five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Debnam, Sr.-parents of modest financial means, but parents who displayed to their children the true values of life to be found in hope, spirit, faith, love and hard honest work.

Rev. Debnam received his education at the Crosby-Garfield School here in Raleigh and was president of his graduating class of 1936 from the Washington High School here. He attended St. Augustine's College

before his marriage, but had to serve 3 years in the army before completing his studies. He served with the army during World War II and saw action in France, Belgium and Germany.

After being given his honorable discharge from service he resumed his college studies at A&T State College in Greens-

boro and graduated with the class of 1945. He later received a diploma from The American Gentleman School of Cutting and Designing of New York City. On returning to Raleigh, he was employed by the Nowell Clothing Company as a tailor for the firm and set up the first tailoring department for (See "FAMILY", P. 2)

being held in conjunction with the "Ladies to Save Marie Hill." The meeting was held at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium at 10 a.m.

Named as the principal organizers of the "Ladies to Save Marie Hill" were Mrs. Edna Richards of Raleigh and Mrs. Euthers Rein of Wake Forest. Mrs. Rein is with the North Carolina Committee Against the Death Penalty.

The Rev. James Furguson is the newly-elected state chairman of SCLC. The Rev. Furguson can be heard locally each Sunday on WLE radio. His message each Sunday deals with Political, Social and Economic Liberation.

The conference was termed a one day workshop for the abolishment of Capital Punishment with the theme "Save Marie Hill." Among those who spoke at the workshop session was Mrs. Dorothy N. Allen, the Executive Director of Wake County Opportunities, Inc. which is the local anti-poverty program.

Mrs. Allen urged that youth (See WILLIAMS, SAYS, P. 2)

Hosea Williams Says 'King Is Dead, But He Taught Us Well'

BY BILL KNIGHT ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, RALEIGH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Milton Fitch, the State Director for SCLC in North Carolina said that Wednesday's, Dec. 16, 1970 SCLC Conference was

AME Zion Church Sets Conventions

DURHAM - In announcement made by the Public Relations Department, AME Zion Church, plans are complete for two national meetings for the denomination. The National Youth Council will meet at Metropolitan AME Zion Church, 2944 Prospect Ave., Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 27-29, and the Board of Bishops and the Ministers' Laymen's Association will convene at Mt. Sinai AME Zion (See ZION CHURCH, P. 2)

CRIME BEAT

From Raleigh's Official Police Files

HIT IN LEFT EYE

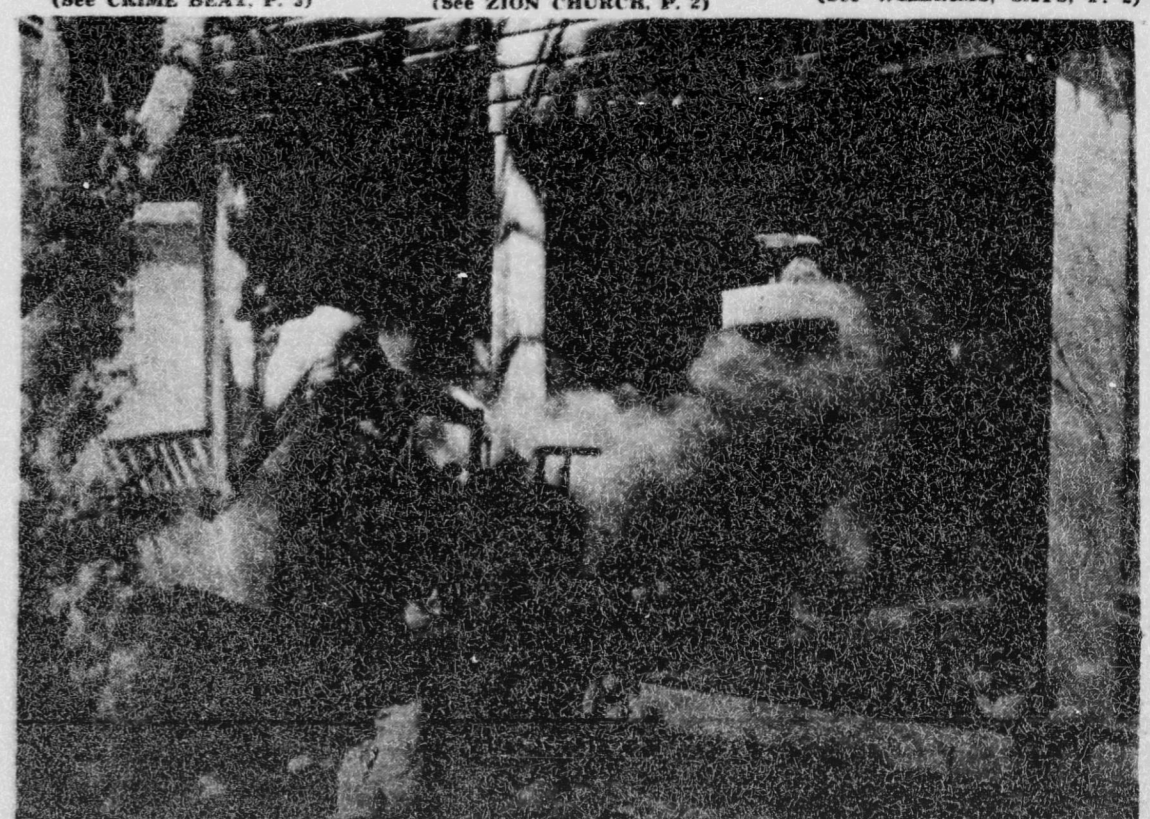
Mrs. Betty Kearney, 44, 1521 1/2 Battery Drive, told Officer Gabriel Sanders at 5:30 p.m. last Monday, that Graham Harris, 57, same address, came home intoxicated and for no apparent reason, assaulted her with his hands and fists, striking her about the body and finally hitting her in the left eye. The woman said she would sign a warrant, charging assault on a female against Harris. She did just that and Harris was "hauled off" to Wake County Jail on that rap. The incident took place at their house. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 2)

In The Sweepstakes SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK
ROSES STORES, INC.
The Complete Variety Store
See SWEEPSTAKES Ads
(See Numbers, P. 12)

In Sweepstakes Promotion Gifts Are Piling Up

This is it! Christmas week, that is. The CAROLINIAN wishes all of its readers a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years. However, it would seem a little better, we are sure, if one of our Sweepstakes ticket holders would come up with a winning number this week.

Lucky numbers this week follow: Number 08673 is worth \$25 in merchandise, at National Pure Food Market, Inc., 208 E. Martin Street, Number 08840 is also valuable in the amount of \$25 at Piggly Wiggly Stores, New Bern Avenue. The CAROLINIAN Spotlight (See SWEEPSTAKES, P. 2)



FLAMES DESTROY CHRISTMAS HOPES-Tifton, Ga.: Fireman remove smoldering crib from home here Dec. 18 in which a 2-year-old child narrowly escaped death. Flames destroyed house and contents, including Christmas gifts and toys for children. The father, Sidney Harper, and another tot were in the house at the time and were alerted when passerby saw the flames leaping from the home. Mother, sister-in-law and 7 other children were away at the time. (UPI)