

Acme Cab's James P. Freeman Slain In Raleigh

Woman Free On Bond In Death Of Cab Co. Head



JAMES P. FREEMAN



MRS. LUCY H. BECOAT

'Bond Set At \$5,000 - Hearing Held Next Day

"It looked to me as though he had been shot right in the heart," stated Wake County Coroner Marshall W. Bennett, early this week in commenting on the death of James Palmer Freeman, who was shot to death around 3 a.m. Jan. 1. Mrs. Lucy Harris Becoat, 55, 3052-A Woods Place, was charged with murder in the death.

Released under a bond of \$5,000 in the custody of bondman M. E. Williams of W&W Bonding Company, 305 Pace Street, Mrs. Becoat was given an earlier hearing on Saturday, Jan. 2. She is believed to have been a dispatcher for the cab company, owned by Mr. Freeman, who also operated Acme Auto Service and other business enterprises here.

According to a witness, she observed Mrs. Becoat and Mr. Freeman walking out of the dispatcher's office, heard sounds of an argument, then heard a gun go off. Officer E. B. Baucum was the first to arrive at the scene of the shooting, 529 S. Blount Street. She also said she saw Freeman lying in the street, then saw

two men pick him up and place him in an automobile. According to officers, when they arrived at the scene, Freeman was sitting in an upright position in the car. It could not be ascertained just how the hearing was held on Saturday, since that was a part of the New Year's holiday weekend. However, according to Jailer W. E. Bagwell, Mrs. Becoat was freed on the \$5,000 bond at 2:45 last Saturday. The coroner said the weapon used is believed to have been a .22 calibre pistol. Only one shot was fired.

The Acme Cab Company was founded by Freeman in 1935. He made his home with a sister, Mrs. Pearl F. Williams, at 211 N. Tarboro Road. Funeral services for Mr. Freeman were conducted Sunday, Jan. 3 at the First Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. Dr. Charles W. Ward, and Father Arthur J. Calloway, rector of Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church, presiding.

(See BOND SET, P. 2)

Report Gainful Work For Minority Bodies

NEW YORK, N. Y.—An increase in the proportion of gainful employment by minority workers on State-aided housing developments during the first year of operation of the State Division of Housing and Community Renewal's Affirmative Action program was announced last Thursday by State Housing Commissioner Charles J. Urstadt.

"Our Affirmative Action program," said Commissioner Urstadt, "was initiated in an effort to promote maximum employment opportunity, without discrimination, during construction of these projects. Although the State does not hire, or place, construction workers on these State supervised projects, we feel a strong responsibility to aid minority group construction workers in gaining employment consistent with the availability of such workers in the area of the project."

The statistics cited by Commissioner Urstadt are based on an analysis of data on minority employment in the major employment categories of foreman, journeyman, laborers and apprentice compiled in the field and reported by the general contractor on 18 State-aided middle-income housing projects under construction during the four quarters beginning July 1, 1969 and ending June 30, 1970. The Division's program uses man-days as a unit of

measurement rather than a simple head-count to ascertain actual amount of gainful

(See MINORITIES, P. 2)

"Preach The Gospel Of Liberation," Emancipation Day Audience Is Urged

DURHAM - Osofo LaFayette McDonald challenged the ministers of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and vicinity and the general audience to "preach the gospel of liberation to every man, woman and child until justice runs down like a mighty stream" as he delivered the speech for the Emancipation Proclamation one hundred and sixth anniversary service which was held at West Durham Baptist Church at 11 o'clock on New Year's Day.

McDonald, who is pastor of the Northside Baptist Church in Durham and also college minister at Durham Business College, was a last minute substitute speaker for Dr. Sandy F. Ray, pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Ray was unable to get to the services because of the inclement weather.

Learning he was to be the speaker for the services about an hour and a half before the

Over 60 Involved NC Marines Engage In Bi-Racial Fist Fight

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Poisoning Believed Cause As Two Die In Parked Car

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Council Sees Huggins Refuses To Grant Request

Ignition On, But Gas Out

A faulty muffler is believed to have been the cause of death for two Raleigh area residents early Monday. Wake County Sheriff's Deputies found the bodies of Miss Shirley Ann Taylor, 23, Route 3, Raleigh and Marvin Jones, 24, Route 1, Raleigh. The car in which they were found was parked ten miles northeast of the city on a dirt road, off U. S. 401. According to Wake County Coroner Marshall W. Bennett, early reports link the deaths to carbon monoxide poisoning. The coroner stated, "When the sheriff's deputies got there, the ignition was on, but there was no gas in the car. The muffler was in awful shape. (See IGNITION P. 2)



Harry Huggins appeared at the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Raleigh City Council Monday afternoon and requested that the council set-up a civilian review board to review his case of charges levied against Black patrolman Floyd Lee Rountree for police brutality. The council decided not to take any action on this matter until after the case is heard in the Raleigh District Court Feb. 3. (See HUGGINS P. 2)

Increased Cash Set For Vets

Increased payments, averaging between 9 and 10 per cent for approximately 1.6 million veterans and survivors on the Veterans Administration pension rolls, are provided in a bill signed into law by the President on Dec. 24.

The bill, VA reported, also raised income limitations that determine if, and how much, VA pension can be awarded to disabled veterans, and widows and children of deceased veterans.

VA pension is paid for disabilities and deaths not due to military service.

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TO READERS!

Due to circumstances beyond our control, THE CAROLINIAN is only printing sixteen pages this week. Hometown news, local and sectional photographs not seen in the newspaper this week, will be handled in the next edition, space permitting.



FIRST BLACK ON GMC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS-New York: The General Motors Corp. board of directors selected Dr. Leon Howard Sullivan Jan. 4 to be the first black member of the board in the corporation's 63-year history. Dr. Sullivan, 48, is pastor of the Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia. (UPI)

Publishers Will Hear Jas. Farmer

CINCINNATI - James Farmer, fiery civil rights leader who recently resigned from the Nixon sub-Cabinet as Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW), will address the Mid-Winter Workshop of the National Newspaper Publishers Association here, Jan. 20-22.

It will be Farmer's first major address since leaving his administration post. He will speak at a dinner meeting on Jan. 21 at the Netherland Hilton Hotel where the Workshop is to be held.

Others who are to speak before the body are: Gov. John J. Gilligan of Ohio; Michigan Secretary of State Richard Austin; and Abraham S. Venable, director, Office of Minority Business Enterprise of the U. S. Department of Commerce. Additional features of the Workshop, says John H. Sengstacke, head of Sengstacke newspapers and president of NNPA, will be discussion sessions aimed at further improving the black press and making it more useful to its readers.

In addition to discussing civil rights, black political power, and black Capitalism, the publishers will concern themselves with: Special editions, cooking schools, new styling, new editorial and advertising approaches, and the role of the black press in the 1970's.

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FIRST MOTHER OF YEAR POSES WITH SON-Mrs. Margaret Ruth Johnson Prince, 25, of 516 Cleveland Street (off Glenwood Avenue) poses with her infant son, Billy Ray Prince, Jr., born at 2:47 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at Wake Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed in at six pounds, eleven ounces. Mrs. Prince, the mother of three other children, is married to Billy R. Prince, 26. As the mother of the first baby born at Wake Memorial, she will receive gifts from some thirteen businesses, including THE CAROLINIAN, which sponsored the yearly promotion. A native of Apex, Route 1, Box 68, Mrs. Prince's mother still resides at that address.

Cops Given Assistance By Military

JACKSONVILLE—Military police assisted city policemen for the city of Jacksonville, North Carolina in breaking up fights here last Thursday morning at the local bus station.

More than 60 Marines were loaded on a truck and returned to Camp Lejeune early Thursday morning after a brawl broke out between a white and black Marine in the bus station around 12:30 a.m.

After this one incident occurred, the bus station developed into a "massacre." Twelve Marines were held briefly for questioning, but no charges were preferred.

Charles Miracle, city police department detective, said racial tension had been growing high in the city since Pvt. Alonza Watts, a black, was arrested and charged with the Nov. (See 60 MARINES, P. 2)

CRIME BEAT

From Raleigh's Official Police Files

Editor's Note: This column or feature is produced in the public interest with an aim towards eliminating its contents. Numerous individuals have requested that they be given the consideration of overlooking their listing on the police blotter. This we would like to do. However, it is not our position to be judge or jury. We merely publish the facts as we find them reported by the arresting officers. To keep on The Crime Beat Columns, merely means not being registered by a police officer in reporting his findings while on duty. Do simply keep off the "Blotter" and you won't be in The Crime Beat.

USE AXE, KNIFE

William Roger Ray, 34, 534S. Saunders Street, told Officer R. L. Johnson at 2:18 a.m. Friday, that he was in a fight with Donzell Williams, age and address not listed. Ray said he had an axe and Williams was in possession of a knife. Warrants were signed against both men, charging engaging in an affray where a deadly weapon was used. The cop was unable to locate Williams, but Mr. Ray was jailed after being treated and released at Wake Memorial Hospital for numerous cuts and lacerations about his head, shoulders and left arm. The melee occurred at Ray's house. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 2)



In The Sweepstakes
SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK
CAPITAL TV CENTER
Famous Name Brand Appliances at Special Prices
(See Numbers, P. 8)

In Sweepstakes Promotion
Keep Your Tickets Handy
Happy New Year! Maybe your luck in THE CAROLINIAN'S Revised Sweepstakes Promotion will be better this year than last and more winners will show up to claim their prizes.
Lucky numbers this week are as follows: Number 08860, first prize, is valuable in the amount of \$25 at Willford's Gulf Service, 1210 New Bern Avenue. (See SWEEPSTAKES, P. 2)



O. L. McDONALD

Son Of Ex-Residents Among 32 US Scholars

BALTIMORE, Md.—Kurt Schmoke, Baltimore native and



KURT SCHMOKE

time for the program, Osofo McDonald spoke from the subject, "The Gospel of Liberation" taking his text from the fourth chapter of Luke, the 18th and 19th verses.

The former chaplain of Lincoln Hospital and presently a member of the Board of Directors for Operation Breakthrough, told the audience at the beginning of speech, "I am not going to try to fill the shoes of Dr. Ray because I have been walking in my own shoes for 33 years and they feel pretty good to my feet."

During his 40-minute talk, which was aimed at the young, old, educated, uneducated, those who have it and those who haven't gotten it yet, McDonald encouraged his audience to make room for the young people (See LIBERATION, P. 2)

Yale University senior, has been selected as a Rhodes scholar, one of 32 students in the U. S. picked for the honor. He is the grandson of the late John H. Schmoke and Mrs. Pearl Schmoke Freeman, former Raleigh residents.

Kurt is a graduate of Baltimore City College. In a school of 3,800 boys, he was elected president of his 10th and 11th grade classes and in his senior year was elected president of the National Business League, the nation's

"National Product Is Not Helping Blacks," Burrell

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The recently announced trillion-dollar gross national product is not helping the nation's Blacks at all," declares Berkeley G. Burrell, president of the National Business League, the nation's



ANGELA GIVES BLACK POWER SALUTE—San Rafael, Calif.: Accompanied by a Sheriff's matron, black militant Angela Davis (rear) smiles as she renders a "blackpower" salute on entering courtroom where she and San Quentin Prison convict Ruchell Magee (center foreground, in profile) were to be arraigned on charges of murder, kidnap and conspiracy for the Marin County Courthouse shootout that left a judge and three others dead. (UPI)

most business association. "Quite the contrary, the apparent upsurge in the economy has been drastically offset by inflation, the cutbacks in defense spending, and the General (See PRODUCT IS, P. 2)