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Race Leader Declares

'Black Sheriff Was Victimized'

Amerson Indicted In Ala.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. - The Alabama State Director of the NAACP, Rev. K. L. Buford, has termed the arrest and indictment of Lucius D. Amerson, Alabama's first black sheriff in modern times, as "blatant injustice."

Mr. Amerson is being persecuted because he happens to be a law enforcement officer whose skin is black.

Mr. Amerson, who was elected sheriff of Macon County in 1966, was charged, on Feb. 18, with violating the civil rights of a prisoner while acting under cover of law. The indictment says that he and his deputy "did willfully beat, kick, injure, and assault Wilbert Dean Harris, . . . with the intent of imposing summary punishment."

The NAACP official termed the indictment and arrest "another evidence of the dual system of justice which prevails in Alabama."

Apparently, the only reason Amerson was indicted and arrested, Mr. Buford said, because of his color. This has filled numerous complaints alleging police brutality and the law enforcement officer's receipt of acknowledgment letters of commendation in some instances, with promises of "appropriate action," while in other cases we have not been extended the courtesy of a letter of acknowledgment.

Mr. Buford said that the alleged victim has "requested that the complaint against Sheriff Amerson be dropped. However, the alleged victim's request was ignored."

The NAACP official noted that it always has been one of the

Brown To Attend 2nd Black Expo

RICHMOND, Va. - Robert Brown, Special Assistant to President Richard Nixon is scheduled to participate in the Second Annual "Black is Beautiful Business Exposition," set for the Richmond, Va. Arena March 26, 27 and 28.

According to the Director, Ron Charity, the Expo will open Friday the 26th with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and a Forum on "Black Entrepreneurship-It's Problems and Solutions."

Participants in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony include Lt. Governor J. Sargeant Reynolds; Mayor Thomas Biley; Vice Mayor Henry L. Marsh, III; State Senator L. Douglas Wilder; House of Delegate Member Dr. Ferguson Reid; William Robertson, Special Assistant to



ACCUSED IN MILLION-DOLLAR COUNTERFEIT RACKET - Baton Rouge: Two Baton Rouge men accused as printers in a million-dollar counterfeit ring arrive in handcuffs for a hearing at federal court in Baton Rouge Feb. 25. At left is John Sims, Jr., and employee of John P. Stiglets, center, operator of Stiglets Printing Co. in Baton Rouge. Agent at right is unidentified. (UPI)

Blacks Of Raleigh May Vote Against Northwest Annexation

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Two Men Jailed After

City Cop Beaten

For Third City Council Term

RCABacks C. Lightner

Officer Has Hard Time Here

Two Raleigh men are expected to face a District Court judge sometime this week on charges of assault on an officer after they "ganged up" on a young Raleigh cop and caused him bodily injury here late Tuesday afternoon.

Officer Johnny Wayne Howard reported at 5:40 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, that "While on routine patrol in the 800 block of Vardaman Drive at Hightower Street, I observed two subjects walking and one appeared to be intoxicated."

The officer said he stopped and made several tests on the subject Willie Jacobs, 56, 652 Coleman Street. He also said he determined that Mr. Jacobs was publicly intoxicated, so he

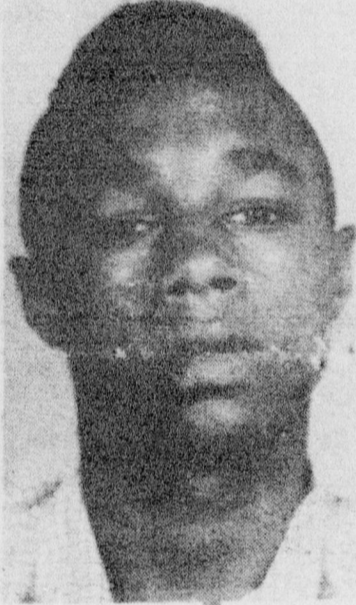
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BULLETIN!

Ellis F. Corbett, director of Planning and Development at A&T State University, died early Wednesday, March 3, at L. Richardson Memorial Hospital, Greensboro, following a lengthy illness. Mr. Corbett, an A&T graduate, served for many years, as circulation manager for the Norfolk Journal & Guide Newspaper. He returned to his alma mater and worked diligently as director of Publicity and Publications for many years prior to assuming his duties as officer. He is survived by a wife and one daughter.



WILLIE JACOBS



RUFUS HOCKADAY

Pres. Carson Urges 'No' Vote On Bill

One of the key issues on the calendar for the Raleigh Citizen's Association agenda at its March 18 meeting will be whether to organize against the proposed northwest annexation or vote in favor of a bond issue which would annex the area by June 30.

At a meeting of RCA, considered by many as the city's most politically influential Black organization, last Thursday, at the Manly Street United Church of Christ, Edward Carson, newly elected president of

Vance County Ministers Oppose Liquor By-Drink

HENDERSON-The Ministerial Alliance of Vance County went on record this week as opposing the State Legislature legalizing liquor-by-the-drink. The opposition to this pending legislation was made public this week in a statement approved by the alliance of this county and adjacent counties.

J. A. Watson, president of the organization and A. L. Daye,

First Baptist Observes 159th Year Sunday

First Baptist Church, 101 S. Wilmington Street, will celebrate its 159th anniversary, Sunday, March 7th, beginning at the 11 o'clock service. The church was organized as a bi-racial church 159 years ago with 9 white and 14 black members. It continued for more than 50 years as a bi-racial church, after which, an all-black church was established.

The Rev. Walter R. McCall will give the anniversary sermon. The Rev. McCall is the pastor of the Providence Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga. He stands in the line of great pastors, who preceded him in this pastorate: Drs. C. D. Hubert and Tobin, served as the dean of religion. The Rev. McCall (See FIRST BAPTIST, P. 2)

Others Are Urged To Be Active

At his regular meeting, held at the Manly Street United Church of Christ on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m., the Raleigh Citizens Association endorsed incumbent City Councilman Clarence Lightner for a third term, and at the same time, made it clear it is willing to back other qualified blacks seeing office.

It has been a normal practice for the RCA, politically

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Introduces New Column

The CAROLINIAN introduces, on its editorial page this week, a new column entitled, "A Dark Point Of View." Its author, William "Bill" Moses, is an old friend of the publisher of over thirty five years.

Mr. Moses, who is retired after heading the Architectural Division at Hampton Institute for many years, will write with humor; he will be provocative, entertaining and seldom too solemn.

The New York native is a graduate of Penn State University. He is married to the former Miss Julia Mason of Petersburg, Va., and they are the parents of two children and have two grandchildren.

The family now makes its home in Newport News, Va.



FIRST LADY EXHIBITS AFFECTION-Des Moines, Iowa: Mrs. Pat Nixon meets and hugs an unidentified school child during a stop at Des Moines' Cassidy school March 1. She spent about 20 minutes visiting with children from the city's low income area. (UPI)



THOUSANDS PROTEST NIXON'S POLICIES-Des Moines, Iowa: Thousands of protestors gather outside the Iowa Capitol building March 1 to protest President Nixon's visit here. The president was inside delivering a speech to a joint session of the Iowa State Legislature. Some snow balls were thrown toward the President as he left the building, but none were close. (UPI)

'Revenue Sharing Requires Close Study By Voters,' Says R. Wilkins

WASHINGTON-President Nixon's proposal for revenue-sharing deserves careful study for Negro voters, even though they have been burned many times by the funneling of unrestricted Federal funds to the states.

This was the view of Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP, following a two-hour briefing chaired by Secretary George Romney, with detailed discussion by John Erlichman, White House aide to Mr. Nixon. The President spent a quarter-hour with the seven-person delegation of Negro leaders.

"Black voters are suspicious of any scheme which calls for sending Federal funds into the states with no strings attached," Mr. Wilkins told the conferees.

"In the past such funds have been used on projects and priorities for whites with little or nothing for Negroes. I am

especially concerned because the attitude of the Federal Gov-



HEART ATTACK KILLSTOP GRID STAR - East Lansing, Mich.: Halfback Tom Love, 22, who led Michigan State in rushing during the 1968 football season, died March 1 evening of a heart attack. School officials said Love was stricken when he experienced severe chest pains while going back to his dormitory after playing a pickup basketball game. Love led the Spartans in rushing with 729 yards on 172 carries during his sophomore year in 1968. His body will be returned to his hometown of Sylva, North Carolina, March 8. (UPI)

Nixon Hurt Us, Says Gary Mayor

AIRLIE, Va. - The political power of Black America could gain a serious setback in the nation's central cities under the revenue-sharing plan now being proposed by President Richard Nixon, Richard G. Hatcher, Mayor of Gary, Ind., declared here this week.

"This proposal could be an attempt to insure that when Black people capture city halls, they will find them empty," Hatcher declared, noting that the nation's more than 50 present black mayors will probably be joined by another 33 in major cities over the next decade.

Speaking to a dinner session at the National Urban Coalition's invitational three-day conference on urban problems before 150 civic and government officials, Hatcher said the

Edgecombe Demos Fete Chairman

BY J. B. HARREN

TARBOPO - About seventy-five Negroes were sprinkled among the more than one thousand Edgecombe County Democrats who gathered here Feb. 24th to enjoy a \$5 barbecue and chicken plate dinner in the Armory, and then moved to the nearby Tarboro High School Gym where they heard an array of the top Democrats in Tarheelia laud the work of their

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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 content. 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 out of The Crime Beat Columns, merely means not being registered by a police officer in reporting his findings while on duty. So simply keep off the "blotter" and you won't be in The Crime Beat.

KICKED AND STRUCK

Miss Janie Mae Buffalo, 20, 920 Mark Street, told Officer A. C. Munday at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, that she went inside Raleigh Loan Company, 307 S. Wilmington Street, and was looking at some shades when a colored male came in and started talking to her. Miss Buffalo said the male insulted her and stated he would physically harm her. At this time, she declared, he kicked her on the leg and hit her in the face with his fist. The woman said she did not know the subject and had never seen him before. She said she walked out of the business and down the street, where she called "the law." A witness was listed as Shirley Jean Rowe, 916 Mark St.

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In The Sweepstakes SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK BRIGGS HARDWARE CO. For A Complete Line Of Fine, Economical Hardware (See Numbers, P. 10)

Sweepstakes Moving Mrs. Annie Routh of 1502 E. Edenton Street, received her gifts in the amount of \$150 worth of merchandise from Carter's Furniture Company for being the week's winner in The CAROLINIAN's Revised Sweepstakes Promotion two weeks ago. She received a cabinet for her kitchen, a bedroom table, plus a deep fryer and a toaster. You, too, can be a winner in the Revised Sweepstakes. The lucky numbers this week are (See SWEEPSTAKES, P. 2)