



"COALITION" ALLIANCE HOPEFUL - Oakland, Calif.: Standing before their election headquarters, several of the members of the "Oakland Coalition," an alliance of minority and civic group candidates. All are challenging incumbent city councilmen and what they called the "Status Quo" in municipal elections in Oakland, Calif. Left to right are Ellison Brown, running for the school board; Rev. Frank Pinkard, Doug Jones, Dr. Kenneth Hoh and Paul Cobb - all seeking city council seats. An estimated 60 percent turnout was expected of the city's 150,000 eligible voters. (UPI).

Says Gun Fired Accidentally Convicted On Manslaughter Rap, Mrs. Becoat Receives Ten Years

Mrs. Lucy Harris Becoat, 55, of 3052-A Wood Place was sentenced by Judge A. Pilston Godwin to serve ten years in prison last Thursday after being convicted on a manslaughter charge of killing James Palmer Freeman last January 1. She admitted holding the pistol pointed at Freeman during an argument and said it accidentally discharged.

Mrs. Becoat was originally charged with murder in the pistol death of the owner of the Acme Cab Company at the corner of Lenor and Blount Sts. However, when the case was called for trial earlier last week, Solicitor W. G. Rensdell Jr. announced that he would seek a verdict of murder in the second degree.

Several other witnesses were called to the stand for the prosecution during the trial. Among persons testifying were Dr. James Edwards, pathologist at Wake Memorial Hospital, Mrs. Ernestine Reed of 527 S. Blount Street who lives in an apartment over the cab company and Hattie Moore, radio dispatcher for the cab company.

Dr. James testified that Freeman died of bullet wounds in the chest from a small caliber pistol. Reports show that Mrs. Becoat shot Freeman with a .22 caliber pistol.



JAMES PALMER FREEMAN

According to Mrs. Reid's testimony, she heard a shot about 2:30 a.m. on the morning of January 1 and went to the window. She said she saw Freeman lying on the sidewalk and Mrs. Becoat once an employee of Freeman's as a radio dispatcher, was standing over him.

Miss Moore, radio dispatcher for the cab company at the time, testified that Mrs. Becoat went to the cigarette machine outside the cab company office and Freeman went to the door. She further reported she heard loud voices and then saw Freeman fall face down on the sidewalk. After this Mrs. Becoat turned Freeman over and told him to get up, according to Miss Moore.

Raleigh Student At White House Confab

Miss Gwendolyn Yolande Debnam is attending the White House Conference on Youth in Estew Park, Colo. She was nominated by Governor Bob Scott to serve as one of seven youth delegates and later received confirmation and an invitation from President Nixon to attend this conference. Gwen will participate with other youth from across the nation in discussion of the nation's problems as youth view them and recommendations to the Administration are expected to result from this conference. She will be working with the Task Force on Human Relations. The conference began Sunday, April 19, and ended Wednesday night, April 21.

Gwen is a senior at W. G. Enloe Senior High School and is active in school and community affairs. She has served in the Student Government Association and is a member of the Pep Club, The Student Relations Committee and the Social Standards Committee, the Y-Teens and the Executive Council of the Girls Athletic Association. She was elected to represent her school on Raleigh Student Government and as director of finance for the city of Raleigh and served in this capacity in March. She is a reporter on the school newspaper staff.

Gwen was a 1970-'71 semifinalist in the National Merit Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro



MISS GWENDOLYN DEBNAM

NCNW Will Celebrate Anniversary

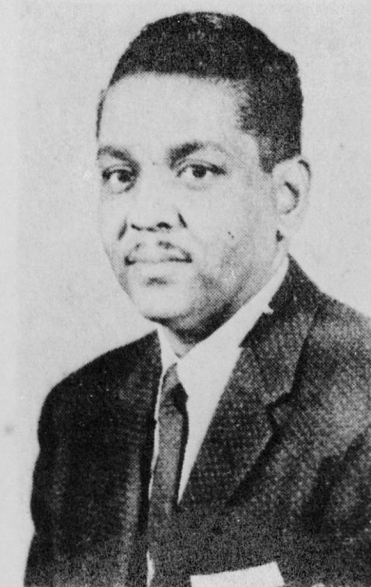
The Raleigh Branch of the National Council of Negro Women will celebrate the 20th anniversary of Wake County on Sunday, May 2 at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Guest speaker will be Dr. Charles Ray, director of the English Department, North Carolina Central University, Durham. The celebration will be highlighted with special emphasis on contributions made by early black Wake County leaders. Special tribute will be given Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of the National Council. The National Council plans to erect a memorial in Washington to this great educator and a statue in Lincoln Park on East Capitol Street.

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After City Council Primary Here Lightner, Carson In Top Seven

Mortician Tops All Aspirants

Clarence E. Lightner and Edward Carson finished among the top seven vote-getters for the Raleigh City Council, following Tuesday's election. Lightner, seeking his third term on the city governing board, led the field of 18 candidates seeking seven positions on the body.



CLARENCE E. LIGHTNER



EDWARD CARSON

Lightner led the balloting with a total of 5,686 votes, while Carson, president of the Raleigh Citizens Association, polled 3,078 votes to finish seventh in the race.

Tuesday's primary reduced the field of 18 candidates to 14 of which seven will be elected in the municipal general election May 4. The newly-elected council will then elect the mayor.

Lightner and Carson ran one-two in the six predominately black precincts. Lightner, a local funeral home director, polled almost 30 percent of his total votes from the predominately black precincts. He collected a total of 1,424 votes in precincts 20, 22, 25, 26, 34, and 35.

Carson, making his first try in politics, collected more than 30 percent of his votes from the six black polling places. The 32-year IBM executive

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Raleigh Victim Also Cut

Woman Claims Mass Rape

Abducted By Three: Woman

A distraught young Raleigh woman told police a horror story last Wednesday of having been kidnapped, tied up, taken to an apartment in Walnut Terrace, then raped by three men. One man has already been identified by the victim. The woman was also cut.

Miss Jewelene Southerland, 1002 Mark Street, informed Officer R. L. Phillips at 10:12 a.m. Wednesday, that after 1 p.m. on the previous day, she was walking under the bridge on S. Wilmington Street (1100 block), when three colored males grabbed her and tied her up.

The woman said they then forcibly took her to an apartment in Walnut Terrace, 1308 Branch Street, after 1 p.m. Tuesday and forced her to have sexual relations with each of them one time.

She further related that on Wednesday, about 9:30 a.m. the three alleged rapists left the

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La. NAACP Pickets Big Dinner

NEW ORLEANS, La. - A testimonial dinner here, April 15, honoring Louisiana's Senators

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Boy, 8, Is Killed By Car

Students, Singers, Band Out

BY ALEXANDER BARNES
FAYETTEVILLE - The official family of Fayetteville State University and the community were stunned here Sunday, April 18, when for the first time in twenty years, there was no music for Founders' Day, no band, a sprinkling of students and, for the most part, an audience composed of only the faculty.

Dame rumor had it that due to the breach between the students and the president, Dr. C. A. Lyons, Jr., there would be trouble of some nature and the security force was much in evidence. It is alleged that the choir would put in its appearance, but would only march in and march out. According to reliable sources, the choir changed its tactics at the last minute and decided that staying away would ring louder than quietly marching out, after the program began. This decision was said to have been based on new disorder rules.

At approximately 3:50 p.m. the academic procession, led by Dr. Lyons and the speaker, the Honorable Joy J. Johnson, one of the two black members of the House of Representatives, North Carolina State Legislature, began to wind its way to the Seabrook Auditorium, where the celebration was held. Seen in the vicinity of the building

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Predicts An End To All Jim Crow

NEW YORK - A leading industrialist predicted Tuesday that racial and religious discrimination in private social clubs in the United States would be eliminated within 10 years.

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FLIP WINS TV'S PEABODY AWARD - New York: Comedian Flip Wilson admires the Peabody Award for Television Entertainment which was officially presented to him at the Peabody Awards Luncheon at the Hotel Pierre here April 21. Wilson won the award for his TV comedy hour. (UPD).

No Charges Made Yet Against Car's Driver

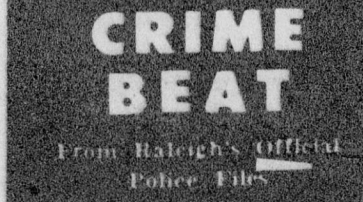
DURHAM - Funeral services for Franklin Eugene Johnson, 8-year old youth who was killed at the corner of Alston Avenue and Dowd Street Monday afternoon, will be held Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. at the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. W. T. Bigelow officiating.

Johnson, the son of Mrs. Mary Deloris Johnson of 1404 Calvin Street, allegedly ran into the path of a car driven by Mrs. Margie Lee Holleman, 42, of

1607 Taylor Street at about 3:15 p.m. Monday afternoon. Johnson was dead upon arrival at Duke Hospital.

Patrol R. F. Sneed reported that the boy was running from the east side to the west side of street when he was hit by the vehicle driven by Mrs. Holleman. The youth allegedly paused in the middle of the street before darting into the path of the car.

No charges have been filed yet as investigation continues of the case.



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 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.

THREATENS GIRL, JAILED

Miss Delores Ann Sims, 16, 717 S. West Street, told Officer C. F. Aycock at 3:04 p.m. Thursday, that Mrs. Senora Elizabeth Truesdale, 25, 709 S. West, was shooting at some dogs and she (Miss Sims), told her to stop. At this time, stated Miss Sims, Mrs. Truesdale pointed the gun at her and told her to "shut up or I'll kill you too". When the cop arrived, he found the woman with the gun, which is similar to a .22 caliber rifle, but was actually a BB rifle. A warrant, charging assault and battery, was signed and the woman was placed under a \$100 bond.

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Publishers To Honor Carl Stokes

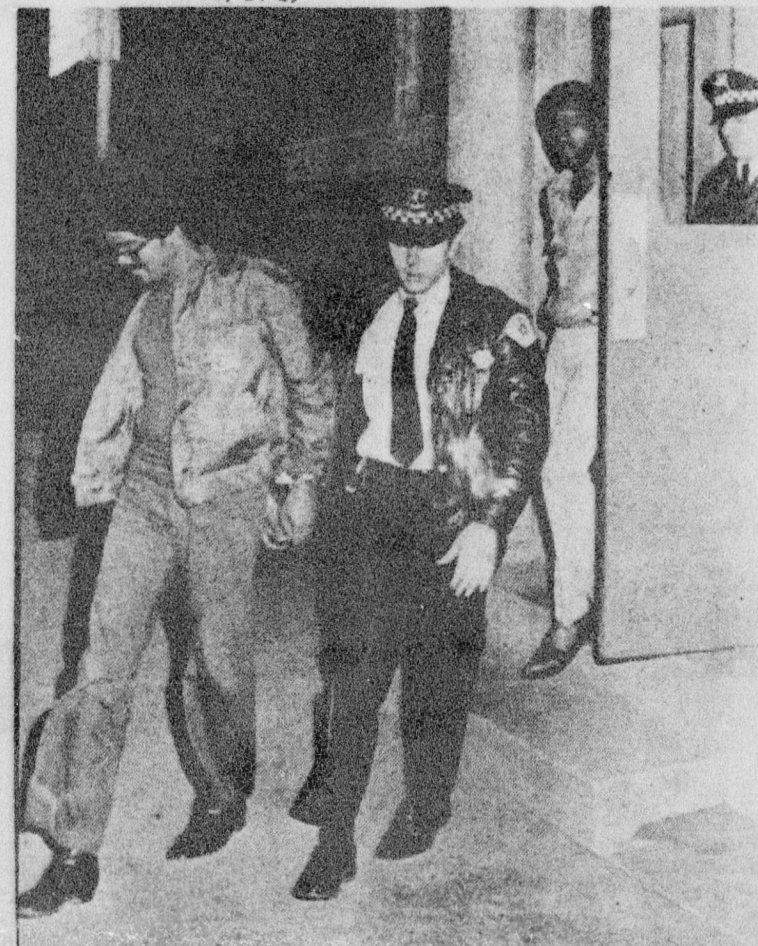
WASHINGTON - Mayor Carl B. Stokes of Cleveland, Ohio, will receive the "NNPA Award," highest honor of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, John H. Sengstacke, president, announced on Monday.

The award, formerly named for John B. Russwurm, editor of the first black newspaper in America - Freedom's Journal, will be presented to Mayor Stokes on June 17 in Atlanta at the four-day annual convention of the association. The name of the award was changed this year to NNPA to avoid confusion, since the top award to newspapers also is named for Russwurm, Mr. Sengstacke stated.

Heading the NNPA committee which selected Mayor Stokes as the honoree is Howard B. Woods, editor and publisher of the St. Louis Sentinel and former associate director of the U. S. Information Agency.

He points out that Mayor Stokes is not only the first black

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SUSPECTS IN BRINKS' KILLINGS - Chicago: Police remove Maurice Tyler and Allen Reed, suspects in Brinks' killings, from the Burnside police station early April 16. The two men were charged with the murder of two Brinks' guards who were ambushed at their armored car after a money collection at the Southway Hotel. (UPI).

Shaw Day At First Bapt. Sun.

Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, the President of Shaw University, will give the message at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning as First Baptist Church observes annual Shaw Day.

Dr. Hargraves succeeded Dr. King V. Cheek as president of Shaw and brings to the office a wealth of experience as an educator, administrator and preacher of the gospel.

Dr. Hargraves has been an educator for many years and is internationally well-known as a minister.

Shaw Day was begun many years ago at First Baptist and each year its president delivers the morning worship message.

Presidents who have recently spoken were: Dr. Nelson Herbert Harris, interim president; Dr. James Edward Cheek, 1964; and Dr. King Virgil Cheek, Jr., whom Dr. Hargraves succeeded.

First Baptist Church annually observes Shaw University Day as a part of its emphasis on higher Christian education.

The church annually includes in its budget a substantial sum for the support of private institutions of which Shaw Uni-

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EX-CHAMP MIMICKED - Evanston, Ill.: During a news conference late April 18 at Northwestern University's McGaw Hall before his talk, Muhammad Ali is unimpressed as one of the youngsters rough-housing with him shows off his muscle. The former heavyweight champion spoke on "The Purpose of Life" to a crowd of 500 persons. He was scheduled to appear with his lawyers before the U. S. Supreme Court April 19 in an appeal of his draft-dodging conviction. (UPI).

In The Sweepstakes
SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK
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