Although He Missed Top Seat, Raleigh's

Lightner New Mayor Pro Tem

Native Of City Is Selected

CLARENCE LIGHTNER

Lightner was born and

raised in Raleigh. Aft-

er 49 years of getting

to know this town, he

has been selected to

serve as mayor pro

tem for the next two

years by the Raleigh

At 9:30 Monday morning, the

council held a ceremonial meet-

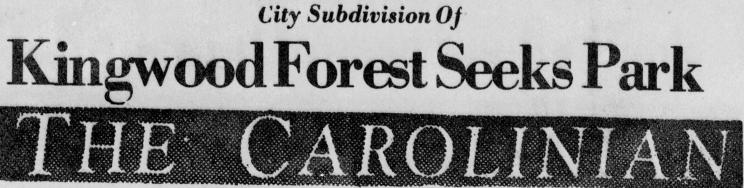
ing for about 10 minutes to con-

to win a consolation prize, rath-

first black mayor pro tem.

city council.

Clarence Everett



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Neighbors Wouldn't Answer, So Man

Burns Couple's 存存存存 公公公公

Day Care Center In Durham

NAACPCouldLose

WeAre Taxed: firm its decision last week. Thomas W. Bradshaw, a 32year old second termer was unanimously elected mayor **Pickett** while Lightner, who at 49 is entering his third term, was given the nod as mayor protem. Sitting alone at the moon shap-

ed council table before most H. B. Pickett, reprepeople arrived, Lightner gazed senting the Kingwood down at scattered papers. He Forest Community Aslooked more like a man about sociation, Inc., argued er than being named Raleigh's before the Raleigh City (See KINGWOOD, P. 2)

(See LIGHTNER. P 2) **Head Of US Morticians Grants Exclusive Talks**

BY CURETON JOHNSON

Clarence Lightner is Raleigh's first black mayor pro tem and has certain ideas about his past, present and future. In an interview at his funeral home, he made the following frank comments to questions from this reporter.

Question: Mr. Lightner, how do you feel about being elected mayor pro tem of Raleigh?

Lightner: Being elected mayor pro tem is an honor in itself. As I understand it, this is the first time that a black man has been so honored. However, I feel that when you look around at the present council structure, you'll find that I have as many qualifications for mayor as anyone else, so naturally I was primarily interested in becoming mayor.

You have to have the votes though; I had three and I needed four. But I hope to live up to the honor for which I was selected.

What are the duties of the mayor pro tem? The mayor pro tem assists the mayor in jecting his programs and presides over meetings in his absence. In addition to this I will continue to serve as chairman of the Law and Finance Committee, a very important position in the council organization.

Question: As you said, you're the first black man to be honored this way. Do you see this as symbolic of changing attitudes in Raleigh?

Lightner: I certainly hope so. This is the only glee that I could come up with about being placed in this position -rather than being mayor. Certainly I hope this is a beginning since I also have to consider the ones who will fol-

Naturally I would like to have been the mayor, and I HOPE THERE WILL COME A TIME WHEN THE EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON THE MAN AND HIS ABILITY RATHER THAN ON RACE. This has historically been a problem in America and we must all work to end this very bad sickness that exists in our country.

Question: Is there anything in particular that you would like to see improve or take place during your upcoming

Lightner: The past administration, I felt, under the leadership of Mayor Jones, worked very hard to get Raleigh off of a "dead center" position, and began programs to enhance the opportunity of all citizens. In the Southside project, we have what I think is an effective program to create better housing and more job opportunities.

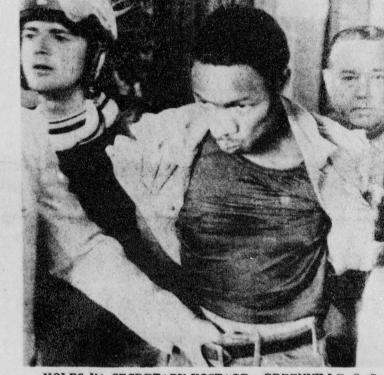
I am also interested in the new code enforcement program that we're trying to get off the ground. This would enable homeowners to receive grants up to \$1500 to improve their houses. If it takes more than this, the program will provide long term loans up to about \$30,000 at three per cent interest. This will cut down the number of houses being demolished and prevent a mass exodus of people from their com-

Question: Do you think the time will come when black people will have more than one representative on the city council, or will this require a restructuring of the present city government system?

Lightner: No, I don't think it requires restructuring. I was very hopeful that we would be able to have someone else this time. We came very close, but it's a matter of coordination, cooperation and getting enough support through various factions in the community. I think there is a possibility any time in the future if we can continue to get men who are willing to make the sacrifice. We need people to get in the North Carolina state house and on the county commissioners.

Question: What set the stage and opened the curtain on

your political life. Lightner: Well, I remember when my parents used to take me to the polls with them. My father then ran for commissioner of public safety and later my brother ran for the city (See MORTICIANS', P. 2)



HOLDS VA SECRETARY HOSTAGE - GREENVILLE, S. C.: City Police lead 24-year-old Alva John Holmes from the seventh floor Veterans Service Office Tuesday afternoon after holding a secretary hostage at gun point for about 45 minutes. Holmes reportedly fired three shots at Police. . . as they rushed the baricaded office door. The hostage, 24 year old Mrs. Sandra Dorr was released unharmed. Policeman in riot gear is Sgt. W. C. Dees and at right rear is Detective W. L. Jackson, both of the Greenville Police Dept. (UPI).

'Nam Soldier Donates Church 'Killing Pay'

combat pay for a month which

NYU Honors Morehouse's President

ATLANTA, GA. - Dr. Hugh M. Gloster, president of Morehouse College in Atlanta, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from New York University during Commencement exercises held in Madison Square Garden on the morning of Monday, June 7. Dr. James M. Hester, NYU president, conferred the degree.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Gloster also holds the B. A. degree from Morehouse College, the M. A. from At-(See NYU HONORS, P. 2)

was given for helping kill people in Vietnam. Please use it to help people to stop some of the feelings and beliefs of mankind which allow us to kill each

This message and a money order came from John F. Watts to the United Methodist Board of Missions, and was given May 27 to the Many Races Cultural Foundation for work carried on by the Rev. Frederick Douglas Kirkpatrick and his associates. A check was presented to Mr. Kirkpatrick, known as "Brother Kirkpatrick," by the Rev. Randle B. Dew, New York executive secretary of United Methodist Voluntary Service, at the launching of the "Martin Luther King Hopemobile" at St. Gregory's Church in Manhat-

The Hopemobile will distribute free books, films and art

In The Sweepstakes SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK

CARLEIGH FURNITURE CO. Quality Furniture, Moderate Prices, Satisfaction

to advertise on the Sweepstakes page the Sweepstakes Promotion is expected to be renewed in the very near future.

Even though the promotion has been halted for the time being,

we invite you to continue to patronize the fine businesses on Continue to read this column

weekly to see when the promo-(See SWEEPSTAKES, P. 2)

Newspaper Used By Arsonist

Apparently angered because his neighbors roused to let him enter their apartment in the wee hours of the morning, a 27-yearold man allegedly set.

(See ARSONIST, P. 2)

\$10,000 ls **Needed For All Repairs**

committee of the Durham Branch, NAACP, meeting Tuesday night, found itself in a dilemma as to what steps to take in operating a Day-Care Center in the abandoned Crest Street School. This came about after it was reported that approximately \$10,000.00 would have to be spent to put the building in shape to begin operation.

The operation was slated to have begun at least two months ago shortly after the Board of Education granted the use of the building to the NAACP. Representatives of the organization visited the building and found that many of the windows had broken panes that would have to be replaced at a cost of more than \$4,000.00. This damage was believed to have (See COULD LOSE, P. 2)

CRIME From Raleich's Official Palice Liles

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 intry. 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. EDITOR'S NOTE: This column

Miss Barbara Chavis Lee, 21, 9 Edgecombe Terrace, told Officer J.S. Hedrick at 6:08 a.m. Sunday, that she had a quarrel with her boyfriend, Walter Montague, age unlisted, who lives "somewhere on Bledsoe Avenue. She said Montague cut her during a fight in the 1200 block of E. Martin Street. The woman said she would sign an assault with a deadly weapon warrant against Montague. She suffered

"FINGERS" BUYFRIEND

a cut on the left side of her (See CRIME BEAT, P. S)



H. E. Brown, principal of the J. W. Ligon Senior High School of Raleigh, has been appointed Assistant to the Director of Development at St. Augustine's College, according to an announcement made by Dr. Prezell Robinson, president of the

Brown received his B. S. de-

gree from A & T State University, his M. A. degree in administration from New York University and has done further study at U.N.C. Chapel Hill. In his new job, he will work closely with the development officer in promoting and administering the college's \$30,000,000 Capital Campaign Fund, Brown will begin his duties at St. Augustine's on July 1, and will attend a one-week Development Workshop at

Southwestern College in Memphis, Tennessee from July 12-

LESLIE W. HOLLY

Holly On

Board Of

Education

cial enabling act promoted by Edgecome County officials

and secured in the N. C. Le-

gislature by Representative Larry Eagles, Edgecombe County swore in the first Negro member of the County Board of Education at the regular monthly meeting held in the County Administrative Building Monday morning,

Leslie Warren Holly, a youth-

ful looking sixty-year-old

prominent farmer, turkey

raiser, merchant, who ran for

the post two years ago, was sworn in by Clerk of Superior

Court Don Gilliam Jr., with a

delegation of black school

principals and civic leaders present. The ceremony was

under the direction of Edge-

combe Supt. of Schools Lee R. Hall and board chairman Zeb

This marks the first black

on the Edgecombe School

Board since the turn of the

Girl, 8,

Slain At

GOLDSBORO - An 8-vear old

black girl was the victim of a

brutal slaying at the O'Berry

Center for retarded children

in Goldsboro Sunday morning.

The young girl, who is con-

sidered retarded but capable of being trained, evidently slip-

ped away from supervision

early Sunday morning. She was

supposed to be under constant

watch due to a severe case of

According to Dr. Vernon

Mangum, superintendent of the

O'Berry Center, no decision

has been made on transfering

the 15-year old white boy who

has admitted committing the

"We have him in custody

"We've been in operation

here for 14 years and this is

BISHOP SHELTON

here," Mangum said.

(See GIRL SLALY, F. 4)

retardation.

crime.

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Purdie Anders, director of development, stated that he was very happy to be able to acquire a person of Mr. Brown's stature, maturity and knowledge of administration.

and served as principal for 14 years. He was also principal at Tar Heel Elementary School, Tar Heel, for six years, Hertford High School, Hertford, for five years and Central High School in Whiteville for



HERBERT ELLIOTT BROWN



RAVAGES OF HUNGER, DISEASE - CALCUTTA: Suffering is very real in the West Bengal State where thousands of refugees from East Pakistan battle hunger and cholera in epidemic proportions. Indian officials continue to watch for further cases of cholera among the refugees in the Calcutta area. Reports from outlying areas continue to push the toll upward although the outbreak appeared to be on the decline in the hardest hit border areas. (UPI).

National Church Body In 11th State Meeting

WILSON - The Church of The Lord Jesus Christ presents the 11th North Carolina State Convention. This convention has been in progress all week from Monday, June 7, and will continue through Sunday, June 13. Termination of the convention will be in Wilson, with the Honorable Bishop S. McDowell Shelton as speaker. This renowned Bible analyst will be in person to expound the "Perfect Plan of Salvation." That's Sunday, June 13. Also in Durham, on Thursday, June 10, Bishop Shelton will again appear for services. Then on Friday, June 11, in Rocky Mount, His Excellency will appear and will conduct 'Divine Healing Services". Come out and see how the power of God operates in His people. Hear the testimonies of those who have been healed and delivered.

To give you a brief history of the Epoch of Truth moving into Wilson, it was in July,

1950 that the founder, Bishop S. C. Johnson, made his first personal appearance in the city of Wilson. During that time, Bishop Johnson put up a tent to hold services. Many came out to see and hear this Great Man of God. After Bishop Johnson died in February, 1961, this movement fell to the leadership of Bishop S. Mc-Dowell Shelton, During this same year, the very first North Carolina State Convention was

These were the humble beginnings of a part of the state of North Carolina. The entire state has grown and is now the largest state diocese in The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It may be of interest to know that the Church claims an overall membership of about five million with an attendance of about or a membership of about 5,000 in Philadelphia,

(See CHURCH BODY, P. 2)



GIVE SELVES UP AFTER RAPE CONVICTIONS - WASHINGTON: Two black American soldiers who escaped from Germany after being convicted of attempted rape by a German court gave themselves up at the Pentagon June 8, complaining of shouldy treatment from both American and German authorities. They are Pfc. Nathaniel Holmes, 22, of Winfield, La. (left) and Pvt. Bernard Tucker, 21, of Hampton, Va. They surrendered in the office of Frank W. Render II, a Negro