

Raleigh Woman Is Burned To Death In 'Child's Play'

Was Sentenced To Life, But

Judge Frees Defendant

After Shooting Victim Dies

Cop Is Charged

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Black, 26, Was Facing Life Term

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - A Federal District Court judge this week squashed the life imprisonment sentence of a 26-year-old black man who had been convicted of raping a white woman and sentenced to death in 1963.

Judge Robert R. Merhige, Jr. in Richmond ruled Wednesday on a defense motion for Thomas C. Wansley of Lynchburg and ordered the defendant freed within 60 days unless the state decides to try him again. Virginia officials have indicated they would appeal the decision.

Volunteer defense attorneys Philip J. Hirschkop of Alex-

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Will Cite Business, And Others

Blacks in business and politics will be spotlighted in a North Carolina State University symposium starting in January and featuring 10 public lectures.

Dr. Odell Uzzell, a member of the NCSU sociology and anthropology faculty and coordinator of the symposium, said: "Specific attention will be focused upon historical circumstances and problems which have affected black entrepreneurship and political involvement and some of the current trends and outlooks."

Ten business and political leaders will deliver the public lectures at the University Student Center and conduct seminars with students the following mornings.

Abraham V. Venable, director of urban affairs at General Motors Corporation, will give the first address in the series at 5 p.m. January 17. He will speak on "The Black Entrepreneur in Historical Perspective."

Other speakers, their subjects and dates are as follows:

Murray J. Marvin, vice president of N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Co., "Black Ownership and National Politics," January 31.

Floyd B. McKissick, head of McKissick Enterprises, "Ideological Problems Confronting the Black Entrepreneur," Feb. 5.

John W. Winters, Raleigh real estate developer, "Black Business Development at the International Level," February 21.

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Federal Housing, Model Cities Programs Are Facing The Axe

WASHINGTON - Last year, federal housing and urban renewal programs were inundated by charges of corruption, ineptitude, and proponents of continuing racial segregation.

The new year has not yet brought any visible panacea. And, recently, there have been widespread rumors that President Nixon may soon impose a moratorium on all federal housing subsidies for the next 18 months and will suspend indefinitely grants for urban renewal, water and sewer improvement, new town projects, and model cities in July.

History Of Sickle Cell Is Revealed

NEW YORK - Why does sickle cell anemia, a painful and debilitating ailment, strike out mainly against blacks?

According to a January Reader's Digest article, more than two million people - approximately ten percent of the U.S. black population - carry the sickle cell trait - usually without knowing it. If two carriers marry and have children, there's a one-in-four

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WAVES GOODBYE TO STRIKING TEACHER - PHILADELPHIA: An elementary school student waves goodbye to a teacher who is on the picket line outside his school after he and other children were sent home by the school's principal when not enough teachers showed up as the 18,000 members of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers struck the city's school system January 8. (UPI)

NEW ORLEANS DEATH SCENE - New Orleans, La.

Two policemen assist a third across the roof of the Howard Johnson Lodge here Monday after a ricocheting bullet from a fellow officer's rifle hit him in the leg. The body of one sniper, James Robert Essex, a native of Emporia, Kansas, who was recently discharged from the U.S. Navy (inset photo). In the officer's effort to safety, they pass a riddled air exhaust vent and the body of Essex. Police were unable to find another sniper, but continued their search through Tuesday night for "one or more snipers." Six persons, including three policemen, were killed, and some 17 were wounded. (UPI)

Barbours Parents Of First Baby

Mrs. Pamela K. Sanders Barbours became the winner of The CAROLINIAN's First Baby Contest sponsored annually by this paper Mrs. Barbours is the mother of a baby son, born at 12:29 p.m. on Monday, January 1, 1973, at Raleigh's Wake Memorial Hospital. The infant

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AID WOUNDED COMRADE - THMAT PONG, CAMBODIA: Cambodian soldiers carry a wounded comrade after heavy fighting during a Communist ambush January 7 near this town 22 miles west of the capital of Phnom Penh. Native Communist insurgents scored their most spectacular success of the 34-month war January 8 by capturing Preah Prasay, a strategic town 15 miles northeast of Phnom Penh on the Mekong River. (UPI)

Child Says Neighbors Set Blaze

A 5-year-old child told a story of woe that indicated other children in the fatal burning of his mother here last Sunday night after Thomas Johnson, 709 Jamaica Drive called police officers to the scene.

Investigating Officer R. L. Hawley was the first to arrive on the scene at 9:43 p.m. to investigate an arson call at 711 Jamaica. The apartment was in flames, said Officer Hawley. "The renter of this apartment came running up and said his girlfriend was inside with her son."

Officer Winston ran up to the door and saw a body lying, approximately five feet inside the apartment.

The victim was Mrs. Barbara M. Thorpe, 23. Her five-year-old son was found running down the street.

The boy stated that "two of Elouse's children came in and beat me up and said they were going to burn my mother up. Then, they took out matches." The child said he then ran out of the apartment and down the street.

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Councilman Caught In Crossfire

BY PAUL THOMPSON National Black News Service BERKELEY, Calif. - Berkeley's most outspoken radical city councilman, black activist D'Army Bailey, has become the focal point of criticism from fellow blacks and radicals and of a recall move from his opponents on the right.

Bailey, a 30-year-old graduate of Yale Law School, has been charged by a spokesman for the Berkeley Recall Committee, Vice Mayor Wilmont Sweeney, with "vituperative, disruptive conduct that often makes it impossible for the council to conduct business."

The Recall Committee must collect 118,000 valid signatures by Feb. 1 in order to force a vote on Councilman Bailey in the April 17 city elections. Otherwise he will remain on the council for the full four year term to which he was elected in 1971.

The recall drive originally was directed at all three of the

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MCKISSICK POINTS TO SOUL CITY HOUSING - WARENTON: Longtime civil rights activist Floyd McKissick points to housing cluster on map of Soul City, a self-contained community for poor people he is planning to build on 5,000 acres of rural farmland here. Construction of a medical center, an electronics firm and housing is to begin in early 1973. In 30 years, Soul City is expected to have 50,000 residents, a dozen or more industries, shopping areas, schools, hospitals and churches, a lake, a golf course and numerous parks. (UPI)

Dr. Sullivan Announces 9th Annual OIC Meet

DALLAS, Tex. - Dr. Leon H. Sullivan, Chairman of the Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC) of America, announces the Ninth Annual Convocation of the 105 local OICs with Board Members, Executive and Administrative Staff, trainees and resource personnel from Industry, Government and Community agencies together for five days of programmed activity: seminars, luncheons, group discussions, workshops, etc. in Dallas, Texas, commencing Sunday, February 18, 1973 through Wednesday, February 21, 1973.

Sessions will be held at the Adolphus Hotel, located in downtown Dallas. Over 2500 delegates are expected to register for the Convocation and a number of key personalities from Government and Industry will participate in the program. Judge F. Allen, of Moores

town, N.J., Project Manager of the Convocation, and a General Electric Company Executive, is on loan to OIC of America to assist Dr. Sullivan in a

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NC's GOPs Plan A New Black Body

In the light of present events, as they relate to the emergence of the Republican Party, in the state, and feeling that the party, if it is to make further gains, must involve minorities in every phase of its endeavor, we, the members of minorities, who supported Republican candidates, in the 1972 election, do by this instrument, establish an organization, which we feel will give us viability within the party and help us to bring others into the fold.

Due to the many disadvantages that have militated against us in the political arena and the lack of demonstrated interest, in many quarters, by leaders of the Republican Party, it is the hope of the framers of this instrument that it will serve as the catalyst that will fuse us into the main stream of Republican politics.

The name of the organization shall be Minorities Division of the North Carolina State Republican Party, functioning as a respected organization, under the auspices of the N.C. State Republican Party, not as a separate entity, but as part and parcel of the state organization.

MEMBERSHIP Any member of a minority, who has embraced the tenets of the Republican Party, on the precinct, county, state or national level, or any person who might embrace the said tenets, regardless of past party affiliations, can be a member of the organization with all the rights, privileges and immunities thereto.

OFFICERS The officers of the organization shall be registered Republicans and shall have shown an expressed interest in building the Republican Party, in the

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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 Column, 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.

USES TABLE LEG Mrs. Sandra Bass Woods, Route 2, Garner, told two cops at 6:59 p.m. Saturday, that her husband asked her to leave a cafe at 410 S. Blount Street, then chased and attacked her. She declared that he cut her with a knife before she ran outside, then proceeded to strike her on the head with a table leg. The officers found that one table was broken in the scuffle, doing \$20 in damage, said the owner. William Lassiter of Lassiter's Cafe, the husband, Harry Lee Woods, 37, Route 2, Garner, caused a four inch laceration on his wife's left arm and a two inch cut on the back of the head.

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Appreciation Money SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK RHODES FURNITURE For Quality Furniture At Sensible Prices

Southern U. Reopens For '73-'74 Year

National Black News Service BATON ROUGE, La. - Approximately 75 percent of the student body returned to classes at Southern University last week as the school reopened for the first time since Nov. 16 when two black students were slain in a police confrontation, according to a university spokesman.

Dr. E. C. Harrison, vice president of the university, said he thought the 8,700 student institution would soon be operating normally in spite of a newly-proposed student boycott.

However, security around the campus was tight as a beefed-up staff of guards checked identification cards of students and looked for those persons banned from entering the campus. A state court had issued a restraining order barring seven student leaders of a group known as Students United who had contradicted administration officials' reports that most student grievances had been resolved.

Fred Prejean, a member of the group which has been chosen from the City Directory

Appreciation Feature Has No Winners

Unfortunately, there were no winners in The CAROLINIAN's Appreciation Money feature last week. We trust that will not be the case this week as three checks in the amount of \$10 each will be deposited at some firm, located on the Appreciation Money page this week, each of the three bearing a name chosen from the City Directory.

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