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NAPFE Takes U. S.

Postal Service To Court

Asks Court To Listen To Complaints

WASHINGTON, D.C. - National president Robert L. White, announced last week that Alliance attorneys filed suit against the U.S. Postal Service, in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 1973.

The National Alliance is requesting the court to convene a three-judge district court to hear this complaint. The complaint calls for declaratory judgment and injunctive relief.

As grounds for this motion, the National Alliance states that, count one of their complaint seeks to enjoin the enforcement operation and execution of an act of Congress, and that a Three-Judge Court is required to grant this relief.

The relief sought arises from events occurring subsequent to the decision issued by a statutory Three Judge District Court in a previous complaint made by the National Alliance against the U.S. Postal Service.

Alliance president White, (See NAPFE TAKES, P. 2)

Leaders Elected In Atlanta

ATLANTA - Dr. Robert C. Vowles, dean of the School of Business Administration, Atlanta University, who ran unopposed, was unanimously elected president of the newly organized Atlanta NAACP Branch, it was announced by Gloster B. Current, director of branches and field administration. Election was held on Dec. 6, at Friendship Baptist Church here.

Others elected were: Mrs. Dorothy Coleman, first vice president; James Couch, second vice president; Mrs. Vivian Moreland, secretary. (See OFFICERS, P. 2)

City Elks

Slate 8th

Yule Party

Fidelity Elks Lodge, No. 277, and Capital City Elks Temple, No. 310, will sponsor their 8th annual Children's Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 22, from 12 noon until 2 p.m. The affair will be held at the home, 619 E. Davis Street. One hundred and fifty children are expected to attend the party.

This is a spirit of Christmas party that each member takes part in each year. The youth department of the lodge will entertain with programs and help hand out the bags, filled with Christmas goodies. Santa Claus will visit each of the children also.

The youngsters will be served their favorite foods. Julius R. Haywood is Exalted Ruler of Fidelity Lodge, here.

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Judge Passes Sentence-Declares

3 To Die In Rape



In Educational, Political Fields

Black Leaders Honored

Hotel Is Scene Of Tributes

St. Augustine's College and Shaw University Sigmas, served as hosts to an undergraduate Phi Beta Sigma workshop last week. The highlight of the workshop was an Awards Dinner, held at the Sir Walter Hotel, honoring educational and political leaders of Raleigh.

J. Neil Armstrong, director of the Southeastern Region, paid a high tribute to the citizens of Raleigh for stepping over in the forefront in human relations. "The nation," said Armstrong, "will look to Raleigh for leadership in togetherness in good city government." In presenting citations to the

(See LEADERS ARE, P. 2)



WOMEN PICKETS' CAR OVERTURNED - Naugatuck, Conn. - Two women attempting to cross a picket line, Dec. 10, at the struck Eastern Company in Naugatuck, found their car on its side in spite of efforts by police to escort the vehicle through plant gates. The driver, Thelma Mikelakas, and an unidentified passenger, were visibly shaken, but otherwise apparently unharmed as they continued through the gate on foot. (UPI)

"Woman Willing," Trio Says

BY J. B. HARREN
TARBORO - Edgemont County vaulted to the top (or near it) of Tarheel counties having the largest number of candidates for the Death Row Gas Chamber early Sunday, when a jury, composed of one Negro man, a white woman and ten white men, reportedly returned a verdict of guilty in a rape case trial, which featured four days of jury selection with almost half of the three panels dismissed by the prosecution, the defense or presiding judge, John Webb.

Briefly stated, three black young men - Vernon Leroy Brown, Bobby Hines and Jesse L. Walston - all 23, were convicted of the alleged rape, on August 5, of Deborah Jo Tostoe, 22, a white woman, they (the three) allegedly picked up about midnight on August 5th, as she thumbed a ride home (she said), after being left stranded near a night spot on U.S. 64 by-pass near Tarboro.

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CRIME BEAT
From Raleigh's Official Police Files
CRIMES SOLE - This column of feature is provided 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 would like to do. However, it is our position to judge no pay. We merely printed 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 out the "Blotter" and you won't be in the Crime Beat.

REPORTS CASH STOLEN
Mrs. Degantus Ann Hodge, 1818 Liberty Place, reported to Officers J. R. Knox and R. D. Moore Saturday afternoon, that she was at 1837 Liberty from 4:30 until 6 p.m. that day. She said she left her pocketbook in the front, most of the time that she was there. The woman said the only other persons in the apartment were Misses Margaret Hodges and Equilla Hodges, who live at that address, and a man whose first name is Calvin, believed to reside at 410 Dakar Street. Mrs. Hodge said someone stole her pocketbook, valued at \$7, containing \$90 in cash, one master charge card and one Vanstory credit card. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)

SCLC Will Support Election Dispute

ATLANTA, Ga. - The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will support the citizens of Sandersville, Ga., to have the election held on Dec. 5, overturned. Numerous irregularities have been reported to our organization such as: Blacks being prohibited from voting though they were bona fide registered voters.

The election being held in an open tent outside of the County Courthouse during very inclement weather. It is believed that this was done to discourage Blacks from voting.

The hostile atmosphere created by election officials designed to discourage Black participation in the election.

The large number of absentee ballots that were recorded. It is believed that over 350 Absentee Ballots were cast during the election. This is an extremely large number for a small town with a population of 3 to 4 thousand.

The refusal by the election

officials to let members of the news media view and observe the election.

Until all of these complaints and others that are being reported to us are answered we have no other choice but to support the efforts of Mr. Julian Davis, Mrs. Earnestine Johnson, Mr. Joe Aaron Morris, Mr. P. L. Braswell, Mr. Cheeves Hooks, Mr. Lindsey Warren, Jr. and other citizens of Sandersville, Ga. who will (See SCLC WILL, P. 2)

Evaluation Units Work For NAACP

NEW YORK - The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has set up a series of regional task forces to recommend new program objectives. Gloster B. Current, director of branches and field administration, announced here this week.

"The purpose of these task forces will be to study and evaluate our present procedures," Mr. Current said, "and to make suggestions for a constructive program for the NAACP during the years 1974 and 1975." There are seven such groups, appointed on a regional basis.

Regional meetings have been (See UNITS WORK, P. 2)



RALEIGH'S MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL TAKE OATHS - In the top photograph, Clarence Everett Lightner, left, is shown as he took office to become Raleigh's first black mayor. Administering the oath is Wake Superior Court Judge Donnie Smith, who also swore in the seven member new City Council. Members of the Council are, from left to right: Thomas G. Bashford, Mrs. Miriam P. black, Jack B. Keeter, Ronald I. Kirschbaum and William R. Knight. Not shown are Councilmen James T. Quinn and Oliver Williams. The ceremonies were held at Memorial Auditorium Monday. (Staff Photos by P. R. Jervay, Jr.)

Mayor Lightner, Three Other Blacks Take Offices In City

Clarence Everett Lightner, 52-year-old resident of 717 Delany Drive in the Madonna Acres section of the city, must have been one of the proudest men in the city Monday evening as he took office as Raleigh's first black mayor in its history - 186 years.

Mr. Lightner, with cries of "New South" sounding about him, was surrounded by some 450 persons, many of them black, who gave Lightner a standing ovation. The audience then listened as Dr. James Edward Cheek, president of prestigious Howard University, Washington, D.C., informed them that Raleigh had reached

a maturity in matters of race that could set an example for the remainder of the nation. Also sworn in Monday at the inaugural held at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium's Carolina Room, were seven new City Council members and four members of the Raleigh Board of Education.

Mayor Lightner promised

that the new council, elected under the new district system after 25 years under a system in which the city council chose from its ranks the mayor and mayor pro tem, would not ignore the city's history and stated that the new council "is surely the most representative council that our great city has

(See MAYOR AND, P. 2)

Wake BTU Program Is Sunday

ZEBULON - The Wake County BTU Commission will feature a Christmas education program at the First Baptist Church, Sunday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m.

Miss Josephine Taylor, secretary, Baptist Invention, will be the speaker. There will be a question and answer period. Devotions will be by Homer L. Stued, Jr., Leon Webb and (See WAKE BTU, P. 2)

Appreciation Check Won By W. Robertson

There was only one winner in last week's CAROLINIAN Appreciation Money Feature, although two other names were listed on the Appreciation Page.

The winner was William A. Robertson of 402 S. Dixon Street, whose name was in the advertisement paid for by the Raleigh FCX Service, located at 301 W. Calhoun Street, specializing in seeds, fertilizers, tools, insect and weed killers. (See APPRECIATION, P. 2)



SAYS "PRAYER WAS MY FIRST THOUGHT" WHEN HE FOUND HOMEMADE BOMB - Washington, Pa. - The Rev. William E. Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bridgewater, Pa., and a state government explosives expert, displays some of the ingredients contained in a homemade bomb he dismantled Dec. 10 at the home of a mental patient. No one was injured as Rev. Davis said, "prayer was my first thought," when called by police for assistance. (UPI)



FOR SHAW U. - (L-R) Anthony R. Riolo, attorney, Ford Foundation, and Talton Rev. Ford Foundation, present check for \$500,000 to Shaw U. president, Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, with Dr. Chancey R. Edwards, secretary of the Board of Trustees, Shaw U., looking on at right.

Appreciation Money SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK CAROLINA BIBLICAL GARDENS "A Beautiful Final Resting Place"