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Undergoing Mental Tests

Joe L. Harris Still At Dix

Indicted In Deaths Of Four

Although Joseph Louis Harris, 603 Royal Street, is still being detained at Dorothea Dix Hospital for mental tests, a Wake County Superior Court grand jury indicted him here Monday on four charges of murder in the Thursday, Jan. 9, deaths of four women in Raleigh.

Mr. Harris, 39, is accused in the murders of Mrs. Bernice Clark Harrington, 33, Mrs. Azalee Clark Jackson, 31 and Mrs. Gertrude Clark Harmon, 29, sisters, and with the slaying of Mrs. Harveleigh Monte Rivera White, 55, superintendent of the Methodist postal station and a prominent civic leader in the city.

Funeral services for all were conducted Monday, Jan. 13.

Last September, Harris accused Mrs. Harmon of throwing lye into his face as he allegedly sat in his 1973 automobile with another female. It was alleged that Harris and Mrs. Harmon were "going together" at the time.

It was further stated that one of the other sisters supplied the lye, used by the Harmon woman, and Mrs. White had appeared in court earlier, at a preliminary hearing, as a character witness for Mrs. Harmon, who once worked for Mrs. White.

Officials at Dorothea Dix would not reveal when Harris would be released.

His appearance in Wake (See JOE HARRIS, P. 2)

Horizons Seen By President

DURHAM — Mrs. Mable Parker McLean, president, Barber-Scotia College, speaking at Covenant United Presbyterian Church, Sunday, Jan. 19, built a sterling image for the church-related institution that challenged every red-blooded American to stand up and be counted to save the 108-year-old school.

She began by tracing the history of the institution. She told of how the lives of many youths had been polished into jewels of service by having attended Barber-Scotia. She called name after name of women who went to the school with a desire to learn and the ability to grasp, and, upon graduation, went out and made great contributions to the ongoing of this nation.

Mrs. Parker was proud of the fact that Mary McLeod Bethune sojourned there and caught a glimpse of new horizons and went forth to not only reach them, but to envision new ones.

Her most impressive presentation was her vivid picture of the school's purpose. She told of how the school was designed not to be a big school with a large number of students, but a small school where the ideals of good citizenship could be properly implanted. It started out to be a seminary for black girls, but in later years, found that students (See HORIZONS, P. 2)



WOULD BE HIJACKER CAUGHT — Washington — A man identified as Laughlin Wright, 47, left, of Atlanta, Ga., is led away after he tried to hijack an Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 to take him to Puerto Rico Jan. 13. The alleged hijack attempt was thwarted by another passenger, and a crewman who forced him into a lavatory. The jetliner was diverted to Washington's Dulles International Airport from its scheduled run from Atlanta to Philadelphia when Wright said, according to a passenger, he wanted to go to San Juan. (UPI)

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Johnston County Scene Of Shootings

GUNS CAUSE VIOLENCE

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500 Expected At

NAACP Dinner Here Sat.

One Dead, Two Are Injured

CLAYTON — A 27-year-old woman is reportedly a patient at Johnston Memorial Hospital and her 34-year-old husband is dead, according to officials of the Johnston County Sheriff's Department, in what was allegedly an accidental shooting.

The dead man is James Thomas Walker. His wife is Mrs. Louise Walker.

As far as law enforcement officials have been able to ascertain, Mr. Walker is said to have been cleaning a rifle, owned by him, when he accidentally shot his wife in the left temple, doing extensive damage to her left eye.

A spokesman for the sheriff's (See GUNS CAUSE, P. 2)

Members Up By 35,000: R. Wilkins

NEW YORK — Executive director Roy Wilkins, presented a somber, but overall successful report to the annual meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

At their meeting at the New York Hilton last week, Mr. Wilkins declared that membership had increased in 1974 to 140,000, which was about 35,000 more than in the previous year.

The financial picture for the civil rights organization also was sound, he said. The gross NAACP income, outside of the special Contribution Fund, he said, was \$1,741,886, an increase of nearly \$100,000 over a year ago. When balanced against expenses during that period, he said, the deficit came to only \$3,298.

Additional income from non-tax deductible sources came to \$277,233. These funds were in the form of grants from the Departments of the Army and Health, Education and Welfare for ROTC recruitment (See MEMBERS UP, P. 2)



Appreciation Check Goes To Ms. C. Jolly
Ms. Claressa Jolly, 513 Solar Drive in the Apollo Heights section of Raleigh, saw her name listed in the advertisement paid for by Fashions By Smith, located in the Longview Shopping Center. She came to THE CAROLINIAN to identify herself, then picked up a check from the clothing store for \$10. There were two other names listed in the Appreciation (See APPRECIATION, P. 2)



SISTER WEEPS AT SLAYING SCENE — Atlanta, Ga. — An Atlanta police officer examines the body of Charles Burnett, Jr., left, who was killed Sunday after a struggle with a gun with a newly-married husband and wife police officer team. Burnett, his father and his weeping sister, right, were stopped by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Genson after the Burnett car sideswiped the police car in downtown Atlanta. The shooting erupted when the vehicle was stopped. The police officer couple were married last Friday. Investigation is continuing. (UPI)

State's Black Legislators Say Gov. Didn't Go Far Enough

An extensive interview with the black senators and three black representatives in the 1975 N.C. General Assembly, revealed that Governor James E. Holshouser, in his State of the State message Tuesday night, struck the right note, but did not go far enough.

Senator Fred Alexander, Mecklenburg County, could not understand what the governor meant when he said that the biggest issue was the abolishing of the sales tax and yet recommended that it should come July 1, 1976. The Senator said that the average citizen wanted relief now while he is hurting from inflation. He was disturbed that Holshouser did not advocate repeal, effective now. Alexander was also disturbed that he did not say anything about income tax.

Guilford County solon, Henry Frye said that the governor had the right issues, but his approach was had. He was much concerned that not enough clarification was given on how he planned to meet the emergencies that exist as to unemployment and layoffs. (See GOVERNOR, P. 2)

Women's Status Body Meets Sat.

The participants of the first Status of Women workshop have isolated several topics which they felt should be further examined in follow-up sessions. Two of these topics which are of vital concern to all citizens of the Raleigh area are: (1) the establishment of a day care task force to explore the problems and solutions in furnishing adequate day care facilities, and (2) the establishment of a rape crisis center for the Raleigh area.

The group will pursue these two issues, and take the necessary steps that will stimulate community participation. (See STATUS OF, P. 2)

Appreciation Money SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK WAREHOUSE OF TIRES "Treat Your Car To The Best For Less"

12 Jurors Seated For Trial

The former solicitor of Wake County Superior Court, William G. (Buck) Ransdell, now chief defense attorney for Mrs. Marguerite M. Lightner, accused of a conspiracy to receive and dispose of stolen goods, challenged no jurors Monday as the trial got underway, but he warned the jurors that they should be prepared to find Mrs. Lightner not guilty of the charges. There was only one black juror among the 17 persons called.

Ransdell and Attorney Samuel S. Mitchell, lawyers for the wife of Mayor Clarence Everett Lightner, had attempted to have the trial postponed Monday, but presiding Judge Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., of Lumberton, overruled the motion.

Ransdell's questioning of the jurors was seen as being a fear that the large amount of publicity given to Mrs. Lightner, regarding the case, and her indictment may have an adverse effect on the persons who will decide her fate.

The charge, a felony, carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment.

The former solicitor also stressed the fact that "indictment does not mean guilt." He also told the jurors that they must not hold it against Mrs. Lightner if she chooses not to testify in her own behalf, which has not been decided upon.

Ms. Linda Shaw Jones, alias Towangus Dec Jones, is the state's chief witness against the city's first lady. Ms. Jones is an alleged convicted criminal. Monday was her first public appearance since her arrest and conviction of shoplifting in Pittsboro, brought to light a little black book, reportedly containing the names of the mayor, his wife and some 23 other persons. (See TRIAL BEGINS, P. 2)

Finney Banquet Keynoter

A report from Malcolm (Peter) Stanford, coordinator of the first NAACP Legislative Dinner that will be held at Raleigh's Royal Villa, Jan. 25, showed that plans are complete and from all indications, it will be the biggest thrust the militant organization has promoted in the interest of freedom.

The speakers list is headed by Ernest R. Finney, black member of the S.C. State Legislature. The six black N.C. solons will also take part. Mayor Clarence E. Lightner will welcome the diners. A Guilford County representative will pay a memorial tribute to the late Mrs. Zoe Barbee, the (See NAACP DINNER, P. 2)



ERNEST R. FINNEY



ARRIVES FOR TRIAL — Raleigh, N.C. — Mrs. Marguerite M. Lightner arrives for the opening day of her trial Jan. 20, on charges of conspiracy to receive and dispose of stolen goods. The judge in the trial rejected a request for a delay in the trial Jan. 20. (UPI)

Ms. Margaret Kelsey "Woman Of Year"

"She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her, and happy is everyone that retaineth her. She is more precious than rubies and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her."

Mrs. Margaret D. Kelsey, Albemarle, was unanimously elected "Woman of the Year" by the Alpha Phi Chapter, Theta Nu Sigma Sorority of the National Beauty Culturists League, Inc., at the second state dawn breakfast, held at the Hilton Inn on Jan. 19, Raleigh Mrs. Kelsey serves as grammatheus of Alpha Phi Chapter of Theta Nu Sigma Sorority.

She is owner and operator of Kelsey Funeral Home in Albemarle, and owner of Kelsey Beauty Salon. Her Christian leadership is demonstrated at Union Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, where she serves as a member of the Missionary Circle. She also serves as a member of the Dragonettes Club, established in Salisbury.

Among the many participants and dignitaries present at the state dawn breakfast were Mrs. Mildred Williams, Basileus of Alpha Phi Chapter, Theta Nu Sigma Sorority of the

Only Very Poor Get Food Stamps

WASHINGTON — A study by the Joint Economic Committee of Congress, has revealed that most of the persons receiving food assistance are poor people whose primary source of income is from the federal government income assistance programs.

The study found that 70 percent of the more than 4,500 families studied had no member in the work force and that two out of every three had (See FOOD STAMPS, P. 2)

Students Observe Jan. 15

Saint Augustine's College students filled the College Chapel on January 15, to participate in a Memorial Service for the late Martin Luther King, Jr. In words of tribute, President Prezell R. Robinson said that King not only espoused a theory, but he believed in it. He believed in something very strongly.

He said, "We are not only observing the birthday of a martyr, but a gentle person, a real person, a scholar and a christian man, who was willing to speak up and express himself." He urged the students to emulate these qualities. "The man was a dreamer, but he did not allow his dreams to control him." He has changed the history of the universe, he stated.

Joseph Silver, president of the senior class, gave a biographical sketch on Dr. King and said that, although the sniper's bullet ended his life, it did not end the impact which he still has on society. Carol Mitchell, president of (See JAN. 15, P. 2)



"DR. KING DAY" AT SHAW — Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, left, president of Shaw University, addressed a gathering at the institution last week commemorating the 46th birthday of slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. After the service, Dr. Hargraves discusses Dr. King's history with, from left, Shaw's University minister, Rev. Ronald Swain, David Kaalund, Misses LaVerne Greenfield and Rhoda Banks.