

MAYOR'S WIFE IS FREED

White Jury Deliberates Less Than 2 Hours

BY STAFF WRITER

An all-white jury of 7 men and 5 women took less than 2 hours here Monday night to return a verdict of not guilty in the case of Mrs. Marguerite M. Lightner, wife of Raleigh's first black mayor, Clarence Everett Lightner, elected in 1973.

accused of conspiring to receive and dispose of stolen clothes and meats, warned the jurors "not to take the word of Wake County's biggest shoplifter in what she is trying to do to the wife of Raleigh's mayor." The chief witness against Mrs. Lightner was an admitted and convicted shoplifter and former heroin addict, Mrs. Linda Shaw Jones, a 31-year-old black woman.

Lightner innocent. "If the indictment had read receiving stolen goods, it might have been a different story," one juror is reported as having said.



AFTER THE VERDICT — Raleigh, N.C. — Clarence Lightner, Mayor of Raleigh (L), beams as he talks with reporters after his wife Marguerite (R) was found innocent of charges Jan. 27 of conspiring to receive and dispose of stolen goods. The Mayor called the verdict the end of "an ordeal" for him and his wife. (UPI)

First NAACP Legislative Dinner Here Is A Success

The first legislative dinner, sponsored by the State Conference of Branches, NAACP, held at Raleigh's Royal Villa, Saturday, Jan. 25, goes down in history as the beginning of a new venture of awareness to the cause of freedom.

Mrs. White Is Honored At Raleigh-WCA Session

BY MISS J. E. HICKS
The regular meeting of the Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association, was held at the East Hargett Street YWCA Thursday night with the president, Ralph Campbell, presiding.

Confab Is Planned In Soul City

SOUL CITY—Announcement was made here last week by Warren Regional Planning's executive director, John Hickman, of a forthcoming industrial development conference. The conference will be held at Soul City on Wednesday, February 19, and is co-sponsored by WRPC and the Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE).



"JAKE" GAITHER TO FOOTBALL "HALL OF FAME" — New York — Alonzo Smith (Jake) Gaither, retired football coach and athletic director of Florida A&M, was named Jan. 30 to National Football Foundation's "Hall of Fame." In 25 seasons as head coach of the Raiders, Gaither compiled a record of 203 victories, 38 defeats and 4 ties. (UPI)

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After Months Of Controversy

FSU Wins Junk Yard Fight Council Refuses Permit

BY ALEXANDER BARNES
FAYETTEVILLE — The administration of Fayetteville State University, supported by the trustee board and practically every segment of Fayetteville's population, won a battle with the PWC Monday night when the city council refused to grant the agency permission to spot zone an area immediately in front of the south end of the main campus.



EDWIN A. RICHARDSON



NATHAN T. GARRETT

The area has been an eyesore to the community since 1921 when the city decided to use it for parking vehicles and supplies used by the city in performing the duties attend-

The dinner followed a state leadership conference designed to alert NAACP leaders to a real job of service. Kelly M. Alexander, Sr., president, set up a state program that is (See NAACP DINNER, P. 2)

Appreciation Feature Has No Winners

There were no winners in last week's Appreciation Money Feature, sponsored by The CAROLINIAN and participating merchants, found on the back page of the first section of the newspaper.

Appreciation Money
SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK
ONE-HOUR MARTINIZING
For The Most Personally Satisfying Dry Cleaning

Victim, 25, Loses Sight In Left Eye

SPRING HOPE — A 25-year-old black man who allegedly attacked a white Nash County Highway Patrolman on Wednesday, Jan. 1, has lost sight in his left eye, according to information provided by the Duke University Eye Clinic.

Publishers' Mid-Winter Confab Ends In Capitol

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Newspaper Publishing Association, composed of more than 100 black newspapers, ended its Mid-Winter Workshop last Saturday, with a board meeting, in the President's Suite of the Mayflower Hotel.

Jones Talks To NAACP In Durham

DURHAM — David Jones, head of the N.C. Department of Corrections, was the principal speaker at the monthly meeting of the Durham Branch, NAACP, at 4 p.m. Sunday at White Rock Baptist Church.



AMERICANS ARRESTED IN FRANCE — Paris — Police in Paris announced the arrest Jan. 24, of Americans Willie Roger Holder and Catherine Kerkow, suspected of hijacking a Western Airlines jet to Algiers in 1972. They were arrested on the basis of two-year-old indictments in Brooklyn and San Francisco federal courts. (UPI)



MRS. JUDY HUBBARD

'I Didn't Use Name Of Paper'

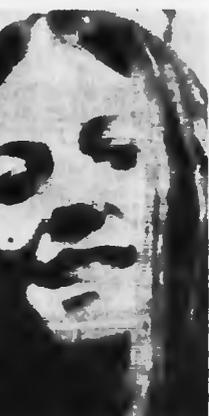
Mrs. Judy Hubbard, 42, 2307 Old Garner Road, who was charged with contempt of court in the trial of Mrs. Marguerite M. Lightner on a charge of conspiring to receive and dispose of stolen goods, and who reportedly said she represented The CAROLINIAN newspaper, denied everything when she confronted officials of the newspaper this week.

Mrs. Wilma W. Horton, one of the 2 white alternate jurors, told Superior Court Judge Henry A. McKinnon, Jr. of Lumberton, the presiding judge, that she heard Mrs. Hubbard say, "Those people are telling stories."

Mrs. Hubbard insisted as she confronted P. R. Jervay, editor-publisher of the newspaper, accompanied by her husband, that she never mentioned to anyone that she represented The CAROLINIAN and said, also, that she did not make any statement about the trial, whatsoever.

Robertson Recuperates At Wake

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