

# 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)

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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

### Victim, 25, Loses Sight In Left Eye

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

### 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.

### Robertson Recuperates At Wake

A check with Genoa Robertson, well-known Raleigh citizen and cab company official, at Wake Memorial Hospital, at press time, revealed that he was in good condition, after having undergone tests. He was admitted to the hospital Sunday afternoon, after having complained of being sick for approximately 3 months.

### Testimonial For Garrett Is Planned

DURHAM — Nathan T. Garrett of Durham, will be honored as a civic leader, businessman and humanitarian Sunday, Feb. 9, at Durham's White Rock Baptist Church.

### 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.

### 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."

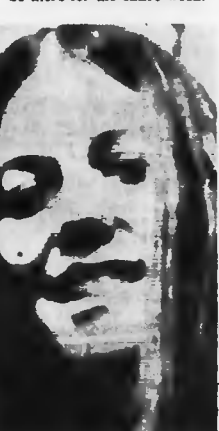
Mrs. Hubbard insisted as she confronted P. R. Jervay, editor-publisher of the newspaper, accompanied by her husband, that she never mentioned to anyone that she represented The CAROLINIAN and said, also, that she did not make any statement about the trial, whatsoever.

She said she only spent about one hour and 10 minutes behind bars, although the judge had said she spent four hours locked up. He convicted her, allegedly, but dismissed the case "since she has already been locked up."

The CAROLINIAN has never employed Mrs. Judy Hubbard to work for it in any capacity as reported by the daily newspaper last weekend.

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His inability to respond to prescribed medicines prompted him to enter the hospital. The latest report said that he had undergone tests and would be there for the entire week.



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## 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.

He told them that the fight should never end until blacks had enough representation in city halls, courthouses, legislative halls, congress and even the White House to build a government devoid of immorality, motivated upon the fact that all men are created equal and propelled by the tenets of the Christian religion, would any American enjoy full freedom.

The dinner featured the 6 black members of the N.C. General Assembly, Senators Fred Alexander and John Winters, Representatives Joy Johnson, Richard Erwin, H. M. Michaux, Jr. and Henry Frye-Malcolm (Peter) Stanford, who arranged the history making event, told the audience that the dinner was the advocate of the organization.

## 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. Prayer was offered by Mr. Cobb, then Mr. Campbell requested the reports of various committees. Many chairmen were absent or had no report. The public bus committee was asked to report at the next meeting.

Miss Fran Stephens, due to another engagement, was not present. A special meeting is being planned for Feb. 18. Details will follow later.

## Gibson Lays Off 370 Employees

National Black News Service, NEWARK, N. J.—Kenneth A. Gibson, said last week that he would have to lay off 370 employees from the city's payroll in a move to reduce a projected \$35.7 million deficit in his budget for this year.

The proposed layoffs would save the city about \$16.5 million in wages, the mayor said.

## 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). The purpose is to acquaint local business people and prospective business people with the various technical assistance programs and services that are available through WRPC and other agencies—and to present in-assume responsibility.

Caught in the economic morass that has gripped cities across the country, Newark's belt-tightening plans also include a slight increase in a real estate levy—already one of the highest in the nation—and a \$17 million slash in school spending.

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Three persons' names were listed in slots on that page, but there were no claimers for the checks that could have meant \$10 more for each of the trio. Be sure to check the page today. Your name just might be there.

## 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 Rattlers, Gaither compiled a record of 203 victories, 38 defeats and 4 ties. (UPI)

During the past year, Newark was aided substantially by its share in the Federal-revenue sharing program. (See GIBSON LAYS, P. 2)

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