

Indict Two Cops For Beating Boy

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Will Open In Raleigh June 15

80-Unit Apartments



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Judge, Attorneys Agree-Will

FREE RAPISTS

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For Annual Freedom Day Rally

NAACP Mothers Here

Release Ordered By Judge

TARBORO — A white female prosecuting witness in a rape trial "just didn't want to go through another trial," stated District Attorney Roy Holdford Monday, after agreeing to reduce sentences for three black men, once sentenced to die in the state's gas chamber after being convicted of the capital crime of rape. The three men will be freed on Aug. 18. The men had contended all along that the victim had submitted willingly.

Holdford continued, "It appeared that the trial would have lasted from 3 to 4 weeks and she doesn't want to go through with it again."

Sentenced on Dec. 3, 1973, were James Lee Walston, Vernon L. Brown and Bobby Ray Himes, in the alleged rape of Ms. Debbie Jo Tostoe, 21, on Aug. 8 of that year.

However, Superior Court Judge Herbert Small agreed to (See "RAPISTS", P. 2)



MARINE KILLED IN SHIP'S RESCUE — Washington, D.C. — Pentagon officials released the name of Lance Corporal Ashton Loney, 20, of Albany, N.Y., as one of the 5 American servicemen killed in the Mayaguez rescue. He was the son of Mrs. E. J. Loney of Albany, and Ruben Loney of Trinidad. (UPI)

Chairman Of Board To Speak

Kelly M. Alexander, president, N.C. State Conference of the NAACP, announced that the Freedom Celebration of "Mother of the Year" contest, scheduled for the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 25, has to be the most successful ever held.

He based this prediction on the fact that the need for money had never been greater and unless there was a concerned effort realized, the fight for freedom would suffer. In order to make the rally effective, he secured Mrs. Margaret Rush Wilson, the first woman ever chosen to head the national board of directors, to be the keynote speaker. Mrs. Wilson recently had a conference with Roy Wilkins, executive director, where she obtained first hand information on the affairs of the organization.

It is to be remembered that the annual freedom fund rally is the chief fund-raising project of the state conference. Mothers selected by their respective branches come to Raleigh and report the monies raised during the year. The contest attracts much attention throughout the state. There are two divisions of the contest: big city and rural or small towns. Winners in each division are given all-expense trips to the national convention.

The rival in big city competition has been between Durham, Raleigh and Winston-Salem. Durham won the big city crown when it reported \$4,500.00 while Raleigh set out to better its 1974 record, while Raleigh has said to have played down fund-raising and concentrated on memberships this year. Winston-Salem is said to be the sleeper, while Charlotte is playing it cool.

Charles McLean, field director, who is the coordinator for the affair, says that reports are that the mothers will report more money than ever. He (See NAACP MOTHERS, P. 2)

New Project Houses Low Income Families

BY RICK HIGH

The City of Raleigh's Housing Authority has announced plans to open an 80-unit project in the southside of Raleigh by June 15.

"The original plan called for more than the 80 units that are now under construction," according to William Williams, spokesman for the Housing Authority.

"Our plans were curtailed, due to a study on noise pollution in the southside area," explained Williams.

The actual cost of the units were \$1,893,054. For the modern brick projects. The units will house low-income families of all races. "We hope to establish a rent and race range. We have had some white families to express some desire to relocate to the southside area," stated Williams. "We have also heard from some of the people who were born and raised in the

neighborhood to express some concern to move back to southside.

"It was very unfortunate that we couldn't build as many units as we had planned, but we are working on a plan now to build 42 additional units on the lot where Burnett's Grill is located," concluded Williams. (See PROJECT, P. 2)

Eagles Donate To DHIC

The Downtown Housing Improvement Corporation (DHIC) is among the significant programs derived from citizen participation. This housing corporation was formed by three of the 18 communities, namely, North Central, South Central and Central communities. It has been incorporated by the State of N.C. and has IRS Tax exempt status. The Board of Directors consists of 18 persons from a cross-section of the Raleigh community and is chaired by former Councilman Alton Strickland.

Frederick J. Whitney is executive director of the corporation. Lawrence Wray was very instrumental in getting the communities set up and interested the above named communities to initiate this project.

The purpose of DHIC is (See EAGLES GIVE, P. 2)

Appreciation Check Won By Mrs. B. Willis

Although, as usual, there were three names listed on the Appreciation Money Page last week, Mrs. Bertha Willis, 529 Bragg Street, was the sole claimant of a check in the amount of \$10.

Mrs. Willis' name was listed in the advertisement paid for by Natural Health Foods, 8 E. Hargett Street, where there are "hundreds of health foods items to choose from."

You, too, may be the winner of money in The CAROLINIAN'S Appreciation Money Feature, sponsored weekly by (See APPRECIATION, P. 2)



DESEGREGATE BOSTON SCHOOLS KEEP THE BUSES ROLLING! STOP THE RACIST AGAINST BLACK NATIONAL STUDENT COALITION AGAINST RACISM

THOUSANDS MARCH IN BOSTON — Boston — The "National March On Boston," sponsored by the NAACP, was held May 17, to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision outlawing segregated schools. Police estimated a crowd of between 5 and 7 thousand marchers walked from the Fenway area to the Boston Common, where hundreds more waited to hold a rally. The march came exactly one week after U.S. District Judge Garrity issued his final order for Boston school desegregation. (UPI)

Dr. Cobb Says Court Rule On Chavis 'Judicial Injustice'

NEW YORK, N.Y. — "The Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ will continue to struggle in behalf of justice for the Rev. Ben Chavis and the Wilmington Nine," the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Cobb, executive director of the agency, declared here Monday.

The North Carolina Supreme Court, which last week dismissed the appeal of the group from their 1972 conviction for arson and conspiracy during racial disorders in Wilmington, was guilty of "judicial injustice," Dr. Cobb charged.

He declared that the court "never addressed the merits of the case. The ruling was not accompanied by an opinion, merely a holding that no substantial federal or state constitutional issue was presented by the appeal."

"The court's ruling is in complete variance with the arguments advanced in support of the appeal, each of which, in the opinion of counsel, presents a constitutional issue," Dr. Cobb said.

He said that counsel for the defendants are now conferring on their next move "and will unquestionably appeal to a United States court."

The Wilmington struggle began in 1970, when the all-black high school was closed to integrate its students into the two white high schools. In 1971, Mr. Chavis, a field organizer for the United Church Commission for Racial Justice, was called to Wil-

ington to help black students organize to express their grievances against the Board of Education. Confrontations between white vigilante groups and students led to violence. In 1972, Mr. Chavis, 8 black youths and a white woman, were convicted in Burgaw. (See REV. COBB, P. 2)

Presbyterians Elect City Woman To Assembly



CINCINNATI, Ohio — Mrs. Letha Y. Daniels of Raleigh, Cape Fear Presbytery, has been elected to the Assembly Committee on Church Growth at the 177th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The general assembly, highest policy-making body of the 2.8 million member denomination, is in session at the Convention Center here.

The committee, made up of 45 members, is responsible for dealing with matters related to the decline in the denomination's membership, policies and programs to facilitate church growth, and how members of congregations can (See WOMAN IS, P. 2)

Funeral services for Charles Benjamin Robson, Sr., who died last week, were conducted on Wednesday, May 14, at 3 p.m. at the St. Ambrose Episcopal Church. The Rev. Arthur J. Calloway, rector, officiated. Burial was in (See C. ROBSON, P. 2)

Rites Held Here For C. Robson

WASHINGTON, D.C. — With the consent of the developer, a suspension order has been issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development against Youghogheny Mountain Lake, in Garrett County, Md.

The order suspending sales on the property was announced by John R. McDowell, acting administrator for HUD's Office of Interstate Land Sales Registration (OILSR).

Last month, Mr. McDowell started administrative proceedings against the developer, Piney Mountain Corp., of Oakland, Md., charging that vital information about the property was omitted in the Statement of Record filed with OILSR.

A notice was sent to Edward G. Frazee, president of the corporation, advising that (See HUD GIVES, P. 2)

BEATEN AND ROBBED — Richard Earl LaFranchi, white resident of 228 W. Hargett Street, told "the law" at 10:57 p.m. Friday, that he was the victim of a strong arm robbery in front of the News and Observer Building, 218 S. McDowell Street. When Officers Faulkner and Lassiter arrived on the scene, Mr. LaFranchi had already been taken to Wake Memorial Hospital by ambulance. The man had been beaten and robbed of his wallet, he said, by four black males. After further investigation, a black male and a black female were arrested at the Teddy Bear Lounge, W. Martin Street. LaFranchi suffered a broken nose, lacerations of the face and left ear. He said his wallet contained \$15. Jailed in connection with the incident were Billy Ray McCoy, 318 Love's Lane, and Ms. Dorothy Newsome, 933 Peace Terrace (Halifax Court Apartments). Being sought are two brothers, whose last name is Brown. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)

Ruling Of High Court Is Hailed

NEW YORK — The U.S. Supreme Court this week upheld a Federal Court's finding that the Boston public schools were unconstitutionally segregated and an order for the creation of an integration plan by declining to review the decision. The court also refused to disturb another desegregation plan for Kalamazoo, Mich.

The NAACP hailed these actions as resounding reaffirmations of faith in the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision.

The Boston decision resulted from an order by U.S. District Judge W. Arthur Garrity last year for the school board to provide desegregation plans for the schools. But the school board, which has been fighting desegregation efforts for the past decade, has opposed the judge's order.

Nevertheless, a limited desegregation plan went into effect last September over the violent opposition of white residents, particularly those from South Boston. Last Sunday, Judge Garrity issued his final order that called for the busing of 21,000 students and divided Boston into 8 school districts.

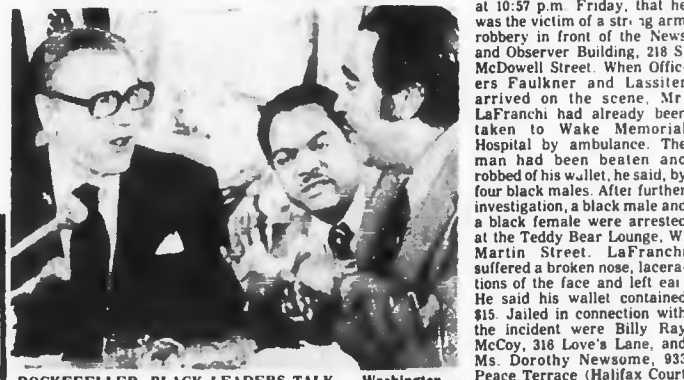
The Supreme Court's stand on the Kalamazoo school desegregation case resulted from efforts by the school board to rescind an integration plan that earlier had been adopted by a previous board in 1971.

(See HAILS COURT, P. 2)



BANK BANDITS CAUGHT IN THE ACT — New York — Trio of bandits is caught in the act by surveillance cameras while robbing a Bankers Trust Co. branch office in Manhattan here May 16, in photo released by the FBI. Authorities said the robbers shot a woman teller in the arm and escaped with \$10,000. (UPI)

Appreciation Money SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK HEILIG-LEVINE OF RALEIGH "For The Ultimate In Fine Furniture"



ROCKEFELLER, BLACK LEADERS TALK — Washington — Vice President Nelson Rockefeller talks with Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., right, and Del. Walter Fauntroy, D-D.C., prior to Rockefeller's addressing the Congressional Black Caucus Full Employment Forum, May 20. (UPI)