

After Alleged Drinking Party 'Fuss'

# Single Bullet Fatal Here

## Lee Backs Reform In Welfare

**BURLINGTON** — Howard Lee, Democratic candidate for Lt. Governor, last Friday called for reform in North Carolina's welfare system. Speaking in Burlington before the North Carolina Association of Social Workers for Mental Health, Lee stressed the need to reduce the welfare roles by helping welfare recipients to become productive members of society.

Lee said, "It is incumbent upon us to evaluate social agencies, social programs and their objectives. If we are realistic, we should be the ones to identify the weaknesses in our welfare program. We should be the ones to take the first steps to bring about a different and a more realistic approach to helping those in need."

Lee pledged, "If I am elected Lt. Governor, it will be my intention to provide the kind of leadership that will offer a new sense of hope to those who are forced to receive public funds—a new sense of hope through realistic training and job location."

Lee said that people must be provided an opportunity to become independent and not remain dependent on the public dole.

Lee was the keynote speaker at the Awards Banquet of the North Carolina Association of Social Workers for Mental Health, meeting in Burlington.

## Rifle Used In Slaying

A 19-year-old Raleigh youth, who flagged down a police vehicle early last Sunday morning, has been charged with murder in the rifle slaying of an 18-year-old local resident. Dead is Kim Lamont Lassiter of 1511 E. Jones Street. Kenneth Earl Barbee of 112 Hill Street, has been charged with murder.

The shooting incident allegedly took place at the Lassiter home, following a drinking party, police officials reported. Lassiter was shot once in the chest with a .22 calibre rifle. He was still alive when police arrived, but died an hour later after being taken to Wake Medical Center.

Barbee reportedly flagged down Officer Wilbur Barnes and was later charged with murder, placed in Wake County Jail and is being held without privilege of bond. He will receive a preliminary hearing in Wake District Court on Monday, April 5 at 9 a.m.

Police Lt. K. J. Johnson stated Monday that an argument apparently developed between the two teenagers during the party. However, he could not say what could have prompted the "fuss."

The victim was shot at close range, the detective said. Officers have not ascertained whether or not Lassiter was armed.

## Firm In Oxford To Close Sun.

**BY PAT BRYANT**

**OXFORD** — Officials at Burlington Industries announced that the Oxford dye plant would be closed by March 28. The plant employs 450 people. Some may be transferred to other operations in other cities, officials said.

Joseph D. Beam, Burlington Industries group vice president, said "Rapidly changing market developments have made it obvious that the division cannot use the capacity for textured yarn production at the Granville (Oxford) plant."

Bill Crocker, manager of the Granville Plant, said "the market for dyed yarns for knitting - the product now manufactured at the Granville plant, has also deteriorated to the point that continued production is no longer profitable."

City and county officials, white and black businessmen alike, lament the plant's closing and hope that another industry can be attracted to the area in the near future. Rev. G. C. Hawley, president of the Oxford Business and Professional Chain, Inc. said, "We will do what we can to locate these people in other jobs. If we cannot locate them in Granville County, we will try to locate them in adjoining counties."

Plant officials made no assurances that employees of the plant would be hired at other plants, but said that employees would be interviewed before closing the plant, to see if they could be transferred to other operations.

Many of the employees of the plant have recently purchased homes and automobiles and many merchants said that the effect of the closing would not only be felt by the families with workers laid off, but by the entire community. So far, the Oxford Alliance Against Racial

# Fire Victims Buried

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# Power In Granville Blasted

## PASTOR RAPS AREAS



**Granville Minister Critical**

"When you find people who are concerned about their people, you'll find a power structure that seems impossible to break. The only way we can break it is in togetherness" began Rev. Charles Cobb, pastor of St. Peters United Methodist Church in an address to about 70 members of the Oxford Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression last week.

Rev. Cobb described conditions of poverty and neglect in Oxford and Granville County which he said were condoned by the business and political leaders in Oxford. "Houses that have waste in the floors, no sewer, the same families without food, this to me is a serious thing. Who owns them? Whitley," Cobb said.

"There are only a few businesses that hire blacks above the level of janitor. It is true, because we continue to patronize them. If we band together we could successfully boycott the merchants," Cobb said. The black minister continued, "We have been indoctrinated so that we don't help our own people. It is the power structure that controls us."

Rev. Cobb announced that he was resigning from the presidency of the Granville County Improvement Association, saying that he had gotten numerous calls from black politicians that live on "Knob Hill" saying that he should "tend to the pulpit." He said that those blacks have somehow forgotten their previous conditions and have turned their backs on the rest of the poor. Rev. Cobb said that he was not discontinuing his work in Oxford, but would be exposing poverty and racism in Oxford in a CBS documentary that he said will be filmed in Oxford in two weeks.

Oxford is the hometown of the Rev. Ben Chavis, who is a

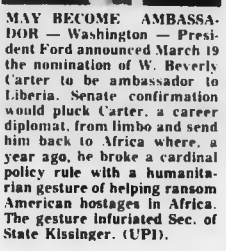


**Woman Will Be President**

**CONCORD** — Dr. Mable Parker McLean will be inaugurated as the ninth president of Barber-Scotia College, Concord, on Friday, April 2, 1976, at 2:30 p.m. in the College Convocation Center. Dr. McLean is the only black woman in the United States who is the president of a senior liberal arts college.

Official delegates and representatives from more than 125 colleges, universities, learned societies, business foundations, civic, religious and educational organizations will be present for the inauguration and will constitute the professional, along with the Mayor of Concord, representatives of the student body and the alumni, the faculty, the Barber-Scotia Board of Trustees, and the inaugural party.

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**MAY BECOME AMBASSADOR** — Washington — President Ford announced March 19 the nomination of W. Beverly Carter to be ambassador to Liberia. Senate confirmation would pluck Carter, a career diplomat, from limbo and send him back to Africa where, a year ago, he broke a cardinal policy rule with a humanitarian gesture of helping ransom American hostages in Africa. The gesture infuriated Sec. of State Kissinger. (UPI)



**Funeral Directors Set Plans**

**CHICAGO, Ill.** — How to deal with a wide range of problems currently confronting funeral directors, and the adoption of plans for the association's upcoming Bicentennial convention in Washington, D.C., this summer, will be foremost on the agenda when the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association holds its 39th annual Board of Directors meeting in Tampa, Fla., April 11-13.

According to Robert H. Miller, NFD&MA executive secretary, the meeting, to be held at the Riverside-Hilton

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## 6 Kids Alone In House

**OXFORD** — Wright's Funeral Home and three area communities that have been concerned about the bodies of six children who lost their lives in an early morning fire, that burned a frame house on Cheatam Street last Saturday, got back to normal Tuesday afternoon when the last three bodies were buried from Davis Chapel Baptist Church, in the Sloval community. They were Maxine Gooch, 16; Janet Gooch, 9; and John Gooch, 8.

The first funeral was at 3 p.m. Monday, in the Townsville community, for Norris Jerome Miles, 10-month-old son of Ms. Vonnie Miles. He was buried in the church cemetery.

At 4 p.m. Monday, the bodies of Berlina Tayborn and her sister Theresa, 5, were eulogized at Illog Baptist Church, Fairport.

Relatives and friends marched in and out of Wright's Funeral Home, where five of

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**Appreciation Check Won By Mrs. L. Hunter**

This week's Appreciation Money goes to Mrs. Lila M. Hunter of 225 Freeman St. Mrs. Hunter found her name listed in the Apex Distributors' ad on the back page of the front section. Mrs. Hunter reported to THE CAROLINIAN office and then to Apex Distributors where she picked up her \$10 Appreciation Money check.

Also included in ads on the Appreciation Money Page were the names of Andrew Jones, 2900 Frinks St. and Joseph H. Bailey, 1401 Christmas Court. Jones' name was in the Heilig-Levine ad, while Bailey's name was in the Hudson Belk ad. But neither reported to THE CAROLINIAN to be identified for the checks.

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## Carter, Reagan Victors

North Carolina voters went to the polls Tuesday and gave Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan primary victories. The Carter win had been expected. But the Reagan defeat of President Gerald Ford was a surprise to voters and political observers alike.

Carter defeated former Alabama Gov. George Wallace by about 53 percent of the votes in a state which Wallace carried in the 1972 Democratic primary. And on the Republican side, Reagan defeated Ford after Ford had won 5 straight victories in other state primaries.

Several other candidates were on the Democratic ballot, though most black voters seem to have been going for Carter as the choice among the Democrats. As one black woman voter in Raleigh's Precinct 26 said, "I had to come out and make sure Wallace didn't win."

The two contestants seem to indicate two distinct directions in North Carolina politics. On the Democratic side, Carter's win over the much more conservative Wallace indicates a shift in conservative views, according to some observers. While on the Republican side, the Reagan defeat over Ford

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## Chavis Writes Open Letter

**THE DIALECTICS OF INCARCERATION**

A factual account of how North Carolina Prison authorities unjustly punish prisoners who dare to speak out for their rights —

I write this account in hopes that the citizens of North Carolina, whose tax dollars pay for the administration of one of the largest per capita prison systems in the United States, will become more aware of unusually cruel and inhumane treatment of the state's 13,000 prisoners.

Today, in nearly all other states, many prisoners are organizing themselves into inmate councils which make and develop various constructive, creative and rehabilitative programs often by working in mutual cooperation with concerned prison administrators. In some states, inmate inspired programs have actually reduced the rate of recidivism which could ultimately reduce overall crime.

However, the N. C. Department of Correction takes a different attitude towards inmate councils. In a recent report of the North Carolina Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on civil rights concerning the status of the state prison system, it was revealed that Ralph Edwards, Director of the Division of Prisons, is opposed to the concept of inmate councils. To quote the report: "Edwards further stated that he would neither encourage, nor give his personal approval to inmate councils in the North Carolina Division of Prisons until someone designed a structure that would ensure efficient operation of such bodies."

The problem is that on each occasion when a group of inmates attempts to organize and design an efficient structure for the establishment of an inmate council, most N. C. prison authorities unjustly and severely punish the prisoners.

For example, here at Caledonia Prison, a majority of the approximately 600 prisoners are now expressing a collective concern for official recognition of a proposed

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## NAACP Asks 'Hunk' Of 'Rock' At Session

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** — A policy statement, adopted at the closing session of the 24th annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on March 20, motivated by the keynote speech of Kelly M. Alexander, president, N.C. State Conference of Branches

and vice chairman of the National Board, who made it distinctively clear that blacks would no longer be contented with a piece of the "rock," but should work to get a "hunk" of it.

The decision was reached as the result of the theme of the meet. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

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## 46 Groups Seek Arrests In Attempted Dynamiting

more vigorous investigation and arrests. Sponsoring groups have also suggested that people in other parts of the country protest to Hollenbach and other public officials here.

Mr. Coleman and his wife and children were present for the news conference and the meeting with Judge Hollenbach. Coleman said he was encouraged by the growing support and added: "If people don't wake up, their house may be next."

Prior to the dynamiting, a brick was thrown through the Coleman's window, an explosive was pitched into the backyard, and Mr. Coleman's car was shot up. No one has been arrested for any of the attacks.

The courage of the Coleman family in refusing to retreat or move in the face of the violence was praised in a statement by Jackie Garrett, chairperson of Progress In Education, a pro-desegregation coalition formed last fall to support school desegregation.

"Unfortunately," she said, "most of our public officials have not been equally courageous."

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**CRIME BEAT**

Editor's Note: The CAROLINIAN is assuming its publication of the Crime Beat with this edition of the newspaper, following a tremendous number of personal inquiries and telephone calls for its reinstatement. As was stated in the original editor's note regarding the column, persons wishing to keep their names out of The Crime Beat should not become involved with the Raleigh Police Department, thereby getting their names on the police blotter, from which all of the material for The Crime Beat is gathered.

**FACES KIDNAPING RAP**

A New Jersey man is being held in the Wake County Jail on \$50,000 bond, facing kidnaping charges as a result of an alleged incident Saturday. According to Raleigh police reports, Joseph Lewis Hardy (also known by the alias of Joe Lewis Charles) kidnaped Ms. Dennise Bridges, 17, of 545 E. Edenton St., Saturday. However, by press time, details of the alleged incident were not available. In addition to the kidnaping charges, the man is also charged with simple possession of marijuana and is being held on a \$500 bond for that charge. The 36-year-old Hardy lives at 18 Belle Ave., Paterson, N.J., according to the police reports.

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**PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE VISITS COLLEGE CAMPUS HERE** — Georgian Jimmy Carter is greeted by student body leaders of predominantly black St. Augustine's College upon his arrival March 19 to address students. Carter was on the 2nd of a 2-day swing through the state in preparation for the March 23 Presidential primary. (UPI)

**Appreciation Money**

**SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK**

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