

Three Freed On Bonds

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Says He's Out-Wallacing Wallace

Wilkins Blasts Ford

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Faces Receiving Stolen Goods Rap

Lightner Denies Charge



Mystery Shadows Fatality

BY PAT BRYANT

Dr. Paige Hudson, North Carolina Medical Examiner, said Tuesday that "chemical or drug poisoning" was the probable cause of the death of inmate William McLaughlin who died in the Central Prison Hospital on June 18th. McLaughlin was transferred to Central Prison Hospital for treatment the day of his death from the Scotland County Prison unit at Wagram.

Hudson said that neither the source of the toxic substance nor the substance itself had been identified. He said that an investigation was continuing into the cause of death of the inmate that had been well prior to June 13th when prison officials said he began to complain about stomach pains.

There is much conflicting information about how long McLaughlin was sick before his death. Jerry Jacobs, who bunked beside the dead inmate (See INMATE'S DEATH, P. 2)

Members' Campaign Planned

The annual Membership Enrollment Campaign of the Bloodworth St. YMCA will be launched Tuesday, July 6, at 7:30 p.m. with a mass meeting of campaign workers and officials, it has been announced.

Clarence Lightner, former mayor of Raleigh, will discuss the black agenda findings as developed by the recent statewide meeting of black leaders and give implications for special agencies such as the YMCA. He will be presented by A. J. Turner, chairman of the membership committee with Dr. Nelson H. Harris, YMCA board chairman, presiding. Ernest Raiford, "Y" executive director, will serve as coordinator for the drive. All news- (See MEMBERS' P. 2)

Appreciation Feature Has No Winners

No one won last week's Appreciation Money. Three names were listed in advertisements on the Appreciation Money Page. But the persons listed did not report that they had found their names. Listed were Mrs. Millie Jackson, of 6 Brunswick Terrace; James Hinnant, of 2804 Daytona Dr.; and Mrs. Lucy Carson, of 18 Fisher St. They were listed in the Central Park Mobile Home Park advertisement, the Kar Parts, Inc. advertisement, and the New Bern Avenue Exxon (See APPRECIATION, P. 2)



Head Of OIC Is Accused

Bruce E. Lightner, charged with receiving stolen goods last week, said Wednesday that he is not guilty of the charges and expressed confidence that the courts will "find the truth."

"I am confident that the courts will seek and find the truth. I am not guilty." He said that with God's grace, this "will be proven."

Lightner, executive director of the local Opportunity Industrialization Center, was charged in a June 24 warrant with receiving a National manual cash register which allegedly belonged to Mrs. Elizabeth Appleton, of 2307 White Oak Rd. It was valued at \$200. The case was investigated by Det. W. R. Miller. Police officials have declined to discuss the details of the case.

Lightner has been ordered to appear in Wake County District Court July 15.

The current charge against Lightner is the latest of a series of charges which have been made against members of the Clarence E. Lightner family. (See LIGHTNER, P. 2)

Nigeria To Scrap System

National Black News Service LAGOS — If civilian rule comes to Nigeria in 1979, as promised by the ruling military government, chances are very good that the Parliamentary system which prevailed here from independence in 1960 to 1966, will be buried into history.

What then? A presidential system similar to that of the United States will most probably be in operation.

A constitutional drafting committee is working on a report that will be presented to the governing military council in September. That proposal will then be submitted to a constitutional assembly, which will then prepare the final document.

This much is known, however. A president would run on the same ticket with a vice president, to be elected by uni- (See NIGERIA TO, P. 2)

Black Judge Seen

WASHINGTON — President Ford has nominated Cecil F. Poole, the nation's first black U. S. attorney, to be a U. S. District Court Judge in California following the death of Judge Oliver J. Carter. Poole, 61, was nominated for a judgeship once before — in the late 1960s — but his Senate confirmation was blocked by the personal objections of George Murphy, then a Republican senator from California. Poole subsequently quit as U. S. attorney. Poole, who hails from San Francisco, has taught law at the University of California since 1970.

Appreciation Money SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK HEILIG-LEVINE OF RALEIGH "For Quality Furniture At Low Cost"



"HURRICANE" CARTER, DAUGHTER LEAVE COURT — Paterson, N. J. — Ruben "Hurricane" Carter leaves the Passaic County Courthouse in Paterson, N. J. with his daughter June 29, during a recess in a hearing held to determine if his bail should be increased after the director of his defense committee, Carolyn Kelley, claimed that Carter assaulted her. Carter is free on bail pending a retrial for a 1964 triple murder in Paterson. (UPI).



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Charlotte Citizens Raise Cash For 3

CHARLOTTE — Dr. James Earl Grant, a 37-year-old civil rights worker imprisoned in North Carolina on conspiracy charges, was released Thursday, June 27, on a bond raised by local citizens. Two other defendants, jailed on similar charges in 1972, were released earlier.

Dr. Charles E. Cobb, executive director of the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ, called Grant's release "a great victory and a major step toward the eventual freedom of other jailed civil rights workers." The UCC's Commission for Racial Justice had been holding bond funds for T. J. Reddy and Charlie Parker, the other defendants, had bail money been necessary.

Grant and his co-workers, Reddy and Parker, were sentenced to 25, 20 and 10 years in prison respectively, for their alleged involvement in the burning of the Lazy B riding stables in Charlotte in 1968. The trial which led to the conviction of the defendants, known as the (See THREE FREED, P. 2)

Robinson To Remain In City



DR. P. R. ROBINSON

Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, president of St. Augustine's College, has made up his mind to remain at the helm of the Episcopal-supported predominantly black college, it was announced Monday.

Several prominent colleges and universities in the south had reportedly attempted to obtain the services of the personable St. Augustine's College alumnus.

Chairman of the executive (See DR. ROBINSON, P. 2)

Trial Of Cleaver Delayed

OAKLAND, Calif. — The trial of Eldridge Cleaver, the former Black Panther leader, on charges stemming from a shootout with Oakland policemen in 1968 has been postponed because Cleaver's attorney George V. Higgins had asked Alameda County Superior Court Judge Lionel Wilson to let him withdraw due to "substantial differences" over tactics and defense strategy.

"There are three or four reasons why I'm forced to pull out," said Higgins. "Mainly, there are profound differences between my client and me on how to proceed with the case."



SENTENCE FOUR ALLEGED MERCENARIES TO DEATH — Luanda, Angola — A panel of five judges passes a sentence of death for 4 mercenaries — one American Vietnam War veteran and three Britons — and a prison sentence ranging from 16 to 30 years in duration for the other nine here June 28. All were convicted on charges of hiring themselves out to fight for money in Africa. The presiding judge (C) charged the mercenaries were guilty of a common crime equal to murder and accused the 13 of participating in a conspiracy by wearing uniforms and carrying weapons after entering Angola illegally. (UPI).



READY FOR CELEBRATIONS — Ms. Teresa Lucas of Fayetteville State University is ready for FSU's centennial year (founded in 1877) and the nation's Bicentennial year on the 4th of July. FSU is the second-oldest state supported institution of higher learning in North Carolina. (FSU Photo by John Henderson).

Rights Groups Hit Justice Dept. Bias

National Black News Service

WASHINGTON — The Leadership Conference for Civil Rights Under Law and the National Organization for Women have charged that minorities and women have been excluded from employment and promotion opportunities at the Justice Department. That charge was made in recent testimony before the House Judiciary Committee's Civil and Constitutional Rights Subcommittee.

The subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.), was presented data which showed that minority and female employees were severely underrepresented in the policy making position, with only 11 of over 300 of these jobs held by minorities and 4 by women.

"The department which monitors and enforces the American legal system, should have minority and female representation in key positions so that its overall policies and legislative recommendations will reflect their input — but it does not," said Joseph L. Raub, Jr., general counsel for the Leadership Conference.

The National Organization for Women testified that the failure to recruit, hire and promote minorities and women has also adversely impacted on

Widower Of Slain Woman, Cops Are Still Baffled

BY WILLIE WHITE, Staff Writer

Albert Foster is still trying to figure out why one of his close neighbors allegedly shot his 75-year-old wife to death about 6:15 a.m. June 12.

Roy Lee McLaughlin, of 904 S. Blount St., has been charged with manslaughter, though Raleigh police are still not talking about the details of the case.

Bond was originally set at \$10,000, but after a hearing in the case, it was reduced to \$1,000. McLaughlin, a custodian at the Raleigh Municipal Building, was released Friday. He is scheduled to be back in court on July 27.

Bill Phillips, administrative assistant to the Wake County District Attorney, said McLaughlin was charged with manslaughter because the magistrate before whom the evidence was taken was not convinced that the case warranted murder charges.

Phillips said, however, that the case is still being investigated by the Raleigh Police Department. He said any citizen who has any information which may affect the case should turn it over to the police department or the Wake County District Attorney's office.

He said additional information in reference to the case could result in a change in the status of the charges in either direction.

In an interview in his front yard this week, Foster said he

HEW To Speed Up Inquiries On Bias

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has announced a new procedure that it said would allow it to investigate promptly all complaints of discrimination in elementary and secondary schools.

The procedure is an extension of an agreement reached recently between the administration and civil rights groups under a court order that sets strict timetables for investigating complaints of school segregation in 17 southern and border states.

Until the agreement was reached, HEW, under the court order, had a maximum of 90 days to investigate all complaints of racial bias. The agreement calls for investiga-

tion of all such complaints all over the country within 105 days and to clear up a backlog of 600 complaints. Added to the list of grievances HEW will investigate are complaints of bias based on sex, handicap and national origins.

(See WIDOWER, P. 2)



Editor's Note: The CAROLINIAN is resuming its publication of The Crime Beat, 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.

MAN CHARGED IN LYE-THROWING — A Raleigh woman was reported in satisfactory condition Wednesday after she sustained chemical burns in an alleged lye-throwing incident at No. 2 Mecklenburg Ct., Chavis Heights. Raleigh police charged Lee Vanter Gunter, Jr. with assault with intent to maim after he allegedly beat and threw lye on Ms. Janice Stephenson at the above address. She was said to have sustained chemical burns over extended portions of her body. The incident happened about 11:30 Sunday night. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)

Sickle Cell Program Can't Fund Patients

The Sickle Cell Syndrome Program can no longer fund medical services for patients with sickle cell disease. This measure, effective July 1, 1976, is part of statewide cutbacks in spending.

Included in the services being eliminated are inpatient and outpatient hospitalization, physician and dental services, drugs and appliances.

The program will continue to provide education, testing, screening, counseling, referral and follow-up services. These services are provided by local health departments, funded sickle cell projects and the Division of Health Services' Regional Office Staff.

According to T. B. Haynes, Program Manager of the Sickle Cell Syndrome Program, efforts are underway to replace budget reductions with aid from both other state and private agencies.