

# Late Tribute Paid City's 'Iron Mike'

BY WILBERT ALLEN "PETE" WILDER, SR.

Hundreds gathered at Chavis Heights Center at 2 p.m. last Saturday to attend the Ernest "Iron Mike" McDowell Memorial. And what a memorial it was.

At 2:20 p.m., John D. Lewis, Jr. brought greetings as emcee and the program was on its way. Father Clyde Beatty, Sr., chaplain of St. Augustine's College, offered invocation. The highlights of "Iron Mike's" life were given by "Pete" Wilder and by Ms. Gladys "Bubba" Morgan. Pete took him from about 1916; Bubba knew him before that period.

In the "wrap up," many old associations were mentioned. Such names as "Pookie" Perry, "Soupy" Lewis, "Pink" Taylor, the girl catcher on Lincoln Park's early baseball team; Will Ricks, Roy Morgan, Janet Morgan, Cecil Hartsfield, Amanda Hartsfield.

Among his local idols were George Hoywood, "Pinckle" Perry, Walter Taylor, "Honk" Mitchell, "Hoggie" Smith, Joe Watkins, "Len" Hooker, "Schoolboy" Howard, "Big Train" Cozart, "Morvin" Williams, "Buck" Alston, "Dynamite" Brewington, "Lamb" Borbee, "Nat" Davis, Carroll Irvin, "Bill" Wilder, "Squirrel" McQuire, "Joe" Person, Henry Joyner, Hully Freeman, "Funny" Smith, "Bobby" Height, "Money" Smith. So the list continues, for it has stretched so many years.

Recognition of friends and comments came from Clarence E. "Bobby" Lightner, former mayor of this city. The former mayor brought the house down with his wit and humor. With it all, he added his keen admiration for "Iron Mike" - the man.

Mrs. Rosa Lee Williams read the poem of the "Sunflower," for there were lessons from the sunflower which so aptly described the man.

Councilman "Bill" Knight presented the proclamations for the city bearing the signature of Mayor Jyles J. Coggins and the official City Seal. He touched on and lauded McDowell's intense interest in the city's role and told of the seriousness of the assignments entailed in serving a large electorate.

George Foxwell, principal, accepted the plaque for "Iron Mike" and assured the public that it would be No. 1 in St. Augustine's Hall of Fame, together with all other information relating to him. But Mr. Foxwell did more. He told of his command of the Russian Revolution and how he seemed to have known more about it than his instructor. The instructor wanted "Iron Mike" to come out and meet the group. Mike's retiring modesty prevented him from doing so.

Two solos by Ed Hall also highlighted the evening. The family of Mr. McDowell was called to the platform to receive the plaques. Mrs. Lillie Bell Montfort, sister of Mike, acquitted herself beautifully, ere tears came down to bring an early end.

Such slogans from "Iron Mike" will linger with us: "Don't scold him, school him," "You've got the greatest weapon in your hand, made in Louisville and mellowed in the heart of Kentucky. Protect that dish," "Don't be a retriever, be a receiver," "The men in blue, they are so true, keep it clean, Mr. Official," "There's going to be some head knocking and some frame rocking. Yeal Team," "Don't be afraid to fall, that turf is will-to-worrel carpet," "There he is, there he is, get him," "Keep those babes breathing."

Father Beatty gave a fitting, affectionate benediction. Following the benediction, a repast of punch and cookies were dispensed in the social nook by Comp Fire Girls No. 527 in their lovely uniforms. Complimentary copies of THE CAROLINIAN were made available by businesses and friends.

Dr. C. E. Coleman, of Hamlin Drugs; Giles Oliver, Hargett St. A&P Store; Eugene Dunn of Dunn's Exon Center, Hoywood's Mortuary Services and Mrs. Mabel D. Hoywood and her two sons. He and her late husband, David "Sport" Hoywood, had always appreciated "Iron Mike."

# To Protest 'Unfair Policies' Thousands Here

★★★★★ Civil Rights Body Cites

# US School 'Mixing'

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Following Long Investigation, Ousted

# PRISON'S CHIEF FREE

★★★★★ To Support Colleague, Others

# Cleric Studying March

## A. Davis, Others In City

The massive Labor Rights and Human Rights March nears its Labor Day deadline in Raleigh, but not without controversy.

North Carolina Commissioner of Labor, T. Avery Nye, sent a telegram Aug. 27, to Georgia State Senator Julian Bond and to Colorado Lt. Governor George Brown, telling each to "stay at home" if they wanted to help North Carolina workers. Then on August 30, Golden Frinks, national coordinator of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), said he would join the march bringing with him about 37 marchers from the Continental Walk, but it was thought that the march would decrease the chances of Howard Lee to defeat House Speaker Jimmy Green in a

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KISSINGER ADDRESSES OIC IN PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is hugged by Helen Hinkson after Kissinger addressed the black oriented Opportunity Industrialization Center (OIC) about the unrest in South Africa, here Aug. 31. He referred to South Africa's strict racial segregation laws as "incompatible with any sense of human dignity" (UPI)

## Finlator Indicates Attitudes

[Editor's Note: The Rev. W. W. Finlator, chairman of the North Carolina Advisory Committee on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, has released the following statement concerning the Labor Day March to be held here Monday:]

The National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression is returning to Raleigh on Labor Day to hold another march against what it regards as systemic injustice in North Carolina. Because of its intensive preparation and wide publicity and because of recent issues that have kept North Carolina in the national news, the event will be fully covered by the

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## A. Loftin Names L. Wray

Lawrence Wray, intergovernmental co-ordinator for the City of Raleigh is being investigated for allegations of racial discrimination in hiring. The allegations are being investigated by the Atlanta office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The complainant is Mrs. Annie Loftin, 908 Greenwich St.

Ralph Campbell, president of the Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association (RWCA), said the RWCA supports Ms. Loftin in her claims against Wray because "artificial barriers in job descriptions have been designed against blacks, and Wray has said that he is responsible for hiring." Campbell said educational requirements failed to account for Ms. Loftin's experiences.

Mrs. Loftin said that she applied for the position of CETA Coordinator which has a beginning salary of \$9,000. At the time her application was made, Ms. Loftin was unemployed.

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# Morris Kea Faces Charges

CHARLOTTE — Morris C. Kea, the 38-year-old former head of the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women at Raleigh, is in the news again. He and a woman companion were arrested Tuesday morning on drug charges.

Kea is accused on six counts of selling heroin to a state Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, stated Rufus L. Edmisten, Tar Heel attorney general. If convicted, he could receive up to 15 years on each charge.

Kea became one of the highest-ranking blacks in the N.C. Corrections Department and was acting superintendent of the facility in June of 1975, when violence flared.

Kea had lost control of inmates, charged state prison hierarchy, and this led to the eruption.

He had been suspended from his \$22,000-per-year Raleigh-based penal institution for female prisoners. Since the Capital City disturbance, Kea had been suspended pending investigation, Ralph D. Edwards, prisons chief in North Carolina, related Tuesday afternoon.

Arrested at his home, 1523 Plumstead Rd., Kea meekly accompanied the two state bureau agents.

Indicted along with Kea and free on a similar unsecured bond of \$10,000, was Ms. Teresa Elaine Jackson, formerly employed by the Department of Correction. She lives at 8301 Feldbank Dr., and was taken into custody at her home.

Both suspects were taken to the local Mecklenburg County Jail, where they were only

## James Revis Won Appreciation Money Last Week

James H. Revis, of 1304 E. Iones St., was winner of last week's \$10 check in Appreciation Money. He was one of three persons listed on the Appreciation Money Page.

The other persons listed were William C. Dobbin, of 2812 Golden St., and Mrs. Dorothy H. Barker, of 2301 Everett Ave.

Mrs. Barker was listed in the Central Park Mobile Home Park advertisement. Dobbin was listed in the Raleigh FCX Service advertisement, and Revis was listed in the Kar Paris, Inc. advertisement.

Three names are listed on (See APPRECIATION, P. 2)



FREE ON BOND — Charlotte — Morris A. Kea, the former director of the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women, was arrested Sept. 31 on charges of sale and possession of heroin, the Attorney General's office reported. He and a female companion were released on bonds of \$10,000 each the same day. (UPI)



NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER — Miss Carmen Jean Battle, a recent participant in the Prince Hall Shrine talent and scholarship pageant program contest, sponsored by Prince Hall Shriners at the 83rd annual Imperial Council session, held recently in Los Angeles, Calif. She performed her talent and displayed her beauty before an overflow crowd of more than 5,000 in the Al Mallaka Shrine Temple exhibition hall in L. A. Prior to her arrival in L. A. to compete in the pageant, the beautiful young lady had competed on a local, state and regional basis to reach the national and vie for one of the top four awards. Following completion of the pageant and a queen's dinner, she joined the new PH Shrine Queen and other members of the queen's court for a visit to local hospitals and radio and TV interviews over local and national networks. For her effort in the pageant, she was presented part of a \$15,000 annual financial grant and scholarship award to attend a school of her choice anywhere in the USA. Miss Battle is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Battle of Sanderson Road, Raleigh, N. C. She was sponsored in the pageant by Kabala Temple No. 177, PH Shriners. A June, 1975 graduate of Broughton High School, she is enrolled as a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, majoring in music. A member of First Baptist Church of Raleigh, she is active in Sunday School, BTU and Bible School. The 18-year-old winner is 5' 8" tall and weighs 135 pounds.

# Lobbyist Mitchell Attacks Both Sides

WASHINGTON — The civil rights planks of the Democratic and Republican Party platforms are "examples of pussyfooting, mealy-mouthed, state-mongering, and plati-tudinating — not worth the paper they're written on."

The planks were thus sharply criticized by Clarence Mitchell, director of the NAACP's Washington office and legislative chairman of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, a lobbying group of civil rights, labor and business organization.

Mitchell said both platform planks "are examples of how you can have it both ways and say nothing." He said the Democratic plank saying busing should be a "judicial tool of last resort" was designed "to satisfy the racists and those who want to maintain segregation. It wasn't mere political expediency, it's an act of outright duplicity."

His harshest criticism went to the Republican Party plank which opposes "forced busing to achieve racial balances" and proposes "consideration" of a constitutional amendment against the "assignment of children to school on the basis of race." It further endorses



# Fleeta Drumgo Out

TAMAL, Calif. — Fleeta Drumgo, who recently was acquitted in the San Quentin Six murder trial, has been released from San Quentin Prison after serving nine years of a 6-to-15 year sentence for burglary.

Drumgo, 31, was sent to prison in 1966 for the burglary of a television store in which nothing was stolen. Drumgo and another man were seen by a night watchman who shot at them and caused them to flee. His co-defendant served only six months in jail.

Drumgo's recent acquittal in the San Quentin Six case was his second acquittal in a murder trial. Earlier he and John Chubbette were acquitted of charges of killing a guard at Soledad Prison.

The Soledad Brothers' trial took its name from a book written by co-defendant George Jackson. He was killed at San Quentin, two days before the trial was scheduled to start, on August 21, 1971, along with three guards and

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# THREE CHARGED IN B&F

The Pork Palace Restaurant, 1421 S. Wilmington St., was the scene of a breaking and entering incident about 2:45 a.m. Monday when three men apparently attempted to pry a chain from around a vending machine, according to Raleigh police reports. Their efforts resulted in about \$100 in damages to the east wall of the restaurant and charges of breaking and entering against them. The men were: Luther Earl Carter, 25, of 931 Peace Terrace, Eric Fredrick Cooley, 19, of 1354 Branch, and James Junior Medlin, 19, of 810 Wilmington St.

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# Commission Release Desegregation Study

National Black News Service

WASHINGTON — The U. S. Commission on Civil Rights has concluded after a 10-month national study school desegregation that "desegregation works."

Commission Chairman Arthur S. Flemming said: "We have reached an overriding conclusion, as a commission, that desegregation works. We are prepared to debate the soundness of this conclusion with anyone."

Its 315-page report "reveals that in most communities desegregation has gone peacefully and smoothly. For every Boston and Louisville there are dozens of other communities, which have received no headlines and attracted no television coverage, where desegregation is proceeding without major incident."

# Knight Opposes Actions

Raleigh Mayor Jyles J. Coggins came under attack Wednesday by councilman William R. Knight after Coggins said that he had talked with many black leaders who objected to making it a criminal offense to discriminate on the basis of race and sex and religion when renting or selling houses or apartments.

Coggins' statements were made as the council considered a fair housing law. No action was taken because members of the Raleigh Board of Realtors

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MISSISSIPPIANS STAGE PROTEST — Port Gibson, Miss. — Fayette, Miss. Mayor Charles Evers (center) led about 50 pickets, Aug. 28, as picketing resumed to protest a court's award of \$1.2 million in damages to 12 white merchants hard hit by an economic boycott some years ago. At left is Claiborne County Tax Assessor Evan Doss. (UPI)

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