

Seek Answers To Aid Local Blacks

QUESTION: DO YOU THINK A JUNIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, SIMILAR TO THE JAYCEE'S IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME? PLEASE GIVE VIEW, WHETHER IN THE AFFIRMATIVE OR NEGATIVE.

BY GEORGE SPAULDING
 Local Merchant

Yes, I think such a group as a junior citizen association would be helpful to the black community. I would like to, in my opinion, point to some concerns this organization should address.

Nearly all social, educational and political divisions are pivoted on economy facts. These facts and discussions affect our daily lives. For example, blacks are consumers of 22 percent of goods and services in Raleigh. Yet, the black community produces less than 5 percent of these goods and services. If the community could increase its productivity of these services to 8 percent, it would mean millions of dollars to the community. The black community has a large market for all types of services. These services must be rendered in a competitively professional manner.

Growth only takes place as a result of profits. Too much profit is being taken out of the community and put in other areas of Raleigh. The community needs to keep more profit in order to have the kinds of housing, streets, schools and industries needed. Through profit is the only sure way these things will happen. Without profits for additional capital expansion, the results are unemployment, low wages, poor housing and high crime rates.

Young blacks should learn more about capitalism in providing some of the additional services to the community. Operating a successful business to make a profit is the best watch dog possible for many services.

If such an organization is formed, it will require more than remuneration to make it work. There are no short cuts to success. Hard work, with the people participating and gaining in knowledge, dollars and jobs well-done, will be the motivating forces. Self help is the best help of all.



GEORGE SPAULDING

Happy Thanksgiving

Raleighites Reject Plan

 By NBA

Death Penalty Fought

2 More Hearings Are Set

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Bar Association (NBA), has joined the roster of organizations to publicly denounce capital punishment in principle as an act against human decency, a d has specifically called for the commutation of the sentence imposed upon Gary Mark

Gilmore. The sentence, if carried out, will result in the first execution under law in the United States since 1967. NBA President Carl J. Character (Cleveland, Ohio) sent the following telegram to the Honorable George W. Latimer, chairman of the Utah Board of Pardons.

—On behalf of the National Bar Association, I implore you and the other members of your board to issue a commutation of the sentence imposed upon Gary Mark Gilmore.

—The issue is far greater than the individual involved. Significant legal issues remain

undecided. We do not feel these questions can best be answered in a manner punctuated by haste. Organizations such as ours have waged a battle spanning more than half a century against this form of Cruel and Unusual Punishment. Certainly, this lengthy

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The North Central Community Development Committee met Thursday night at St. Augustine's College and rejected a plan which included the purchasing of 6,000 square foot lots by the Raleigh Housing Authority to be sold to a developer for new single family units. Also rejected were street changes and public facilities, which may require purchase or possible demolition of certain structures.

The committee voted against against the recommendation to close Tarboro St., which would cut down on the flow of incoming traffic; closing Pettigrew St., which is seldom used, according to Housing Authority director of field positions, William Williams; the closing of Hill St., which would keep the volume of traffic down; and the closing of an alley located off Heck St. The preliminary plan included extending a park across Tarboro St. But since the closing of Tarboro St. was rejected, this is now considered a dead issue.

The committee is one of the Raleigh Task Force committees organized by the Citizens Advisory Council, whose purpose is to help advise the government in allocating Community Development Funds. The North Central Task Force group adopted some motions concerning zoning and subdivision control, traffic and how it would effect a residential section, and a new homeownership program. These adopted motions were presented to the planning commission and later transferred to the city council. Thursday night's meeting con-

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King Documents Are Missing As New Investigation Begins

WASHINGTON — Richard A. Sprague, chief counsel of the House Committee of Assassinations, has said that documents relating to the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., apparently have been destroyed since the creation of the House Committee to investigate the slaying.

He said those documents were "relevant to our investigation" and "would have been in the possession of law enforcement authorities."

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He added: "I have been advised that the destruction has been made since it was announced (in September) that this committee would be investigating" the murders of Dr. King and President Kennedy.

Sprague's remarks came on the second day of the committee's hearings. He pointed out that while he had not received official notification that the documents had been destroyed, he had learned of their destruction "from an individual who has interviewed other people."

believe that documents relating to the King assassination had been destroyed "since the constitution of this committee." He replied: "I believe there are some documents that have been destroyed."

The committee announced that it would hire 170 investigators to investigate the assassinations of Walter Rautroy, Democratic delegate from the District of Columbia, was named chairman of the subcommittee to investigate the King killing. He said "We want to find out what the evidence is and follow it where it leads, no matter where."

Rep. Richard Preyer (D-N.C.) will head the subcommittee investigating the Kennedy assassination.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

Three Citizens Are Shot

Three men were the victims of an alleged gun shooting assault. Danny Lee Mann, 18, 201 S. East St., and David Mann of the same address, were allegedly shot at with a gun. The alleged assault of Danny Lee Mann reportedly occurred in the 200 block of S. East St. around 7:25 p.m. Saturday. The alleged assault of David Mann occurred at his residence around the same time.

Frank Perry, Jr. of 220 S. East St., was also the victim of an alleged shooting which occurred at 201 S. East St. around 7:25 p.m.

Spencer Strickland of 212 S. East St. was arrested and

Staff attorney Robert Ozer was asked by a committee member if he had any reason to

NAACP's Money Needs Get Aid From Baptists

CHICAGO, Ill. — An emergency back-up loan program for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has been set up by the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Dr. J. H. Jackson, president of the 7 1/2 million member Baptist body, said the convention earmarked \$250,000 in the cash fund.

Jackson said also: "Another \$250,000 could be borrowed by the convention from Philadelphia banks with which the convention has been doing business for the last 20 years."

In addition, Jackson said, "Another \$500,000 was set up from another source if needed by the NAACP."

The efforts were put forth by Jackson and the convention due to the urgent need of the NAACP to raise more than \$1.6 million in order to appeal a lawsuit it lost in Mississippi, initiated by merchants who said they lost business due to the boycott of their stores by the NAACP several years ago.

When the convention met in Dallas last September, Jackson recommended to the Board of Directors that the affiliated pastors pledge financial aid to the NAACP.

the board voted unanimously in support, and the recommendations were presented to the convention and met with overwhelming approval. Many of the pastors pledged to make an immediate appeal to their congregation on returning home from the convention.

Encouraged by the pastors' and members' response, Jackson said his Chicago office kept in close contact with the New York office of the NAACP in the closing days of September in order to keep abreast of how the fund-raising campaign was progressing.

He also sought to know if any arrangements had been made for back-up funds if the campaign had failed.

Another heartening act came from Federal Judge Orma Smith of Oxford, Miss., in reducing the bond placed on the NAACP to \$1.6 million to \$100,000 and granting of an injunction against the Mississippi court action.

However, Jackson and the Board of Directors were assured that the appeal trial on the injunction is expected to take from two to five years, enough time for the NAACP to strengthen its financial position.

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TROOPERS KICK MAN

Rights Group Enters

Reuben "Sonny" Conley, 49, was allegedly kidnapped and commandeered a Virginia Highway Patrolman and his car through northern North Carolina on I-85 to a roadblock just south of Creedmoor. But the patrolman who was driving the vehicle was killed, perhaps by fellow patrolmen. After the shooting, a newsman reported that lawmen abused and kicked Conley, a black man. The patrolman, Garland Fisher, Jr., was white.

The event has not been unnoticed by blacks in the state. Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) national coordinator Golden Frinks has called for a meeting with Attorney General Rufus Edmiston to discuss the highway patrol's response to the Fisher kidnapping. Frinks said a delegation of blacks will try to discuss patrol response in many stress situations across the state.

The episode began in Petersburg, Va., where newsreports indicated Patrolman Fisher, 33, was injured by gunfire and made to drive to Atlanta. Patrol sources say that Fisher



FINALLY ENTERS — Plains, Ga. — The Rev. Cleon King waves as he enters Plains Baptist Church for the first time here Sunday. Plains Baptist voted to open the church to blacks last week. President-elect Jimmy Carter is also a member of the church. (UPI)



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.

KNIFE STABBING REPORTED

Claude Pittman, 27, of 1309 Holman St., was the victim of an alleged assault involving a knife stabbing. The alleged assault occurred in the 500 block of S. Bloodworth St. around 8:30 p.m. Saturday. According to police reports, he underwent minor hospitalization for a laceration.

No One Won Week's Appreciation Money

Although three names were listed among the advertisements on the Appreciation Money Page winners won last week's appreciation money. They did not report to the CAROLINIAN that they had discovered their names on the Appreciation Money Page, which is located on the back of the front section of the paper each week.

The names of Willie Gaskins (See APPRECIATION, P. 2)

Lee, Michaux Seek New Political Appointments

Two among the several black North Carolinians who are expecting patronage from the recent Democratic Party victories in the state and nation are N.C. House Representative H. M. Michaux, Jr. from Durham County and former Mayor of Chapel Hill, Howard N. Lee.

Patronage refers to a system of dispensing out political appointments to boards, commissions, jobs in government and governmental contracts based not upon qualifications alone, but primarily upon remuneration for the support given the candidate who won the office.

Howard Lee said recently that he had heard rumors that he was being considered for appointment by Governor-elect James Hunt, to a political office. Lee said, "I have been in one meeting with Governor-elect Hunt. But he did not mention any appointment at that time. Hunt made the commitment before the primary to appoint at least one black to his cabinet. Lee, one of the most active blacks in the N.C. Democratic Party, said his preference for a cabinet post would be the N.C. Department of Human Resources. The Human Resources Department has never been headed by a black person. Dr. Renee Westcott Hill, director of the Social Services Division, is

Hunt as he had been requested of political appointees the highest ranking black person within that department. She recently submitted her resignation to Governor-elect Representative H. M. Michaux, Jr. said after a recent meeting of blacks in Raleigh, that he had submitted his name to President-elect Jimmy Carter's talent search committee. Michaux's hat has been tossed at one of the most coveted posts in government, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Political observers familiar with the North Carolina scene say that while Lee and several other black North Carolinians, including Walter Johnson, a Greensboro attorney, have a

good chance to land at least one cabinet post in Hunt's administration, Michaux's ambition to hold the HUD post is not as politically expedient for several reasons.

First, Michaux has an identity factor that would be difficult to overcome. He is not well-known outside of North Carolina. Second, Michaux is an influential member of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, which did not publicly support Carter until just before the N.C. primary. Sources say that Carter is likely to reserve the coveted post to interests that supported him much earlier in the campaign, and who represent much stronger financial interests than those of the Research Triangle. (CCNS)

Hunter Shoots Hunter

DURHAM — The Rev. Samuel Evans delivered the last rites for Joe T. Mack, at 3 p.m. at Cain Chapel Baptist Church, Guess Road and St. Mary's Road, near here, Tuesday, Nov. 23.

Mack is said to have been the victim of an accident while on a hunting party, in Orange County Saturday afternoon, Nov. 19.

The deceased was a member of a group of hunters that visited Cedar Grove community in the northeastern part of Orange County. According to investigating officers, the men had returned from the trip and were unloading their guns when it is alleged that one, in the hands of Matthew Davis, went off, striking Mack in the chest.

Davis was charged with manslaughter and released on his own recognizance to appear in District Court in Hillsborough at a later date.

Mack was an employee of N&W Railroad.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ida Mae Mack; a daughter, Mrs. Dianne Davis of Kingston; three sons, Dwight Mack, Joe Thurman Mack and Waddell Bradley, all of Durham; his mother, Mrs. Grace Mack of Hillsborough; six sisters, Mrs. Ollie Roberts, Mrs. Luna Justice, Mrs. Ruth Prigden and Mrs. Louise Long, all of Durham, and Mrs. Pearl Holman and Mrs. Juanita Shaw, both of Hillsborough; five brothers, Amos Mack of Durham, Claude Mack of Brookham, John Mack, Jr. of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Norman Mack and Russell Mack, both of Hillsborough, and three grandchildren.



EXPLOSION — New York — A burned victim of an early-morning explosion is wheeled out of the Elmhurst Hospital enroute to another hospital equipped with a burn unit Sunday. At least 18 people were injured when an explosion of unknown origin blew out part of a factory wall in Queens, but no deaths have been reported. Thirty-six persons were seriously burned, officials said, and arrangements were being made to transport them to burn units in the city, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The blast tore through the fourth floor of the American Chiclet Division of the Warner-Lambert Co. (UPI)

Appreciation Money
SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK
BEA HIVE
 "Bea Hive Is The Place To Get The Best Food In Town."

More Developments Taking Place For Wilmington 10

The case of the Wilmington 10 has taken a number of strange twists during the past two weeks that may have significant bearing on whether the 8 black students, civil rights worker Rev. Ben Chavis, and white anti-poverty worker Anne Sheppard-Turner get new trials or commutation of their sentences.

The 10 who have become popularly known as the Wilmington 10, are now serving sentences totaling 282 years for conviction of setting fire and conspiracy to burn a white-owned grocery in Wilmington's black ghetto in 1971. Since their charges were brought, denials and appeals have been taken to many levels of the state courts and to the U.S. Supreme Court,

with little success at any level.

FILES MISSING

The first twist was the revelation that the N.C. Good Neighbor Council, presently known as the N.C. Human Relations Commission (HRC), had withheld from the Wilmington 10 defense information that a former human relations official said could have documented the role of the Wilmington 10 as peacekeepers rather than inciters of racial violence. The official, Rev. Aaron Johnson, said the files contained records that would have been favorable to the defense and which documented the whereabouts of Rev. Chavis during the racial turmoil in Wilmington in 1971. Johnson said to reporters that

those files disappeared from the commission's office a month after the commission had resisted subpoenas from defense counsel of the Wilmington 10 to testify and tell of the role of Rev. Chavis in the 1971 riot. Interviewed at McCain Prison after the revelation of the missing files, Rev. Chavis said, "It was no accident or coincidence that they (the N.C. Good Neighbor Council) were late for the trial. I think it was a very controlled situation from the top of state government to further us away." Until Johnson's statement to reporters, a popular view in North Carolina was that Rev. Ben Chavis was a hatemonger who went into Wilmington and stirred up the

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