

Seek Answers

To Aid Local Blacks

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

BY JAMES BURT
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Yes, I think a Junior Citizens Association is desperately needed locally. This could be the new renaissance of the black community. It could bring our young people to a more realistic view on life, instead of a negative attitude. A Junior Citizens Association could be the kind of institution that would take up to the seriousness of the problems that years of racism have created, and to deal with the intensity and commitment their solution demand. An association of this kind could provide the leadership training for our young people to understand the importance of orchestrating the diversified elements of our community to the point that we would be able to speak the truth with one voice - leadership which speaks to our latent strengths instead of our latent fears; leadership that would heal our wounds and division; leadership that would make us one people. We need an organization that will seek out youth to become more actively involved in government by voting and seeking office. If the truth be told, we will never be important in America until we have power, until we take the weight, until we make the public school system which we so desperately need a place for education, rather than a battleground where our children must fight to survive. To paraphrase an old hymn, and say "We are not here to play, to dream, to drift, we must shun out the struggle, but face it, 'tis God's gift, be strong."

NC Alliance Elects Officers, Sets Programs, Expels Group

DURHAM (CCNS) — Several programs to fight repression were approved by the North Carolina Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression at its organizing conference at North Carolina Central University, Durham, Saturday. The conference, which elected this year's N.C. Alliance executive board to govern the implementation of the programs, had 95 individuals and organizations from across the state participating. Programs were derived from 6 workshops, including one against the move to re-enact the death penalty in North Carolina, another on police crimes in the community, one on prison conditions, another on repression in education, another on ways to free the Wilmington 10 and Charlotte 3,

J. Burt May Seek Council Position

The former chairman of the Raleigh Community Relations Commission (RCRC) may run for a seat on the Raleigh City Council. But then, he may not. In an interview this week, James Burt, 30-year-old Raleigh native, said he is studying the situation and has set two conditions as determinative factors in reaching a final decision. He said he is studying reactions to the feelers being sent out in reference to a council bid by him. "I am trying to put together the things they (citizens) say about the possibility of my running for council." The other factor will be the type campaign organization which he hopes to be able to develop in the near future. In either case, Burt said, he will make a final decision next month. He said that so far reaction has been favorable. "I have received a positive attitude from the people I have talked to."

House May Study '69 Panther Death

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A House Committee has been asked to investigate the 1969 killing of Fred Hampton, a Chicago Black Panther Party leader, on the grounds that he had been set up by the Federal Bureau of Investigation through an informer and "murdered" in an early morning raid by a special force of the Chicago police, United Press International (UPI) has reported. The request came in the form of a letter from Morton H. Halperin, a former staff member of the National Security Council, now a director of projects in conjunction with the American Civil Liberties Union. The letter was sent to Richard Sprague, chief counsel and staff director of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, the UPI article said. Halperin said that FBI involvement was established (See HOUSE, P. 2)

Black Land Loss Study Available

Land owned by blacks in the South could form the equity base for greater minority participation in the growing southern economy, says a new study recently released by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE). Entitled, Land and Minority Enterprise: The Crisis and The Opportunity, the 3-part report was prepared for OMBE by Dr. Lester M. Salomon, assistant professor of political science at Duke University. It analyzes patterns of black land ownership in 14 southern states, examines the long-term effects of land ownership on rural black families, and suggests a low-cost government policy designed to stabilize black land losses in the South and strengthen black agricultural enterprises. Approximately 65,000 southern black landowners controlled close to 6 million acres worth about \$1 billion at the time of the 1969 Agricultural Census. But the Commerce Department study notes that the volume of black-held land, while substantial, is far less than the amount owned by blacks 15 or 20 years ago. In the interim, blacks have been losing land at the rate of 333,000 acres per year. Slowing this trend is critical to the preservation of this unique minority-controlled resource. One solution, the study suggests, is to give minority landowners greater access to



THAT'S MY DECISION: — Washington — Transportation Secretary William Coleman announces Dec. 6 that he has rejected proposals to require air bags in cars, suggesting instead a 2-year demonstration project beginning 2 years from now and affecting only a relatively small number of cars. (UPI)

Appreciation Money
SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK
VIRGINIA FASHIONS

Celebrate The Holiday Season In Our Styles And Fashions!

Stewart Gets 5 Years

Trials In Progress

North Carolina's Leading Weekly
Raleigh, N. C., Thursday, December 9, 1976
Single Copy, 20c

Release Delayed
In Durham Scandal
Others Receive Terms

JOANNE LITTLE FIGHTS

Winner In First 2 Battles
Discipline Has Become A Problem

Changes Sought

JOANNE LITTLE has won two recent battles which could have delayed her release from prison on parole later this month. The first battle was a hearing to determine if her 1974 probation from a shoplifting conviction should be revoked, thus making active a 6 month suspended sentence. The second was a charge of possession of items banned from inmate possession at the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women where she is incarcerated. She will be eligible for parole on Dec. 19, at which time she will have served one-fourth of her sentence. The hearing before Superior Court Judge Herbert Phillips to determine if Ms. Little's probation should be revoked is officially designated as a court proceeding, but has been characterized by Ms. Little and her supporters as "one more way to keep me in prison." Ms. Little was charged with moving from her home in Beaufort County without notifying and receiving consent from her probation officer, Mary Moore, and with violating (See LITTLE, P. 2)

Attorney Questions Fencing

The apprehension and conviction of Johnny Melvin Christmas of breaking and entering the residence of Lonnie "Chic" Holden, Jr., of 2293 Fox Ridge Manor, has been criticized as racist, Christmas was caught several months ago in the web spun by Raleigh detectives operating out of a "dirty" bookstore on Wilmington Street. Reginald Frazier, Christmas' attorney, argued that Christmas was "entrapped by agent provocateurs" in what was called "Operation Butterfly." Under cover police posed as fences or purchasers of stolen merchandise for resale. "Operation Butterfly is nothing but a racist ploy against the black people of this community," Frazier claimed in an interview during the trial. The New Bern attorney said that the majority of the defendants were black. He said (See TRIAL, P. 2)

Judge Refuses R. Long Plea

SALISBURY (CCNS) — A delegation from the Ronnie Long Defense Committee has been ejected from the Rowan County Courthouse in Salisbury as they attempted for the second time to present petitions calling for reduction in Ronnie Long's \$100,000 bond to Superior Court Judge William Z. Wood. Wood, the judge who sentenced Long to 2 life terms after an intense, week-long trial in Concord in September of this year, had set Long's bond at \$100,000, pending appeal. The delegation had in its possession petitions containing the signatures of more than 1,000 persons calling for reduction of the bail. They had been waiting at the Rowan County Courthouse to present the petitions to Wood, who was scheduled to begin holding court there. Wood, a source said, spotted the delegation and entered the courthouse from another entrance. The delegation then attempted to present the petitions to Wood, but were prevented from doing so by the Rowan County Sheriff's Department, which refused to allow them into the courtroom. They were then told to leave the courthouse (See JUDGE, P. 2)

7 Black Help Plan Inaugural

WASHINGTON — Seven blacks have been named to the 39-member 1977 Presidential Inaugural Committee. All members were selected at the request of President-elect Jimmy Carter, according to committee headquarters spokesmen here. The list represents a non-partisan cross-section of leading Americans, including governors, mayors, union presidents, business executives and cultural leaders, as well as early campaign workers and advisors. The committee is in charge of every aspect of the inauguration, except the swearing-in ceremony, which is the responsibility of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, the spokesmen said. The black members are: Congresswoman Yvonne Braithwaite Burke (D-Calif.), chairperson of the Congressional Black Caucus; Mayor

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CRIME

EDITOR'S NOTE: The CAROLINIAN is resuming its publication of The Crime Beat, featuring a tremendous number of personal inquiries and telephone calls for its reorganization. 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.

ASSAULT CHARGED

Ms. Gwendolyn Pearl Mitchell, 18, 718 Quarry St., reported to Officer W. L. Carter on Dec. 5 that she was allegedly assaulted at the above address by being hit with a bottle. She allegedly received a laceration on the left side of the forehead. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)

L. Moore Wins Appreciation Money

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GREENSBORO — Attorneys for John S. Stewart, who is on indefinite suspension as president of the Mutual Savings and Loan Association, one of Durham's giants in the financial world, gave notice of appeal of the 5-year sentence that he received from Judge Eugene A. Gordon in the Middle District Federal Court, here, Monday.

Stewart's attorneys, Robinson O. Everett and W. C. Pearson, I. I., made unsuccessful attempts to have the verdict set aside. Stewart was convicted of making false entries on a loan to Thomas C. Upchurch and falsifying on a loan to Thomas Biggs. The discovery of the alleged wrongdoings rocked Durham's financial structure because three of the buildings and loan associations were involved and a well-known real estate firm. The indictment grew out of charges brought against Durham builder Bobby Roberts and his brother, C. Paul Roberts, who amazed Durham with their building finesse and their multiple financial operations. Many of their trades were described as fantastic. Some sources say that because of them many blacks were able to buy homes who never dreamed of being able to buy one. Mutual Savings and Loan Association, with which Stewart is said to have spent 41 years, was the only financial institution indicted in the huge scandal. Stewart was the only black person involved with the alleged fraudulent operations, years, was the only black financial institution indicted in the huge scandal. Stewart was the only black person involved with the alleged fraudulent operations. He received a 3-year prison term and a fine of \$10,000 in the false entry charge and a prison term of 2-years for falsifying an affidavit on the loan to Thomas Biggs. The sentences are to run concurrently. C. Paul Roberts, president of Empire Properties and a developer, was sentenced to five years in prison and fined (See STEWART, P. 2)

Rev. Kirk Speaks At NAACP

The Wendell-Wake Branch NAACP will feature a special installation service at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Wendell at 5 p.m. Sunday. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Charles Kirk, of Fayetteville. Music will be rendered by the North Carolina Women's Correctional Center Choir. Kirk is known throughout eastern North Carolina as a dynamic and resourceful speaker. Installation of branch officers for 1976-'77 will be after Kirk's address. A fellowship hour in the recently renovated fellowship hall of the church will proceed the installation service. The public is invited. Branch president, Mrs. Mary E. Perry, who was instrumental in securing the choir for this occasion, said that it will be a worthwhile occasion to attend if for no other reason that to hear the choir.



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