

# Seek Answers To Aid Local Blacks

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

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In my opinion, it does no good to copy from the white Joycece and Raleigh cannot afford another volunteer community organization. One can look at the history of organizations in Raleigh and their longevity based or built-around "white ideology" or individualism. We have parried and socialized too long. We have copied and pretended too long. We have neglected and confused positive values too long. I see the need for the development of an organization to meet basic black human needs built around justice and equality. A consolidation of all black organizations in Raleigh for the purpose of addressing itself to the black community problems affecting black lifestyles, such as, politics, economics, religion, welfare, health, education, togetherness and love. Raleigh's blacks cannot continue to realize nor fight for

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Committee Says

# NCCU Head Is 'Guilty'

DURHAM (CCNS) — Atty. Milred Peyton, a fired North Carolina Central University (NCCU) law professor, was found by a 5-member grievance committee to have been discriminated against by Chancellor Albert Whiting because she is a woman.

Whiting though requested on two occasions to appear before the committee, did not. Instead he sent Vice-Chancellor Leonard Robinson and Special Deputy Attorney General Edwin M. Spears to represent

him. Mrs. Peyton, a black woman, was one of four NCCU law professors last spring who were requested to sign new contracts although the contracts under which she and the other professors were employ-

ed were permanent, unless the employees were found by the institution "to be guilty of incompetency, immorality, insubordination, or other offenses, recognized as just cause." (See NCCU, P. 2)

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For Conley Kicking

# No Action Taken

# Two Whites Fire Shots

# Six Troopers Get Axe Disciplinary

State Transportation Secretary G. Perry Greene fired two Highway Patrol troopers, demoted four others and warned three civilian patrol members for their part in the patrol roadblock in which Virginia state patrolman Garland W. Fisher was killed. But Greene took no action against highway patrol members who allegedly physically abused trooper Fisher's alleged abductor Reuben "Sonny" Conley, a 33-year-old black man of Atlanta, Ga. Troopers Robert Williams, 28, and D. H. Matthews, 26, were fired for firing into a police cruiser that was allegedly hijacked by Conley, Fisher, at the wheel

# Black 'Victims' Escape Injuries

CHARLOTTE (CCNS) — Two white men were arrested by Mecklenburg County police and charged with firing into an occupied building in a black neighborhood with a .45 caliber semi-automatic rifle. The men, David A. Kreider, 18, and Paul M. Fouts, 22, both of Mooresville, were arrested



HELD FOR QUESTIONING — File photo shows James Willie Grace who is being held in Durham for questioning about recent sniper activity in Durham. (See story this page.)

# Sniper Suspect Is Held

DURHAM — James Willie Grace, 31, 119 E. Piedmont St., was remanded to the Durham County jail Tuesday after a preliminary hearing where he was named as a prime suspect in the shooting of five people in what is termed as "Sniper Operations."

However, the only charge filed has been for alleged assault on three people in a store, located on Enterprise St., in the vicinity of where he is reported living with his mother.

Investigating officers began weaving a web of evidence when Grace was named as the person who used a pistol with reckless abandon on three people at the store Nov. 22. Warrants were issued, charging him with misdemeanors at the store.

Police Chief Jon P. Kindice, is reported as saying that Grace went underground shortly after the warrants were obtained and an intensive search got underway. Remembering that Grace had been charged in Clayton (12 miles east of Raleigh) sometime ago, Clayton police were alerted and it was upon the information of former Police Chief Gus Swenson, of Clayton, that officers visited a house in which they had been told Grace was in.

They are alleged to have entered the house, where they arrested Grace and took him to the Clayton Police Department to await the arrival of Durham police.

Durham detectives returned him to Durham Monday night. Kindice said he did not expect further arrest warrants to be issued immediately, but said detectives would be trying to find out what they could about the snipings. Kindice said detectives were questioning him as a suspect in the snipings cases. By his own choice, Kindice said, Grace did not have a lawyer present.

The CAROLINIAN learned from responsible sources that an attorney was appointed to defend Grace and that a hearing will be held in Durham County Court March 9. It was

# Group Reveals Petitions

BY CHARLENE NEGESTER, Staff Writer

"Under the Nixon Administration, there was an effort to stop 'black radicals' who are brothers and sisters trying to rectify the injustices" in our political system and the Wilmington Ten are victims of these injustices, according to Rev. Leon White, executive director of the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice.

White was among the panel members who spoke at a press conference Tuesday, along with Mrs. Elizabeth Chavis (mother of Rev. Ben Chavis, leader of the Wilmington Ten, a group which is presently

incarcerated and was a staff member for the commission), and Carolyn Moody, executive director of the Michigan Wilmington Ten Defense Committee. The press conference was held at the commission's office.

Ms. Moody announced that more than 2,282 petitions had been presented to Gov. James Holshouser, Attorney General Rufus Edmiston, and Governor-elect James Hunt. The petitions called for "the immediate executive pardon for the 10 innocent prisoners of the N.C. criminal justice system."

The Wilmington Ten are 9

black men and one white woman who are presently serving prison terms totaling 282 years for their alleged involvement in rioting incidents in Wilmington in 1971.

She said, "These 9 men and 1 woman are in prison solely because of the courageous stand that they took in defending their church and community from attack by the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist organizations."

"The purpose of the petition was to reveal to the governing body of this state that new developments have emerged in the case and to influence governmental authorities to grant executive clemency to the Wilmington Ten. These developments are, 'several key files concerning the situation that occurred in Wilmington' Ms. Moody said. She

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in Cabarrus County several miles from the scene of the shooting after a high speed chase where speeds up to 125 miles per hour were clocked.

Two cars were also damaged during the chase, and a tractor trailer sideswiped before the men were arrested on N. C. 40, near Harrisburg.

At least two homes and three cars in the predominantly black Hidden Valley subdivision were sprayed with bullets.

Robert White, of 5801 Amberly Lane, had just gotten home from work when the shooting started. "I wasn't sure what it was at first. After the first couple of shots, I realized it was gunshots, and we hit the floor and turned out the lights," he said, stating that he and his wife remained on the floor as bullets ripped through the wall of their den and came to rest in the walls and ceiling. Mrs. White stated that she "was so nervous, I didn't know what to do."

Asked if he thought it was intentional, White stated, "I don't have enemies. I don't think it was intentional. It was one of those freakish things that happens."

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCain were getting ready for bed when McCain heard something fall from the roof.

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# Only 50 People Attend Vigils

Fifty demonstrators braved 25 degree weather for 2 hours in Raleigh, Charlotte, and Durham as they participated in vigils opposing the re-instatement of the death penalty by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Charlotte vigil was held Dec. 22, and those in Raleigh and Durham were on Christmas eve.

The vigils were part of demonstrations in nine southern states coordinated by the Southern Coalition of Jails and

Prisons. Demonstrations in most states focused on stopping the executions that are soon to begin unless there is intervention by the courts or governors of the respective states.

North Carolina's capital punishment law was struck down as unconstitutional last July 2 by the U. S. Supreme Court because the law did not have provisions for juries to exercise discretion in imposing

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# 3 Blacks In Govt. To Resign

Wayne Johnson of Akron Buchtel High School, an 18-year-old senior on the Buchtel High basketball team, collapsed and died the evening of Dec. 22, during a game with Harding High School in Warren, Ohio. He was dead on arrival at Trumbull Memorial Hospital, Trumbull Co. Corner Dr. Joseph Sudtmack, ruled that Johnson's death was caused by a "reak accident." Johnson vomited after colliding with another player. He choked to death after inhaling his own vomit. (UPI)

Governor-elect Jim Hunt's request for the resignation of 169 top state government policy makers only included three positions held by blacks. Hunt said his "responsibility is to run the government" and suggested that many of the career workers would be retained.

Hunt's move to require the top policymakers to resign and possibly be retained by him would allow him to "get control of the bureaucracy." The three black policymakers within the 169 were Dr. Renee Westcott Hill, director of the Division of Social Services of the Department of Human Resources; Harold Lilly, manager of a Geographic Command Section within the Division of Prisons of the Department of Corrections; and Frank Bright, field operations director of the Adult Probation and Parole Section of the Department of Corrections.

Whether the three blacks in top positions will be reappointed and more blacks hired in policymaking positions to replace the traditional all-white core of policymakers is yet to be seen. Gary Pearce, press

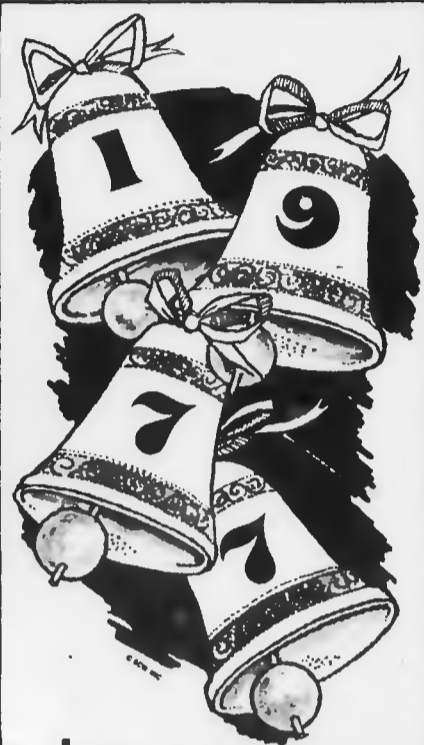
# NAACP Elects 1st Jew

DURHAM — In an unprecedented election, the Durham Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), elected a well-known Jewish retired labor man and community leader Sunday as first vice president for the 1977-78 biennium. He was the first non-black person elected by the chapter.

The Rev. Percy L. High, a native of Raleigh and pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, was elected president. Reid had no opposition for the second spot, while High ran considerably ahead of William McCLOUD, a former member of the faculty of North Carolina Central University and Johnson C. Smith University faculties.

The only other contested position - third vice president - was close, with veteran NAACP'er, J. B. Philyaw, losing to George Frazier, 26-24. Philyaw was first vice presi-

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# Clay Recesses Hearings On White House Crimes

National Black News Service WASHINGTON — Congressman William L. Clay (D-Mo.), chairman of the House Subcommittee of Employee Political Rights and Intergovernmental Programs, has announced that his subcommittee has recessed its hearing on violation of employees' political rights until the subcommittee is able to subpoena a key White House staff member, John Calhoun, to testify.

The subcommittee held two days of hearings in mid-December on the publication of a political document, "Partners in Progress," by a group called Black Voters for Republican Congress. The brochure contained the photographs of 286 high-ranking black federal employees and cited the "progress" of blacks within the Ford Administration. However, the vast majority of these employees are career officials and are prohibited from active participation in political activities.

The subcommittee received testimony from 10 of the 186 employees, the Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and representatives of the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

Clay said it is "apparent that the Federal employees did not consent to the use of their photographs in this political document. They were shocked and distressed that their pictures had been used in this way."

He said further that through

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# Hedgepeth Resigns

DURHAM (CCNS) — An uneasy silence has fallen over Operation Breakthrough, a Durham County anti-poverty effort, after the resignation of Chasie Hedgepeth, an 11-year veteran of community action work.

Board members and staff of the criticism-riddled agency who previously were conversant of the program's problems - past, present, and future - have recently been "gagged" by executive director Fred McNeil and chairperson of the Board of Directors, Mrs. Marilyn Partin. All have complied with the gag order except McNeil, who gave an extensive interview, on which parts of the following report is based.

Ms. Hedgepeth, coordinator of the agency's youth program, resigned in mid-December and

# At OBT

employees and McNeil surfaced with the evaluation. In her resignation, Ms. Hedgepeth said that a question raised by her to the Board of Directors in October was whether an unfavorable evaluation could be appealed. She said her question has gotten no response either from McNeil or the board of directors. Sources have said Ms. Hedgepeth received several "fifts" (which means Unknown) relating to her performance and accountability. Ms. Hedgepeth's resignation indicates that the evaluation was the beginning of the conflict McNeil would not comment on this charge, but referred to the gag order.

Following the "adverse evaluation," Ms. Hedgepeth's resignation memo states that she had spent many hours in conference with McNeil and Ms. Elizabeth Knight, OBT deputy director, concerning "excessive phone bills, time sheets, and rumors about alleged associates." Hedgepeth said that during her many years of employment, her work and conduct had become "unsatisfactory" only in the past two months. Ms. Knight

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**CRIME BEAT**  
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**MEN ARRESTED FOR FORGERY**

Johnnie Dennis Mangum, of 1727 Gorman St., and Floyd Lee Montague, of No. 12 Granville Terrace, were arrested and both charged with forgery and uttering. John Frank Alexander, 46, of 407 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn, was the victim of the alleged forgery at 309 Hillsborough St. around 1 a.m. Sunday. The two men were arrested for allegedly forging and passing a forged travelers check valued at \$50, according to police reports.

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# Readers Fail To Meet Appreciation Deadline

Although three names appeared in the advertisements on the Appreciation Money Page, no one reported to The CAROLINIAN within the deadline, thus, no one received

Appreciation Money  
SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK  
BEN FRANKLIN VARIETY  
STORE  
"Select Our Store For Quality Goods At Better Prices"



BROUGHT CHRISTMAS MERRIMENT — Daughter of Isis No. 67 and Anbata Temple No. 177 brought greetings of the season to more than 500 area underprivileged children at the Ambassador Theatre. This was their second annual party. Last year's success prompted orders in Winston-Salem to try the Christmas party idea. (See story).

TYPICAL 12 GIVE BASKETS — The Typical 12 Associates, for the 4th year, have given Christmas baskets to the needy. The charitable and civic organization includes as its members, standing left to right: Howard Jones, E. L. Sanders, chaplain; Malachi Wilkins, secretary; Allen Willis, Sr., George G. Height, James A. Stroud, Walter Harris and Horace Robinson, Sr. Kneeling (l-r): Wade High, Laurence Seales, treasurer; Ellsworth Minter, president; and John Burnett, vice president. (Staff Photo).