



HANK AARON'S UNIFORM IS RETIRED — Atlanta — Hank Aaron, baseball's home run king, is honored April 15 in the Atlanta Stadium, where he broke Babe Ruth's record April 8, 1974...belting out his 715th home run. By Aaron's side, as his number 44 uniform is retired, is his wife, Billye. (UPI)

Bronze Business Pageant Concluded

The Upsilon Chapter of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., held its 2nd annual Miss Bronze Business Pageant on Saturday, April 16. The affair was held in the auditorium of J. W. Ligon Junior High School. The beauty of the young participants in their evening dresses was breathtaking. The exhibition of black beauty, plus the grace of the young ladies, made the phrase, "Black Is Beautiful," more meaningful. The color scheme for the pageant was black and gold. The musical theme was "Young, Gifted And Black." The attendance was good. Miss Chanetta Lytell, daughter of Mrs. Ida Ross Brewer-Jamer, was crowned "Miss Bronze Business" for 1977. Her court consisted of first runner-up, Ms. Shelia Merritt and runner-up, Ms. Shannon Norris. She was crowned by Ms. Patricia Foster, "Miss Bronze Business" of 1976. Talent competition was won



SPEAKS SUNDAY — The Laymen's League of Martin Street Baptist Church will hold its annual Men's Day observance at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 24. Dr. John H. Wheeler, of Durham, president of Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham, Raleigh and Charlotte, will be the guest speaker. The public is invited to attend the worship service.

Shriners To Meet In City

Colorful pagentry and well-planned special events, will fully depict the gathering of hundreds of Shriners and Daughters of Isis of the Desert of North Carolina and other states, the weekend of May 6, 7 and 8th as they journey to the Oasis of Raleigh to observe Gala Day with ceremonies and various activities. Kabala Temple and Kabala Court of Raleigh are host groups for this special event. Johnny White, Jr. of New Bern, has done much work within the Domain, by appointing New Desert Departmental leadership, as well as Kabala Temple, in order that new ideas, objectives and goals may be attained for what is expected to be one of the greatest Gala Day celebration and observance ever staged in this Desert. The Imperial Potentate, Dr. L. L. Melton of Beaumont, Tex., and Imperial Commandress, Daughter Anita G. Adams of Morristown, Tenn., along with other imperial officers, will attend and assist with ceremonies and deliberations. Friday evening, May 6, the

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RAY'S BROTHER SPEAKS TO PASSERBY — Atlanta — James Earl Ray's younger brother, Jerry, speaks to a passerby as he leaves an Atlanta television station, WAGA, after taping a segment for the "Donahue" talk show April 18. Ray said that reports he too might have been involved in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. are "a bunch of bull." Jerry Ray accused the FBI of plotting the civil rights leader's death and said the agency hounded him and his other brother, John, in an effort to get them behind bars also. (UPI)

Serving Time At Central Prison Convict Sues His Jailers C. Rowan Chides Carter, Seeking 'Pities' Andrew Young

McClain
\$50,000
Leroy "Bill" McClain, 45, whose last known address was 9 Saint Augustine's Avenue in the Lincoln Park section of the city, filed suit last week against two former Wake County jailers, seeking the sum of \$50,000 in damages, claiming they denied him new eyeglasses and medical attention. The two jailers, both now separated from the Wake County Jail and both of whom are white, are former deputies Raymond A. Harris and Steve Tucker.

Man Denies Rape

Now an inmate at Central Prison here, McClain filed a handwritten complaint against the pair. In an answer to the suit, attorneys for both Harris and Tucker declared that McClain had seen the physician and nurse at the jail and had

Author Appears At NCCU

DURHAM — Alex Haley, author of the best-selling "Roots" will speak at the final session of a scholarly conference sponsored this week by North Carolina Central University's Center for International Studies. Haley will speak at 8 p.m. Friday, April 22, in the R. L. McDougald Gymnasium at NCCU. Invitations and tickets to the address on contemporary Africa are being distributed through the university's Center for International Studies.



ALEX HALEY



LEE R. WILLIAMS

The lecture will be the concluding session of the Center's third annual conference, which begins Thursday, April 21. The conference will focus on two topics: Sino-African relations since the death of Mao Tse-Tung and the majority rule movement in the countries of Southern Africa. Speakers for the conference include distinguished students of China and Africa, representatives of several Asian and African countries, and scholars from NCCU and neighboring universities, as well as several representatives of the United States Department of State. (See ALEX HALEY, P. 2)

Female Passes Lie Test

Lee Robert Williams 28, of Garner, was sentenced to 40 years in prison last Thursday for the alleged rape of a 14-year-old Raleigh girl. The reported incident occurred in an isolated area off Rock Quarry Road here in January. He had vehemently denied the charge, but failed a lie detector test, while his alleged victim passed the same test.

Carl Rowan Speaks At Fayetteville U.

FAYETTEVILLE — Speaking at the final observance of the 100th birthday of Fayetteville State University on Sunday, April 17, Carl Rowan, celebrated columnist, author and statesman, told an enthusiastic audience in Seabrook Auditorium, that he was keeping his fingers crossed about President Carter's program and was quite disturbed about Andrew Young's "foot-in-mouth" policy.

YMCA To Defer '77 Building

The Bloodworth Street YMCA will defer plans for construction of a new complete general activities and physical education building on its 16½-acre Old Garner Road site and proceed with Step I and clear the site for outdoor activities including day camping, outdoor games, water sports on the 2½ acre lake, family outings, it has been announced by Dr. Nelson H. Harris, chairman and Ernest L. Raiford, executive director. Step I was developed by a N.C. State School of Design student project. It now seems that a sale of its downtown site at the appraised value of around \$500,000 plus additional support from foundations will be necessary to complete Step II new building plans of the

Head Of Alphas Is Planning

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's general president, James R. Williams, has declared its 2nd annual Business Encouragement Week from May 8-14. In corresponding with more than 500 chapter presidents throughout the nation, he stated, "Alpha has a long distinguished record of encouraging black youths to become involved in business, as evidenced by one of the workshops — "The Advent of the Negro in Big Business" at the 1919 general convention in Chicago. Williams continued, "chapters will hold workshops, seminars and symposiums on various subjects of Business Encouragement for all brothers, especially young brothers who will need stimulation and motivation to enter the various fields of business, to help brothers who work on the management level of corporations to start their own businesses, and to encourage independent businessmen to expand their businesses through joint efforts."

Two Women Appreciation Check Winners

Two CAROLINIAN readers found last week that it pays to carefully read The CAROLINIAN Appreciation Money Page advertisements. The two readers, Mrs. Elnora Taylor, of 1123 Walnut St., and Mrs. Barbara Leak, of 202 Lincoln Ct., received \$10 checks. Mrs. Taylor reported to The CAROLINIAN office that she had found her name in the

Appreciation Money SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK BAKER'S SHOES "FOR GOOD-LOOKING, ECONOMICAL FOOTWEAR"

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Students' Discipline Alarming

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Consider Troops Potential Threat

Angolan Ambassador Elisao de Figueiredo holds a news conference at the United Nations April 19. Figueiredo said he considered the presence of foreign troops in his country as a potential threat. He also denied that Angolan or Cuban troops had entered Zaire or were supporting the insurgent faction in that country. (UPI)

PTA Has Networks On Trial

CHICAGO, Ill. — The National PTA is giving the networks notice that it means business when it concerns TV violence! On July 1, the PTA will launch its First Action Plan, the next step in its project to effect a reduction in TV violence, and an improvement in the overall quality of programming. Running for a 6-month time span until Jan. 1, 1978, this initial action phase is a "probationary period" for the networks, in which they'll have the opportunity to respond to the demands of the PTA's 6½-million members for less TV gore and more diversity and quality in shows. During this time, PTA members across the nation will be directly involved in an intensive training program and activities to make the organization's cause visible to the TV industry, advertisers, and the public. At the base of all activities will be the National PTA's "TV Action Center," a newly established operation which will serve as a clearing-house for all information related to the project. If there is no substantial response from the networks by

NAACP Leaders See Bell

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Officials of the NAACP described as "cordial" and "helpful" their meeting in Washington last Tuesday with Attorney General Griffin Bell and other Justice Department members to discuss civil rights enforcement. Representing NAACP at the meeting were Margaret Bush Wilson, board chairman, Max Delson, a member of the board; Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director-designate; Robert Taylor, member of the board of NAACP's Special Contribution Fund; Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau; and Nathaniel R. Jones, general counsel. Among the topics discussed during the meeting were the following: The role of the Justice Department in carrying out its responsibilities for assuring proper enforcement of Title VI, which requires that federal

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