



HEARS BAD NEWS, FAINIS — Columbia, Tenn. — An unidentified woman is aided by some bystanders as she collapsed after learning that a relative was still inside the Maury County Jail where 13 persons died, overcome by smoke. The fire, believed to have started in a foam-padded cell, came at the height of Sunday, June 26, afternoon visiting hours. The jail's ventilating system pumped sooty black smoke carrying some "toxic agent" throughout the jail within moments. (UPI)

Ex-Delta Head Is Given Last Rites

Miss Almena Elizabeth Nunn, immediate past president (two terms) of the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, died here Tuesday, June 21. She resided at 2121 Lyndhurst Drive.

Funeral services were conducted at St. Paul AME Church at 1 p.m. Saturday with the pastor, the Rev. Nathaniel Gaylor, officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Miss Nunn was the daughter of Mrs. Louise Edwards Nunn and the late Charles Victor Nunn. She was a graduate of

Washington High School and Shaw University in Raleigh and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

She had taught mathematics at the following schools: Lincoln High School, Bessemer City; John W. Ligon High, Fred J. Carnegie Junior High and Shaw University, Raleigh.

An active member of many organizations, Miss Nunn was parliamentarian of the American Association of University Women, secretary of both the National Alumni Association of Shaw and the Faculty Senate of Shaw. She was a life member of the National Council of Negro Women, the general alumni association of the University of North Carolina and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Miss Nunn was also a member of the American Association of University Professors, North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association and the YWCA. She served as a Sunday School Teacher of fourth graders at St. Paul AME and was a past director and teacher in the church's Daily Vacation Bible School.

She is survived by her mother, two sisters, Mrs. Harriett N. Heath, Asheville; and Mrs. Eleanor N. Simmons, Raleigh; and one brother, Cleo Edwards, S. Weymouth, Mass.



Newton Held In Canada

BRAMPTON, Canada — A deportation hearing for Huey P. Newton, former Black Panther leader, was adjourned by immigration officials here Sunday. Newton was detained Saturday night after he arrived in Toronto from Cuba, where he had lived for two and one-half years as a fugitive from assault and murder charges in California.

According to an immigration department official, Newton was scheduled to receive a hearing on Wednesday of this week. This came at the request of Paul Copeland, a Toronto attorney, representing the 35-year-old Newton, who was co-founder of the Panthers.

Newton was to be held without bail at Brampton Jail, some ten miles west of Toronto, pending resumption

Johnson Replies To Story

Rep. Joy J. Johnson, D-Robeson, Monday night, replied to the writer of an alleged statistical report, released last weekend, indicating that one-third of all black North Carolina graduates of predominantly black institutions fail the test used to weed out the academically unqualified teachers.

The report stated that almost all graduates of predominately white colleges and universities in the state, 98.5 percent, pass the test. These figures were released by the N. C. Department of Public Instruction.

Dr. Johnson is also president of the 250,000-member N. C. General Baptist State Convention.

Rep. Johnson's address to members of the N. C. General Assembly follows:

"Mr. Speaker, and members



MISS ALMENA E. NUNN

Church To Enter New Edifice Sun.

The new First Congregational United Church of Christ will open its doors in a new location, 2410 Creech Rd. Sunday, July 3, beginning with morning Sunday School at 9:30 and worship services at 11 a.m.

Council Balks In Hiring

DURHAM — Despite a packed meeting of supporters of an affirmative action plan to hire minorities in Durham City Government, the City Council and the Council again balked Monday night, and put off the adoption of a plan to end discrimination in hiring and to correct past discrimination based on race, sex and religion.

Instead, the council adopted a resolution that would not correct past and present discrimination, but simply said to officials of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Greensboro that the city would document its hiring through adequate record keeping.

Councilpersons Ralph Hunt and Dr. C. E. Boulware, the only blacks on the council, along with Mayor Wade Cavitt opposed the resolution. But Councilmember Margaret Kelter and City Manager Harding

Chaves maintained that unless the resolution of the council's intent was adopted that even-

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GOVERNOR CUTS RIBBON — Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., cuts the ribbon officially opening Mechanics & Farmers Bank's new branch office on Rock Quarry Rd. last Thursday. Left-to-right are: Ms. Julia Taylor, vice president-manager; J. J. Sansom, Jr., senior vice president; the governor; Mrs. Elizabeth Coffield and Jim Goodman, WRAL-TV. (See story).

Sen.-Elect C. Lightner Will Not Seek Reelection

Will Be 2nd N.C. Senator

At Shaw University Fleming Interim Prexy

State Senator-elect Clarence Everett Lightner said here Monday that he does not expect to seek election to a full Senate term of his own after being named over the weekend to serve out the unexpired term of State Senator John W. Winters, who has been appointed to the State Utilities Commission and will be sworn into office Friday.

SLAYING SITE DENIED

Joint News Conferences Seen As Chavis' Press Time Cut

Not Shot In Club: Manager

BY STAFF WRITER

"The man who was killed out here early Sunday was not shot inside this club," said the manager of the Lakeside Club, located off Rock Quarry Rd. The manager asked to remain anonymous in the 3 a.m. shooting of Randle Bush, II, 23-year-old rising senior at Shaw University, who was shot twice in the chest and neck on the road leading to Lakeside. Bush was shot with a hand gun, calibre unknown. The killing allegedly occurred over an unnamed woman.



YOUNG BLACK MILLIONAIRES — Needham, Mass. — A new millionaire, Chandler Johnson, 30, of West Newbury, with his wife, Maria, won \$100,000-a-year for life in the Massachusetts Lottery June 27. The drawing took place in WCVB-TV in Needham. (UPI)

Minister-Educator Assumes Post Friday

Dr. O. L. Sherrill, chairman of the Shaw University Board of Trustees, announced Monday the appointment of Dr. John W. Fleming as interim president of the university.

Fleming, a Shaw faculty member, will assume full presidential responsibilities on



New Bank Opening Draws Many

A crowd in excess of 150 persons was on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening of Mechanics and Farmers Branch Bank at 1824 Rock Quarry Rd. Thursday. Gov. James Hunt performed the ribbon cutting as the crowd and banking officials approvingly looked on.

J. D. Lewis, of WRAL-TV, was master of ceremony of the short program preceding the bank opening. Mechanics and Farmers President, J. H. Wheeler, welcomed those who had come out for the occasion.

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Policy Remains: Edwards

Wilmington 10 defendant Rev. Ben Chavis has been restricted from talking with members of the press. Ralph Edwards, director of the N.C. Division of Prisons, said there has been no change in policy regarding letting Rev. Chavis hold interviews with the press.

But recently, Edwards says, there has been an influx of press people requesting interviews with Chavis. According to Edwards, there have been so many interviews that a new procedure is being developed. One idea under consideration, he says, is to group several reporters together for one interview.

Edwards says the problem for the prison department is too much staff time for Chavis' interviews.

Asked which inmates were being interviewed to cause the heavy usage of staff time, a secretary at McCain Prison Unit replied that only Rev. Chavis was being interviewed.

North Carolina Alliance coordinator Anne Mitchell, charged this was harassment

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Say OMBE Will Be "Potent"

National Black News Service DETROIT, Mich. — From the way Commerce Secretary Juanita M. Kreps spoke at an Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America conference here, recently, it is clear that the Office of Minority Business Enterprise is going to be around for quite some time.

Dr. Kreps said that she was "optimistic" that OMBE, "after a slow start, will become a potent force for the expansion of minority business ownership. It must."

Minority business people need expert management and technical assistance, the Commerce Secretary told the OIC gathering. They need new sources of financing; they need the basic tools which others who compete successfully in our economic system have acquired by virtue of more privileged backgrounds, she said.

Dr. Kreps did not offer the run of the mill speech that conference participants usually patiently endure. Instead,

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Raleigh Policewoman Resigns After Black Man Kills Self

A 25-year-old white rookie policewoman, Mrs. Beverly Seaver, whose gun was taken away from her last Thursday by a 20-year-old black mental hospital escapee and used in his suicide, resigned from the Raleigh Police Department Monday, saying she was "not meant for the physical aspects of police work. I like the part of police work that lets me help people. That's what got me interested in it in the first place."

The man, Tommie Lee Hester, came up to Mrs. Seaver from behind, held a knife to her throat in the intersection of W. Cobarrus and S. Dawson Streets and pulled her .38 service revolver from his holster. He then proceeded to shoot himself in the head. He died instantly. "Last Thursday, I thought I could handle it [police work], but when I saw him lying there..." concluded Mrs. Seaver.



GIVES UP HOSTAGE, SELF — New Orleans — Leroy Menendez (C) has his arm around his son as he is escorted from downtown office building June 21. Menendez held Dr. Richard M. Street (not shown) hostage for four hours before giving himself up. Official at left is unidentified. (UPI)

Appreciation Money SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK BRIGGS HARDWARE CO. "FOR DEPENDABLE HARDWARE AND TOYS"