

City Man Gets 40 Years In Robbery

Barner Denies Guilt

A Raleigh man, who, according to witnesses, was drunk at the time he robbed a local grocery store, was sentenced to serve 40 years in prison last Thursday. Jasper Lee (Stringbean) Barner, 45, was convicted after a jury deliberated for one and one-half hours in the robbery on April 11 of the Hillside Fruit and Garden Market, 1404 New Bern Avenue.

Barner is a cement finisher with a long prison record. William E. Marshall, Jr., Barner's defense attorney, asked for mercy for his client. However, the assistant district attorney, Randolph Riley, urged the maximum sentence of life in prison.

Superior Court Judge K. Maurice Braswell, who presided, gave Barner the 40-year term after Barner told him, "I'm not guilty of this robbery."

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Has Long Prison Record

NAACP Sees New Day



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Convicts Plot Move

Residents Of South Park Ask Action

The South Park community has recently held meetings on two more of some 13 problems community residents say need improvement. Twenty-seven residents met at the home of Ms. Margaret Thorton on S. Person St. recently to discuss the need for better police protection. Officer B. J. Rand and another uniformed officer were on hand to answer questions.

Residents pointed up the need for better protection against speeding motorists, drivers' disregard for traffic signs, and the need of having Raleigh officers patrol the South Park area more often. Rand commented that he would personally make a better effort in patrolling the area.

On Thursday, June 30th, nearly 40 South Park residents came out at the YMC on Bloodworth St. to discuss the need of piping and filling in the branch that flows through their neighborhood from S. East St. to E. South St. According to the residents, who are members of South Park Action, a neighborhood organization affiliated with Carolina Action, the

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THE CHANGING OF LEADERSHIP — St. Louis — Roy Wilkins, left, retiring executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, bade farewell to the 68th national convention with his successor, Benjamin Hooks, July 1. Wilkins, who has been executive director for the last 22 years, will leave office at the end of the month, and Hooks will assume the duties Aug. 1. (UPI)

Improved Quarters Sought

The North Carolina Prisoners' Labor Union will soon launch a campaign aimed at getting Corrections Secretary Amos Reed to improve living conditions in the state's 77 prisons. The announcement came in the wake of a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision which gave broad discretionary powers to prison administrators, prohibiting the union or any undesirable organization, from holding meetings in the prisons.

Established in 1973, inmates, ex-inmates and sympathetic supporters, the Prisoners' Labor Union was "born out of an illegal atmosphere," said Dr. James Grant, spokesman for the union. Despite the recent Supreme Court decision (N.C. Prisoners' Labor Union vs. David L. Jones), "people inside will continue to organize," Grant said.

The union was established during the administration of Corrections Secretary David L. Jones. Jones employed a high-powered team of public relations people to lobby for

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Suspect In Murder Held

George William Pettiford, 24, 111 N. Fisher St., a security guard caught in the Sunday, June 26, murder of a rising Shaw University senior, walked into the office of the Wake County magistrate at 3:25 a.m. Saturday and gave himself up.

Pettiford, who was unaccompanied when he surrendered in the slaying, is now being held in the Wake County Jail, pending trial, without bond. No bond was allowed because the first-degree murder warrant on which he is charged, is a capital offense. He is scheduled to receive a preliminary hearing in Wake District Court this week.

The murder which he is charged with took place off the Rock Quarry Road, near the Lakeside Club. The victim was Randle Bush, 11, 23, 410 E. South St., who was shot once in the neck and once in the chest, according to authorities at the Wake County Sheriff's Department.

Letter To The Editor Victims Of Long-Time Dual And Unjust N. C. Educational System

[Editor's Note: Dr. R. Irving Boons, the writer of the following letter, is a well-known minister, educator and the editor of the Winston edition of The CAROLINIAN newspaper.]

The educational statistics recently revealed bearing upon the discrepancies in the academic scoring of the products of the predominantly black and predominantly white institutions of learning in North Carolina bring into immediate focus certain facts of history that must not be overlooked.

Within the memory of many North Carolinians, an eminent educator and Christian statesman - previously in our midst - by the name of James E. Shepard, founder and for many years, president of the (now) North Carolina Central University at Durham, eloquently and courageously warned against the injustices and other evils and tragic consequences of a dual educational system. In unmistakable and prophetic language, Dr. Shepard stressed the point that a segregated school system was both ethically unjust and educationally and economically unsound. He warned further that the results of such a system would be long and undermine the structure of our total life in North Carolina and "rise up to curse succeeding generations."

We have lived to witness the validity of this prophecy!

No reputable educator, nor any thoughtful citizen would be so naive as to attempt to justify mediocrity or to repudiate the necessity of excellence on the part of all educational institutions and quality instruction on the part of all teachers in all of our schools.

There is, however, a very real cause - and this fact must be squarely faced - for the poor showing of the products of predominantly black educational institutions in the recently administered NTE tests. This situation projects itself NOT as a stigma or a reflection on our predominantly black schools, nor on our black administrators, or black teachers, or black students; rather, it rises before us as a positive condemnation of the segregated educational system, which, for so long a time, blocks were the unfortunate victims.

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CHARGED IN HIJACKING, MURDER — New York — Luis Robinson (C), 24, of Somerset, N.J., is escorted by police at Kennedy Airport after he surrendered late July 4. Robinson hijacked a Vermont bound bus to Kennedy Airport July 4, killed the driver and a woman passenger, and demanded \$5 million and a plane to fly him to safety before he surrounded and released his hostages. (UPI)

Black Press Cites Newspaper; Haley, NAACP Head-Designate Feted

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Alex Haley, author of Roots and Benjamin L. Hooks, who retired from the Federal Communications Commission to become executive director of the NAACP, were among those honored here last week at the 37th annual convention of the National Newspaper Publishers Association — the Black Press of America.

Other highlights of the convention, which marked the 50th anniversary of the black press, included: Greetings by Gov. Joseph Teasdale of Missouri, ceremonies on the steps of the old courthouse where the Dred Scott case was heard, and convention addresses by Ms. Martha "Bunny" Mitchell, special assistant to President Carter.

General Daniel "Chappy" James of the North American Air Defense Command, James E. Olson, executive vice president of American Telephone and Telegraph; Joe Forsee, circulation manager, St. Louis Post-Dispatch and president of the International Circulation Managers Association; Don King, fight promoter and Dr. Carlton Goodlett, editor-publisher, San Francisco Sun Reporter-Metro Reporter chain and NNPA president. The John B. Russwurm Trophy representing NNPA's top Merit Award achievement, was claimed this year by both the Milwaukee Courier, Jerrell W. Jones, editor-publisher, and the Sacramento Observer, William H. Lee, editor-publisher. Each received a trophy and an equal share of the \$1,000 prize.

Together, 29 NNPA member newspapers and their

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Boys' Clubs Into Food Program For 1977

The Boys' Club of Wake County, for the second consecutive year, is participating in the 1977 Summer Food Service Program for Children. As last year, the program will take place at two sites, one being the clubhouse of the Boys' Club, located at 501 E. Lane St. The second site is Camp Charles M. Griffin, the 10-week day camping program operated by the Boys' Club.

The program is taking place Monday through Friday. It began June 20 and will end August 26. Meals are served at 12 noon at Camp Griffin and 12:30 p.m. at the Boys' Club.

The Summer Food Service Program for Children is a project of the Food and

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Coveted Medal Of Freedom To MLK, Jr.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Jimmy Carter announced Monday that he is awarding the Medal of Freedom to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "the conscience of his generation."

Also to receive the Medal is Dr. Jones E. Salk, whose vaccine wiped out polio epidemics. The medals are the government's highest civilian awards for meritorious contributions to the nation.

The King citation reads: "Martin Luther King, Jr. was the conscience of his generation. A Southerner, a black man, he gazed upon the great wall of segregation and saw that the power of love could bring it down.

"From the pain and exhaustion of his fight to free all people from the bondage of separation and injustice, he wrung his eloquent statement of his dream of what America could be. He helped us overcome our ignorance of one another. He spoke out against a war he felt was unjust as he had often spoken out against laws that were unfair.

"He made our nation stronger because he made it better. Honored by kings, he continued to his last days to strive for a world where the poorest and humblest among us could enjoy the fulfillment of the promises of our founding fathers.

"His life informed us, his dreams sustain us yet," concludes the citation.

Bail For Newton Is \$100,000

OAKLAND, Calif. — Huey P. Newton, the Black Panther leader charged with murder and assault, arrived at San Francisco International Airport Sunday night on a flight from Vancouver, Canada. It is reported that he will assume active leadership of the Black Panther Party here.

Bond was set at \$100,000 Tuesday evening by an Oakland judge.

The 35-year-old Newton was quickly taken into custody by Oakland police, but not before responding to a warm welcome by some 500 supporters.

"I'm glad to be back with you," said Newton, who has been in Cuba for two and one-half years. "Stay with me and we'll become closer together," he told the crowd.

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Lawrence T. Dickens Seeks Seat On Council

Declaring, "I'm the person to offer the people of District C the leadership they need," Raleigh native Lawrence T. Dickens, 33, announced Friday that he will seek election to the City Council from that district.

An employee of IBM here, Dickens will seek to unseat Councilman William R. (Bill) Knight. Dickens said the issues that interest him include housing, crime, parks and downtown revitalization (inner city).

Dickens becomes the second announced candidate for the District C seat. James E. Burt, director of alumni affairs at St. Augustine's College, made known his intentions to run for the seat several months ago.

Millard R. Peebles, former city Planning Commission chairman and a masonry contractor, has said he plans to seek the seat, but has not formally announced.

Councilman Knight has said

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Hooks Pledges To 'Continue Growth'

[Special to The CAROLINIAN]

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — More than 2,200 persons paid \$12.50 per plate at the final meeting of the 68th annual session of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to bid farewell to "Mr. NAACP," Roy Wilkins, and to say hello to Benjamin Hooks as he took over as the head of the militant organization. The session was held last week in the Grand Ballroom of the Stouffer's Inn.

The ending was a far cry from the closing session of the 67th annual session, when it was filled with mixed emotions over the future of Mr. Wilkins. Even though he spoke with a spirit of nostalgia, he was almost in tears when he said he was stepping down, but not out.

Hooks, who takes office on Aug. 1, told the diners that he knew his was a big job, but said he was taking over the big job and vowed that he would need the aid and assistance of all freedom-loving people.

There were many rousing discussions that bordered on pandemonium. The Houston, Tex., suspension fomented as the director of the league of branches, the Rev. C. Anderson Davis, attempted to hold a press conference in the press room to discuss the causes and the results of the suspension of the 5 branches in the city.

The Rev. Davis contended that the National Board acted arbitrarily and that his organization had no alternative but to go to court. The matter was taken to court and, according to Nathaniel Jones, head of the Legal Department, a consent judgment was agreed upon. The Davis faction said that the board sent a panel into Houston and met with the renegades one day and then demanded that his group meet with them on the next day. The Davis faction refused to meet with the anti-faction and the panel from the national office.

Rev. Davis attempted to present a resolution, which the permanent chairman, Wendell Irvin, ruled out of order, due to the fact that it did not come through the proper channels. There were several resolutions that were not discussed on the floor, due to the lack of time. This was anticipated and there

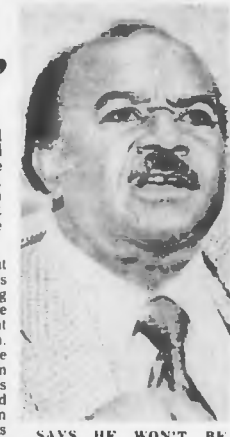
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Women Receive Appreciation Money Checks

Appreciation Money checks were presented to two women readers of The CAROLINIAN after they reported that they had found their names on the Appreciation Money page in last week's edition.

Ms. Geraldine Strickland, of 516 Peyton, and Ms. Rosa Phillips, of 621 S. Blount St., reported that they had found their names in the Piggly Wiggly and Caraleigh Furniture stores.

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SAYS HE WON'T BE EVICTED — Washington — Accusing President Carter of racial bias, Colston Lewis, a black Republican former member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, told a news conference July 1 that he is refusing to vacate his office. His term officially expired at the close of business June 30. He said he will go to court to halt his abrupt eviction from office. (UPI)

Question Denial Of 2 Bonds

SMITHFIELD — An alleged distinct difference in bonds allowed blacks and whites charged with murder has taken focus in two cases now in litigation in North Carolina's 11th Judicial District. The 11th district includes Harnett, Johnston and Lee counties, and the cases involved are in Johnston and Harnett counties.

Eleventh district Attorney is John Twisdale, who resides in Smithfield, the seat of government for Johnston County.

The Johnston County case involves two black men, Henry Smith and David Ezra Stewart, charged with the June 3rd murders of Four Oaks Police man Dennis Wilbert Allen, and truck driver Linwood "Big Boy" Johnson. So far, the evidence revealed by Twisdale allegedly, at best, only circumstantially connects Stewart and Smith with the deaths.

Allen, a rookie policeman, was found face down near his patrol car on I-85, Friday, June 3, about 1:30 a.m. There were no witnesses to the crime. A short time before his death, Allen evidently stopped a car

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AMIN ATTENDS OUR MEETING — Libreville, Congo — Ugandan President For Life, Marshal Idi Amin Badu (L), his dress uniform embellished with medals, leans in his chair to listen to his foreign minister, Juma Oria, during the opening session of the annual meeting of the Organization of African Units in Louisville July 4. (UPI)

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