

Cross Also Burned In Yard, But

Gun Blasts Drive Blacks From State



PLEADS FOR WILMINGTON TEN — Raleigh, N.C. — Jack Cozort (L), Gov. Jim Hunt's legal counsel, listens as Rep. Robert Drinan, D-Mass. (2nd from right), pleads for a pardon for the Wilmington 10. Drinan and 5 other congressmen were in North Carolina Dec. 1 to urge Hunt to grant a Christmas pardon. Sitting between Cozort and Drinan is Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif. On the far right is Rep. Walter Fauntroy of Washington, D.C. (UPI)

US Lawmakers Plead For Ten

Six Raleigh churches were the scenes Sunday of addresses and pleas by as many United States Congressmen, who visited the state in a special effort to win freedom for the celebrated Wilmington Ten. The lawmakers urged the congregations of the churches to urge Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. to pardon the Wilmington Ten, "preferably before Christmas."

The Rev. Robert F. Drinan, D. Mass., declared, "There isn't a shred of evidence for holding them," as he spoke at a Sunday afternoon news conference at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church on Hillsborough Street.

Parren J. Mitchell, D-Md., chairman of the Democratic Congressional Black Caucus, said, "I urge the governor to

reconsider his position. Don't play around with legal niceties. The greatest thing anyone can do is to admit a mistake."

The Wilmington Ten are nine black men, convicted in 1972 of the burning of a grocery store in Wilmington, during racial tension in 1971. The tenth, a white woman, Ms. Ann Shepherd Turner, has been released from prison on parole. She was charged with being an accessory before the fact of burning the store.

During the press conference, Rev. Drinan warned that unless the men were freed by Christmas, blacks would interpret the lack of action as being racially motivated.

Gov. Hunt has said all along that he will not intercede on behalf of the Ten until all other (See PLEAD FOR 10, P. 2)



GENERAL JAMES IS REPLACED — Washington — The Defense Department Dec. 2 announced a replacement for Air Force Gen. Daniel James, the military's top ranking black, as head of the U.S. Canadian North American Air Defense Command and the U.S. Aerospace Command. Lt. Gen. James E. Hill will succeed James, who is now recuperating from a heart difficulty suffered last September. (UPI)

II Face Dope, Gambling, Liquor Raps 'Skin Club' Is Raided Here

Officers of the Raleigh Police Department, assisted by undercover agents from two state law enforcement bodies, arrested 11 persons here last Friday night on charges of

violations of drug, gambling and liquor laws. The raid was led by Detective Lt. Kenneth J. Johnson. Trials will be held in Wake District Court here on Tuesday, Dec. 20, beginning at

9 a.m.

According to Johnson, the raid on the Raleigh Civic Club, 522 E. Davis St., located in the old Sanders Motor Co. Building and known as The Skin Club, was begun about midnight Friday by a team of officers from the Selective Enforcement Unit (SEU), agents from the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) and agents from the Alcohol Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA).

The club is a private social organization. Johnson declared it is "known as a location for criminal activity, including traffic in stolen goods, drug violations, gambling and drinking."

Noting that the arrests Friday night followed "intelligence-gathering" operations by law agencies, Johnson stated, "There had been a noticeable increase in activity at that location."

Arrested were: James Calvin Whitaker, 27, 407 W. Lenoir St., charged with interfering with officers and released in lieu of \$100 secured bond.

Garv Smith, 23, of 1218 Hillsborough St., charged with operating a gambling table and released on his written promise to appear in court.

Edith Smith, 27, of 2520 Old Garner Rd., charged with simple possession of marijuana. (See 'SKIN CLUB', P. 2)

Unrest Is Mounting At Fayetteville State U.

FAYETTEVILLE — According to information alleged to be coming from Dr. Carlton J. Barber, chairman of Fayetteville State University board of trustees, a special session of the board will be held Dec. 16 at 9:30 p.m. on the campus.

The CAROLINIAN learned from a reliable source that the National Alumni Association, along with many in the

Fayetteville community, were alarmed when Dr. Barber is alleged to have said he favored a closed session. The opposers contend that much of the unrest is due to an apathetic board that has allegedly been a "rubber stamp."

Some interested persons feel that the board should go into many implied trouble spots. (See FSU UNREST, P. 2)



CONCERNED ABOUT RALEIGH'S BLIGHT — The Rev. B. C. Young, right, pastor of Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church, looks over Raleigh Community Development materials with David Foy, chairman of Social Concern. The two are urging citizens to attend a Community Development meeting at the church at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 to discuss the city's Community Development program. It is one of a series of meetings

Job Corps Center To Kittrell

KITTRELL — A M.E. Church officials and the many friends of Kittrell College were highly elated when Howard Lee secretary, N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Human Development, announced that the facilities had been leased to the U. S. Labor Department for \$60,000 per year, at a news conference Friday.

The school, one of the strongholds for black students in the early part of this century, fell prey to financial circumstances in 1975, causing it to close. Bishop Henry W. Murph, chairman of its board, has been trying to rally forces, in the hope that the school might reopen. According to reports coming from a reliable source, the prelate has not given up hope, but was happy that this "shot in the arm" came from the government.

In announcing the arrange- (See JOB CORPS, P. 2)

★★★★ Needs \$750,000 Now ★★★★★

Baptists To Aid Shaw U.

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Father-In-Law Slays Daughter's Hubby

Axe-Killer Held

★★★★ After High-Speed Auto Chase ★★★★★

MS. LITTLE CAUGHT

Quarrel Ends In Killing

SELMA — Investigating officers seem to be hard put to determine why Roscoe Bowman, 69, Rt. 1, became so enraged that he allegedly murdered his son-in-law, Glenn Morgan, 22, while his daughter, Magdalene, wife of the slain man, looked on, at the home, Saturday night.

A progress report, rendered by Sheriff's Deputies Joe Baker, Kenneth Eatman and (See AXE-KILLER, P. 2)



FIRST BLACK NAMED TO N.C. COURT OF APPEALS — Winston-Salem — Richard C. Erwin, a Winston-Salem attorney, became the first black ever appointed to the N.C. Court of Appeals on Dec. 2, when he was named by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. Attorney Erwin is 54. He, along with two white appointees, will fill new seats created last spring by the General Assembly as part of the Hunt administration's program to speed up the judicial process. The court consisted of nine seats when it was established in 1965. The posts carry a salary of \$40,682 per year. Judge-elect Erwin is chairman of the board of trustees at Bennett College, Greensboro. (UPI)



NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR — New York — Earl Campbell, unbeaten Texas University's running back, was honored Dec. 6 as the United Press International's College Football Player of the Year. Campbell is a strong candidate for the Heisman Trophy to be announced Dec. 8. (UPI)

Surrenders In Slaying Of Officer

FAYETTEVILLE — A 27-year-old black man, his face allegedly battered and beaten by a blackjack, surrendered himself to authorities here at 3:45 p.m. Sunday in connection with the murder of an on-duty white police officer, who was shot at close range in the right eye while on duty Saturday night. The suspect is being held without bond on a first-degree murder charge. Being held is Robert Elijah Washington, a native of Fayetteville.

Officer James Joseph McConkey, 25, a native of Greenville, was shot once in the right eye by the person with whom he had been scuffling, according to police authorities. He was pronounced dead at the scene, which was a parking lot.

At least three witnesses are said to have seen the tight and subsequent shooting in the 200 block of Franklin Street. McConkey's blackjack was found on the ground beside his body and, according to the witnesses, the assailant's face was badly beaten when he "split the scene" on foot.

Statewide Efforts Planned Sundays

According to Dr. George C. Debnam, Raleigh physician-surgeon and chairman of Shaw University's executive committee, said last week, the university is in dire need of the sum of \$750,000 now, above its regularly provided \$5.8 million budget, in order to meet current expenses and pay off debts.

In this regard, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina plans to raise money this month to help "bail" Shaw out of some of its current financial trouble.

Although affiliated with the Baptist church, the university is independent, most of its funds coming from federal and religious organizations and grants and student fees.

Last year, the General Baptist State Convention gave Shaw \$250,000, which had been a yearly custom for many decades. Shaw is the third oldest predominantly black institution of higher learning in the United States. In the spring of this year, the convention voted to present Shaw with another \$200,000 to help in its financial plight.

The Rev. Dr. Jerry Drayton of Winston-Salem, chairman of the executive committee of the convention's general board, stated last Friday that special offerings will be held in Baptist churches throughout the state on Sundays, Dec. 11, 18, 25, 1977, and January 1, 1978, for the benefit of Shaw.

University officials met with convention authorities here last week to review Shaw's financial condition. A special group from the convention was appointed to conduct further study.

Mrs. Cooke, J. Bunch Are Check Winners

Mrs. A. A. Cooke, 418 Lamont St. and James Bunch, 221 Seawell Ave., were winners of \$10 checks each in last week's Appreciation Money Feature, sponsored by The CAROLINIAN and participating businesses.

Mrs. Cooke's name was in the advertisement paid for by Capital Vacuum Cleaner Co., 525 Hillsborough St. Mr. Bunch's name was in Cap'n Jim's Seafood ad. This company is located at 1518 New Bern Ave.

Three names are listed each week on the Appreciation Money Page. This is the last (See APPRECIATION, P. 2)

'We Are Leaving' Husband

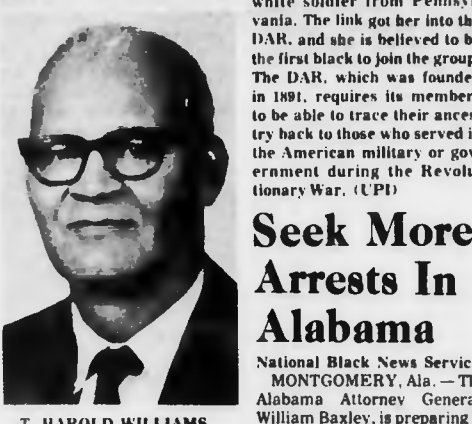
SMITHFIELD — In a special interview Tuesday morning, Cornell Cook, 24, said that he had decided that he and his wife and son will shake the dust of Johnston County from their heels in compliance with the Biblical admonition as testimony against evil doers. The Cook couple will quit their jobs here and return to his native home of Newport News, Va.

The decision to leave the environs stemmed from several shot blasts that went off in Ku Klux Klan fashion at his home in a white neighborhood, about a mile west of the city. The incident not only struck (See GUN BLASTS, P. 2)

Brooklyn Scene Of Arrests

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Ms. JoAnne Little, 23-year-old black woman escapee from the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women at Raleigh, N.C., was arrested early Wednesday morning, Dec. 7, along with a male companion, following a high speed auto chase. According to local police officials, she readily identified herself as the wanted fugitive. The Brooklyn charges were not made known at CAROLINIAN press time.

However, it was alleged that someone telephoned Brooklyn (See MS. LITTLE, P. 2)



Last Rites In City For Williams

Wilson Temple United Methodist Church on Oberlin Road was the scene of final rites Sunday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m., for one of Raleigh's most popular, beloved and respected postmen, Thomas Harold Williams, Sr., 1401 Oberlin Rd., who died on Wednesday, Nov. 30. Hundreds of mourners packed the sanctuary and extra seating was required for the overflow audience.

The eulogy was delivered by (See RITES HELD, P. 2)

Seek More Arrests In Alabama

National Black News Service MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Attorney General, William Baxley, is preparing to seek more indictments in the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, in which four young black girls were killed.

Baxley stated repeatedly at the murder trial of Robert E. Chambliss, a longtime member of the Ku Klux Klan, accused of setting the blast, that Chambliss "was not acting alone."

Chambliss was convicted Nov. 18 on a count of first-degree murder in connection with the church bombing and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Testimony at his trial indicated that at least two and possibly three others were near the scene within eight hours of the explosion. (See MORE ARRESTS, P. 2)

Appreciation Money SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK CAP'N JIM'S SEAFOOD

"FOR THE BEST IN FRESH, ECONOMICAL SEAFOOD"



MUHAMMAD ALI APPEARS IN DURHAM — Durham, N.C. — World heavyweight champ Muhammad Ali does some friendly sparring with enthusiastic fans after addressing faculty and students at Durham College Dec. 6 where a new health and physical education building was dedicated and named in his honor. (UPI)