Nation's Blacks, Women Stunned-Tex. Rep.

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Husband Slain In "Bull City"

**Murder Trial Begins** 

Ms. Little's Boyfriend

Criticizes Dr. D. Lane

MS. LITTLE'S BOYFRIEND INTERVIEWED - Vernell

Nelson Muhammad, boyfriend of Ms. JoAnne Little, is shown at left being interviewed last Friday by Charles R. Jones, managing editor of The CAROLINIAN, Muhammad flew to New

York to meet Ms. Little last week, but was upsuccessful in his

bid to persuade her to return with him to Raleigh. (Staff Photo)

nounced at a press conterence last Saturday that she would

Ms. Jordan, 41, became the

tirst black congresswoman from the Deep South when she

was first elected in 1972. However, she has never closely aligned herself with the Con-

gressional Black Caucus or elements of the women's

Announced

Birthday

APOLLO HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER BURNS - Shown above is the gutted remains of VOL. 37 NO. 6 Apollo Heights Community Center, localed on Lunar Drive, which was destroyed by a mysterious fire early Sunday, Firemen suspect arson, See story. (Staff Photo).

### Hiring Bias Seen At Plant In Wake

A manufacturing plant at Wake Forest in northern Wake County and the union representing its employees, have discriminated against black workers since 1965, according to a lawsuit tiled by a tederal agency here Thursday.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission charged that the Scovil Manutacturing Company Plant and the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, AFL-CIO, have been violating rederal laws in their practices or employment.

Renters Complain

teriorating urban housing and a new sensitivity to tenants' rights have produced great increases in local court housing cases, the American Bar Association's Special Commit-tee on Housing and Urban Development Law said recent-

In a study of housing courts, the committee said serious problems include delay in getting to trial, inability to secure legal assistance and judges who lack sufficient expertise in housing matters. The study has not been

The study has not been considered by the ABA's House of Delegate and thus is not official Association policy, an ABA release said.

"In response to this nationwide jerrybuilt structure of housing justice, several major cities, including New York, Boston, Pittsburgh, Detroit and Baltimore, have unitied and rationalized their court

The EEOC contends in the lawsuit, filed in tederal court here, that both the company and the union have engaged in at least three illegal practices

Maintaining job categories

and classifications which partisegregated to the disadvantage or black persons; maintain hiring policies and practices that discriminate against blacks because or race; and tailing and retusing to compensate blacks on an equal basis with white employees

Laughlin E. Waters.
The 36-page report, "Urban
Housing Courts and Landlord Tenant Justice: National Mo-dels and Experience." tocuses on housing courts in Boston, Pittsburg and New York City.

Free copies of the report are available by writing to Kate Sull. an, ABA, 1800 M. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

NAACP TO MEET

The Raleigh-Apex Chapter of the NAACP will meet Sunday, Dec. 18, at RICH Park in Method at 3:30 p.m. The topic of discussion will be Food Stamps and other important issues. The public is invited to attend.

Tne Rev. Dr. Charles W. Ward is president of the chapter

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programs which match our enormous problems with old and effective

solutions of equal scope and weight."

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As president of the targest public employee union in America, wurt told the league's conference in San Francisco recently that urban public officials and urban public workers must strike an alliance against "underfunded" and "misguided" White House proposals.

Wurf also said that issues of public worker productivity, effective public management, and contract negotiation procedures must be settled "reasonably" with concessions on both sides. "We are hopeful that "reasonably" with concessions on both sides. "We are hopeful that "reasonably" with concessions on both sides. "We are hopeful that "reasonably" with concessions on both sides. "We are hopeful that "reasonably" with concessions on both sides. "We are hopeful that "reasonably" with concessions on both sides.

reasonableness and respect for our common interests can override confrontation at the polls or on the picket line."

\$3.4 Million Defense Department

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Was in turn, awarded to engineering. It is two-thirds

contract is for F-16 research

technical services.

and development and related

**Contract Goes To Minority Firm** 

WASHINGTON, D. C. The Department of Defense recently announced the awarding of a \$1 million defense contract to

\$3.4 million detense contract to

a minority-owned tirm. It was one of the largest contracts

ever awarded to such a tirm.



MRS. GILL A FIRST FOR COUNTY — Mrs. Rosa Underwood Gill of Raleigh, last week became the first black woman omplain
systems to produce a new type
of court: a Housing Court,
said committee chairman
Laughlin E. Waters.
The 36-page report, "Urban
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"Wake County, Mrs. Gill is
married to Jimmie Gill and
they are the parents of two

(See MRS. GILL, P. 2) **Woman Is** Convicted Of Neglect

Mrs. Susan Denise Lee, 6041-Parnell Street, (Oir Poole Road), pleaded guilty last Thursday to child neglect in the drowning death or her young

son in August of this year.

The woman's attorney, Robert Casey, and Ms. Jane Garvey, assistant district attorney, worked out a sentence that was accepted by presiding District Court Judge John Parker.

Mrs. Lee received a six-month jail term, which was

(See IS CONVICTED, P. 2)

minority-owned and its presi-

dent, Dr. Frank S. Greene, is a black Ph. D.
Dr. Greene represented his

company at the signing cere-

hire her.
When contacted about Mu-Carter's Urban Plan Blasted

hammad's statements about him on Tuesday of this week, Dr. Lane said, "I met him SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Branding President Carter's upcoming urban program as "a half-hearted gesture in a situation which calls for an all-out assault," Jerry Wurf, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) has called on the National League of Cities to join the Union in an allied demand for "urban programs which match our enormous problems with old and effective

#### Girl, 7, Struck By Car Here

(See MS. LITTLE'S, P. 2)

Dentist

Replies

Vernell Nelson Muhammad, 23-year-old boyfriend of escaped Raleigh prison fugitive, Ms. JoAnne Little, also 23, said in an interview last Friday that, "Dr. David P. Lane has said something to the effect that I was a bad influence on JoAnne. I feel that Dr. Lane owes me an apology for this. JoAnne does not feel that I am a bad influence on her and I don't think Dr. Lane is in a position to

Lane is in a position to make a statement of this

kind."
Dr. Lane is the black Raleigh

br. Lane is the black rateign dentist, with offices in the 100 block of E. Hargett St., who hired Ms. Little as a dental assistant last spring when she became eligible for work-re-

lease and no one else would

ToClaims
BY CHARLES R. JONES

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According to Dockety and other eyewitnesses, the child darted from behind one of two school buses that had stopped to discharge student passengers at the intersection of Daytona and Seabrook Drives. The girl then walked into the path of Dockery's moving car, they stated.

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Neither of the two stopped buses had their "STOP" arms old on January 15. out nor their emergency

reason that he did not charge Mr. Dockery was that Dockery was unable to see the two buses until he was too close to stop as they were obscured by the crest of a hill. "Since Seabrook Drive has no speed limit posted, I have to assume that it is 35 mile per hour," concluded HOUSTON, Texas—The most powerful black woman ever to be elected to a seat in the United States Congress will not seek re-election when her term expires in 1978 because, "I don't want to wake up one fine morning and say there is nothing else in the world that Barbara Jordan can do." Rep. Jordan, D-Texas, an- movement, but rahter has been considered highly experi-enced behind-the-scenes political activist in the nation's capitol.

Her name has been mention-

ed as a possibility for many positions, including the Texas Senate and the United States Supreme Court.

Ms. Jordan said Saturday, "What course I shall pursue in 1978 when my current term of office expires, I do not know,

whether in the public or private sector, I do not know." Ms. Jordan also said she believes that "there is an inverse relationship between duration of tenure in the Congress and the ability to shift gears," explaining that "the longer you stay in

the longer you stay in Congress, the more disticult it is to leave Congress."

Ms. Jordan first captured national attention in 1974 during her treshman term by participating in the House Judiciary Committee's televise. Judiciary Committee's televis-

(See REP. JORDAN, P. 2)

## Widow, Roomer On Trial

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DURHAM - Echoe from a recent trial held in Raleigh were heard in the Durham County Superior Court Monday, December 12, when 10 jurors were selected to hear evidence that the jurors were selected to hear evidence that the state hopes will convict Mrs. Thelma Pretty and her roomer, Douglas Lee Cameron, on a second degree murder charge in the pistol death of the woman's husband, Agron Samuel Pretty, on

Rep. Jordan Won't

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not to testity.

Bill Graham, who was retained to represent Cameron stressed the state's burden in proving its case: "Mr. Stephens has got to put a weapon in a hand with an intent to kill," he said.

able to rigure out the truth in this case at all? I suggest to you it that occurs, it ought to raise a reasonable doubt about the guilt of these two and they

deserve to be acquitted."

It no evidence is presented on behalt of the defendants, their

Raleigh Fire Department administrator. Kenneth Farmer, stated Monday that the fire which gutted the Apollo Heights Community Center early Sunday was deliberately set. Investigators say they found a discarded can of brake fluid outside the building, near where the blaze began. Brake fluid, containing a high content of alcohol, is highly flammable.

The State Bureau of Investigence.

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The State Bureau or Investigation (SSI) has been handed sections of the center's root and the fluid can for further

According to tiremen, the tlames which enguited the wooden-rooted building, started after an explosion that blew off a portion of the back wall and the root of the center, located at 759 Lunar Drive. Cause of the explosion remain-ed a mystery at CAROLINIAN press time.

(See FIRE GUTS, P. 2)



KNIGHT LOSES COUN KNIGHT LOSES COUR-CIL'S COMMITTEE CHAIR-MANSHIP — Raleigh City Councilman William Rogers (Bill) Knight, above, was bypassed Tuesday, Dec. 13, by Raleigh's new mayor, Mrs. Isabella W. Cannon, who Isabella W. Cannon, who appointed Mrs. Miriam P. Block to head the powerful Law and Finance Committee on the council. Knight was on the council. Knight was named to head this committee two years ago by former mayor Jyles J. Coggins, who was defeated on Nov. 8 by Mrs. Cannon for the mayoral post. Knight, the only black member of the Raleigh City Council, is in his third term as in Mrs. in his third term as is Mrs.

# doing, would not give the state an opportunity to question the detendants. Jerry Clayton, who represents Mrs. Pretty, along with his law partner, Robert Myrick, quizzed prospective jurors thoroughly on their attifudes about a detendant's right. To Keynote

PITTSBURGH, Pa. - The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr., tather of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will bartin Luther Aing, or., whi be the teatured speaker at a January 6, 1978 luncheon, highlighting George Washington Carver Week January 1-8. Other special events during the week include a jazz concert, photo exhivit and a number or activities in Pittsburgh schools.

The Rev. Dr. King, who will speak at noon Jan. 6 at the William Penn Hotel, is pastoremeritus of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga. president of the Martin Luther, King, Jr. Center for Social Change and a board member of the Southern Christian Leader ship Conterence. He will be introduced by Jayne Spain, senior vice president, Gult Oil Corporation, who is general chairperson of Carver Week.

# Aaron Samuel Pretty, on Sept. 20. Mr Pretty showed no sign

ot emotion as she walked into the concroom Monday morn-ing. She appeared with many or her neighbors who are expect-ed to testify for the state. Cameron, who was not able to raise a \$10,000 bond, has remained in jail.

Seek Another Term Detense lawyers attempted to build their cases on the theory that their clients would not take the stand and, in so

"He's got to make 50 points in his inning" and it he doesn't, Graham said, the detense

doesn't have to play at all.
"Do you understand," he asked, "that you might not be

attorneys could elect to make both the tirst and last closing arguments to the jury, sand-wiching Stephens in between.



FIRST LADY GREETED BY EXCITED CHILDREN Hundreds of excited New ol children anxiously await the chance to shake hands with first tady Rosalynn Carter as she tours a Harlem school to spotlight volunteer neighborhood projects Dec. 12. (UPI)

## not seek any elective office in 1978, when ner term of office expires. Rep. Jordan said: "For reasons predicated totally on my internal compass, directing me to direct my energy to something ditterent and move away from the demands which are all-consuming. I shall not seek elective office in 1978."

Seabrook Drive in Kingwood Forest, received minor bruises when she was struck by an automobile after alighting trom a school bus in tront of her home here last weekend, according to police reports. The child was hit by a car

driven by Bobby Lee Dockery, 29, 1313 Savannah Drive, also in Kingwood Forest, about 3:45 p.m. Thursday, Otticer R. H. Phillips reported. A student at Brooks Elementary School here, the little girl did not require hospitalization and no charges were tiled against Observance Dockerv, Phillips reported.

According to Dockerv and Appropriated Appropriated

### 12-16, 1978, or the orrandary or Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has been announced by Mrs. Coretta Scott King, president or the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change. Dr King would have been 49 years signals ilashing as they let the students out the buses. Onicer Phillips said the Check Won R Check Won By Willie Dunn

Willie R. Dunn, or 207 Bart St., was winner or \$10 last week atter he reported to The CAROLINIAN office that he had tound his name listed in the Cap'n Jim's Seatood advertise-(See APPRECIATION, P. 2)

Appreciation Money SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK HUDSON-BELK DEPT. STORES

WHERE VARIETY AND ECONOMY GO HAND-IN-HAND"



DISPLAYS DANGEROUS PIPE BOMB — Bellaire, Mich. — Charles Quander, special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tax and Firearms Division, displays a pipe bomb similar to those seized by agents in a raid here last Thursday night. The seizure of 100 of the bombs has been agents as the largest of its kind ever made in the U.S. Arrested were Octavio Gomez and Lee Alen Omland, both of Bellaire, (UPI)