

# Gov. Hunt Issues Pardon Ferguson Objects Hospital Workers Fear In Letter

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### In Saturday Tragedies 2 PERISH IN FIRE

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### Southeast School OK'd

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TRAGEDY SCENE — Raleigh firemen fight a Saturday afternoon fire amid thick smoke (left) at 202 Selwin Alley. Right photo shows some of the smoke cleared away, revealing the intense destruction to the home in which firemen found one resident dead. See story, page 1; related photo, page 2. (Staff Photo)

## Court Rules On HUD Community Funds

WASHINGTON, D. C. — In 1976, Livonia, Mich. did not include "expected to reside" goals in its Housing Assistance Plan (HAP) for Community Development Block Grant funds, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development accepted the city's application and awarded it \$660,000 in funds.

## UNCF Tags Shaw University Grad

The National Alumni Council and Pre-Alumni Council of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) held its 32nd Annual Conference recently in Little Rock, Ark.

## Rights Body OKs Carter's Policies

National Black News Service WASHINGTON, D. C. — While Carter administration efforts to improve enforcement of civil rights laws have been significant, unemployment and poverty continue to cripple progress for minorities and women, the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights said recently in a report on civil rights developments in 1977.

## Educator Receives Honor

FAYETTEVILLE — John B. Henderson, assistant professor of sociology at Fayetteville State University, has been selected for inclusion in the 16th edition of Who's Who in the South and Southwest for 1978.

## Community-Minded Citizens Honored For Many Services

Beta Lambda Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., presented its fourth annual awards and achievement banquet Saturday at the Hilton Inn here.

Tragedy struck twice in southeast Raleigh Saturday as fire swept through a Bragg St. home during early morning hours and another blaze raged through a Selwin Alley home in the afternoon.

In the first fire, at 723 Bragg St., George Clemmons, 48, was killed after a malfunctioning heating system caused a fire to start in the home of Ms. Ordeana Dowd. She escaped the fire.

Fire officials on the scene Monday were trying to determine the events which led to the tragedy and were speculating that Clemmons had tried to put the fire out in the back portion of the house and had returned to a front room and sat down in a chair.

In the second tragedy, firemen fought a raging blaze as scores of spectators lined the streets and yards near the 202 Selwin Alley duplex where John Clark, also 48, was found dead. Fire officials believe the blaze was started from a cigarette.

Several other people lived in the structure but were apparently away at the time the fire started about 1:40 p.m.

Funeral services for Clark were conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock with graveside rites at the Raleigh Memorial Park. Clemmons' services were not known at press time.

The two structures were damaged beyond repair. Only a small amount of personal belongings were saved from the Selwin Alley home.

Caught — Battle Creek, Mich. — A 38-year-old nursing assistant, Franklin Delano Richardson (foreground), apparently upset after receiving a 2-week dismissal notice, was arrested late Friday on charges of allegedly shooting and wounding the Veterans Hospital's chief nurse, a nursing supervisor and a secretary earlier Friday.

## Magnet Proposal Opposed By Group

BY WILLIE WHITE  
Staff Writer  
The Wake County Board of Education has unanimously agreed to build a new elementary school in southeast Raleigh, but some black parents are geared up to fight what they fear will be a magnet school instead of a traditional elementary school.

In the forefront of this opposition is the Concerned Black Parents Association, which last Sunday issued a statement.

## CRIME BEAT

From Raleigh's Official Police Files  
EDITOR'S NOTE: This column or feature is produced in the public interest with an aim towards eliminating its content. Numerous individuals have requested that they be given the consideration of erasing their listing on the police blotter. This we would like to do. However, it is not our position to be judge or jury. We merely publish the facts as we find them reported by the arresting officers. To keep out of the time lost column, merely means not being registered by a police officer in regard to his (her) while on duty, as simply being off the "blotter" and you won't be in the "Crime Beat."

## FEMALE ASSAULTED

Clarence Merrifield, 1833 Cantwell Court, was arrested and charged with assault on a female, according to Officer M. E. Cooper's police report.

Merrifield is alleged to have struck with hands and fists Johnnie Merrifield at the Cantwell Court address Saturday at 11:28 a.m. The victim suffered minor lacerations to the nose and bruises to the face the report ended, according to police.

## Appreciation Money SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK

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who were also honored. Left-to-right are Doctors James Thomas, L. M. Burton, J. W. Wiley, B. D. Hayward (L.R. Victoria Walters, presenting award for sorority), L. M. Burroughs, R. N. Galther, and Colson. (See story).

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: James E. Ferguson, II, attorney for the Wilmington 10 and the Charlotte 3, has written Gov. James B. Hunt to protest what Ferguson considers inconsistent actions in two cases, one black and the other white. In the latter case, Hunt issued a "pardon of forgiveness" but refused a "pardon of innocence" in the former. The letter is printed in full.)

Dear Governor Hunt: I have just read a news account of your recent action in granting an unconditional pardon of forgiveness to John D. Gaddy, former Raleigh city manager and nephew of State Sen. John T. Henley, president pro tem.

CANDID To be perfectly candid, I am shocked and dismayed by this action to a degree matched

(See HUNT, P. 2)



MRS. THELMA M. LINK

## Regional Sorority Meets

Members of 15 chapters in the Southern region are expected to attend the conference. Mrs. Ora Bryant, of Durham, is regional director and Mrs. Margaret S. Hayes, of Raleigh, is assistant regional director.

The sorority is composed of business and professional women whose purpose is to promote higher ideals, establish reputable standards, aid in the education of worthy students desiring business or professional training, and render service to various community activities.

During the regional conference, a scholarship will be awarded to a local student chosen by the host chapter, Gamma Omega. Members of the local chapter are: Martina

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## 3 Readers Missed \$10 Chances

The Appreciation "Pot" went unclaimed last week as the three people whose names were selected, failed to pick up their checks.

Hooker's name was placed in the Natural Health Foods (See APPRECIATION, P. 2)

Several distinguished black men and women were honored and inducted into the Hall of Fame for their outstanding contributions toward the fulfillment of total citizenship in our society.

Mrs. Laura J. Hawkins, Northeast Region Syntaktes, received the Sigma Gamma Rho Hall of Fame Award for her service for promoting "greater progress."

Bishop E. M. Lawson re-

ceived the Sigma Gamma Rho Hall of Fame Award for her humanitarian efforts to the community in providing housing for the needy.

Harold High received the Hall of Fame award for his (See HONORED, P. 2)