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'Sister Gary' Is Mourned By City, Church, State

She Was 'A Living Sermon'

BY CHARLES R. JONES
Managing Editor

Raleigh's beloved 'Sister Gary' is dead!

The Rev. Mrs. Mabel Gary Philpot, 424 Peyton St., founder and minister of the Wesleyan First Church of Deliverance, Boyer St., fell victim to pneumonia some 2 weeks ago, and although she fought valiantly to ward off its effects, this dedicated Christian leader and preacher of the Gospel for the past 54 years, fell prey to the Grim Reaper at 5 a.m. Saturday, July 8, at Wake Medical Center, exactly 4 days after her 72nd birthday.

Although she was only 4 feet, 11 inches tall and weighed in at 124 pounds, 'Sister Gary,' as she was affectionately known, stood as tall as a giant in the worlds of Christianity, love, honesty, fairplay, frankness, and all of the other ingredients necessary to produce a human immortal, which, in our humble opinion, the Rev. Sis. Gary was. To us, she was "a living sermon."

Funeral Thursday

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at the Weslevan First Church of Deliverance, with the Rev. Dr. Paul Harold Johnson, a longtime friend and supporter, delivering the final eulogy. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery on Garner Road.

In June of 1977, the right leg of this valiant servant of God was amputated, just below the knee. Two weeks later, she appeared as usual, on her weekly Sunday morning television program. "The Sister Gary Spiritual Program," featuring her sister, Mrs. Sandra Gary Byrd, and the Weslevan TV Choir. The program aired each Sunday from 7:30 to 8 a.m. She was fitted with, and used well, an artificial limb.

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'THE LAST MILE OF THE WAY'

(In loving memory of 'Sister Gary')
BY CHARLES R. JONES

The news of her death was so shocking,
I could hardly believe my own ears;
'Sister Gary dead? Oh, you're mocking,'
But why am I shedding these tears?

For 54 years, she's been preaching,
The rights and the wrongs from The Word;
A dear friend, counseling, teaching,
Now she's gone home to live with her Lord.

Each Sunday, I watched on TV,
As she prayed, sometimes sang with the choir;
She was true inspiration to me,
A lady whom all could admire.

She never rebuked the downtrodden,
Always good advice she would give;
Warning against all gains ill-gotten,
Her memory ever shall live.

Last Sunday, she said on her show,
Her nephew would preach in the afternoon;
Little did this young minister know,
That 'Aunt Mabel' was going home soon.

'Always be ready,' she warned,
'For we know not the hour, nor the day;'
This evangelist lived her favorite song:
"When I've Gone The Last Mile Of The Way."

A full Christian life she did live,
Of three score, ten year and then two;
Giving all that she had to give,
God saw fit for her end for you.

Dear Father, we bow to Thy will,
You taught us through her, life's true worth;
Though her lips are now silent and still,
We thank Thee for her time on this earth.

Masons And Stars Set Sessions

FAYETTEVILLE — B. A. McGeachy, deputy, 18th district, Prince Hall Masons, issued a call to all affiliated brothers to meet at Freedom Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, Raeford, off 401 by-pass at 6 p.m. Friday, July 14.

The auxiliary, Eastern Stars, and the Knights of Pythagoros will also meet. Workshops and business sessions will be featured at the opening session. The final session will be a joint affair, at which time Dr. Roosevelt Holmes, Fayetteville State University, will be the speaker.

The district is composed of lodges located in Cumberland, Harnette and Hoke Counties.

Family Therapy To Be Tested For Poor

National Black News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dr. Graciela Olivarez, director of the Community Services Administration, announced recently that the agency is funding a research and demonstration program to develop and test the Family Crisis Center as a new approach to the problems and needs of low-income families.

The new program will apply to the low-income family the concept of "family therapy" which has been available to more affluent families for at least the last decade, she said.

Dr. Olivarez said a $620,455 grant had been made to the Community Relations - Social

CALL NEWS CONFERENCE — Atlanta — Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rev. Ralph Abernathy (R) former head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, called a news conference July 9 to discuss the social impact of the ruling admitting Bakke to the University of California-Davis Medical School. They agreed that the ruling against strict minority quotas could easily spread to hiring programs now before the court. (UPI)

Nationally-Known Durham Bank President Dies At 70

800 At Wheeler Rites

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Cited As 'Giant,' Friend

BY PAUL R. JERVAY, JR.

DURHAM — The Rev. W. W. Easley, Jr., minister of St. Joseph's AME Church, began his eulogy of John Hervey Wheeler with these words. "A job well done, the battle fought, victory won...", concluding with "...Enter thy Master's door." Wheeler, who was perhaps best known for his 25-year tenure as president of Mechanics and Farmers Bank, was paid final respects in the contemporary Durham edifice by a cross-section of people, which transcended the North Carolina borders.

Easley continued, "The calibre of people in attendance here today bespeaks the type of man John H. Wheeler was. At least 800 persons from all walks of life were in attendance.

JOHN H. WHEELER

Mourners overflowed the confines of the church and were seated ajacent to the main auditorium in classrooms. Those who couldn't get seating there, stood throughout the service.

John Wheeler fought for the right of someone's right to be what he ought to be, the minister continued. "Many of his caliber wouldn't have taken the time to do this." Wheeler took the time, using his skills as a lawyer to bring the first integration suit to North Carolina. He took the time to

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During 64th Annual National Convention

NAACP Vows Freedom

Raleigh Victim Alleges

Man Kidnaps Wife

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Prominent New York 'Mouthpiece' Jailed Here, But

5 Little Jurors Seated

1 Black, 4 Whites Accepted

BY FRANCES GRANDY
STAFF WRITER

Five jurors, one black male, one white woman and three white men, were accepted by attorneys for both the defense and the prosecution Tuesday in the celebrated escape trial of Ms. JoAnne Little, 24-year-old black woman, recently converted to the faith of the Nation of Islam (formerly known as Black Muslims).

The second trial of Ms. Little began on Monday of this week. At that time, no jurors were chosen. She gained international publicity in 1975 as she was acquitted of the ice-pick slaying of a white Beaufort County jailer, whom she said, sexually assaulted her.

During a preliminary hearing here in Wake District Court last Thursday, Judge Edwin S. Preston struck down all five defense motions, brought by her lawyer, Jerry Paul of Durham. However, the court did accept her claim of indigency, but the judge refused to pay expense to bring four witnesses to Raleigh to testify in behalf of Ms. Little.

Dr. Steven Teich of New York City, one of the would-be

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Ms. LITTLE ARRIVES FOR WAKE TRIAL — Raleigh, N.C. — Ms. JoAnne Little, left, dressed in the attire of members of the Nation of Islam, is led into the Wake County Courthouse at dawn July 10, some 3 hours before her trial on prison escape charges was scheduled to begin. Security in and around the courtroom has also been tightened for Ms. Little's appearance. (UPI)

Upchurch Held In Abduction

BY STAFF WRITER

In a bizaare turn of events here Monday of this week, a 19-year-old man was charged with kidnaping his own wife, although they were separated. The incident, according to the woman, took place at her residence. A motive for the abduction was not given by CAROLINIAN press time Wednesday.

James Upchurch, also known as "Danny," was held Monday in the Wake County Jail without bail, pending a hearing in District Court for kidnaping.

Mrs. Mary Toon Upchurch,

"DANNY" UPCHURCH

LET'S GET SHAW U. IN THE BLACK

(AN EDITORIAL)

Black private schools are not only needed to preserve and promote black solidarity and independence, but we must think of them as being absolutely essential to our well-being. There are times when necessary things require some sacrifice. However, it is not giving up anything to support our black institutions.

We need not go further into how valuable our private colleges are, as we certainly know their worth. What is required at this time is money to meet the crisis Shaw University is now experiencing. So we urge you, the general public, to come forward with financial aid to meet this emergency. No matter how small, each and everyone is asked to send dollars to Shaw so that it might meet its immediate needs and, under its new president, prepare to establish a sound financial base upon which the university will operate.

Everyone reading this editorial is asked to send this much-needed institution in Raleigh, a contribution. In this way, we are sure there will be little difficulty in erasing the red and establishing the black in its financial affairs.

Act now, Please!

Knights To Meet At Shaw

Shaw University will host the third annual Assemblage - Knights of Pythagorus, Friday and Saturday, July 14-15.

The Knights of Pythagorus is a youth program sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons. Its primary function is to influence and encourage family devotion, patroitism, religious affiliation, and community involvement. Young men between the ages of 9-18, are eligible to participate, and at age 18, become eligible to apply for membership in Prince Hall-affiliated lodges.

The 3rd Assemblage is being sponsored by Widow Son Council No. 27 of Raleigh, and Paul Kearney Council of Wake

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Appreciation Check Won By Mrs. R. Smith

The only winner in last week's appreciation money

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WEATHER

The five-day weather forecast for the period Wednesday, July 12, through Sunday, July 16, is as follows: Sunshine and mild temperatures covered the entire state on Wednesday and Thursday is expected to remain the same with lowest humidity levels expected. High temperatures ranged from the upper 50s to the upper 80s Wednesday. The extended forecast calls for fair weather Friday through Sunday, with a slow warming trend.

CRIME BEAT

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column or feature is produced in the public interest with an aim towards eliminating its contents. Numerous individuals have requested that they be given the consideration of overlooking 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 Crime Beat Columns, merely means not being registered by a police officer in reporting his findings while on duty. So simply keep off the "Blotter" and you won't be in The Crime Beat.

GIVES WRONG ADDRESS

Mrs. Lillie Spruiell, who resides at 9 Franklin Terrace in Chavis Heights, called the office of this newspaper last weekend and informed the editor of The Crime Beat that her address was mistakenly listed as being the scene of a criminal incident, while she was out of the city on vacation. Mrs. Spruiell stated that the bold faced headline front page June 23 Crime Beat reading "STRUCK ON HEAD," named Ms. Cynthia Marie Baldwin as the victim. She said Ms. Baldwin lives at 4 Franklin Terrace in Chavis Heights and DOES NOT live at 9 Franklin. This column apologizes to Mrs. Spruiell for any inconvenience and embarassment caused by this misinformation, but the source was the records and files of the Raleigh Police Department. It could not be ascertained whether this address was given willfully or by Ms. Baldwin.

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7,000 At NAACP Confab

PORTLAND, Ore. — From the time board chairman, Margaret Bush Wilson, made the opening address at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 3, until Wendell Irvin brought the gavel down on the final session, July 7, the battle cry of the 69th annual convention of the NAACP was "Til victory is Won."

Benjamin L. Hooks, executive secretary, presiding over many of the sessions.

The more than 7,000 registered delegates and observers made it clear that they had come to the Pacific Coast to tell the world that the rights of American minorities were never in a brighter focus than now.

Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, board chairman, began with the following:

"There is a profound, ancient African proverb which says "One does not have to learn

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St. Ambrose Aids Senior Citizens

St. Ambrose Episcopal Church has opened a Senior Citizens' Activity Center. The Center will operate Monday through Friday on a four hour per day schedule. It has a staff of two persons, who will provide a program of activities, companionship, and lunch. Volunteers will also assist in making the Center an inviting place for senior citizens to stay for a few hours in a safe and supervised setting. The Center has a capacity for fifteen enrollees. A small fee will be a part of the program, which will include field trips.

For further information about this program, call 833-9198 or 833-8055. St. Ambrose is located at 813 Darby Street in

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Appreciation Money

SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK

FOX FIRE HAIR STYLIST

"WE EXCEL IN BEAUTY CULTURE CARE"

Mrs. Allen, 2 Others Get Community Service Awards

BY FRANCES GRANDY
Staff Writer

The N.C. Senior Citizens Federation and Wake County Opportunities, Inc. recently held a "Speakout" for the area's senior citizens at N.C. State University's McCrimmon Center. Gov. Jim Hunt and other notables were present and Raleigh Mayor Isabella Cannon gave the keynote address.

Elderly residents came to speak about the problems facing them - excessive light bills, Medicare/Medicaid problems, housing, welfare, social security.

Secretary of N.C. Human Resources, Howard Nathaniel Lee, presented a special award to those senior citizens who completed the adult education course, sponsored by SCF. These certificates of merit were especially important to those learning to write for the first time.

Mrs. Dorothy Nixon Allen, executive director of WOIC, Ms. Louise Wilson of "Experiments in Self-Reliance," and N.C. State Sen. Ralph Scott

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