Ex-CAROLINIAN Newsman Suicide



FIRST BLACK WAKE SHERIFF SINCE RECONSTRUCTION — John Haywood Baker, Jr. and wife, Mrs. Juanita Hicks Baker, happily pose for a CAROLINIAN cameraman after Baker became the first black sheriff of Wake County since Reconstruction. He defeated Republican challenger Clyde R. Cooke, Jr., on Tuesday, Nov. 7, by a vote of 32,879 to 31,879. (See story in column 4, Page 1)

Judge Richard Erwin Is 1st Appeals Court Jurist the trust imposed in him by the N. C. electorate. Conscious of the support given him, he had the following to say from his Hilton Inn headquarters: "Everything just fell in place. I was at the right place at the right time. So many people aided me."

Richard C. Erwin, Winston-Richard C. Erwin, Winston-salem lawyer, who was ap-pointed to the N.C. Court of Appeals, becoming the first black to ever fill that position, made history Tuesday, when he outdistanced his white opponent to the tune of 250,662 to 140,234.

Judge Erwin came to Ra-leigh as a member of the Forsyth County delegation to the N. C. General Assembly. He brought an envisible record

the brought an envisible record as a barrister. He did an admirable job and when the time came, Gov. Hunt called his name

his name.
Persons accustomed to seeing jurists travel through the Fayetteville Street Mall, stop and admire the dignity that Erwin displays as he walks.
He was opposed by Joe N.

Cagle, 36, from Mickey, who could not ride to victory on the coattail of Jesse Helms.



JUDGE R. C. ERWIN

B. Rustin To Get **Coveted Award**

NEW YORK, N. Y.— Bayard Rustin, president of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, will be honored by the American Jewish Congress at its annual Stephen Wise Award

Go To Schools:

The Education Committee of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), concerned about the negative attitude of students and parents towards (See NCNW P. 2)

dinner Sunday evening, Nov. 19, at the New York Hilton Hotel.

Mr. Rustin has led the A. Mr. Rustin has led the A. Philip Randolph Institute in conducting voter registration programs, strengthening relations among blacks, liberals and the labor movement, and supporting policies which promote economic equality.

He helped plan and put into operation the Recruitment and

operation the Recruitment and operation the Recruitment and Training Program, which seeks to bring young blacks into union apprenticeship pro-grams. He also serves as chairman of the Executive (See AJC AWARD, P. 2)



CELEBRITY SIGNS AUTOGRAPHS IN CAROLINA HOME Anderson, S.C. - Nattily attired, Boston Red Sox TOWN — Anderson, S.C. — Yanny and the state of the stager Jim Rice signs autographs during press conference here in his home town Nov. 3. Rice was to be in Las Vegas for the announcement Nov. 8 of the American League MVP, which either he or NewYork Yanks' Ron Guldry will certainly wis.

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In Future

National Black News Service LOS ANGELES, Calif. — LOS ANGELES, Calif.

Although there may be a
decline in the unemployment
rate for America's youth in the
1980's, the problem will continue, especially among black
youth, according to Security
Pacific National Bank's futurist.

Youths To Be Jobless

expert on the society of the future, said he believes that (See YOUTH TO. P. 2)

Special Baptist Meeting

According to the contents of a letter, circulated by Dr. E. B. Turner, of Lumberton, defeated candidate for the presidency of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., there will be a meeting of invited Baptists discuss rumored irregularities connect-(See BAPTISTS, P. 2)

Appreciation Money Won By Mrs. J. D. Hill

Only one of three persons saw their name in last week's CAROLINIAN Appreciation Money Feature, therefore \$20 in two unclaimed checks of \$10 each went unclaimed.

each went unclaimed.
The lucky person was Mrs.
J. D Hill of 913 Davie Street,
who spotted the name of her late
husband in the ad paid for by
Caraleigh Furniture Company,
S. Saunders Street. She came to
The CAROLINIAN and
identified herself and was identified herself and was

given her check.
The two persons who could (See APPRECIATION P 2)

Mobile Home Destroyed As

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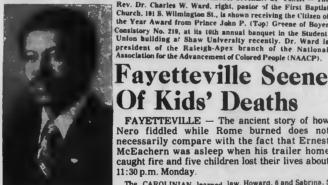
BAKER WINS

Lightner: 'I'm Sick And Tired Of Courts Here' Did Not

Former Gridder Victor

BY STAFF WRITER John Haywood Baker, Jr., is Wake County's new sheriff. The ironic thing about this is that Mr. Baker is black. He defeated his white Republican opponent, Clyde R. Cook, Jr. by exactly 1,000 votes — 32,879 to 31,879 - in the Tuesday, Nov. 7, election. Mr. Baker thus becomes Wake's the turn of the century

Baker, a former professional football star, is an ex-aide to United States Senator Robert B. Morgan (D-NC), and once served on the N.C. Paroles as its only black



HAROLD H. WEBB

Student's Condition Is Good

Officials at Wake Medical Center said late Tuesday that the condition of Miss Nita Charlene Johnson, daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Paul Harold Johnson, 2404 Fire Light Road, Raleigh, who centrely jumped from a

The CAROLINIAN learned law, Howard, 6 and Sabrina, 5. that Ernest was asleep in what was termed the living room of the house when the fire broke out in the room in which the children were asleep. The dead are three of his daughters, Ernestine, 2; Irenia, 4 and Janice, 5; two of his sisters-in-

At the State PTA Convention banquet in High Point on Nov. 10, two Wake County PTA units and three individuals will be recognized for outstanding

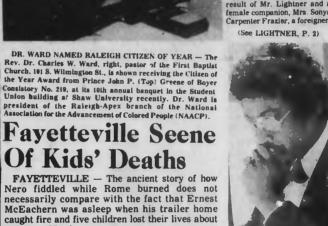
services and achievements.
The Cary Elementary PTA
for 1977-78 was chosen Outstanding PTA unit in North
(See PTA HONORS, P. 2)

BY CHARLES R. JONES Managing Editor
Bruce E. Lightner, 31ear-old Raleigh year-old mortician and former

Steal: B.

executive director of the local Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) S. East and E. Martin Streets, told this newsman early Wednes-day morning that he is "sick and tired of being

This revelation came as a result of Mr. Lightner and a female companion, Mrs. Sonya Carpenter Frazier, a foreigner,



BRUCE E. LIGHTNER

Top Honore Going To Wake PTA Units, Others

Carolina. This award is pre-sented by the National PTA Council. Cary Elementary's accomplishments were also recognized in Atlanta in June at the National PTA conven-

E. Mason **Buried In**

DURHAM — Last Friday night, after he had finished giving a description of a football game, Earl Leon Mason, Jr., 34, upon leaving County Stadium, apparently failed to recognize that he was going to be "tackled" by that inevitable advergoing to be "tackled" by that inevitable adver-sary, death. He served as sports editor of The CAROLINIAN in Raleigh for about three years.

years.

Two policemen, who had waited with warrants, approached Mason and told him that his failure to appear in court to face a false pretense charge, made it necessary for them to take him to jail. The officers waited until the game was over and tried to make the arrest without the crowd knowing it. He is alleged in the false pretense warrant to have confiscated some money from the MEAC, a former employer.

The CAROLINIAN learned that Mr. Mason told the

EARL L. MASON, JR. officers he would go with them. He also asked that he be permitted to go to his car to give another person the key. The officers agreed and accompanied him to the

that Mason started around the front of the car and was heard to yell, "oh no." It was then that he is said to have pulled as mail calibre pistol and fired at the officers. It was not known whether he knew he missed or not. He then is said to have fired three shots into his own chest.

chest.

He was taken to Durham
County General Hospital, located near the stadium, when cated near the stadium, where he was given emergency treatment. Inquiries disclosed that he was in a stable condition and was moved to Duke University Medical Center, where he died early Saturday morning.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, with Dr.

(See KILLS SELF. P. 2)

POINTING GUN ALLEGED Officer L. N. Knight was called to the 118 E. South Street called to the II8 E. South Street location, where he apprehended and charged Jimmy Earl Dudley, 20, of alleged assaulting by gunpoint. Hosa Hewsome, residing at this East South Street school, was the victim. He's 22 Dudley resides to 200 Cladde Street is the at 709 Gladden Street, in the city of Washington. Incident oc-cured Sunday at 8:35.

(See CRIME BEAT, P. 2)



GETTING SOME POINTERS — New York — Entertainer Ben Vereen (C), co-bost of the NBC-TV show "America Alive" Nov. 6 and 7, gets some pointers in the art of disco roller skating from roller disco dancers at Xenon on Nov. 6. Vereen was there to do a segment to be aired on the show Nov. 7. (UP)

WEATHER

Of Kids' Deaths

relative, Miss Johnson, whose mid 30s is the mountains and father has pastored the Martin Street Baptist Church for over 30 years, doesn't know what happened to her or why she jumped from the bus, which was allegedly being driven 35 (See STUDENT'S P. 2) (See STUDENT'S, P. 2)

11:30 p.m. Monday.

The five-day weather forecast for the period Wednesday, Nov. 8, through Sunday, Nov. 12, is as follows: cloudy skies were predicted for most of the state Wednesday after a cold front brought some rainfall to many sections of North Carulina. The chance for Light Road, Raleigh, who reportedly jumped from a moving achool bus last Thursday morning, was good. The 15-year-old student suffered a broken Jaw in three places, four teeth were knocked out an her face was cut. The incident occurred on Sanderford Road in southeast Raleigh.

According to information furnished by an unidentified relative, Miss Johnson, whose in the coast. Lows 600 on the coast.

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SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK