

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 31,878. (See story in column 4, Page 1)

Judge Richard Erwin Is 1st Appeals Court Jurist

Richard C. Erwin, Winston-Salem lawyer, who was appointed 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 140,294.

Judge Erwin came to Raleigh as a member of the Forsyth County delegation to the N. C. General Assembly. He brought an enviable record as a barrister. He did an admirable job and when the time came, Gov. Hunt called 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, 30, from Hickory, 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: NCNW

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

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

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 Training Program, which seeks to bring young blacks into union apprenticeship programs. He also serves as chairman of the Executive

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CELEBRITY SIGNS AUTOGRAPHS IN CAROLINA HOME TOWN — Anderson, S.C. — Nattily attired, Boston Red Sox slugger 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 New York Yanks' Ron Guldry will certainly win. (UPI)

Five Kids Die In Fire

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First Black Sheriff Since Reconstruction

BAKER WINS

Lightner: 'I'm Sick And Tired Of Courts Here'

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-aside to United States Senator Robert B. Morgan (D-NC), and once served on the N.C. Paroles Board as its only black

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DR. WARD NAMED RALEIGH CITIZEN OF YEAR — The Rev. Dr. Charles W. Ward, right, pastor of the First Baptist Church, 101 S. Wilmington St., is shown receiving the Citizen of the Year Award from Prince John P. (Top) Greene of Boyer Consistory No. 219, at its 10th annual banquet in the Student Union building at Shaw University recently. Dr. Ward is president of the Raleigh-Apex branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Fayetteville Scene Of Kids' Deaths

FAYETTEVILLE — The ancient story of how Nero fiddled while Rome burned does not necessarily compare with the fact that Ernest McEachern was asleep when his trailer home caught fire and five children lost their lives about 11:30 p.m. Monday.

The CAROLINIAN learned 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-

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WEATHER

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 Carolina. The chance for rain was predicted at 40 percent Wednesday and 30 percent Wednesday night. Highs Wednesday ranged in the upper 50s in the east to the low 60s on the coast. Lows Wednesday night were in the mid 30s in the mountains and low 40s elsewhere. The extended forecast calls for fair, warm weather through Sunday. High temperatures are expected to be in the 70s, with lows in the 40s.



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 reportedly jumped from a moving school bus last Thursday morning, was good. The 15-year-old student suffered a broken jaw in three places, four teeth were knocked out and her face was cut. The incident occurred on Sanderford Road in southeast Raleigh.

According to information furnished by an unidentified relative, Miss Johnson, whose 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)

Youths To Be Jobless In Future

National Black News Service
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.

Hank Koehn, the bank's expert on the society of the future, said he believes that

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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 to discuss rumored irregularities connect-

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.

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 given her check.

The two persons who could (See APPRECIATION, P. 2)

Did Not Steal: B. Lightner

BY CHARLES R. JONES
Managing Editor
Bruce E. Lightner, 31-year-old Raleigh mortician and former executive director of the local Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) S. East and E. Martin Streets, told this newsman early Wednesday morning that he is "sick and tired of being dragged through the courts here."

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

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BRUCE E. LIGHTNER

Top Honors Going To Wake PTA Units, Others

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

Carolina. This award is presented by the National PTA Council. Cary Elementary's accomplishments were also recognized in Atlanta in June at the National PTA convention.

The Lynn Road Elementary PTA for 1977-78 will receive

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E. Mason Buried In 'BullCity'

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 adversary, death. He served as sports editor of The CAROLINIAN in Raleigh for about three 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 car, 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 a small 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.

He was taken to Durham County General Hospital, located 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)

CRIME BEAT

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

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GETTING SOME POINTERS — New York — Entertainer Ben Vereen (C), co-host 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. (UPI)

Appreciation Money
SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK
Piggly Wiggly Food Stores
"WHERE YOU GET THE FRESHEST QUALITY FOODS"