

Local Groups Offer Protection

Elderly Escape Crime

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports Senior citizens too often find themselves victims of crime in this society. Along with children they are the most gullible prey for the vicious tactics of criminal elements, which range from con artists to brutal crimes of theft and murder. These senior citizens and children are the least defensive against hoodlumism and fang and claw mentality.

On April 2, a quiet neighborhood in Southeast Raleigh was disrupted by the brutal murder of retired Wake County School principal, Garland L. Crews. The 74-year-old educator was found in his closet, beaten to death. The house was ransacked and the police has established the motive as robbery. The assailant, perhaps, still on the prowl.

Recently, the police found a partially decomposed body in the Neuse River. They believe the remains are those of 62-year-old Robert Lane. Lane has been missing since Feb. 14. He was last seen by Dorothy Lane at her home, 902 E. Martin St. "We don't suspect any foul play," Police Lt. B. W. Peoples said in an interview. "We are not sure about the cause of death."

There are various programs to help senior citizens protect themselves from becoming victims of crimes in the home and elsewhere. Gene English, community services consultant for the Wake

Council Department of Social Services said "We don't have a program specifically for that, but if someone we are working with had specific questions,

we would handle it one-on-one and explore the resources."

Ms. Sharon Graham, residence manager of Wintershaven, an

apartment complex for senior citizens at 500 E. Hargett St., said "recently I have been discussing the elderly and crime with Officer E. Williams of the

Raleigh Police Department. I was concerned, because all our tenants are 62-years and older, and they have a set way of doing things."

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City Builds Greenway

Little Rock Trail Design

BY YVETTE D. RUFFIN

In the summertime, about 50 years ago, youngsters from the Chavis Heights area would frequent what was then called, "that little swimming hole."

Since that time, the kids have grown up, Chavis Heights has changed and the little swimming hole—actually named Little Rock—has vanished. Today, construction on a park to be dubbed Little Rock Trail, is well under way. City officials are expecting construction to be completed by mid-May.

The park, constructed in an open field between Martin and Hargett streets, has

been designed under a program to protect the city's floodway system and as a trail to connect various areas of the city together. Greenway planner Art Chard explained that Little Rock Trail will eventually extend to Chavis Heights.

Joseph Winters, a retired city police officer, said he thought the old swimming hole was called Little Rock because of the many rocks surrounding it. "It was a natural hole in the branch that ran down in that area."

Remembering the swimming hole, businessman Robert Umstead said he frequented it often as a youngster. "I think the deepest

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FIGHTING SCHOOL PRAYER—Mobile, Ala.—Ishmael Jaffree of Mobile poses with his children, from left, Makeba (10), Jamael Aakki (11), and Chioke Saleem (8) in a picture made April 4. More than two years ago the 40-year-old Jaffree, an agnostic, filed suit against three Mobile school teachers after he discovered his children were praying in school. Jaffree challenged Alabama's law allowing teacher-led prayer and won in the U.S. Supreme Court. (UPI)

White Comments On King's Death

BY JOHN HINTON

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., one of the civil rights leaders of the 1960s, was killed by an assassin's bullet in Memphis, Tenn., 16 years ago.

"The struggle which he fought in is not over," said the Rev. Leon White, director of the Commission For Racial Justice. "Dr. King left an example for us to follow. He showed us the way to achieve victory."

King was the president of the Southern Leadership Conference and a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He led the struggle for desegregation of public facilities and schools in the South. "His death was a tragedy," White said. "If anyone struggles for justice, he will die."

White said blacks in the United States are not better now

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Group Celebrates 39th Annual Meeting, Banquet

YMCA To Award Local Achievers

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports The Garner Road YMCA is moving ahead with plans for one of its biggest annual activities.

Executive Director Norman Daye says the "Y" is preparing for its 39th annual meeting and awards banquet. "Each year we hold a banquet and award people in the community for YMCA achievements or community achievements," explained Daye.

Keynote speaker for this year will be Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy, D-D.C., who is currently serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, and who was the first black elected to that post from the District of Columbia in 100 years. He is a civil rights activist and a Christian minister. In 1963, Fauntroy coordinated the

March on Washington and in 1965 he coordinated the Selma - to - Montgomery march.

This year's award banquet will focus on five areas and members of the community at large have been selected in honor of their achievements in these areas. In the category of community services, Ms. Jeannette Hicks will be honored and awarded; education, Dr. Prezell Robinson; politics and legal, attorney Daniel T. Blue; religion, the Rev. Leatha Debnam, Sr.; and outstanding service to the YMCA, William B. Kincaid. Daye stated that YMCA board members Cecil Flagg and Robert T. Young will also be honored during the awards banquet.

This year's awards

banquet coincides with efforts by the YMCA to recruit additional members.

"Our annual membership drive this year runs from April 11 to May 24," said Daye. The banquet will be held on Thursday, April 26, at 7 p.m. in the Hilton

Inn, Hillsborough Street. Ms. Malvise A. Scott is chairperson for the banquet and J.B. Allen is co-chairperson.

Also, the YMCA will hold a sports banquet for football, basketball and swimming in May. The Y-

Teens, a group of young women who offer services to the community for the YMCA will be presented awards for their achievement in the community.

This will be the first sports banquet held at the new

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Rep. Spaulding Hits Proposed Pipeline As A Hasty Venture

DURHAM — State Rep. Kenneth B. Spaulding, a candidate for U.S. Congress in North Carolina's Second Congressional District, said he strongly opposes the proposed pipeline that would transfer water from Lake Gaston to the Virginia Beach area. The pipeline, which would carry 60 million gallons of water a

day 84 miles, would be a hasty and unwise project for both the citizens of North Carolina and Virginia, he said.

"The communities and businesses that currently depend on the water from the lake and Roanoke River are our first priority," he said. "We cannot drain one resource and thus leave

even more people without a sufficient water supply. We must not endanger the water level of the lake and river, which would pose a danger to the economic well-being of those already dependent on the lake and river.

"There are more feasible and constructive options to

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Profile Of A Pastor



REV. MURIEL DUNN

BY JOHN HINTON

Muriel Dunn is a protégé of the late Sister Gary.

"She was like an aunt to me," she said. "She was easy to talk to and down to earth. She gave me a lot of support."

Rev. Dunn, 49, is an assistant pastor at the Wesleyan First Church of Deliverance, 1201 Boyer St., which was founded by Rev. Mabel Gary Philpott, better known to the Raleigh community as "Sister Gary." The religious leader died about four years ago.

"Being assistant pastor is just great," Ms. Dunn said. "It's a large portion of my life. I am dedicated to the ministry. I have the assurance I am doing God's will for me."

Ms. Dunn preaches every second Sunday and serves as a church trustee. She is a deaconess and superintendent of the Sunday School and teaches its junior and senior classes. Ms. Dunn is also an ordained elder.

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Tornado Twists Destructive Path Tearful Memories Linger

WINSTON-SALEM — As he called on stores March 28, Atlanta salesman James McDougald noticed the "bad-looking clouds" that gathered and moved swiftly overhead. But he didn't give them a second thought.

Hours later at home, McDougald received a call from an aunt in Maxton. As she tried to describe the destruction of his childhood home by a series of tornadoes, his thoughts turned to his grandmother and eight relatives living in the home.

"All sorts of bad thoughts went through my mind," recalled McDougald, an area sales representative with R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. "I remember bad thunderstorms there when I was growing up, but it always seemed that South Carolina got it worse than we did."

But this time, Maxton and nearby Red

Springs were not spared the death and destruction from the tornadoes that struck along a 260-mile strip through North and South Carolina.

Images of destruction and the faces of his loved ones flashed repeatedly through his head as McDougald drove for what seemed like an eternity between Atlanta and Maxton.

"I began to see traces of the devastation as I neared Laurinburg and all the way to Maxton," said McDougald. "When I saw Maxton, it looked like a testing site for A-bombs. Everything was leveled; things—washing machines, water heaters, refrigerators, cars—were strewn all over the place."

As he pulled down the street where his home once sat, he was struck by the

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SUFFERING TORNADO AFTERMATH—Winston-Salem—Carrie Purdie (wearing hat) sits with her family at a public housing apartment in Maxton after killer tornadoes destroyed their home in Maxton two weeks ago.



HOUSING BRIEF—Washington, D.C.—Elizabeth B. Cofield, second from right, of Raleigh, N.C., was among members of the National Association of Black County Officials who attended a recent briefing on federal housing programs conducted in Washington by officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Pictured with her from left are the Rev. St. George Crosse, special advisor for minority programs in the Office of the HUD deputy undersecretary for intergovernmental relations; Maurice Barksdale, HUD assistant secretary for housing and federal housing commissioner; and, far right, Webster B. Guillory, of Orange County, Calif., president of NABCO. Ms. Cofield is seeking reelection to her current post as Wake County Commissioner.

THEY SPEAK OUT

BY JOHN HINTON
Staff Writer

Question: What do you think is the biggest problem facing blacks in America?

Trish Lee, 25, of Raleigh, formerly of New York, an employee at Hudson Belk. "It's probably job status. When I am late coming back from lunch I get hassled by my white manager. I notice when the white girls are late coming back from lunch, nothing is said. Being black

is a problem for us also. It brings us a lot of aggravation. We still get a lot of pressure from whites. We are still in modern salvery."

Genia Dobbins, 24, of Raleigh. "Blacks not voting is a big problem. The most important walk a black man

can take is to the ballot box. Blacks are not getting involved in the political process."

Evered Dyer, 30, a tailor at Varsity Men's Wear. "The biggest problem facing blacks is Ronald Reagan. His policies are for

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MS. LEE



MS. DOBBINS



DYER



DUNN