

JUDGES' BENCH

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BASKETBALL STAR SUED BY RENTAL FIRM

N.C. State University center Charles Shackelford has added another court date to his agenda in a growing number of appearances at the Wake County Courthouse. Shackelford was sued in small claims court last week for \$274.98 by Cort Furniture Rental, 1819 New Hope Church Road, which claims he owes the money for furniture he had rented.

The contract indicated that Shackelford had rented a sofa, two chairs, a queen-size bed, a table and a chest from the store July 9 under a nine-month lease. Shackelford, of 621 Bashford Drive, is scheduled to appear in court on the suit April 15. He could not be reached for comment. Shackelford is also awaiting trial on a charge of driving 70 mph in a 45-mph zone on US 70 in Garner Nov. 23. He has pleaded guilty to other speeding offenses in July and December.

FUNDRAISING LAW CHALLENGED

On Wednesday, N.C. Supreme Court justices sharply questioned a North Carolina law designed to force professionals who organized fundraisers to divulge how much they charge to raise money for charities. In questions to Attorney General Lacy H. Thornburg, the justices challenged several key aspects of the law, which was enacted in 1985 but never took effect because charities and fundraisers obtained court orders to block it.

The case is considered to have national implications for the regulation of professional fundraisers. The justices focused mainly on the provision that would require telephone solicitors and other fundraisers to disclose the percentage of donations they have kept for themselves as opposed to forwarding to charities that hired them over the preceding year.

FREEDOM FUND

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N.C. Rep. Dan T. Blue brought greetings and enumerated some of the many accomplishments during the past year. He particularly commended his fellow members of the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus, of which he is chairman.

Rep. Blue also called for a moment of silent prayer for Julian Pierce, the first native American to announce his candidacy for Superior Court judge in Robeson County.

Ralph Campbell, Jr., District C councilman, extended greetings and recognized two other council members, Ms. Anne Franklin and Ms. Mary Watson Noe of District B. He also expressed pride that the Human Resources and Human Relations Advisory Committee of a city had a table and an advertisement in the souvenir booklet. Commissioner Malone also brought greetings on behalf of Wake County. Register of Deeds Kenneth Wilkins also represented Wake County. Dr. Thomas E. Kee brought greetings on behalf of Shaw University.

Ms. Brandon introduced the speaker, Dr. Emmett Carl Burns, a native of Jackson, Miss., director of the National Life Membership Division, Baltimore, Md., and pastor of the Rising Sun First Baptist Church, Baltimore.

After a musical selection, the Rev. Dr. Burns began. His initial words, "We have faith," aroused the audience as he continued to show how the black people have overcome struggles and other obstacles such as racism and poverty to achieve much.

He repeatedly emphasized, "Where there is a will, there is a way." His text, however, was titled, "When Will America Learn?" The speaker continued by saying, "America is the most senseless nation conceived by man without common sense. We support a country, yet we are sending arms to Iran. These countries are fighting with each other. When will America learn?"

Directing his comments at white America, the speaker emphasized that leadership does not come in color. "We must deal with the issues. It is believed that Washington never told a lie. We have not checked this to see if it is true. The media never checked it out." He made references to politicians Gary Hart, Pat Robertson and George Bush.

He also had a message for blacks. Dr. Burns emphasized that blacks need great dreamers in the race. He also challenged his people to become great leaders.

Life membership plaques were presented to John A. Penix and to Ms. Doris Strickland, representing the Epicureans of Raleigh. This reporter also presented the Golden Heritage Life Membership plaque (the advanced life membership) to Dr. S.R. Cloud, past basileus, representing Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

The Omegas are the first local fraternity to pay for this second life membership. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis R. Jones were recognized in absentia, William Windley was recognized as the newest full-paid life member in Raleigh, along with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Edwin Worth recognized the special guests at the end of the meeting, and President Brandon gave awards to those working on membership.

APPRECIATION

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Appreciation Page this week were Terry Lanier, Rt. 2, Raleigh; Ms. Robin Everett, 700 Barksdale, and Ms. Pamela Pitt, 1512 Carnegie Drive.

After coming into The CAROLINIAN office at 518 E. Martin St. and properly identifying themselves, winners were awarded \$10 checks.

The Appreciation Money Feature can be found on the front page of The CAROLINIAN's Thursday edition.

Each reader of this newspaper is a potential winner in the feature. Each week the names of three readers are hidden on the Appreciation Page.

When readers spot their names they should report to this office no later than noon Monday following publication and claim the \$10 checks awaiting them. Employees of this newspaper and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.

CONGRESS

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federal government to intrude on citizens' rights. Anyway, he said, he had a better bill and urged them to support it. Reagan was backed by a meretricious Rev. Jerry Falwell and his shameless misrepresentations. Falwell's supporters deluged Congress with calls and letters declaring if the veto was overridden, their churches would be forced to "hire practicing, drug-addicted homosexuals with AIDS as pastors or junior pastors."

But all that was behind Ms. Simmons. And although the bad taste of these scurrilous lies were still somewhat rancid in her throat, the victory was sweet and mitigating. She was weary but happy. She chatted with animation on one phone and before she completed her conversation on that one several others were demanding her attention.

Sheafs of legal yellow paper, with neatly scrawled names of congressional members, the date they were contacted and their responses for and against listed thereon. The names were checked right up to the amount of the vote. Nothing was left to chance. The NAACP is affiliated with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, an organization with more than 200 members. Indeed, NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks is conference chairman.

Hooks praised Congress for refusing to buckle under to the pernicious Reagan/Falwell blandishments and said he was especially proud of the role the NAACP network played. "More than 3,000 telegrams were sent to NAACP units, who, in turn, generated 80,000 telephone calls, telegrams and mailgrams to members of the Senate and House. Additionally, our units mobilized local churches, fraternal organizations, and community groups to alert their members to do likewise."

At the hub of this network sat a large, energetic woman: Althea Simmons. She is a worthy successor to the late Clarence Mitchell, Jr., whose work in Congress for the NAACP was so effective over the years that he was called the "101st Senator."

She grinned broadly, paused for a moment, and then happily repeated, "We beat their socks off!"

POLICE

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"The arrest rate can continue to increase only so far unless law enforcement agencies are given the advanced training, increased manpower and equipment they need to face the increase in crime," Thornburg said. "Law enforcement resources are being stretched to the limit."

In related events, a man with a long-barreled rifle robbed the Gulf Market, 3811 Hillsborough St., taking an undetermined amount of cash.

Police said the suspect was a black man about 25 years old wearing sunglasses, a blue cap and a blue coat. He had concealed the rifle in a garbage bag. No one was injured.

Also, Raleigh police Sgt. W.L. Baker said Roy Lee Crowder, 17, of Snowberry Drive, was one of five men in an apartment at 1125 S. State St. when they began arguing and a pistol was drawn.

Crowder was shot once in the groin, then staggered to an apartment at 1127 S. State St. where he called police. Crowder was taken to Wake Medical Center intensive care unit and listed in serious condition. No arrests were made at the time.

BRING OUT

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Student Union Building on the Campus of Shaw University. The event will be emceed by J.D. Lewis, director of minority affairs at Capital Broadcasting Co.

Harris Wholesale and Capital Broadcasting will each donate corporate grants of \$2,000 for deserving students who plan to live and work in the Raleigh area. Students are selected for the scholarships by their respective schools.

WLE radio and The CAROLINIAN conduct the nomination process by which good Samaritans in the community are honored. The scholarships are presented in the award winner's name, with commemorative plaques displayed at the Shaw and St. Augustine's campuses. Recipients of the Bring Out Your Best Awards are

individuals who have made the area a better place to live.

The Bring Out Your Best Awards are seen as an investment in the local community because it is hoped that local graduates will stay in the area and work and contribute to it.

After the nominations for awards are made, a judging committee is established to select the winners. However, it is the administrative officials of the schools who decide who will receive the scholarships, and that selection is flavored with a determination of need.

A panel of five judges from the community will make the final selection from the official nominations. No one may nominate themselves. Deadline for entries is April 22.

Nominations should be mailed or brought to The CAROLINIAN, 518 E. Martin St., P.O. Box 25308, Raleigh 27611, or W.L.E. AM 57, 522 E. Martin St., P.O. Box 100, Raleigh 27602.

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crime deterrence influence the station has had in the downtown neighborhood.

"It's really hard to measure. You don't know what you have deterred by being here. I suspect we have deterred some by our going and coming all the time. We're highly visible."

TEACHING

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The students were vitally interested in the discussion and carried on the debate in the dormitories and dining hall of the university later.

Some of the students felt that every college and university in North Carolina should try to connect classroom theory and actual "live" experiences with homeless individuals.

With these concerns, the students at Shaw University were leading the way in solving one of the great moral issues of contemporary society: poverty and illiteracy. Both William C. Friday, former president of the University of North Carolina system, and C. Derek Bok, Harvard University president, have also suggested that higher education must find creative solutions to the homeless, poverty, and illiteracy issues.

As a result of this visit, the students at Shaw have an acute awareness of just how crucial these issues are.

Ms. Rogers and the other students noticed the homeless people on their daily walks to class. She now states that they no longer can be people who should be put out of mind and out of sight. She and the other students want to find solutions to these problems.

The interest of Ms. Rogers and the other students could not come at a more appropriate time. The U.S. Department of Education, as a result of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (PL 100-77), has earmarked millions of dollars to initiate and upgrade adult education for the homeless for literacy training and basic skills remediation.

Shaw University can participate in the program—and the students by their innovative learning strategies have led the way in this pioneering quest—in this venture of faith—that this nation can solve one of its major problems.

DEMOCRATS

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which defated Jackson on Super Tuesday in the state. "As private citizens, they chose to endorse the candidate of their choice."

"As individual Democrats in this whole process, it is an individual's right to evaluate the candidates and vote based on [one's] own perception. I think the average voter is more sophisticated than people give them credit for."

Ward said the key to who wins the nomination in Atlanta will be which nominee uses his delegate strength well and can develop a coalition with other presidential candidates.

For the November general election, Ward said the voters will have to ask themselves "serious questions" if they are willing to vote for George Bush and have eight more years of the Republican track record for this country, or "are they willing to vote to have this country move in a positive direction by voting the Democratic ticket."

When asked whether North Carolina would support the Democratic ticket if Jackson was its candidate for president, Ward replied, "I don't know."

"I would hope it would go Democratic regardless of who the nominee is."

On U.S. Gov. Robert Jordan's recent use of the term "redneck" before a black audience, Ward said, "I don't like those kinds of terms."

"A better choice of words could have been used. It's important that we understand that in the Democratic Party you've got to have all Democratic votes to win," said Ward.

"Geographic boundaries should not separate the party. But the common thread should bring us all together as far as trying to offer a brighter future for this nation."

"We must mandate strong accountability. We have to make all candidates accountable for the votes they receive. You can't continue to give people rewards without expecting some accountability."



POLICIES FOR YOUTHS—Continental Societies of Raleigh, Club; Mrs. Emma Jane Muse, president of Continentals of Raleigh, and Ms. Sarah Basden, president of the board of working out strategies and policies for the youth. Pictured here are: (l. to r.) Ms. Charity Dunn, program director of Girl's will serve in the "Big Sister" program as role models and companions to guide them in various activities.

Olivia Shelton, Former School Teacher Writes Book Of Poetry

Olivia Shelton, a former school teacher and resident of West Hartford, Conn., is a poet in her own right and has published a collection of poems, "Sunshine and Shadows," which was inspired by her experiences as a wife, mother and teacher.

Ms. Shelton was born in Franklinton where she attended school, graduated with honors and won a gold medal in an oratorical contest at Al-

believed in Santa Claus and fairies. When you don't have something, when you have imagination, it can live on in your dreams," she said.

At 77 years old, Ms. Shelton said she has a young outlook on life. "I don't think age matters," she said.

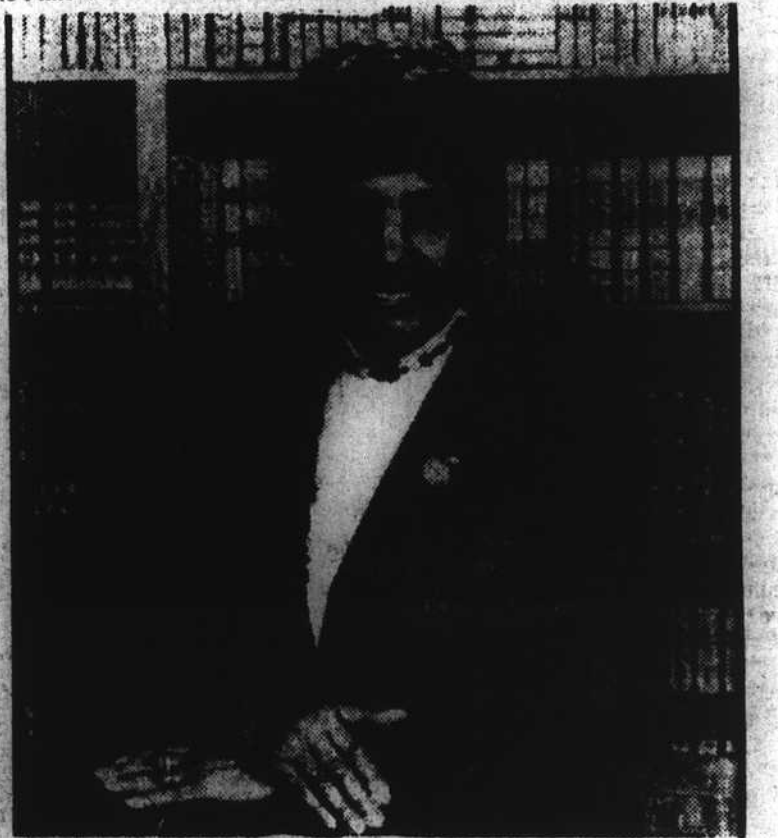
Ms. Shelton said she does not plan her writing. "I see something. It hits me a certain way and I write about it. Sometimes I write about situations I see that don't apply to me, but to people I know."

bion Academy High School.

She is also a graduate of Shaw University and received her master's degree in elementary education from Columbia University in New York City.

For two years she taught in a little one-room schoolhouse in Butters and later moved to Raleigh where she attended Shaw University.

During her college years at Shaw, she was on the staff of the Shaw Jour-



MS. OLIVIA SHELTON

Two-Year-Old Dies In Traffic Accident Here

Lamont Mateen Kay, 2, son of Rebecca Winters Kay and Larry Lamont Kay, died March 28 in a traffic accident. He was born March 20, 1986 in Raleigh.

Winters, Sr., paternal grandmother, Henrietta W. Kay; godmother, Seanne M. Winters; godfather, Warren F. Arsad; aunts, uncles, cousins, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 1, at 2 p.m. at Lea Funeral Home Chapel, 2500 Poole Road, Raleigh. Rev. Gerald L. Lewis will officiate.

Left to mourn with cherished memories of him are his parents, Rebecca and Larry Kay; maternal grandparents, Marie M. and John W.

Surprise Party Helps Celebrate Happy Birthday

Virginia Wilson Yarborough came to work on Tuesday expecting the usual, run-of-the-mill business day. It was all but that. Monday, March 28, marked a special day for Ms. Yarborough, her birthday, to be exact.

The occasion was spaked by the special event hostess, Ms. Dorothy B. Smith, who quickly organized the impromptu celebration in grand fashion.

Staff members and the executive director of the Garner Road YMCA, where she is the office secretary, were present for the surprise. Just as Ms. Yarborough thought she would be treated to a ho-hum lunch, a mouthwatering birthday menu was produced, including a birthday cake, neapolitan ice cream, potato salad, fried chicken and mints, along with fellowship.

Ms. Yarborough thanked all who had extended the good wishes.

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