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NEWS BRIEFS

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Monday, Oct. 10, at 5:15 p.m. is the deadline for registering to vote in the Nov. 8 general election. Anyone who has not registered or changed their address by that time will not be able to vote.

Voter registration will be conducted Saturday, Oct. 8, at Hunter's Exxon from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and also on Monday, Oct. 10, at WLE Radio from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is your last chance.

SHOPPING CENTERS TO OPEN SOON

Poag & Thompson Development Co. announced that Phase I of its Millbrook Collection Shopping Center will open in early December. The 89,202-square-foot shopping center located at Millbrook Road and Atlantic Avenue will be anchored by a 52,337-square-foot Kroger supermarket. Phase I will also contain an additional 36,865 square feet of specialty tenant retail space.

SEXUALITY EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Carol Cassell, nationally known sexuality education researcher, writer and educator, will be the keynote speaker at the "Straight from the Heart" conference Wednesday, Oct. 19, scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, Research Triangle Park.

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Garth Reeves Elected API New President

For the first time in 26 years, the board of directors of Amalgamated Publishers, Inc. has elected a new president. Miami Times publisher Garth Reeves has been named to replace longtime API president John H. Sengstacke, publisher of the Chicago Defender. The elections were held last month in Chicago during the API's annual shareholders' meeting.

"John Sengstacke provided 26 years of tremendous leadership," said Reeves. "It will be hard to fill his shoes. He was one of the founding members of API. We are indebted to his great leadership in bringing API from nothing to where it is today."

API is the national advertising representative for 88 of the nation's Afro-American-owned newspapers.

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Racist Attitudes

Japan Buying Up U. S. Assets

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Japanese-expressed racist attitudes toward blacks and other minorities in the United States have increased black interest in assessing the Land of the Rising Sun and its economic assets—especially those they are rapidly acquiring in the United States. And this raises a fundamental question:

What can blacks expect as the new-

ly affluent Japanese, flush with excess profits garnered through the enormous one-sided sales of their products to acquisitively driven Americans? If past is prelude, you can expect a continuation, indeed, an acceleration of Japanese refusal to move their auto, parts or electronics plants into American neighborhoods accessible to blacks.

We can anticipate a continuation of their refusal to admit blacks to dealer ownerships, etc. And most seasoned

observers believe we cannot realistically expect any meaningful Japanese apologies for or moderation of their racial insults.

But a cold, factual look at what Japanese are doing in terms of investments in the United States might be instructive. To be forewarned is to be forearmed, is an old but apt phrase.

TRW, Inc., a public policy group in Washington, D.C., has published a (See JAPAN, P. 2)

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Overcrowded System

Prison Crisis Examined

Officials Search For Solutions

The third prison population emergency of the year expired last month when the number of persons in the state's 87 prisons dipped below a legislatively mandated cap. However, both state Correction Secretary Aaron Johnson and Parole Commission Chairman Sam Wilson are warning that prison overcrowding will remain a constant problem until the needs of the state's correctional system are fully addressed.

"Our correctional system will remain in crisis as long as the General Assembly chooses to sit on the reforms proposed by Gov. Martin more than two years," Secretary Johnson said. Those reforms, outlined in the Governor's Ten Year Plan, called for a two-pronged approach of new prison construction and community-based alternative supervision.

"Those who thought this problem would just go away should have, by now, learned the error of their ways," Johnson said.

Special provisions of the Emergency Prison Population Stabilization Act were triggered in August when the prison population remained above the "cap" of 17,460 for a 15th consecutive day. The law requires the Parole Commission to take steps to reduce the prison population to no more than 17,280 on or before Oct. 9.

With prison admissions up almost 14 percent, Wilson said the task of stabilizing the prison population is becoming more difficult. "Every time these special powers are invoked, the pool of parole-worthy individuals becomes smaller," Wilson said. He noted that 1,819 persons entered the prison system between

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EMPLOYEES PROTEST—The United States Postal Worker's Union is shown here protesting on Person St., next to the main post office building after one of its members was savagely attacked late one night while walking to her car parked some distance from the building. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Denomination Reveals Plans For New Headquarters, Development

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
The Western Assembly, Disciples of Christ Churches, Inc., which was founded nine years after the Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves, unveiled an ambitious building proposal on N.C. 701 in Johnston County recently.

The church expects to complete the

\$783,000 headquarters building early next year, according to Bishop Charles J. Williams, who made the announcement in Raleigh on Tuesday.

The foundation has been set for the building that will include a sanctuary, as well as an educational wing and space for a preschool and day care program for the elderly.

Bishop Williams, presiding bishop of a six-county area comprising Wake, Johnston, Sampson, Harnett, Wayne and Cumberland counties, said that with this additional funding Western Assembly Disciples would now be able to broaden their scope "to meet the needs of the people, the underprivileged, the hungry, the illiterate... and through meeting the needs of humankind suffering and providing human development... we might in turn attract more souls to God."

The completion of the headquarters is one part of a four-phase project consisting of building a residential care center for the elderly, apartment units for the elderly, and a youth camp, as well as the headquarters. The building's completion is important because its emphasis will be on church leadership training, community leadership outreach training and socioeconomic leadership training and development, and coordination of other programs which the Western Assembly wants to implement. The building, along with all other structures to be completed, will sit on 43 acres of land.

The Western Assembly Disciples of Christ Churches, Inc., was incorporated in 1872 in Bentonville. The primary assembly membership in North Carolina is 3,280. The Western Assembly is an affiliate of the one million-member Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), with headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind.

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Local Partners Take Supermarket Venture

Last week, with the blessings of friends, relatives, clergy and well-wishes, Jesse and Pam Alston and Joseph Gwaltney took a bold step in business. They opened the doors of Wakefield Red and White Supermarket.

The opening of the store, formerly a Big Star, came about as the result of a luncheon between the young black entrepreneurs and representatives of Thomas and Howard, food wholesalers of Rocky Mount.

The spacious grocery store, located in the Wakefield Shopping Center adjacent to Wake Medical Center, is probably one of the most professionally put-together stores, according to Thomas and Howard representative Dempsey Winstead.

Lambert Sutton, also of Thomas and Howard, said, "I'm excited about the opening of Red and White food stores at this location, and I'm proud to be a part of it. I'm sure you're going to enjoy shopping here." Those remarks were greeted with resounding applause from some 80 friends, relatives, and clergy who turned out to witness the store's dedication on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

Store manager Jesse Alston acted as master of ceremonies, introducing his wife Pam and co-owner Joseph Gwaltney and his wife. Alston also introduced the people who would be staffing the store, including Mike Deberge, meat manager, who was kidded extensively about his "cheap fryers;" produce manager Ben Hooker; front end supervisor Lisa Williams; Alston's brother Kenneth, frozen foods manager; and the host of cashiers and baggers totaling some 62 employees.

Alston went on in his remarks to explain, "The only way the door was opened was God opened it for us. We plan to put God first. Our people are not working for us, but with us. Each

member of the team is very important."

Jesse's youngest daughter interrupted him at this point, and while picking her up he introduced various relatives in the Alston family who had traveled some distance to attend the dedication. Aunts, uncles, and Alston's grandmother were there making the occasion a real family affair. But Jesse's mother re-emphasized the tone set by her son at the outset that Tuesday with the words, "God brought us this far. Now is when we really need your prayers."

Ministers Sam Blaylock, Rev. J. Gentile Everett, and Rev. William Newkirk brought words from the Scripture for the occasion, while those attending offered the owners their personal best wishes as the dedication concluded.

On The Death Of A Pastor

BY DR. PERCY HIGH

Special To The CAROLINIAN

Editor's Note: Recently the community has lost two great religious leaders, the Rev. Charles W. Ward, pastor of First Baptist Church, and the Rev. B.C. Young, Sr., pastor of Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church. This comforting message delivered at the Memorial Service for Deceased Pastors in Kansas City, Mo., helps restore faith after the death of a pastor.

Moses told the fellowship of his followers, upon the realization of his earthly departure, these words. "The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Jesus assured His disciples, as He approached His own earthly departure, with these words, "You have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you." As he approached his demise, Paul wrote these words to the congregation at Corinth: "For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens." And, while exiled on Patmos, John reported this assurance: "Blessed are the dead who die in the

Lord! Blessed indeed, says the Lord! that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds will follow them."

I know that Jesus said to His disciples, "Let not your hearts be troubled;" but when a pastor dies, strange happenings occur. When a pastor dies, no flags fly at half-staff. No businesses close down, no presidential order for national mourning is issued. And no governor sends a special representative to read a proclamation of state sorrow.

When a pastor dies sinners rejoice, but saints reflect. When a pastor dies, a church suffers far more than she readily realizes. When a pastor dies, a trumpet for the Lord is silenced, an administrator becomes absent, a counselor's counseling is concluded, a holy medical consultant is no longer consulted, and that voice which speaks at the homegoing of every saint is hushed.

When a pastor dies, that strong hand which held babies at their dedications is stilled. That tender voice to children and sometimes harsh and yet heavenly one to adults speaks no more. That rock who reminds college students

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Rowan Verdict: Mistrial, But, Charges Pending

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A D.C. Superior Court jury, proclaiming an inability to reach a unanimous decision in the guilt or innocence of celebrated syndicated columnist Carl T. Rowan, Sr., was sent back to its chambers and firmly ordered by Judge Arthur Burnett, Sr., to continue deliberations until a unanimous verdict was reached.

But after deliberating four more hours, a total of 10 hours, the 12-member jury—10 black, two white—wearily returned declaring they were hopelessly deadlocked in weighing charges of illegal possession of a gun and ammunition against Rowan. The jurors' inability to reach a unanimous decision prompted Judge Burnett to call a mistrial. He said the city would be given several weeks to attempt a new trial should it want to. There was some speculation that the city would drop the charges.

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Judges' Bench

CRIMESTOPPERS PAYS INFORMANT

Crimestoppers paid \$1,000 last week to an informant who provided Raleigh police with information about the fatal shooting of a maintenance worker at Tara East Apartments. Police charged a Raleigh man with murder one day after the Sept. 21 shooting. The slaying occurred during a robbery at the apartment's information office.

It was the third Crimestopper reward paid since the program began in December 1987, said Raleigh Police Sgt. J. T. Fisher, the department's Crimestoppers coordinator. The other rewards—\$200 for information about a robbery and \$1,000 for information that led to the arrest of three suspects in a murder case—were paid in June, Sgt. Fisher said. Callers to Crimestoppers at 834-HELP can remain anonymous and are eligible for rewards of up to \$1,000.

DRUG TEST LABS

A legislative panel informally approved Tuesday proposed legislation that would require employers to use drug-testing, labor laws approved by the state or by recognized groups.

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NEW STORE OWNERS—Joseph Gwaltney (left), store manager and co-owner and J. M. Alston, co-owner, stand in front of their new grocery market, Wakefield Red and White, in the Wakefield shopping center. The two co-owners have combined over 30 years experience in the supermarket industry, and manage the store's more than 60 employees. Their aim in opening the Wakefield Red & White is to identify with the surrounding community, while offering highly qualified skilled employees and services. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)