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NEW SHELTER OPENS—Sharing House, a shelter that will provide housing for the homeless, opened up at 208 E. Lenoir St. in Raleigh. Sharing House is operated by Wake Opportunities. Pictured above are from left: Joni Craven, WETA volunteer; with the City of Raleigh, and Theodore McAllister, Jr., staff person with Wake County Opportunities. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

City Plans New Housing To Aid Elderly, Poor

The city is transforming the old Murphree School on Person Street into a low-income housing complex for the elderly.

Through the combined efforts of the North Carolina General Assembly, the City of Raleigh, the non-profit Downtown Housing Improvement Corp., and many other public and private interests, the historic school will be saved and renovated to provide 82 apartment units for lower-income elderly and handicapped households.

Plans call for converting the main building and classroom addition into 60 apartments, including six studio units, 30 one-bedroom and seven two-bedroom units. Sizes of the units range from 400 to 700 square feet, according to Gregg Warren, executive director of DHIC.

The project is being developed by a partnership formed by DHIC and the National Equity Fund. NEF is the nation's largest investor in low-income tax credit projects sponsored by non-profits and is affiliated with the Ford Foundation and the Local Initiative Support Corp. Based on the value of the project's historic rehabilitation tax credits and the low-income housing tax credit, NEF has agreed to invest \$1.3 million in this \$2.9 million project.

Meanwhile, the Raleigh Housing Authority is trying to increase the (See HOUSING, P. 2)

Woman Injured By Purse Snatcher Suspect Chased By Witnesses

Police are searching for a man witnesses say snatched a purse from an elderly woman.

The woman suffered a broken hip and dislocated shoulder when a thief apparently snatched her purse Tuesday night in front of the Winn-Dixie store on Person Street.

Workers said the woman, identified as Katy Jessup, 75, has just about finished shopping and was waiting for a taxi about 7:30 p.m. Police said a man grabbed her purse from her left shoulder and knocked her to the ground.

Raleigh police chased the suspect about eight blocks around the neighborhood of the Winn-Dixie before the suspect disappeared from view. Police said the suspect is in his 30s, 5 feet 8 and 150 pounds. Mrs. Jessup was admitted to Rex Hospital in stable condition, a hospital spokesperson said.

The elderly are seen as easy victims for robbers and purse snatching and should be cautious when shopping or walking alone, police officers said.

The suspect was chased from the front of Winn-Dixie store on Person Street about eight blocks through residential neighborhoods behind the grocery store.

Youth Group Brings Rift Between African-American Leaders In City

Leaders of the African-American community are facing a new challenge today that without proper direction could leave a voiceless or divided Southeast Raleigh and dilution of political power. Grassroots and youth groups are asking to be heard and making demands.

Statements by groups including the NAACP will be issued by the end of the month to explain recent actions that have caused problems and embarrassment in a quest to solve issues that required unity.

Problems were highlighted when Bruce Lightner, co-chairman of the Martin Luther King Celebration Committee, wrote a letter not intended for public disclosure that criticized members of the youth group of Concerned Citizens for Educational Equity. Contents of the letters were printed in a local newspaper.

Some of the group members wanted to march in a parade honoring Dr. Martin Luther King on his birthday, but were told they could not. They insisted.

Following the march, Lightner wrote a letter to Ms. Margaret Rose Murray, one of the coordinators of the youth group, condemning the youths' actions.

In the letter, he said that although he is aware of the important issues taken on by CCEE, he could no longer talk with any CCEE spokesperson or CCEE group members as a result of the group's actions.

He said he had tried to work with the group, but he and other leaders in the community had been met with disrespect, verbal abuse and charges of "raping our youth."

In the letter to Ms. Murray, Lightner said that although he was sympathetic to the group's concerns,

the memorial march for King was not intended as a place to air grievances.

He also warned the group that he would talk with other groups in the black community, including the Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and the various NAACP branches, to encourage them not to associate with CCEE either.

The letter also suggested that Ms. Murray and her group publish a statement in The CAROLINIAN condemning the actions of CCEE members, retracting some of the statements the group had made about other members of the community and apologizing for the disruption in the community.

Lightner said that if these actions were not taken, he and other members of the community would proceed with formally disassociating themselves with members of the

group and causes they stand for.

Ms. Murray, a longtime community activist, said she had broken away from the group and was no longer responsible for its actions. She refused to make a statement about what was going on in the community, saying only that she would issue a statement in The CAROLINIAN by the end of the month.

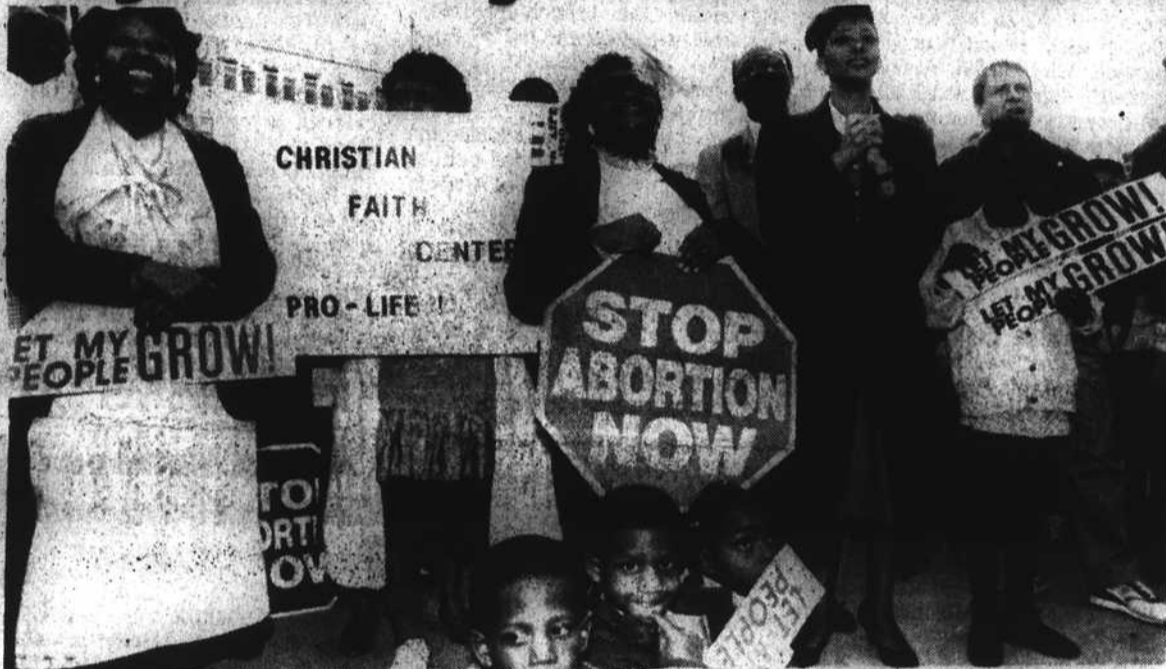
Members of the community, including the NAACP, have begun preparing statements explaining the actions in the community and how each group was responding to it.

Concern has arisen that the incidents might shed bad light on the community so group members began to retract earlier statements, holding them until the end of the month.

Lightner's letter said: "I take all of the above acts very seriously, and in fact, view them as

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PRO-LIFE DEMONSTRATORS—A rally was held this week with thousands of North Carolinians participating in events throughout the state celebrating the 17th anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*, the landmark Supreme Court decision which recognized a constitutional right to abortion. Several hundred participated in the rally here. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Student Call To Washington Has Caucus Support

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Ronald V. Dellums (D-Calif.), chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, formally endorsed the effort of the National Collegiate Black Caucus to mount a nationwide "Student Call to Washington" this June to insist that the administration and the Congress address the critical human-needs, jobs, and education issues confronting society. In expressing his support for this student effort, Dellums said:

"Thirty years ago a group of dedicated young black students challenged the conscience of a nation by staging sit-ins at places of public accommodation and participating in 'freedom rides' to dramatize the evils of a segregated society. Their courage, tenacity and sacrifice helped make a reality of the civil rights revolution, in forcing the American people to live up to the ideals of freedom and equity professed in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

"Now, 30 years later, after a decade-long assault on these advances in human freedom and equal (See STUDENTS, P. 2)

Bush Outraged At Assaults On NAACP Offices

From the White House, a broad range of national and local organizations, and from "just private citizens," has come an outpouring of indignation and concern over the recent series of violent acts directed by white supremacists against NAACP personnel and property.

The NAACP headquarters in Baltimore has been literally flooded with hundreds of messages of support in the wake of a campaign of terror that has already claimed the lives of an NAACP retained attorney and a federal judge, resulted in the narrow (See NAACP, P. 2)

Fewer Blacks Die From High Blood Pressure: Diet, Exercise Linked

Although African-Americans may be under a greater stress as we move into the 1990s, fewer of us are dying from high blood pressure, said Dr. Barry Freedman from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

"Fewer blacks and whites are dying from hypertension," he said, but blacks have continued to remain at

high risk. The decline in mortality is a result of blacks and whites getting more information about the disease, altering their diets and exercising more, he said.

"More people are going into places like drug stores and getting their blood pressure checked" on machines. Since there are no symptoms of the disease and someone

could feel fine but still suffer from high blood pressure, more people are getting checkups. The recommendation is 1-2 years for the healthy person, and a recommended checkup time if the person is under a doctor's care.

"The main reason we're seeing an overall decline in mortality is because many people are changing their diets," he said.

High blood pressure occurs when the arteries contract and make it difficult for the blood to circulate through the body. It also occurs when the heart pumps blood into the body more forcefully. Doctors are doing studies to determine if high blood pressure is passed on from one generation to another, but there is something that can be done about it. By altering the diet, taking in less (See BLOOD PRESSURE, P. 2)

African-American Soldiers Still Invisible Force, Even In Combat

BY ROY J. BENNETT
Special To The CAROLINIAN
An Analysis

CLINTON—Once again, America and the media have made black men and women invisible. I have been watching the paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne in action in the so-called war in Panama and their recent return to the States. From what I have seen, very few black servicemen and women were involved. I saw two black servicemen talking to a television cameraman three weeks ago in Panama when they were try-

they were virtually ignored by the media.

This is racism whether it was done intentionally or unintentionally.

I was in the 82nd Airborne for several years and I just happen to know how many blacks are and always have been a part of this "elite group." I also know how hard blacks have worked to make and maintain this "crack outfit." I detest the way the media has willfully disrespected these brave black men by letting their coverage of this historic event

the racism and prejudices I was confronted with during my tour of duty hoping things would get better in time. I fought for these United States on three different shores and accepted the way I was treated by (See SOLDIERS, P. 2)

recognized a constitutional right to abortion. Several hundred participated in the rally here. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

President Truman took the giant step and integrated the armed services in 1948 (42 years ago). One would think things would be better by now.

ing to justify the devastation of the president's "gunboat diplomacy."

I got a glance at one other black serviceman when they were preparing to jump from the plane during their theatrical return home last week. I was only able to get a glance at him because the cameraman moved the camera so fast, one would think he had mistakenly focused on him in the first place. One could also suspect he was the only black on the plane because when those 2,000 parachuting warriors landed, the cameraman only focused on those red-blooded Americans: white troopers, smiling, kissing and hugging their wives, children and loved ones. Black troopers had wives, children and loved ones there also but

reflect the racist mood of America. President Truman took the giant step and integrated the armed services in 1948 (42 years ago). One would think things would be better now.

More blacks served and died in the so-called Vietnam Conflict than any other single race of people and yet when you hear about the Vietnam Memorial Wall or the traumas men suffered from that ugly conflict, the focus is never on blacks.

America and the media continue to be racist and refuse to portray a positive image of a black man even when he has placed his life on the line for America.

I retired from the 82nd Airborne as a staff sergeant in 1973. I tolerated



MEETING PLANS—Members of the Black Women's Investment Corporation met to discuss their organization's business. They are: First Row: (left to right) Joann B. Boyette, Diane D. Harris and Sandra D. Wall. Second Row: (left to right) Annette Joyner-Moore, Ernestine G. Lloyd, Deborah Sanders and M. Marie Lloyd. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

NEWS BRIEFS

TEEN PAGEANT

The Touch-A-Teen Foundation of Wake County is accepting applications for young ladies between the ages of 14-17 to participate in the 16th annual Miss Black Teenage World of Wake County pageant. You must live in Wake County. For more information, call 842-1373 or 828-4953. The deadline for applications is Feb. 4.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR NAMED

The N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation has named Thomas R. Wells as the division's deputy director, effective Feb. 5.

Wells, 47, has served as director of the Recreation Resources Service in the College of Forest Resources at North Carolina State University since 1987. He served in a variety of capacities within the Division of Parks and Recreation from 1974 through 1987. A native of Burke County, Wells has a bachelor of science degree in parks and recreation administration from North Carolina State University.

COMMIT TO QUIT

On Sunday, Jan. 14, more than 1,000 smokers kicked the habit. By entering Commit to Quit, Wake County's largest stop-smoking event, they pledged not to smoke from Jan. 14-Feb. 14, hopefully forever. Commit to Quit is sponsored by Commit to a Healthier Raleigh.

"This is totally unprecedented in Wake County," said Len Stanley, Commit field director. (See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)