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# HEAD START BULLISH ON CHILDREN



JEAN DUNN

The Clark County Head Start Program has launched an intensive campaign to enroll children in its Marble Manor Center, at 909 Morgan St., according to Mrs. Jean Dunn, director of Head Start.

The six centers which house about 205 children, develop intelligence and social competence in children, and also positive self-concepts, Mrs. Dunn said.

Since the program was started 10 years ago, about 1,500 children have participated in Mrs. Dunn said the primary purpose of the program is to prepare the youngsters for school. "Since we started our follow-up last year, we have found on an average Headstart children are about six months ahead of their peers when they start school."

If families have problems in getting transportation to enroll their children, Mrs. Dunn said someone from her staff would be sent out to get the enrollment information.

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## Little wins 1, readies for other

After almost 300 years, it has been proven in court that a Black woman has the right to defend herself against a white

man trying to molest her.

It all stems from the innocent verdict in the trial of the 21-year-old Black woman, Joan Little, who was accused of stabbing to death with an icepick Clarence Alligood, a white jailer in eastern North Carolina's Beaufort County, Aug. 27, 1974.

Her chief defense counsel, Jerry Paul, said after the verdict, Miss Little had been "chosen by God" to advance the cause of civil rights in the South.

Miss Little's fate was in the hands of six Black and six white jurors--seven women and five men.

Miss Little said she stabbed the 62-year-old jailer when he came into her cell and molested her.

The jurors agreed the state had no evidence to contradict Miss Little's version of Alligood's death.

"I've never doubted I would be set free. I wasn't really worried about it. I've never been pessimistic about the power of the people. I knew if the people stood together, we would win."

"Maybe now there is a law that says a Black woman has a right to defend herself," she said.

But her problems in court

are not over yet. She faces an appeal on the original charge of breaking and entering that placed her in Beaufort County jail where the stabbing occurred.

Arguments for the appeal are scheduled for September or October. She is free on a \$15,000 bond. The charges stem from a group of break-ins with her brother at a Washington, N.C., trailer park in Jan. 1974.

She confessed to the charges on the witness stand when her brothers testified against her.

Her defense attorney Karen Galloway said her client would a new trial on the conviction "will be set free."

Miss Little was a former waitress and sheetrock hanger in the immediate future she plans to speak at the Black Panther Learning Center in Oakland, Calif., Friday and then in Detroit and New York.

She also said she plans to write her autobiography, using material from a large diary she kept during the trial.

"I want to go into journalism, but I'm not sure what I want to write. I want to use my writings to express my feelings of people and my thoughts," she said.

Miss Little is the oldest child

in a family of nine children. She missed graduation from high school by three weeks because of an operation for a thyroid condition.

She lived with her grandmother during most of her school years. Her father left home when she was 10 and her mother found consolation in religion.

On Jan. 15, 1974, she and a younger brother were charged with breaking and entering at a local trailer park. In the June trial her brother testified against her and she was convicted and sentenced to seven to 10 years in prison. Her brother received a suspended sentence.

### Williams Defends Vote

Clark County Commissioner Aaron Williams said he voted to keep David Henry as County Administrator, because he felt the charges were nit-picking.

Henry was put under the big guns of the commission when he was charged with unjustly raising his salary several times.

Commissioners Jack Petitti, David Canter and Tom Wiesner voted with Williams to retain Henry. Henry serves at the Commission's pleasure, answerable to no one else, Williams said.



did find a couple of grey areas where poor administrative methods were used, but nothing illegal. In addition to that, Henry's salary increases were justified legal opinions.

Williams said the real reasons for the push to get Henry fired stems from a controversy started before he became a commissioner.

Williams said that the Henry head hunters are being lead by Clark County Commissioner Robert Broadbent. Henry's and Broadbent's fight apparently is being caused by a personality conflict.

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